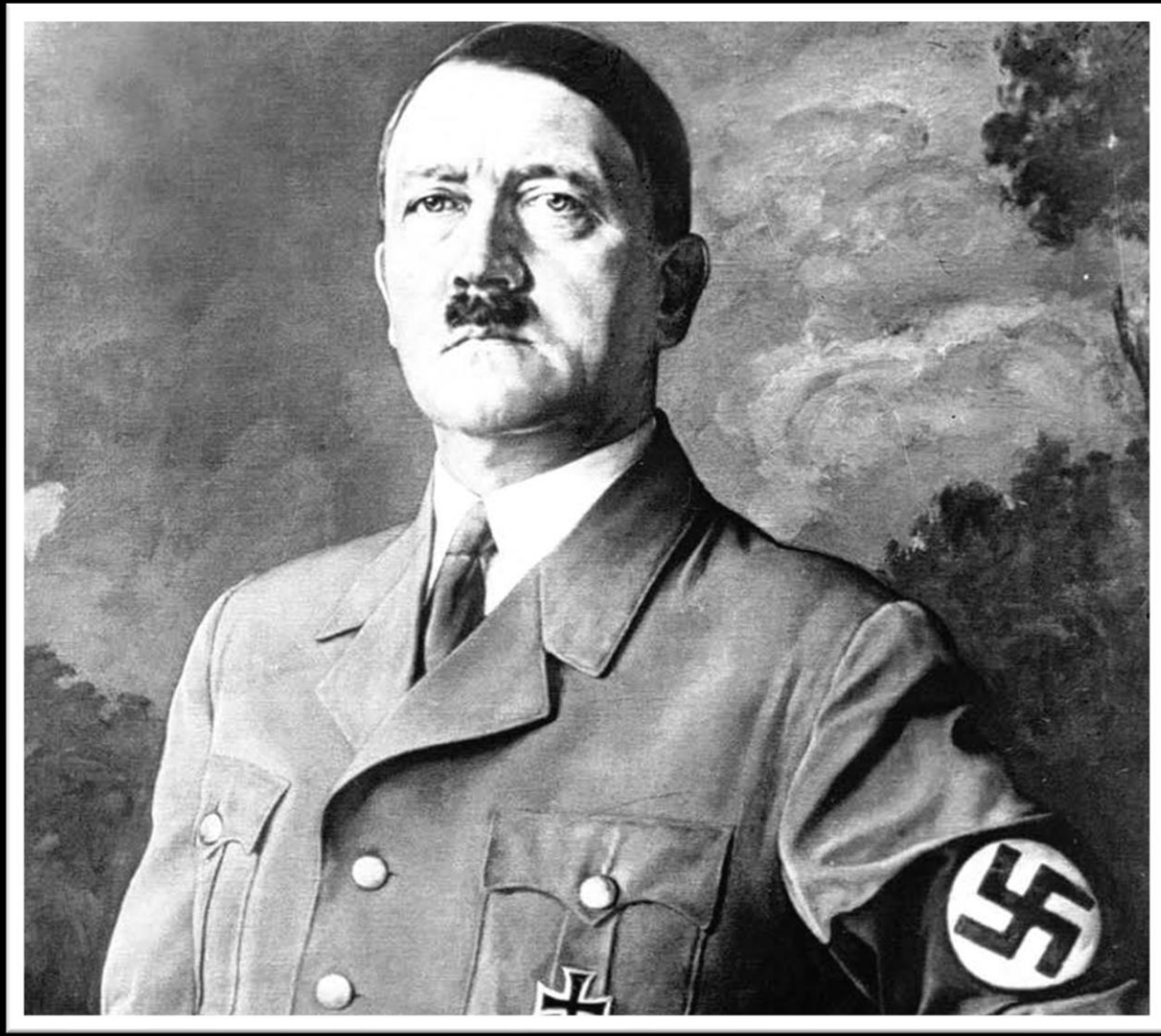


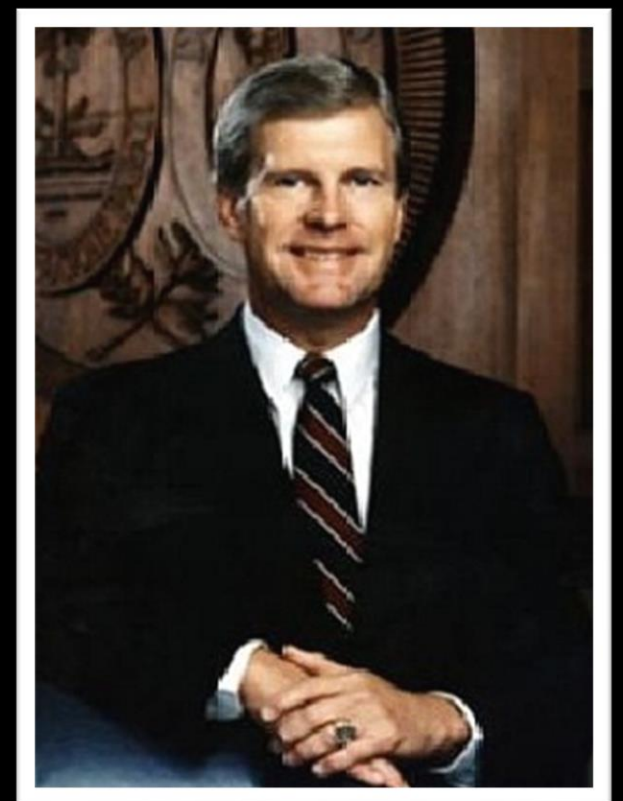
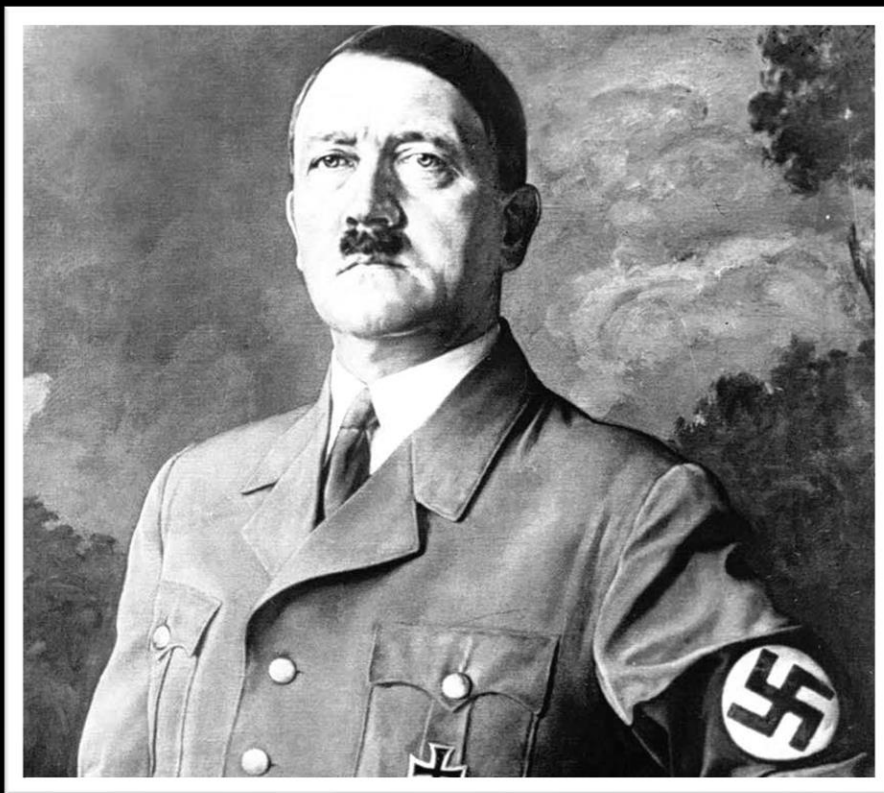
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**“Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor  
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**Exodus 22:28**

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“Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?”

Job 34:18



# Right Thinking about Rulers and Rich

“... they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord ... speak evil of the things that they understand not...”

II Peter 2:10-12

# Why These Warnings in the Bible?

- God calls civil rulers and leaders ... *gods*. Believe it!
- Both supreme and subordinate rulers are honored.
- We should think and speak of them very respectfully.
- You have no duty to judge them. God judges (Ps 82:1-8).
- For those who fear God, these are plain, simple rules.

# Do Not Curse the King or Rich

- Men must have a propensity to curse, thus the verse.
- This is God's revealed will ... free speech becomes sin.
- Do not curse the king, no, not even in your thoughts.
- Do not curse the rich, no, not even in your bedroom.
- If you violate this rule, God will cause yours to rebel.

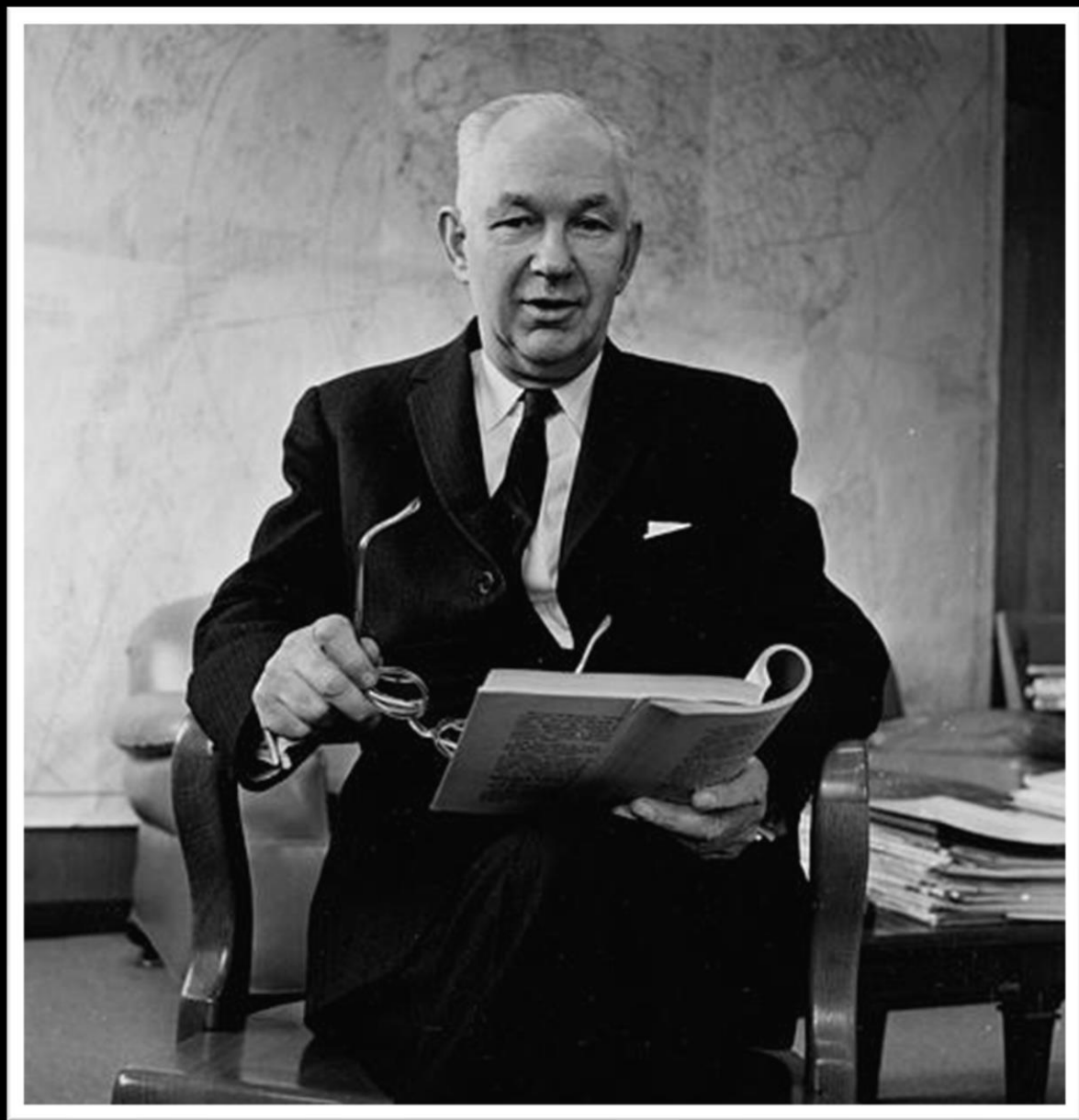
# Presumptive Condemnation

- Why do most men naturally condemn rulers and rich?
- It is nearly universal ... and it is intense ... and it is sin.
- Is it envy? ... pride? ... rebellion? ... hatred of God?
- We must learn to honor all men to obey I Peter 2:17.
- Let us choose presumptive commendation to honor!

# A Few Word Definitions

- REVILE. Disrespectful and insulting speech involving contempt, disgrace, or scorn. To rail at a person.
- RAIL. Abusive language to assail or ridicule a person.
- CURSE. Speech to consign to spiritual or temporal judgment; impious and profane speech.





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# Your Thoughts are Vain

“The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity” (Ps 94:11).

“For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass’s colt” (Job 11:12).

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools...” (Rom 1:21-22).

# We Can Rule and Change Thoughts

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (I Pet 1:13).

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (II Cor 10:5).

“... think on these things” (Phil 4:8).

# God Made RULERS

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

# God Made Rulers FOR YOU

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. 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.

Romans 13:3-4

“And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers” (Isaiah 49:23).

# God Made THE RICH

“The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up” (1 Sam 2:7).

“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” (1 Cor 4:7).

# God Made the Rich FOR YOU

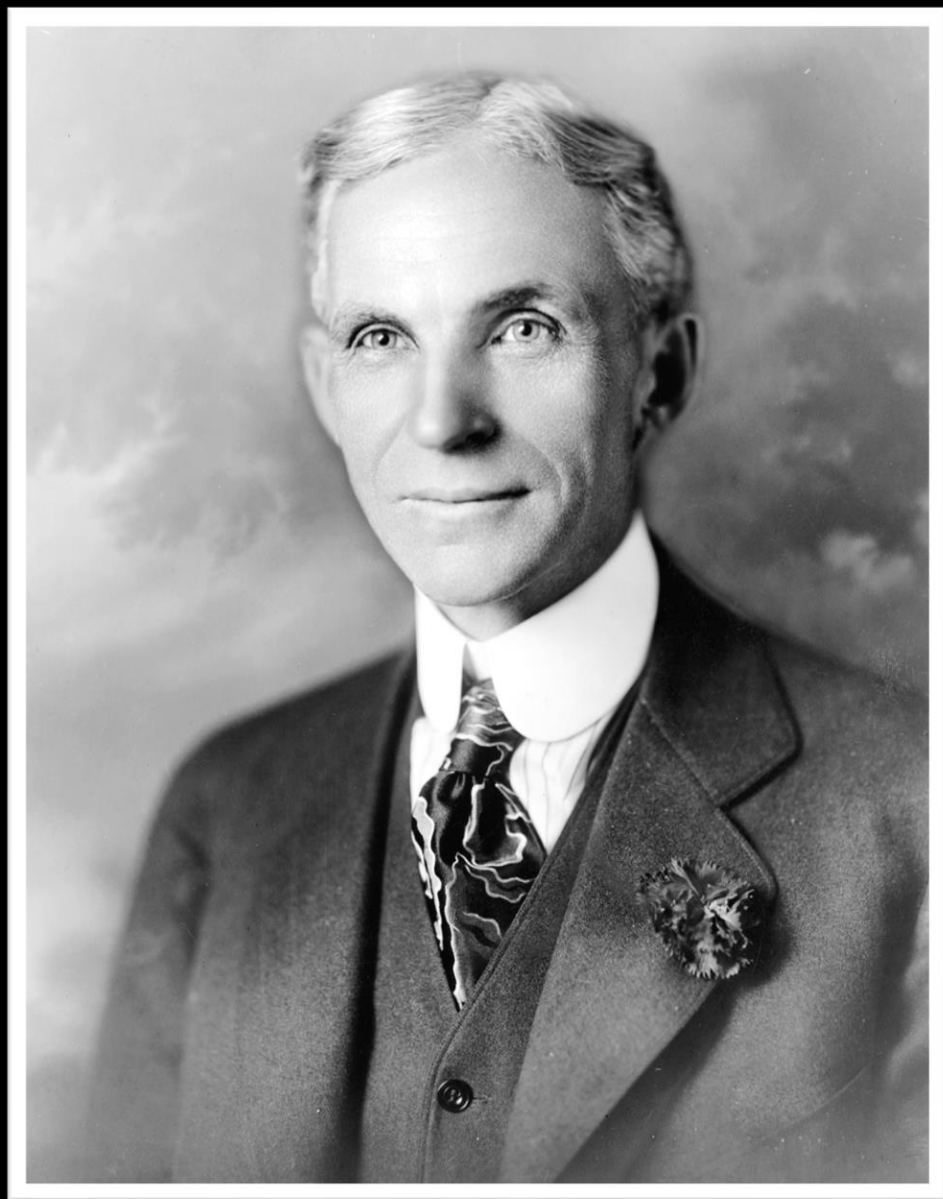
“The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all” (Prov 22:2).

“Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.”

Proverbs 27:18

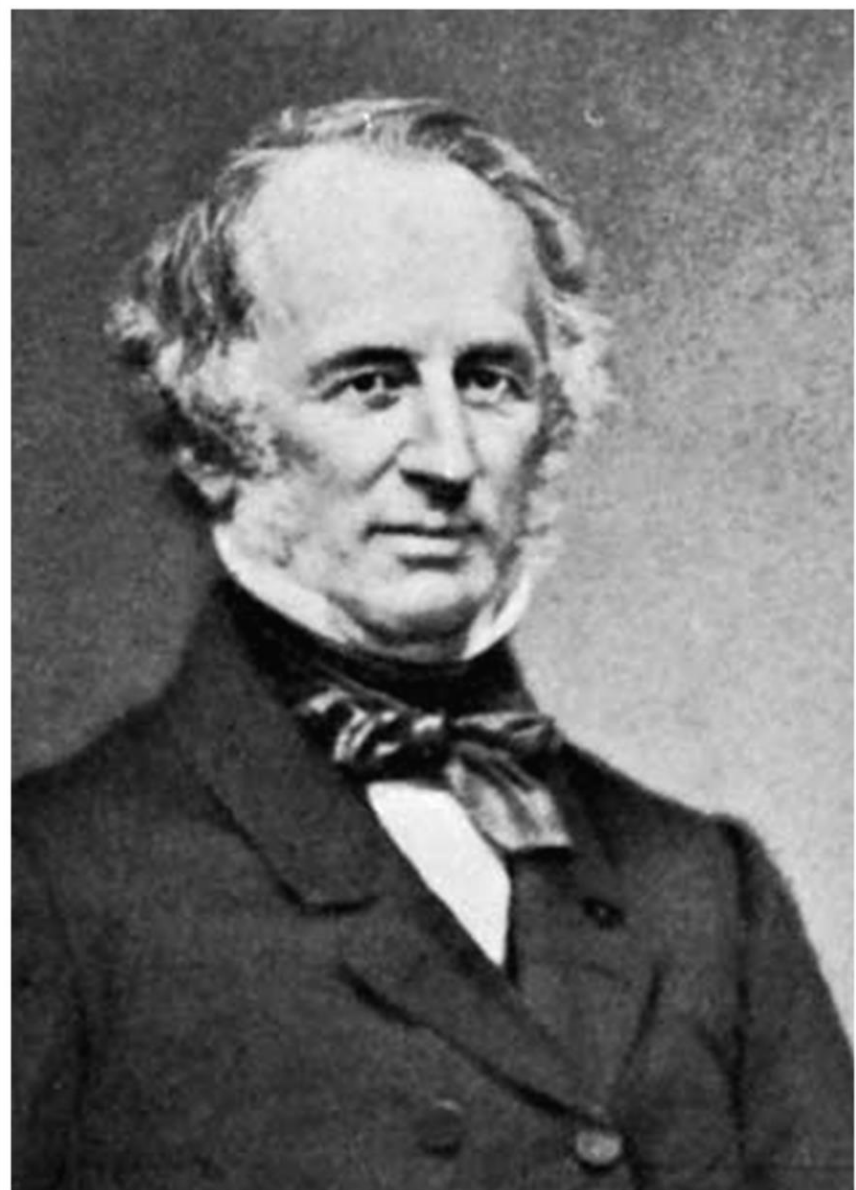
“Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox” (Prov 14:4).



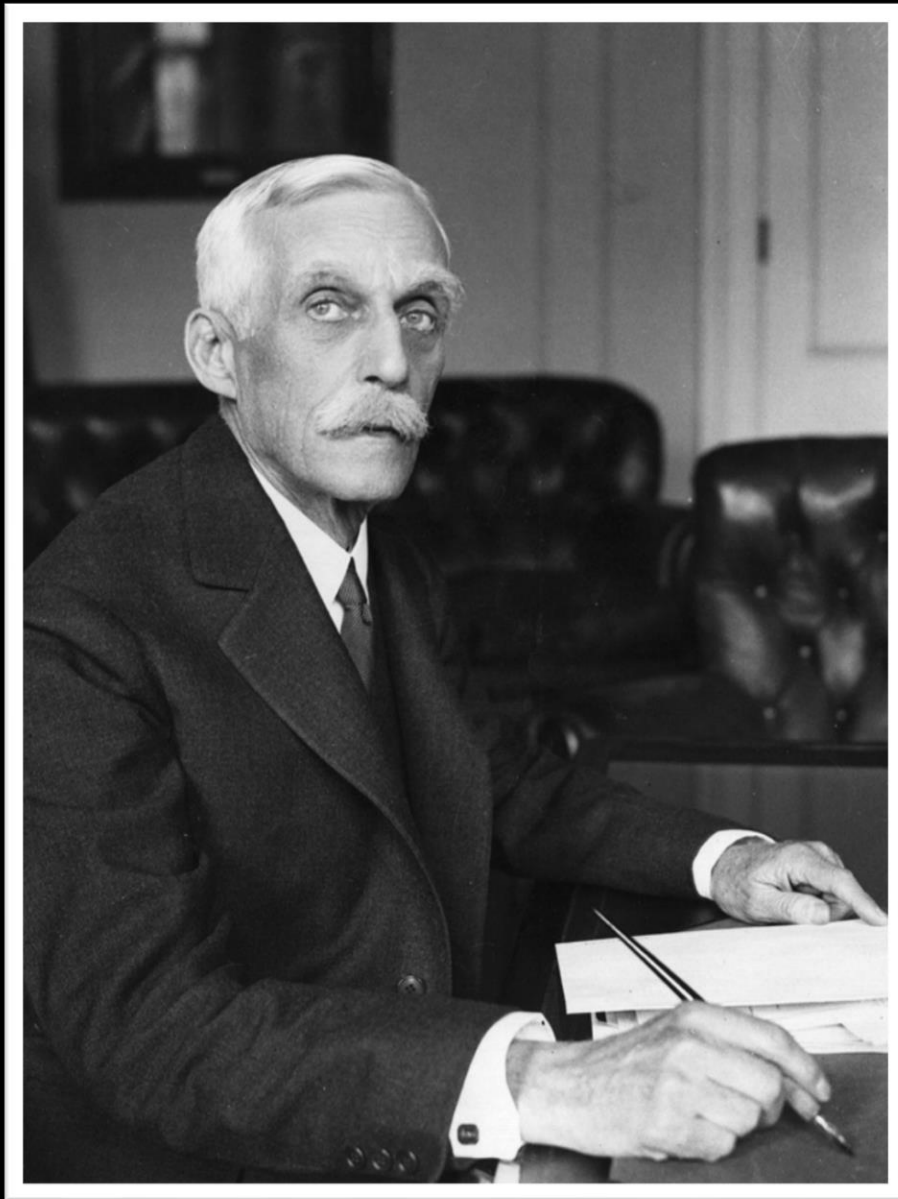


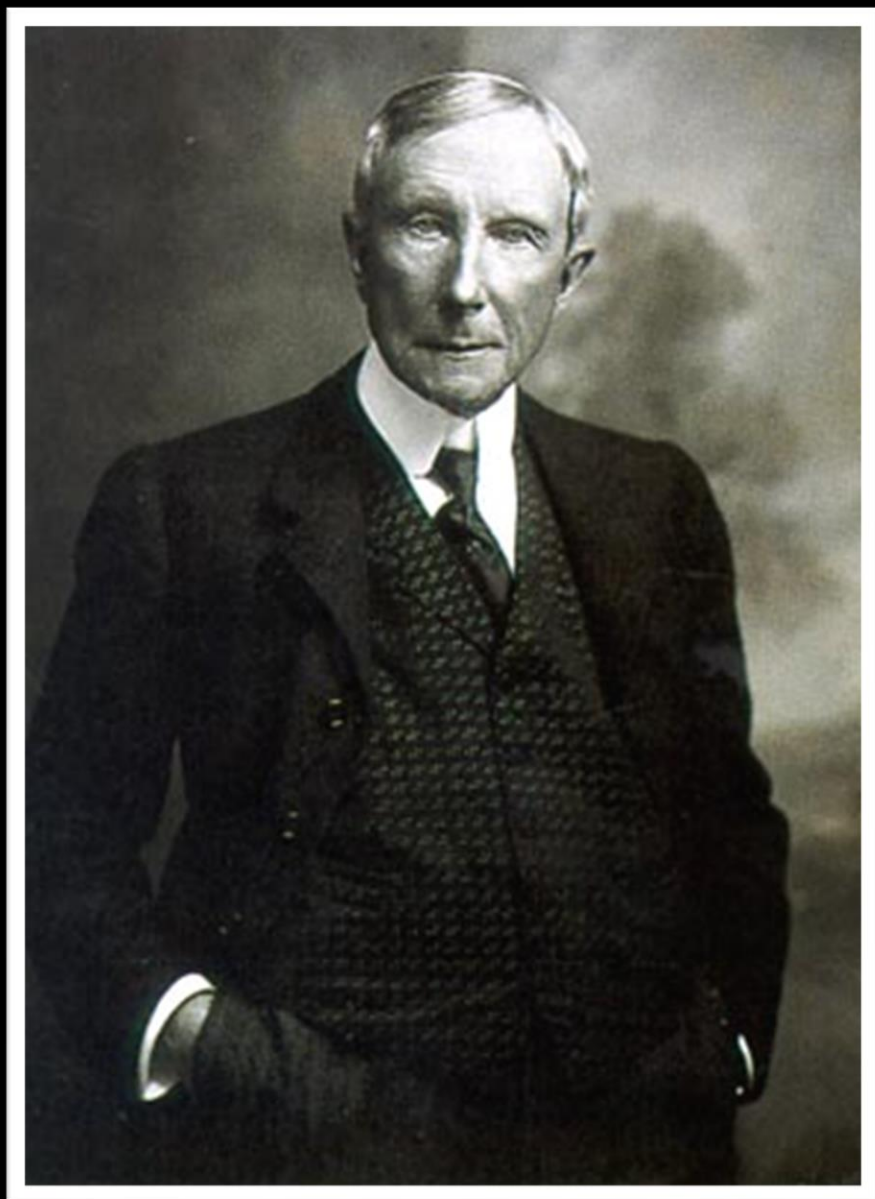
























# When Do We Get to Rebel?

“Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not” (Matt 23:1-3).

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

# When Do We Get to Rebel?

- Why worry about exceptions and time to rebel?
- Will you marry me? ... *First ... when I can defy you?*
- Welcome to the firm! ... *First ... when can I go on strike?*
- Personal conduct is not the criterion – see Pharisees.
- Direct conflict with God affecting you is the criterion.

# My Resistance Keeps Rulers Honest

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“But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another” (Ps 75:7).

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- That is hogwash from hell ... it is not in the Bible at all.
- May those under your authority practice your heresy.
- Prayer for rulers and hiding are your Bible recourses.
- There is a God in heaven, and He will take care of you.
- In the meantime, you lose with God and man resisting.

# What Did Elihu Think?

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?

19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

Job 34:16-19

# Trust the Sovereignty of God

“God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods” (Ps 82:1).

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.”

Proverbs 21:1

“For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them” (Josh 11:20).

# Trust the Sovereignty of God

- Will you trust Him when you have a miscarriage?
- Will you trust Him when children die or forsake Him?
- Why the big problem to trust Him with government?
- The Bible has much more about His rule of rulers!
- Honor them! Obey them! Pray for them! You win!



# Abortion Angle

25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 20:25-26

# Abortion Angle

- Same-sex marriages are His judgment (Rom 1:18-32).
- Child sacrifice in Israel was His judgment (Ezek 20:25-26).
- Child cannibalism in Israel was judgment (De 28:56-57).
- Ostriches killed 55 million of theirs (Job 39:16-17; La 4:3).
- Both judgments in America desolate the wicked. Think!

# Miscellaneous Ruler Verses (1)

“If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences” (Eccl 10:4).

“By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone” (Pr 25:15).

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

Proverbs 24:21-22

# Miscellaneous Ruler Verses (2)

2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.

3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

Ecclesiastes 8:2-5

# Miscellaneous Ruler Verses (3)

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption (II Pet 2:10-12)

# Miscellaneous Ruler Verses (4)

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude 1:8-10

# Honoring Rulers and Rich

- Does honor presume good? Or does it presume evil?
- Is it thinking and speaking of faults? Or of abilities?
- Is “innocent until proven guilty” only for the rabble?
- Does God expect jokes? Ridicule? Or thanksgiving?
- Old habits are hard to change, but God gives strength.

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