Sermon Notes

**LESSON 22** Dr. Jerry Nelson

*In preparation for the sermon on February 17.*

## God's Sovereignty in Governing Affairs

*Read Romans 13:1-7 and answer the following questions:*

1. (13:1) Throughout history, who has established the civil governments of the world?

2. (13:2) What are the two consequences of rebelling against civil authority?

3. (13:3) What is Paul's rationale and what does he recommend?

4. Who does Paul say is "God's servant?"

5. What two reasons does Paul give for submitting to civil authority?

6. What two things (attitudinal and financial) are we to give to the authorities?

**Memory Verse:** Romans 13:1
"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

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**Personal Reflection**
God puts into power those whom he chooses. At times this is difficult to understand. If we trust that God is always good and always just, what does it lead us to believe about God?

In what ways do you submit to God's divine sovereignty in respect and submission to the government, even when you might disagree?

When we observe all that is taking place in our nation, it is easy to get enraged, discouraged, or gripped with fear. How do you respond in a Christ-like manner?

Pray regularly for our government officials and the media. Pray that God will grant them a spirit of truth and the courage to act responsibly in the face of opposition.

Thoughts/Questions/Prayer Response: