

GO ENGAGE
Part 3: Border Wall?
August 19, 2018

“...we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior.”
Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

IMMIGRATION IN GOD’S WORD

I. THE BIBLE IS A STORY OF IMMIGRATION

A. GOD’S _____ TO HUMANKIND

“So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth...’”
Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

“So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and He sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.”
Genesis 3:23 (NLT)

“You have banished me from the land and from Your presence; You have made me a homeless wanderer...”
Genesis 4:14 (NLT)

“Then God blessed Noah and his sons and told them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth.’”
Genesis 9:1 (NLT)

“The sons of Noah who came out of the boat with their father were Shem, Ham, and Japheth...From these three sons of Noah came all the people who now populate the earth.”
Genesis 9:18-19 (NLT)

“That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way He scattered them all over the world.”
Genesis 11:8-9 (NLT)

“From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.”
Acts 17:26 (NIV)

B. IMPORTANT BIBLE _____

“The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.’”
Genesis 12:1 (NLT)

“Then the LORD told him (Moses), ‘I have certainly seen the oppression of My people in Egypt ... So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live.’”
Exodus 3:7-8 (NLT)

“... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. ‘Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and His mother,’ the angel said. ‘Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill Him.’”
Matthew 2:13 (NLT)

“Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas ... and Saul ... the Holy Spirit said, ‘Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.’ So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.”
Acts 13:1-3 (NLT)

C. CHRIST'S _____ TO HIS FOLLOWERS

"... you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8 (NIV)

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'
Mark 16:15 (NIV)

D. THE _____ OF _____

"Dear friends, I warn you as 'temporary residents and foreigners' to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls."
1 Peter 2:11 (NLT)

II. AMERICA IS A STORY OF IMMIGRATION

A. _____ AMERICANS?

B. ARRIVAL OF THE _____

"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten... having undertaken for the Glory of God, and the Advancement of the Christian faith... a voyage to plant the first Colony..."
Mayflower Compact, November 11, 1620

C. STATUE OF LIBERTY

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."
"The New Colossus" written by Emma Lazarus

III. THREE GOD-ORDAINED INSTITUTIONS

A. THE _____

- Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

B. THE _____

- Romans 12:1 - 21

C. THE _____

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience."

Romans 13:1-5 (NIV)

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by Him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.” I Peter 2:13-14 (NIV)

- **These three God-Ordained societal institutions have**

_____.

The role of the State is to _____

_____ **by:**

1. _____ **wrong behavior**
2. _____ **right behavior**

“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.” Leviticus 19_33-34 (NIV)

“Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.” Deuteronomy 27:19 (NIV)

“Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God ...” Deuteronomy 31-12-13 (NIV)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- To check my attitude toward immigrants. Do I have a Leviticus 19:33-34 attitude?
- To pray for our elected leaders to wisely address the immigration issue.
 - I Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)
- To discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.