



Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

Worshiping Sundays 9 am and 3 pm, 2553 Binbrook Rd E

RESPECT FOR GOVERNMENT

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“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.” Romans 13:1

Respect for Government, be it municipal, provincial or federal is an action that the Lord demands of us. Respect is easy to give, as long as the authorities behave and govern in a way that we like. As long as the decisions they make, the taxes that they implement and the laws that they pass do not affect me they will get my respect, we think.

All those in authority have been placed there by God! Knowing and believing that, we can not help but wonder what Canada is coming to. Over the years we have seen our government pass laws that challenge Christian principles. The unborn are killed, Sunday is treated as just another day of the week rather than the Lord's Day, and marriage and the family have been redefined. Are we to be afraid? Do we rebel against the ruling authorities? No, the Lord through his servant Paul tells us we must submit to them. We can explain to them how their actions go directly against the will of God. Our Lord will return, and on that great day we will all have to give an account for our actions or inactions.

God has placed rulers over us, and therefore we must respect them. We must pray unceasingly for those who hold positions in government. We pray that God will grant wisdom to the government. Prayer is never futile; the Lord hears and answers, according to His purpose. He is in control and we must believe that. May the Lord continue to bless Canada in such a way that everyone may be free to worship the one eternal Lord.

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