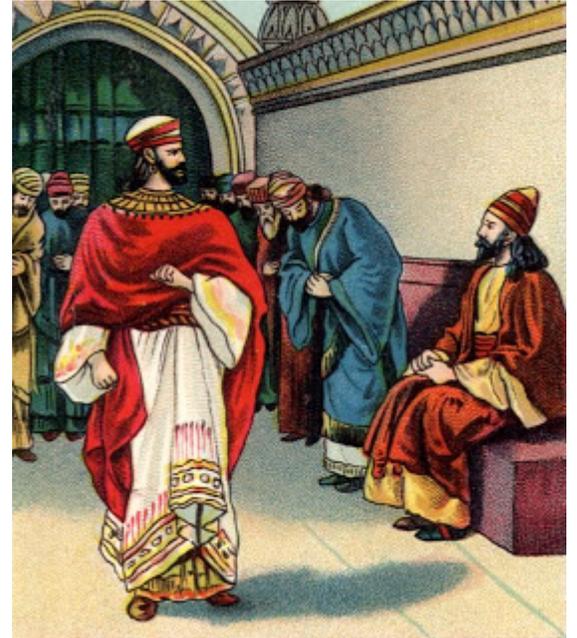


*“And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.” *Esther 3:2 KJV**



Rulers are appointed by God in spite of the machinations of men to either decide or deny the seat of power! *“The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”* Unjust rulers are put in place by God to punish wickedness. *“But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.”* Nebuchadnezzar was sent by God to kill and enslave His own people, because they had forsaken His Law. *“For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and...the king of Babylon...shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them.”* We may cry in despair over the despots in power, but they are there, because of the wickedness! God will allow their evil to chastise the land until the people repent of their sin! Recently the Mayor of Houston, Texas, decided she had the right to subpoena pastor’s sermons on homosexuality. This opposes God’s Word and the Constitution and was rightfully disobeyed. Peter told the high priest when commanded not to preach the Gospel, *“We ought to obey God rather than men.”* If laws do not oppose the Law of God or the Constitution, the Supreme Law of the United States, we ought to obey them. The Word of God is the Supreme Law of eternity! We are not to *“bow the knee to Baal!”* You may not consider it “idol worship,” but when you put your own desires ahead of God’s Word, you have *“bowed the knee to Baal!”* We are guilty of idol worship every time we disobey God’s Word! Believers need not acquiesce to the pressure of godless fools that spout Scripture to justify their wickedness! God is Love, true, but God is also the Avenging Angel of Wrath on unrepentant wickedness! Beware!

Bow not the knee to wickedness,  
But follow after righteousness,  
Let Word of God rule consciousness,  
And lead a life of Blessedness! ~CGP

Are you tolerating wickedness by rubbing elbows with the world? Are you doing what they do, thinking like they think, and living like they live? You are an idol worshipper if you do! By so doing, you are offering your children to Baal, for they will follow you down the broad path of destruction and death! Lot lost his family and barely escaped Sodom with his life, because he “tolerated” the wickedness of Sodom! Honestly evaluate your motives and deeds in the light of God’s Word! If you neglect to know His Word, (freely available) you have clearly sided with wickedness and you’ll not escape God’s Judgment! Can men truly say you *“bowed not”* to wickedness?

*“And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the Temple of the Living God; as God hath said, ‘I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,’ saith the Lord, ‘and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.’” *2 Corinthians 6:15-18 KJV**