

God's Plan for National Leaders

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Text: 2 Samuel 23:1-4

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INTRODUCTION - Romans 13:1

I. DAVID IS IDENTIFIED (v. 1)

II. DAVID IS INSPIRED (v. 2)

III. DAVID IS INFORMED (v. 3)

1. God's plan for national leaders is for them to know Him and rule according to His word.
 - (1) Leaders are to be just.
 - (2) Leaders are to rule in the fear of God.
2. God's plan for national leaders is for them to be a blessing to the people, not a hindrance or a stumbling block (v. 4).
 - (1) The blessings come as:
 - (a) He rules justly in the fear of God.
 - (b) He is led by the Spirit (v. 2).
 - (c) He is concerned for everyone he leads, not just a particular minority.
 - (d) He promotes godly values and laws that strengthen and promote godliness, unity, and peace.
 - (e) He works diligently to protect those he leads.
 - (f) He strives to create an economy that can benefit everyone.
 - (g) The nation receives the blessings of the Lord.
3. God's plan for national leaders includes protecting His people (*Psalms 125:3*).
 - (1) This verse speaks to God's intention toward his people. He does not want the wicked to rule over them, leading them into temptation and sin.
 - (2) John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court. He wrote - "*Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty—as well as the privilege and interest—of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.*"