

# Romans 13:1-4

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## Submission to State

KSN [ruler, submit / fear, grit, obey]

**Key Texts:** Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Mark 12:17

### The Basic Stance: Submit – v. 1a

- a) Every Person
- b) To Governing Authorities
- c) Submit (subject to)

### 3 Reasons

#### 1) God Put Them There – v. 1b

- a) God Orders some “under” others
  - Ps 8:6 – creatures under men
  - Ps 46:4 – nations under Israel
  - Ps 143:2 – people under David
  - Dan 7:7 – all under Messiah
  - Rom 8:20 – creation under curse
  - 1 Cor 15:28 – Jesus under Father
  - Eph 5-6 – wives, slaves, children
  - Heb 13:17 – church under elders
- b) God Establishes & Rules over Rulers
  - Prov 8:15-16
  - Prov 21:1
  - Daniel 4:17,25,32
  - Jeremiah 27:5-6
  - John 19:11

#### 2) Resistance Brings Vengeance – v. 2

- a) Resistance (3x)
- b) Vengeance
  - By God
  - By Rulers

#### 3) Rulers are God’s Servants – v. 3-4

- a) To Approve “Good”
- b) To Avenge “Evil”

### Praxis

1. What are some things our local government is doing for which you are thankful? Our national government?
2. What are government decrees that you struggle to obey? Why?
3. How does seeing the State as a “servant of God” change your perspective?
4. How is an American citizen’s submission different / same as a wife’s? a child’s?
5. Thought Question: How does submission look different under a monarch than under a republic form of government?