

# Proverbs 28:1-4

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Thank you, Stephen, I appreciate that. If you have your Bibles, I want to invite you to turn to, believe it or not, Proverbs 28. We are going to crack open a new chapter this morning in the Book of Proverbs.

While we are in here, I was back there looking at the soundboard. We have about twenty-eight people coming in on YouTube, many of them from around the country and around the world, and I want to welcome all of you there. I do not know if you know it or not, but on this side, they have these little comments that people make while we are actually moving through the lesson or through Bible study. I read them. I think they are, you always get 99.9% of the people that follow us are just where we are at. They are really good people. But you know as well as I do, wherever you have light, you have bugs. Every once in a while, you will get a guy on there, I guess it is a guy, who is way off. I love the way, it is kind of like a thing going on while our thing is going on. I love the way the people on the internet handle people like that. It is great. You have to read it. It is just really good. Aaron gets into it back there and Woody does, and then you people that are on it, you are coming back and holding the line with the book. I think it is wonderful. I do not know what to tell you. I think it is great. But anyway, welcome to it and I hope you get a blessing today.

## I. Review of Proverbs 27

Now, you remember that last week, we finished out Proverbs 27 with again a great set of practical principles for us as a church and then of course as individuals. Last week, we saw a number of things and just a quick review here because they kind of go together. We saw how that worldly riches and possession really chokes what God wants to do in your life, and that is the word that was used in Mark 4:19, and I think it is a good way that he uses that.

The theme last week was how that the crowns that we win at the Judgment Seat of Christ that we earn now, there are five of them in the Bible, how that that needs to be passed on to our kids and their kids, and the Bible made a reference that the crown goes from generation to generation. We saw how important it was to make good choices and good investments. I have told you many, many, many times for years that there are only two investments worthy in our lives that really last for all of eternity. Everything else is temporal, and that of course is first of all the Word of God and then of course the souls of men, only two eternal things worth investing in.

All of our verses last week were about our children, God's heritage, and of course the young Christians in our church that I personally take very seriously of helping them, and that we feed them as they grow, and in time they mature to the place where we saw last week that they literally helped buy the field. We talked about our ministry here. Matthew 13 and that great parable tells us that the field is the world. Then the Bible says in John 3:16 that, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

Just as Jesus saw the world as His field and He gave up everything to buy that field, I think many times we misunderstand. God never asked us to win the world to Christ. That sounds good when

you are preaching or when you want to make some exasperating statement, but it is really not true. Jesus Christ bought the field. What He wants us to do is, He bought the field, what Proverbs 31, what God wants to do is buy a field, and Kansas City is our field. It is not the world, but it is our field, but yet we buy our field with the same intensity that Christ bought the field, the world. That is how I look at it, that is how I operate my ministry, and that is how I try to instill that into you.

We saw last week in Proverbs 27:27 that when we do that, that when we have enough milk, Bible, for three things:

1. First of all for ourselves, and we talked about how it all starts with us.
2. Whether it is our family, whether it is our church, whether it is your own individual life that you are going to break that chain and move down and make sure the crown goes from generation to generation, our families or the people that we work with.
3. Making sure that we have enough for ourselves, for our families, and then for others.

## II. Proverbs 28: A Political Chapter

Now today, as I said, we are going to move into Proverbs 28. Here we will switch gears just a bit, and I mentioned a little bit about this in Institute yesterday, that this chapter starts out with a political agenda and it makes a political statement. That really should not be a surprise to anybody because if you know anything about the Bible, you know that the Bible is a book on government. It is a book on civics.

We think of the Bible as a spiritual book. We talk about it as the manual or handbook for marriage. We talk about it for growth, for salvation, and all those things. The Bible is a great history book. We know that first and foremost. But we do not ever stop and think about beyond all of that or before all of that, the Bible is a political book. The Bible is a political statement.

In our world today, we have a term called political correctness. We never had that term for years and years and years, but now in the last twenty or thirty years or so, the liberals of this world who want to make everything their way and everything to a socialistic liberalism mindset, a moderate mindset, they want to take anything that offends anybody. So now in everything that we say, we have to be politically correct that we do not offend anybody.

I have learned years ago that everything the world comes up with in one shape or the other is a carbon copy of something that God has already got. Now you take the term political correctness. We think that is a bogus term and we think it is a term that we do not like. But the truth of the matter is that is a biblical term because when Jesus Christ comes back and sets up His government, it is going to be politically correct. That is exactly the way it will run. So all this that you are seeing today is just a forerunner of that.

You know as well as I do, if you know anything about the Bible at all, that the theme of the Bible is not salvation. The theme of the Bible is not Christ. The theme of the Bible is a kingdom. The theme of the Bible is a crown, a throne, a monarchy with a king. The theme of the Bible is the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God, an established political government. Why, in

Revelation 19:1-6, Jesus is called the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He takes over all the political systems.

### III. God's Government vs. Man's Government

As I said, it would be safe to say that all governments down through history would be a counterfeit of this one true government that God is going to establish. The book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon really lays out all of those forms of government that man will take and will try to overthrow what God is going to do to establish Himself through His own political agenda called government. Ecclesiastes covers humanism, it covers communism, it covers capitalism, it covers fascism, it covers socialism, it covers modernism, it covers liberalism, it covers all of those mindsets that government, and at the end it declares. The wisest man that ever lived says that they are all vanity.

God's government is found in Isaiah 9:6-7. Very clearly, plainly, you could not miss it unless you got a college education.

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Now that government there is the Second Coming of Christ and the millennial reign of Christ when He establishes His government. So when God comes back at the Second Coming of Christ, He establishes the government that is going to be politically correct, going to be ruled with a rod of iron. It is laid out many places in the Bible. You will find that if you, we have a Declaration of Independence for America, we also have a Constitution, and that is what our government runs by. Of course, when Christ comes back to establish His government, He has a Constitution also, and it is found in Matthew 5, 6, and 7, the Constitution of His government when He comes back.

Keep that in mind because we are going to kind of weave this throughout today. Governments claim to be about peace. There is not a government that if you would ask them what are you doing and they would be, "We are here for the people, we are here to make life better for you," and of course, "We are here to protect you, we are here to establish peace." But that is simply not true. Governments today are not about peace. Governments are about power and about money. They are about race, and I am not talking about blacks and whites and Mexicans and Hispanics. I am talking about the human race. It is about man getting in a race with other man through nations that one nation can be on top.

All through the history of the Bible, you go back to Daniel 2 when the times of the Gentiles come in, it is clearly there. You have the Egyptians, Egypt, then you had Assyria, then you had Babylon, then you had Persia, then you had Greece, then you have Rome. It is one nation after

the other, one government after the other in a race to be the number one over the world. Rome ran the world, Greece ran the world, Egypt ran the known world. Back then Assyria did too.

We claim to have a government, but you will find in the Bible that the first city and also the establishment of first government, cities have to have a government, was started by a murderer, Cain, in Genesis 4. He builds a city, names it after his line, and he started the first city. He is a murderer. That is why you are going to find that the murder rate in cities, it goes off the chart the farther we get from the Bible, the closer we get to the Lord coming back. You have towns, little country towns all across this country that never had a homicide in it. But you go to Chicago, Kansas City, probably two, three hundred people a year are killed one way or the other.

We claim in our government to have a government of the people. You hear it all the time, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Now that sounds impressive, but you know what? That is an illusion. It is not true. Government is about power. It is about at the end somebody controlling us so they can have their own personal agenda to stay in power and through the corporations and all that they do, get all the money they can.

Anybody who is into government and understands government knows that the bigger the government gets, the more freedom you lose. We have laughingly called the government big brother looking over your shoulder. President Reagan was a great president and I think he did a lot of good things. One of the famous statements that he ever made was that he said, "You know what the ten most horrible words are in the world? Hi, I am from the federal government and I am here to help." He was the President of the United States. It is about power. At the end of the day, somebody controlling you to get their own personal agenda.

It does not matter if three quarters of the world think that the Second Amendment of keeping and bearing arms is for you. If there is a small group that do not want that, they are going to work against that. They do not care what you think about it. Health care, illegal aliens. It is a thing where it does not matter that the laws are on the books. There is a way you come into this country. There are certain people in this country that know that the legal aliens come in and they can get them health care and get them this and that and get them to vote. They will vote for them. So they do not care what the law says. They do not care if they come out there and hurt you or harm you or somebody in your family. It is not about us. It is about what they want. That is government.

In the Old Testament, God operates through nations. He does. One nation out of all the rest was chosen by God to be His nation. It is just that simple. Note, it is not a godly nation. You need to see that. There was a lot of corruption and even in Israel, it was not a godly nation. It was simply God's nation. He chose them to be a nation. He gives them a kingly line. Find it in Matthew 1. You find it through 1st and 2nd Kings, 1st and 2nd Chronicles, the line of the kings of Israel. Their kingdom is the kingdom of heaven, which God in time was going to come down. Isaiah 9:6-7 is related to that. He was going to establish it.

Now we are in the New Testament. In the New Testament, there is no such thing as a Christian nation. You hear this all the time. Obama probably said it better than anybody. Somewhere in his eight years in office, he got up one time and said, "I think we have come to the place that we

understand now that America is not a Christian nation." Of course, he was talking about all the diversity because he is a Muslim too. He was talking about being everybody in. But I agree with him. America has never been a Christian nation because there is no such thing as a Christian nation. You may have a nation with Christians living in it, but there is no Christian nation. The only nation, it was God's nations back in the Old Testament.

Here is how it works. In the Old Testament, God had a nation. That nation, everybody on earth got blessed when he got associated with that nation. In the New Testament, He does not have a nation. He has a book. Everybody that gets associated with that book gets the blessings of it. That is how it works. It is not hard. It is not complicated at all. You will find that in the Old Testament, there is a king and there is a nation because, as we know, they are given a literal, visible kingdom called the Kingdom of Heaven. In the New Testament, the reason why there is no Christian nation, but rather a body of believers that is a spiritual body, is because we are in the Kingdom of God. There lies the difference. God does not have a nation today. He has a body of people that are born again in His image called Christians. When they make up a nation, it does not make the nation Christian. It just makes, here is a nation with a bunch of Christians in it. It is simple.

#### IV. America's Founding Principles and the Bible

The closest time in the New Testament time to us that you ever saw two nations that probably got as close to being what God wanted them to be was obviously in modern history anyhow from the time of Christ on, is probably, first of all, England. We know that England still has a queen today. They operate under a monarchy. But God used England mightily to bring about the Word of God, the King James Bible. As England began to wane out, then God established America. America certainly was established on the Word of God.

It is a thing where England is still a monarchy. But when America was founded and formed, and you do not hear anything about this today because they want to stay as far away from this as possible. When America was, when the Founding Fathers gave birth to America, we broke from England. America was a republic. You remember in your little Pledge of Allegiance, "And I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the what? Republic for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, under God, indivisible, with tacos, Big Macs, and whatever else it goes." I do not know what it was, but anyway.

Most people do not understand today, honestly. They do not understand the difference between, you hear it, a democracy and a republic. The Democrats are a spinoff of democracy, and obviously the Republicans are a spinoff of republic. So in that being said, the Republicans are always more on a conservative side, and people that are normal people want to identify with that, where the liberal side is all the Democrats and all that, and people do not want to be associated with that.

My point is this, and I am not political one way or another, but my point is simply this. You need to understand the difference. A democracy is the majority rules. If you have 100 people and you vote, and 51 people voted for this, and 49 vote against it, it passes. There is no rule that you

follow. It is simply the majority rules. That is a democracy. A democracy is the people decide without any rule of law interfering in that at all.

But a republic is different. A republic is you follow a rule of law that things that cannot change, that you have to build your government on. When our country was founded, that was the Word of God. People would disagree with that, and you are going to find people who are not very well informed that probably do not like what I just said. But if you would go back and find a copy of Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England, which was the official document book on law in the United States of America from 1776 to 1920. It was the standard issue.

In that commentary on law, they state that a republic follows and operates that the things that God has set down, the things that God has legislated, like capital punishment, homosexuality, drunkenness, moral issues, the very things that in a republic that God has set down and have legislated cannot be changed. You form your government based on those laws. Now when it comes to the price of corn, the price of gas, putting tariffs on cars coming in or anything that comes in, then in a republic you can change that. You can decide, vote, whatever you want to do. But in a republic, in our republic, the way it was set up based on Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England, our country was founded on the Word of God and the things that God legislated in His book. Our government in the republic could not be changed. The only thing you could change was the stuff that God did not care about, like what kind of refrigerator you are going to buy or what kind of stocks you are going to buy. But the moral issues that were clearly legislated in the Bible, in a republic they cannot change. Of course, that is an incredible concept. One is run by the people, that is a democracy. The other is run by the rule of law, being the Bible. Of course, Romans 13 talks about our relationship as Christians to the law.

Our Founding Fathers knew all too well how important the Bible was and God was to this government. We have lost that today. Our government was founded in the 1700s, 1776. We fought the Revolutionary War and all of that. Here we are all these years later and we have forgotten all of these truths. Our Founding Fathers had come over from Europe. They had escaped the persecution of Europe through the Roman Catholic Church and many of the Protestant groups. Europe was landlocked and it was run by church-state setups that they could not get away from. So the reason why the Pilgrims, who were born again believers, came over at Plymouth Rock was to escape that persecution. When our Founding Fathers, it got to the point where they were going to break off from England, they understood. They understood what they had escaped from over there. They realized the Bible that they had and how important God was.

Most people do not even notice this, and it shows how stupid people really are. You say you do not like the word stupid, I do. It shows you how stupid people really are. You take a trip, you know what we ought to do? We all ought to take a trip to Washington, D.C. Would not that be fun? Yes, it would be. We would all get on a plane, charter a plane and fly out there. It will be a Bible trip. Here is what I would do if we got on that plane. We land there in Dallas Airport in Washington. We all get on, have two or three buses there and we got a whole crowd of people. The first two I would take you on are all the buildings. We would go through hundreds and hundreds of buildings in Washington, D.C. that were built 200 years ago, 150 years ago. You

know what you would find on the top of every one of those buildings? A verse out of a King James 1611 Authorized Version.

You know why that in the courthouses they want to take it out now, but you know for all years there have been a set of Ten Commandments in every courthouse in this country, and now the liberals want to take it out. But you know why it was put in there? Because this country was built on a republic, and a republic has to have a rule of law, and what better rule of law to start with than the Ten Commandments. But people do not know that. Every federal building in Washington, D.C. will have a Bible verse from a King James 1611 Authorized Version. The Supreme Court, the lobby is filled with them. Everywhere you look there is a verse out of a King James.

Does it not bother you? Does it not bother you today that you are out there and you reject the King James Bible when the Founding Fathers did not put one verse from an RSV on anything? Or an NIV? Why did they choose a King James 1611 that every building in Washington, D.C. has a verse on it out of the book that I am telling you is the only book? The Supreme Court, Washington's Monument, Jefferson's Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, scores and scores and scores of buildings. You know what they are? They are verses about God. They are verses about God's truth. They are verses about God's holiness. They are verses about God's righteousness. They are verses about God's judgment. This country was built on a King James Bible. You have some neo-evangelical idiot. You have some Baptist that does not know anything about the Bible trying to take the very book out of your hands that our Founding Fathers not only believed, they inscribed it on the buildings. This country was built on that Bible. Our Founding Fathers knew how important the Word of God was to our survival.

There is not one verse off of, I mean, hey, the Roman Catholic Church was at its power at that point. There was not one verse off of Sinaiticus or Vaticanus or the Douay-Rheims. Every verse on those buildings, scores of them, hundreds of them. We would take a trip to every building. You could walk from building to building and preach a message on it out of the Bible that you hold in your lap today. Some stupid, idiotic preacher, yes, you, is going to tell you, you cannot trust that book. When our Founding Fathers not only trusted it, they inscribed it on every building in Washington, D.C.

Now, let us read our verse today and get into the message. Holy matrimony! Here we go. Proverbs 28:1-4.

*Proverbs 28:1-4*

*The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

*For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.*

*A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.*

*They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.*

Father, we thank You and praise You today for the Lord Jesus. Pray Your blessings upon our time. Thank You for the Bible that You have given us, which has so many dimensions to it. Lord, we look in haste to the establishment of God's government. We pray, Lord, that even today yet You would come and take us off this old planet, do what You have got to do to get back here and establish Isaiah 9:6-7. We will thank You and praise You for today. In Jesus' name and sake we ask it. Amen.

## V. Exposition of Proverbs 28:1: The Wicked and the Righteous

Now, Proverbs 28:1 says, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion." The wicked flee when no one pursues them. Boy, if that is not America, I do not know what is. We as Americans, our government, we are afraid of everything and everybody. We kowtow to everybody, every nation. They can intimidate us.

People do not like President Trump, and I do not really care one way or the other about him. It does not matter to me, but you know what? All the trade deals we have with China, all the things, how they are just in Mexico, how everybody is taking advantage of America. Obviously he wants to right that. I do not know if he will or not. I do not know if he can or not. But he wants to try to do that. So he says he does. But I do not care about that.

Bottom line is, how did we get in that mess? I will tell you how we got in that mess. We got in that mess because we kowtow to people. We got in that mess because we got in so much debt because of stupid spending, we had to sell our debt to China who was buying millions and billions and billions and billions of dollars of our debt that they owe most of America. Someday they are going to walk in here and say, "Hey, this belongs to us."

We got in a government that does not want to upset anybody. We do not want to upset any groups of people. We do not want to upset the gays and the lesbians. We do not want to upset the tree huggers. We do not want to upset the minority groups, the illegal aliens, the global warming crowd. We do not want to do anything that is going to upset Russia. So we parley with them. We do not want to do anything that is going to upset China. So we have little meetings with them. We do not want to do anything that is going to upset North Korea because at the end of the day, we have lost our power as a great nation. We are just now in a hodgepodge with everybody. It is just that simple.

It blows my mind. Here again, I am telling you, the government is not anything to do for you. I promise you. Oh, you may get Social Security. Thank God for that. You may get Medicare. Thank God for that. I mean, there are some perks to it. I get it. But when push comes to shove, they give you a little bit so they can get a lot. At the end of the day, they do not care about you. I mean, come on. I do not know. When I talk about a president, I talk about him equally with disdain. I do not have favorites over one or the other. I am not a Republican, nor am I a Democrat. I am a born-again, shouted God, washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. I am an American. I fought for it one time. I would fight for it again because killing people is really fun.

But the bottom line is simply this. I am just kidding you. The bottom line is really this. It is about the book.

The Bible says if you are saved this morning, I know you are in America. I know you are an American citizen, most of you. Hopefully. If not, Steve, check their green cards on the way out. But the bottom line is this. That Bible says that your citizenship is in heaven if you are saved. The Bible says you are a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things are passed away. I live at 8308 Woodson Drive in Raytown, Missouri, redneck capital of the world. But I am telling you right now, my home is up in heaven. You may see my shark car sitting out in the driveway. You may see me out walking the dog or doing whatever. That Bible says I am seated in heavenly places. I have to be in this world, but I am not of this world anymore. I have got a higher calling. It means more than that.

In this country, we are afraid of everything that we should not be afraid of. The very one thing we should be afraid of, God, in the Word of God, we do not fear. That is where we are at today. I think of Obama with Iran in a secret little deal. Here is a country that we are so worried about, it is going to get a nuclear bomb. Boy, if they ever get one, a dirty bomb, do you think they are not going to try to get it in to use it on us? They hate us with a passion. They hate everything we stand for. If they could wipe us off the map tomorrow, they would. So instead of keeping him at arm's length, of Kenneth being hard, what did Obama do? He shipped over \$1.7 billion to them. Five aircraft landed, cases of money so high under dark-tart security, and gave that regime, listen to me, not \$1.7 million, \$1.7 billion. Because they said, "You have got to last this money." Oh, okay, okay. You tell me I owe you this money? I would say come over to the White House and collect it. Meet my two bodyguards, Mr. Smith and Mr. Wesson.

You know how many homeless vets we have in this country? It used to take you 5, 10, 15, 20 minutes to go to Overland Park. It took you two days now because of the road construction. The bridges are out. The potholes are humongous. You think you are Apollo 12 just landed on the moon. We have so many homeless people, sick people, people that need help, vets that are living on the street that serve this country. We are going to send \$1.7 billion to a pagan over there who will use it to wipe us out. You know why? Because we are afraid of them. That is why. We are a nation that fears everybody and are feared by nobody and cannot fear the one we need to fear.

In fact, Daniel 7, do not tell me God does not have a sense of humor. Over there in Daniel 7:6, he talks about the prophecy of the nations and America is one of the prophecy, and America portrays herself as a great eagle. You know what God calls her in Daniel 7:6? She is a chicken. Read it.

Years ago down in Cuba around 1867, I forget the exact date, a missionary was falsely accused of a crime and sentenced to death. On the morning of his execution, the American ambassador showed up. He tried all the political things, and they, for whatever reason, wanted to shoot this guy. So the American ambassador to Mexico ran up and draped this guy in an American flag. He looked at the firing squad and the guy in charge and said, "Shoot if you dare." Let us shut the whole thing down. They were not going to shoot the American flag because they knew what it represented. Try it today.

Teddy Roosevelt said, "Walk softly but carry a big stick." That is great advice. I like President Kennedy. Most of you were not even born then. President Kennedy went through the Cuban Missile Crisis back in '62. Cuba, Russia was putting inter-ballistic short-range missiles, nuclear warheads on Cuba, 90 miles off the coast of Florida. If one of those launched, it would hit Washington, D.C. in four minutes. No time for warning. Kennedy said, "That ain't going to happen." Put a blockade. He said, "You know what, any Russian ships cross this line, we are going to stop you. If you do not stop, we are going to disable you and then we are going to board you." You know what, he held that line. You know what Russia did? They came right up to that line and turned around and went away. He called them off. Try that today. "Well, we will give you another \$1.7 billion if you do not come and hurt us."

Back in World War II, we did not start World War II. Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Of course, two days later, three days later, Germany declared war on the United States. We did not start it. Hitler started it in Europe and wanted to conquer the world. The Japanese started it on the Pacific. They wanted to do it. They attacked us. It came down to the thing, after four or five long years of war, we beat Germany and now Japan is left. It was coming down to we were going to have to invade the nation and the empire of Japan. They knew that if we attacked them, they had every man, woman, and child ready to defend their homeland. They estimated that it would cost American lives over one million plus lives to invade to end the war. So you know what Truman did? Dropped the atom bomb. Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Two days later, they said, "Whoa, time out, we quit." That took courage.

You know, there was a school in Independence about 10 years ago that one of these liberal political teachers had a thing for his class that they wanted to bring President Truman up on war crimes for dropping the atomic bomb. He is still teaching over there. He is teaching plastic explosives, one on one. I do not know. Today, we buy our way. We make deals behind closed doors. We play a political game. Oh, wow. Yes, people suffer and die. Look at Vietnam. Look at Korea. Look at Africa. Look at Bosnia. We call it nation building. We go in and overthrow governments by our CIA and we start new governments and people get killed in the process. Why? Because we want to have a world full of democracy. No, no, no. What you need to have is a world full of God and His government.

The greatest example is Israel in the Middle East. The only thing that is keeping this nation of its nose above water from drowning is our national policy on the nation of Israel. We have already dumped the Bible. When that goes, look out. But we play it back and forth. The presidents say, "Well, I am pro-Israel." But yeah, but you play games with the Muslim world. You give them the land that God has clearly said belongs to them, the Jew. The Jew only has a fingernail tip on what? The whole land grant. All the Muslims got everything else. What, you cannot read Galatians 4 where God says, "Cast out the bondwoman," the Muslim. We try to play politics with the Muslim nations against Israel. We give them God's land, the West Bank. We give them all of the areas that God clearly says belong to the nation of Israel because we are afraid.

A Christian nation, a real one, if there is such a thing as a Christian nation, would take its stand. The president would get up and say, "You know what? Sorry, boys. The Bible says that land belongs to the Jew and we are going to give it all to them. You have to get in line behind them."

Now, you understand why you cannot, and I know politicians tell you this all the time. You ever notice how politicians do not want to present themselves as Christians? They will always use generic words. "Yes, I have faith. Yes, I am a person of faith." What does that mean? That means you sat down and that chair had faith that it was going to hold you. You never hear them use Jesus Christ. What is the last time you heard a politician talk about the fact that the Roman Catholic Church was the great whore of Revelation 17 and 18? What is the last time you ever heard a politician get up and talk about how many people he has won to Christ? What is the last time they gave a political speech to raise money and said, "You know what? At the end of the day, you need to be in your Bible. I hope you are all reading your Bible. Let me give you a verse for today. Go to my blog and you will have a verse for the day and that verse will be out of a King James." Ain't going to do that. They never get elected that way. That is why I will never be president. I know.

Look at the last part of Proverbs 28:1, "But the righteous are as bold as a lion." You bet they are. That lion is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Most churches, most pastors, most Christians, as the politicians, they are exactly the same way. They are cowards. They are cowards. They are scared of everything and everybody. They are scared that God does have a perfect Bible and then you would be out of a job. There is political correctness in churches just like there are in the political world. That is why these guys do not preach anymore. They do not want to offend anybody. They want to be politically correct in their sermons. They want to lay it out that nobody gets offended because they want everybody to come. So they are not going to preach about sin. They are not going to get down in your face about where you are at. They are going to talk about the parameters of Christianity. They are all Christian celebrities. People like Rick Warren, people like Joel Osteen, Chuck Swindoll. Or your new evangelical crowd or your Baptist pastor who is so scared of the truth.

Listen, I know we have thrown the Bible out a long time ago. I get it. I understand. I totally grasp it. But I want to tell you something. You want a picture of this lion here? That we ought to be, "but the righteous are as bold as a lion." You are not going to find it in modern day Christianity. You are not going to find it on the internet. You are not going to find it with this guy or that guy. You know where you are going to find it? You are going to find the model in the Bible.

You take for instance, this started at the top. You just take Christ. Let me ask you a question. Did Christ ever make any effort to adjust any sermon He preached to anybody? No. Did He ever worry about offending the scribes and the Pharisees or the publicans and the dissenters? Did He adjust His message so He would not be too harsh on them so they would not reject it? No. Truth is truth. The greatest thing is it is not how you present the truth. The real question is, did you present the truth? But we live in a world that is against truth. Christ, there is a great example. Not one time did He make an effort to adjust His message to anybody. The scribes, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, read Matthew 23 one time. Boy, He tears them apart. I will tell you.

How about Jeremiah? Jeremiah, in Jeremiah 23:9-14. You ever see how blatant he is about what he says? He does not hold anything back. He did not care about their sensibilities. He did not care about their feelings. He cares about giving them God's truth. Because sometimes for you to move on the truth, you have to get your toes stepped on. For you to move on the truth, you have

to get right between the eyeballs. But the problem is, they do not want to run the board. They do not want to roll the dice with that because you may not do that. You may get mad and you lose and then you lose their income.

How about Micaiah? Do you ever read him over there in 1 Kings 22:14? I got his verse on the front of my other Bible that I used to preach out of.

*1 Kings 22:14*

*And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.*

That is a good verse. I am telling you. That is brutal. How about Amos? In Amos 7:14, he is about as obnoxious as you could get. How about Peter in Acts 5:3-9? There is a fierceness in Peter's preaching. How about Stephen in Acts 7? He is outrageous in what he says to the leaders of Israel. Oh, we cannot forget Elijah back there in 1 Kings 18. He is vicious, man.

You see, the love of God will be the truth of God properly preached. When it comes to the world and truth and the Word of God, this is the boldness of a lion. But this is missing today. When you start to be one of these guys and if you took these guys out and put them in our world preaching in our churches today, all the God's people would say, "Well, they do not have the love of Christ with them." "Well, he is just not too sensitive of where people are at." "He is not very understanding." "He has got a mean spirit." No, he got the truth and the truth will set you free if you will listen to it. There is the difference between a wimp and a lion.

## VI. Exposition of Proverbs 28:2: Transgression and Leadership

Now look at Proverbs 28:2, "For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged." Now for the transgression of a land, many are the princes thereof. The princes here obviously are the leaders of any country. For us it would be the government. It would be politics. It would be congressmen, senators, judges, presidents, the government itself, Christian politics and all that. On all levels, state, government, and federal. They will say anything. They will do anything to stay in power.

Listen, when a man in government, when men in government are corrupt and the whole land, Proverbs 28:2, will suffer and be corrupted. It is just the way that it works. The laws they pass will be to help them in their agenda and the moving of money of corporations or special interest groups or other people that are trying to, they are being paid off by. I mean, you the common man, you never figure into it. They will just give you enough of the scraps to make you think that the government is doing something for you. They do not care about you.

Everybody said, "Well, Obama, he brought in Obamacare because he cares for all the people and he cares for this and for even that." You know what? After he is out of office, did you read last week, he just bought a big mansion on Martha's Vineyard Island for \$15 million. Now what do you need a \$15 million house for? I mean, is that identifying with the people? You know, that is

exactly what the pastors do. They live in houses that their people cannot afford. They drive cars that their people cannot afford to drive. They come to the point where their whole lifestyle is above the common people and then they want to talk about, "I am a pastor to the people." No, you are not. You are Obama.

Back in the early days, our Founding Fathers who formed our government, I mean, here is a great study here of Proverbs 28:2 in our own history. John Locke was one of our Founding Fathers, and they were talking about the kind of government that he wanted to put together, and John Locke said, "You know what? If you have good laws, then you will have good government." Now that sounds good. William Penn, who was a Christian, Pennsylvania named after him, William Penn said, "No, that is not true." He says, "Boys," he says, "governments are like clocks that men put into motion. Yes, good laws may do some good, some good, but good men, saved men will do better. Good laws may lack good men, but good men will never lack good laws. Neither will they ever pass bad ones." The good men he is talking about are saved, born again men who know Christ as their own personal Savior.

Now look at the last part of that verse, "by a man of understanding and knowledge, the state shall be prolonged." That is William Penn. One guy said, "We just need to have good laws." The other guy said, "No, no, you do not understand. It is not about good laws. It is about good, godly saved men being in position to make good laws, because they will not make bad ones because the republic is based on the rule of law, the Word of God."

Then he says, "the prolonging of a nation." That is the state the nation is in. Or he says, he says, "the prolonging of a state." That is a nation. Once a year, twice a year, the president gets up and he wants to give. He gives a State of the Union address. Of course he says the prolonging of a state. It will be also a prolonging of a church or a family.

In history, no nation that ever held the Word of God ever got hurt or destroyed, only blessed, and England and America are great examples of that. Yet by that being said, no nation that ever dumped the Bible survived 200 years after getting rid of it. There again, you see it in Europe. You see that in England now. Of course you see it in America. America dumped the book in 1900. Here we are 120 years later and look where we are at. There was a time when Czechoslovakia followed one man, John Hus, and almost everybody in the country of Czechoslovakia was born again. Look where they are at today. You could not find Czechoslovakia on a map because it is gone and they dumped the book.

You see, men of understanding see God's hand in the events of a nation. Men of understanding see God's hand in the events of history. I will tell you another good example in our Founding Fathers, Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. Most of you probably know that. When he brought the first draft over to the Founding Fathers, there was only one reference to God in it. The Founding Fathers sent it back and said, "No, no, no, no. We cannot have that. We can never forget what God has done for us." So he sent it back. When it came back, he added three more. In our Declaration of Independence, there are four references to God. The great thing is, wow, what those four references are a reference to. In our Declaration of Independence, it tells of God to our country in four key ways.

4. First of all, God is lawgiver. There is your republic.
5. Second of all, God as creator. There is your evolution out of the school.
6. Thirdly, God as supreme judge. You took the Ten Commandments out of the courtroom.
7. And then God as our protector.

The four fundamental things that every country had to look to God through. Then what did they do after that? The next 100, 150, 200 years, they took those verses and inscribed them on all the buildings in Washington that we never forget. How did we forget? I will tell you, I have issues with that church down there, King James only, then you have issues with this country. Because this country is founded on the same book that I am preaching this morning. The Founding Fathers believed exactly what I preached this morning. You are the idiot.

Franklin, Benjamin Franklin, Madison, and Washington, they put forth what is known in our early years as the Northwest Ordinance. It was an ordinance that allowed new territories that got developed to come into the union. The Northwest Ordinance, among other things, it stated this, that no new territory could come into the union unless they taught the Bible in school as their curriculum. We are not talking about an NIV or an ASV. We are talking about a King James 1611 Authorized Version. Because they knew the Bible in school would prolong the state of the kids that were getting that Bible. I mean, back in my day, 60s and the 70s, they took the Bible out of school and the drugs came in. In your day, the Bible is still out, the drugs are still there, now they are bringing guns to school. When will we get it? Will we ever understand? Will we ever go back to our roots and understand what Proverbs is saying to us today? I am telling you.

Another example is Noah Webster. Noah Webster was our Founding Father and he wrote a lot of books for schools in the early days. We sell his dictionary back in the back, the 1828 dictionary by Noah Webster. Amen. You will find that he, in his dictionary, when he gives a definition in a lot of cases, he will take you to the Bible and give you the Bible verse that gives it to you. The first dictionary in this country you ever had was based on a King James 1611 Authorized Version. You ought to read the preface about what he did, what he believed, what he had tried to accomplish in our schools. He wrote the first account of American history. He said how absolutely vital it was for God to stay in every aspect of our government. He said that putting unprincipled men in government in time would corrupt the government. Amen, brother. Those unprincipled men are the principles out of the book of Proverbs we have been studying. The Bible says, "and men of understanding and knowledge, the state shall be prolonged."

George Washington was our first president. On September 19, 1796, as he left office and refused to be president again, he was up in age, he gave his farewell address to the nation. In that farewell address he gave 12 warnings to America to keep God and the principles of the Word of God in government and in schools. That standard farewell address was standard reading and teaching in schools up to 1950. You know what the great thing about that is? He was an unsaved man. George Washington was a deist. He believed in God, he believed in Christ, but he did not believe Christ was God. You know what that tells me? What I have tried to tell you many, many times. Back in that day, the Bible was so powerful and so prevalent that an unsaved man who probably is in hell this morning knew more and believed more about the Bible than you preachers do standing in the pulpit today. That is the America that you come from.

## VII. Exposition of Proverbs 28:3: Oppressive Poor Leaders

Then Proverbs 28:3, "A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food." Oh, this is a good one. Now we have a poor man that oppresses the poor. No greater example of this today than the third world countries of Africa, Central America, the Middle East, and Central Europe. I mean places like Haiti, Zambia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Chad, Sudan, Somalia, the Congo, caught up in social unrest, the ethnic cleansing of murdering a million people just because they do not go to your church or they are not of your ethnic background. In Africa, Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, the civil wars, the rebel fighting and unrest. In Central America, it was El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. In Europe, it was Bosnia and Croatia and Serbia and all the fighting that went on there.

It is a thing where it is all those little countries where a guy, a poor man comes to power on the backs of poor people and then he terrorizes his own people, takes everything that they have to live like a king while he oppresses his people. There is great famine. They starve to death by the thousands every day in Africa, in the Congo, in South America. Corrupt governments, third world, will always like a sweeping rain, Proverbs 28:3, leave no food for the people while the head honcho lives like a king. Boy, all you have got to do is go down through South America with Bolivia and Brazil and Chile and Colombia and Ecuador and Paraguay and Peru and Uruguay and Venezuela and you see the poverty level of the people but you see the men who are in charge living like kings.

You have the dictators like Siad Barre in Somalia, Charles Taylor in Liberia, Muammar Gaddafi in Libya, Castro in Cuba, Idi Amin in Uganda. You kidding me? He was in power for about eight years and he killed over 800,000 of his own people. The corrupt governments of this world that are oppressive and bring starvation to its own people. They take and steal everything from the people. We send aid money over, they put it into their pockets. We send food over to give to the people, they take it and charge the people so they can make money off of it. I have even talked about the Cold War and the communists of Central Europe and how that devastated it.

Back in about, I do not remember what it was, probably in the late 80s or 90s, we were taking the discipleship material that you have here, we were going over to Europe, Berlin Wall had come down and communism was at an end and we had teams going into Russia, we had teams going into all Central Europe, those East Bloc countries. I took teams into Romania and Hungary, some of you sitting here were with me on some of those teams, you know what I am talking about. We saw the devastation of those countries. We saw where the premiers and the guys that were living like kings, and I remember one morning I went with a pastor down to the grocery store, if that is what you want to call it, to get bread and get whatever we could get. The line was about a quarter of a mile long and they ran out of bread long before everybody got bread. I went into that store and the shelves were absolutely bare. All that was in that store was about five or six jars, about that big, of some kind of fermented beets or whatever that somebody had and it was absolutely empty. People had to grow their own food, they had to do this, they had to do that, they had to grow enough in the summer to live and just get through the winter. Boy, what a verse that is.

## VIII. Exposition of Proverbs 28:4: Forsaking and Keeping the Law

In Proverbs 28:4, "They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them." Wow, what a great and true verse this is. You know in America we will hold up and give honor to some of the most corrupt people that the world has ever seen. It is unbelievable. You talk about, you want to know where a country is at with God, just look who they hold up. Presidents, senators, congressmen, civil rights leaders, religious leaders, political activists, movie stars, the Pope, Roman Catholic Church, all things being we hold up and see. Men and women who will spend their whole lives going against everything that God has said and lead this country away from God instead of to Him, and to them we will give Nobel Peace Prizes. We will give freedom awards. We will give a humanitarian award. We will give them sainthood. We will give them a science award. We will give them a medical advancement award. We will give them an award for the arts. We will put them into sports, baseball, football, Hall of Fame.

I remember a while back a football player, I do not remember his name because I am not good with football guys' names, but anyway he got killed in a car wreck and everybody held him up as one of the greatest guys on the planet and what a great guy, all the news things, everybody just went on and on and on and on and on and on and on and when he finally tried to settle the estate he had so many illegitimate children across the city he lived in they could not even figure out where all the money was going to go. But that is what we do.

People like Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Hugh Hefner. Hugh Hefner, a big thing about it, when Marilyn Monroe died, she died in the 60s, I was just a kid, I remember when she died, Hugh Hefner died three or four years ago and he had spent \$75,000. This makes front page news. He spent \$75,000 to buy the crypt next to Marilyn Monroe because his own words, "Who else would you rather spend an eternity with than Marilyn Monroe?" Now I do not mean to be crass here and forgive me if you get offended by this, but let me show you where the depravity is. Jay Leno making sport in front of that, in front of the whole world says, "If I am going to spend \$75 to be next to Marilyn Monroe I am going to get the crypt on top of her." Everybody just laughs. Everybody just thinks that is hilarious. Everybody thinks that is just funny and we hold them up. You know, \$75,000 to be next to Marilyn Monroe for all eternity, I wonder how that is working out for them. If they are side by side it ain't in that crypt. "And in hell they lifted up their eyes, being in torments."

Hank Williams, "I saw the light, I saw the light." That is a great song and we like to sing it. Everybody sings it. I love it, but at the end of the day he did not see the light. He died in the back of a car in Steubenville, Ohio with an overdose of drugs. Duke Ellington, Dr. Spock, J. Edgar Hoover, Ellen DeGeneres, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, H. Rap Brown, Jesse Jackson, Hugh Hefner, all of them. We hold them up and a thousand like them from role models for our kids. The Bible says, "but such as keep the law contend with them." You betcha we do by preaching the principles of the Word of God. You betcha we do.

## IX. The World's False Peace vs. God's True Peace

The world's government falsely claims peace and man rejects God's word as the only real peace there can be. Then using peace to gain all power that he can by killing the opposition. World War I was a real turning point in history. Most people know and never see it. For many reasons, not only for the Second Coming of Christ and what God was doing with the Jew, but in warfare. It is called the Great War. It is called the Great War because there was never a war anywhere in the history of our time that devastated with such a loss of life. It was unbelievable. They had got the primitive art of killing each other to a fine science. This is where gas was first used, mustard gas. This is where machine guns were first used, tripod machine guns. This is where they killed them in barrages from the air and bombardments and just millions and millions and millions and millions and millions of people lost their lives. It was so catastrophic that they said at the end that this was the war to end all wars. It was called the Great War.

In 1919 they said we have got to stop war. We have got to, so they put together what was called the League of Nations. The League of Nations was formed to stop war. Then World War II came along and the world, every place in it was thrown into a worldwide conflict that only ended after bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and killed millions of people and brought in the most terrible age of the atomic age. Now nations want to, get this, now nations think they can keep peace by having more atomic weapons than the other nation. Because the theory is that if we got bombs and you got bombs, you know if you bomb us we will bomb you and we will obliterate everybody. So therefore you will never use your bomb because you know we will use ours so our peace lies in the fact that we are not going to use atomic weapons. So atomic weapons is a safeguard. Until you get an idiot in there. You get somebody in there that gets in there and starts playing with the buttons and then it is all over.

In 1945 after World War II saw the forming of the United Nations. Again a correlation of nations to end war, bring peace. Yeah here it comes. United Nations started in 1945 and they wanted to bring peace. So you know what they had to do? What they all do. They got a verse out of Isaiah 2:4 which deals with Christ and the millennium where there is no more war, no more peace and they put it right on the front of the UN building. You can go see it. This is 1945 you had an NIV, ASV, RSV, Douay-Rheims. You know what Bible they chose? Yes. Go on humor me. Yes. King James 1611 Authorized Version.

You know the verse they used? The verse they used out of Isaiah there is a verse for the millennium where it talks about God coming back and it says that they take their swords and beat them into plowshares and they do not know war anymore. There have been 152 wars since the United Nations were in 1945. How is that working for you? Countless civil wars, hundreds of millions killed in unrest and war since the beginning in 1945. There will be no peace till the Prince of Peace returns to this earth. The only government that is going to bring in a lasting peace is His.

Proverbs 28 opens up with a great political statement because I am telling you what, the governments of this world stand for one thing against God. Then Isaiah 2:4 will be the establishing of God's righteous government and reigning on that throne and everything else counterfeits it. I am going to read for you Isaiah 2:1-5. That is incredible, it says this.

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

*The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*

*And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

*O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Now that is God's government. That is the government that is coming. That is the government Isaiah 9:6-7 that once it gets established it never ends and the increase of that government will be no end. These verses are a great political statement on God's government in the face of the governments that we are up against. I do not advocate going against the government. Romans 13 says though the powers that be God works through of it. God never called anybody to overthrow the government, be an activist against the government. You submit yourself to the government but you understand that the real government coming is coming with the Lord and they will bring no peace.

It is said today that all roads lead to Rome and that is so true politically, religiously, just about every fashion of life. All roads do lead to Rome but there is coming a time as we just saw in Isaiah in the millennium and eternity that all roads will lead to the King through Jerusalem. All the world, all the nations will come and sit down and He will teach them His ways. You know on a small scale I know we are still in the church age and we are a long way from the blend but on a small scale that is what churches are supposed to do today. You know what it says walking in the path in that verse? We are called old paths. Jeremiah 6:16. We look for the old path where it is the good and right way. That is the way it is going to be in the millennium.

Churches right now should be just a little offshoot of that where you are sitting down with people on Sunday morning for us Thursday night, Wednesday night, whatever you do. You simply teach them the way of the Lord and His paths and show them the government that is the best government. Even though we have this government here that we have got to be part of and that is just the way it is, the bottom line is that we are spiritually in His government. The Bible says that you are an ambassador and an ambassador goes to a foreign country and he represents his country. You and I are an ambassador of Christ. We are in a foreign country because our citizenship is up in heaven and we represent His government and everything that we do.

Well, we will hold up there and let us pray. Father, we do thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. Thank You for today. Thank You for all that You have given us today and for the Word of God and its power and its truth.