

God's Rights

Have you ever considered “God’s Rights?”

Society is in turmoil: riots, shootings, protests, and general discontent is common. Organizations protest for: freedom of the press, Black Lives Matter, right to life, Planned Parenthood, Indigenous Rights, whether or not the Ten Commandments should be placed on the courthouse lawn, or a southern flag be displayed.

What man needs to understand is God has rights also, and God has the right to rule over his creation. God’s rights include but are not limited to:

- (1) the right to establish divine law: When religious men and women add to or take away from God’s divine laws, they challenge God’s right to make those laws.
- (2) the right to control religious life: The Apostle Paul revealed, “And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). What part of “whatsoever” does man fail to understand?
- (3) the right to control man’s moral life: The Apostle Paul put it this way, “Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- (4) the right to determine the Plan of Salvation: There are many “plans of salvation” being taught in the world today, only “one” is from God: there is, “one body, and one Spirit, even as ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).
- (5) the right to determine the time of judgment: God, “commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent; inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31). Ret