

Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel... But, his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So, Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. ...

Nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the Lord. So, the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king."  
*1 Samuel 8: 1-21*

It was permitted that the two offices [of priests and kings] should be separated, and that the Lord as to Divine truth should be represented by kings, and as to Divine good by priests. This was done at the will of the people, and not of the Lord's good pleasure... The reason why these two offices were not to be separated, was that the Divine truth separated from the Divine good condemns everyone; whereas the Divine truth united to the Divine goodness saves. For from the Divine truth man is condemned to hell, but by the Divine goodness he is taken out therefrom, and is elevated into heaven. Salvation is of compassion, thus from the Divine goodness; but damnation is when man refuses compassion, and thus rejects from himself the Divine goodness; wherefore he is left to judgment from truth.  
*Secrets of Heaven 1648.5-6*

"Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. The Lord of hosts, Him you shall hallow; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread."  
*Isaiah 8:12-13*

Monarchs who regard the laws as higher than themselves ascribe the royal governing to the law, and allow the law to rule over themselves. They know that the law is justice and all justice that is truly just is divine. Monarchs who see themselves as above the law, though, ascribe the royal governing to themselves. They believe either that they themselves are the law or that the law that is justice comes from them. So they claim for themselves something that is divine, when they should be subject to it.  
*New Jerusalem 322*

The Lord governs all things, even the most specific, through the truth that goes forth from Himself, not in the way a king governs in the world, but in the way God does so in heaven and over all creation. A king in the world takes only overall care of a country, while his chief ministers and officials take care of matters in particular. It is otherwise with God. God sees all things, knows all things from eternity, provides all things into eternity, and from Himself maintains all things in their order; from which it is clear that the Lord takes not only overall care but also particular and individual care of all things, unlike a king in the world.  
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## Asking for a King

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**Please join us on Zoom at 11:30am for a discussion.**

#### Help is always appreciated:

We're still figuring out what needs to be done to clean up in this new space. Ask and we'll tell you what you can do.

**Please note:** This service is livestreamed and recorded.

You and your family may be on camera, and your comments will be part of the live stream and recording.

**Musicians:** Shawn Rose, Lori Odhner

**Video:** Gareth Messman

The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.  
*Luke 17:20-21*

The Lord controls people of high rank who are irreligious at heart through their concern for their reputation. He inspires them to do what is good for the commonwealth or the country, for the community or the city in which they live, and also for their own fellow-citizens or neighbors. This is the Lord's government, his divine providence, with people like this. *Divine Providence 250.3*

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."  
*John 18:36*

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. *John 6:14-15*

As there is on earth, in heaven as well there is great power and tremendous wealth. There are governments and governmental responsibilities.... The people who occupy these top positions, though, are selected from among those whose hearts are devoted to the well-being of all.  
*True Christianity 736.4*

"You have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth... Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!... Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"  
*Revelation 5:10,12,13*