Bible Seeds Podcast

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Intro Music – "My Father Is So Good To Me"
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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: Making Political Arguments From God's Word

The month of June has become the time of year when the Supreme Court Of The United States, (SCOTUS) releases their judgments about important issues concerning the laws of the land and how they fit in with what was written by the founders of the United States.

The purpose of SCOTUS is:

- 1. To serve as the court of last resort for those seeking justice.
- 2. Exercise judicial review to ensure each branch of government recognizes the limits of it's own power.

- 3. Have ultimate appellate jurisdiction over all U.S. federal court cases and state court cases involving U.S. constitutional or federal law.
- 4. Interpret (to understand or explain) the law and defend the constitution.

Where did the laws for mankind come from? Well, we've all heard of 'Ten Commandments'. But we don't read about those until Moses brought them from God on tablets of stone at Mount Sinai.

The first command was personal, just for Adam and Eve, who were living in the beautiful Garden of Eden, with all different kinds of fruit trees and God said to them, "You may eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden, but you must not touch or eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden or you will die." Genesis, Chapter 2: verse 16

The next command that God gave to his people in the "New World" after the flood, is found at Genesis Chapter 9: verse 5. "If anyone takes human life, he will be punished. I will punish any animal that takes human life with death. Man was made by God, so whoever murders a man will himself be killed by his fellow man."

This was not a personal command, but a command from God to all His creation!

When Jesus was born, He brought a new perspective to all who interacted with Him. He claimed to be the Son of God, and also a man who was born a human being. And when He forgave sins and healed many people, the minds of the religious leaders went into a spin cycle.

These people who were representing God, couldn't do any of the miracles Jesus did. The people may have thought that the Son of God was more compassionate than the God from the Old Testament.

Up to the generation where we live, many people think Jesus changed what God had proclaimed, but, "Jesus said, 'You should not think that I have come to destroy God's Law. Also, I have not come to destroy the messages that God's prophets wrote down. No, I have not come to destroy their words. I have come to make what they taught become true." Matthew Chapter 5: verse 17

So at what point did people start thinking that God really didn't mean what He said? 'He must have been in error!' they say, and eventually, even the lower and higher courts of our land started to water down God's word so that a person who actually murders someone can live a fairly long life! But the bigger sin committed by the prosecutors and the judges in their supposition that, 'I don't think God thought this though, but we think the best answer is encouraging the murderer to have a change of heart.'

But our God of the Old Testament already did this, after Cain killed his brother and then denied the truth, that he had killed him! But instead of death, God gave him a path of personal torture saying, "Because you killed your brother, the ground will no longer yield crops to you, and you will be a restless wander on the earth the rest of your life."

And God did the same with David the King of Jerusalem, who took the wife of Uriah, one of his soldiers and got her pregnant and when his

plan to bring the soldier back from battle to share time with his wife, he would not go home because he felt guilty that he was there and the rest of regiment was still out fighting. David sent Uriah back to battle and put him in the heat of the fighting and he was killed by the sword of the enemy. David tried to ignore what he had done, but he suffered with the knowledge that God was watching.

Finally, God spoke to David through the prophet Nathan as he had done many times before. Nathan told a story of a man who lived nearby that was rich and had many flocks of animals and a poor man who had lived nearby who had only one lamb he loved, that ate and slept in his house with him. The rich man had company and told his servants to go and get the lamb from the man who lived nearby. He had the lamb prepared and served it to his company.

David was mad when he heard what happened and said that man should give the poor man four lambs and the rich man should die!

And Nathan said, "You are that man"!
So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

And the Lord said to David, 'Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of

this sun. [broad daylight] **For you did it secretly but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.'** " [The first of his sons raped his daughter from another wife. The brother of that girl killed the brother that raped his sister and he later tried to kill David and take his kingdom but was killed. The last two brothers were killed before David died and none had a relationship with the LORD!]

And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die however, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you [from Bathsheba] shall surely die." 2 Samuel, Chapter 12: verses 1-14

The apostle Paul reminds us what God said to Moses, For God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose." So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it.

[Romans, Chapter 9: verses15-18 quote from Exodus, Chapter 33: verse 19] Another place in the bible where God tried to emphasize this was to Jonah, who was swallowed by the big fish!

So if we look at the [parts of God]. **The Father** — who is a Spirit, but has no body and yet He is active everywhere! He is in the far reaches of the Universe and beyond. He is everywhere on this Earth! He is in all of His creations!

The Son Jesus – The voice and the Word Of God, described in the first Chapter of the book of John, who was made flesh (a human being) by the power of the GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT!

Now this is the question for the people who think that the God of the Old Testament was more strict and less compassionate than Jesus, the Son of God in the New Testament! Do you think that Jesus, the voice and the Word of God, is more passionate than God, the Father? Is your voice more compassionate than you are or your spirit? How do you separate that out?

If because of our many titles we've earned or had bestowed upon us, we come to think of ourselves as elite people. Those who are far above the common unwashed masses, we might do better to compare our intelligence and our wisdom to another who has a title.

From the book of Isaiah, Chapter 59: verses 8-9, comes the declaration from God, the Father, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

So if we compare our intelligence and our wisdom to God's intelligence and wisdom, we soon find out we have no intelligence or wisdom to brag about or speak of!

Isaiah 55:8-9

When we think it nothing to take God's commands and turn them into political arguments that have to be voted on, we make a mockery of God's judgments and His will! So we argue to vote on "The Death Penalty", and whether or not God made more than two genders.

We don't take God's feelings of abomination and loathing for people who destroy their sons and daughters and cut off their life. Can we see

the woman who aborted her unborn, standing before God when He asks "Why did you terminate your child's life?" And she says,

"Well the government said it was OK."

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