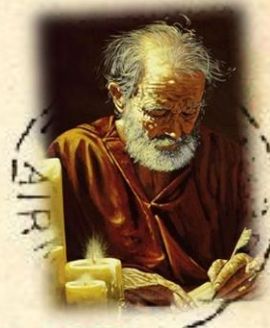


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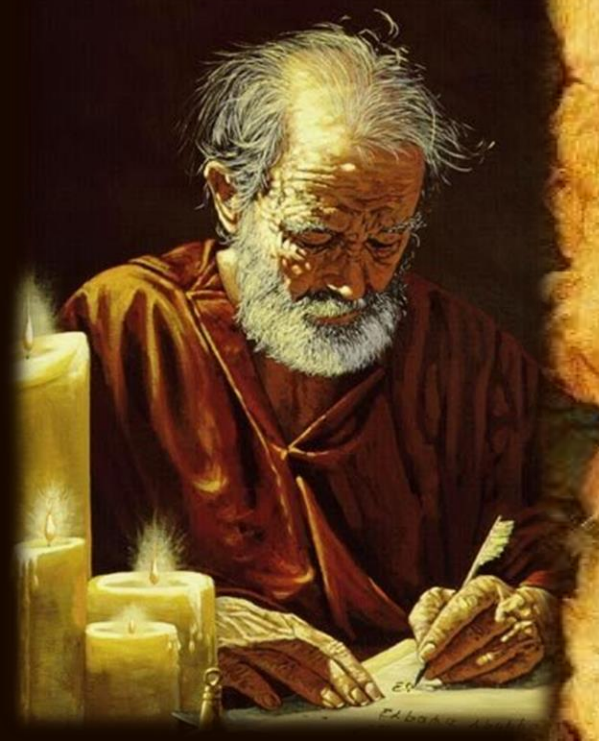


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- Minor sections close "through Jesus Christ our Lord" **5:21, 6:23, 7:25, 8:39**
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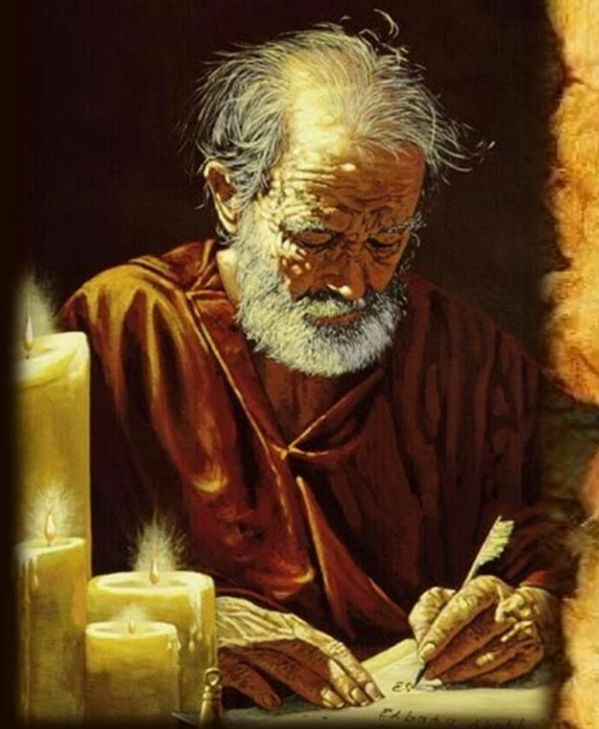
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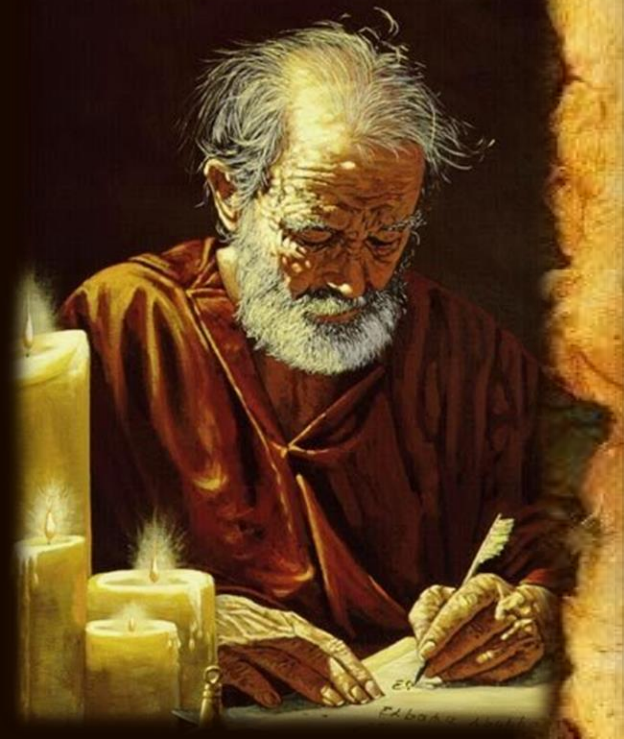
The King

Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

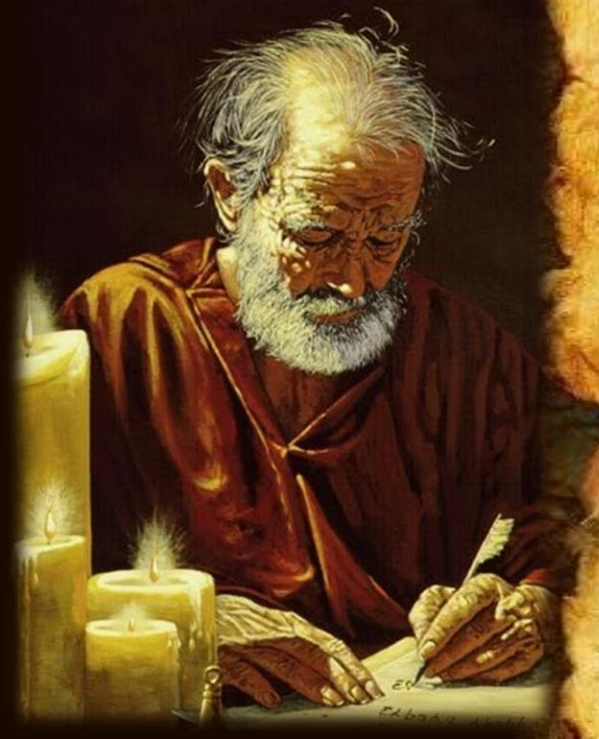
Deut 17:15

Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

Jn 19:15



The Divine Right



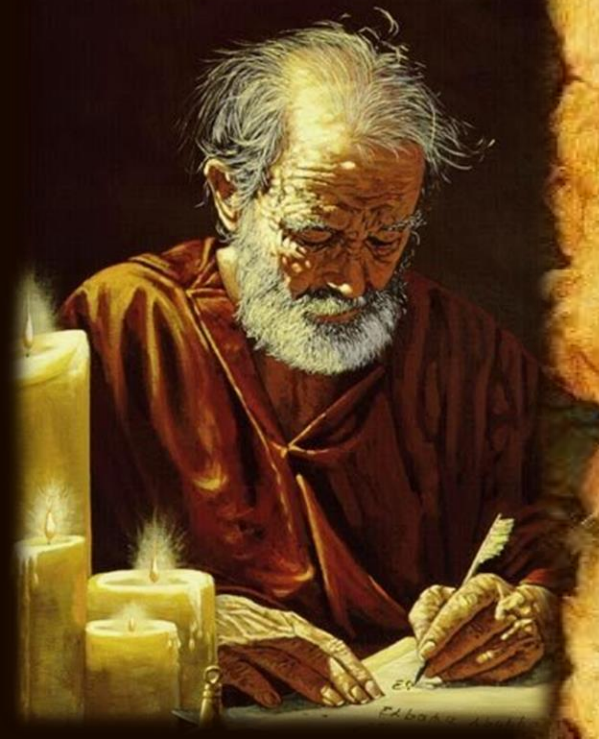
The Divine Right of Kings James I (1566-1625)

A political doctrine in defence of monarchical absolutism, which asserted that kings derived their authority from God (and not the people) and could not therefore be held accountable for their actions by any earthly authority such as a parliament.

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Conscientious Objection



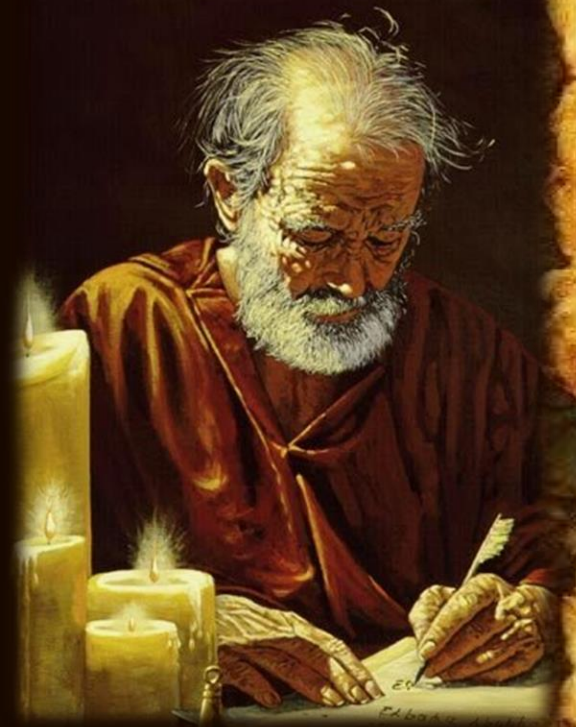
Christadelphians (called Nazarenes) Virginia, 1862

We most cheerfully and heartily recognise the powers that exist in any locality in which we may at any time sojourn, in the capacity of civil magistrates, as God's executors for the time being for we are explicitly commanded to do so; but we are nowhere commanded to obey them as military commanders.

God has given them authority to exact from His own children, tribute, custom, and honour, but He has not given them control over their persons, unless they should forfeit their relationship to Himself, by violating the laws of that state.

Christadelphian Magazine, 1940, p411-414

Duty to Rulers



Civil Obligations

- Be subject to Rulers **13:1, Tit 3:1, 1Pet 2:13-17**
- Be afraid to disobey Rulers **13:3, Prov 24:21**
- Do what's Good **13:4, Tit 3:1**
- Pay Taxes **13:6-7, Mt 22:17-21**
- Honour Rulers **13:7, Ac 23:5, 1Pet 2:17**
- Pray for civil Rulers **1Tim 2:1-2**
- Obey Laws **13:1, Ezra 7:26**
- Do not curse Rulers **Ex 22:28, Ecc 10:20**

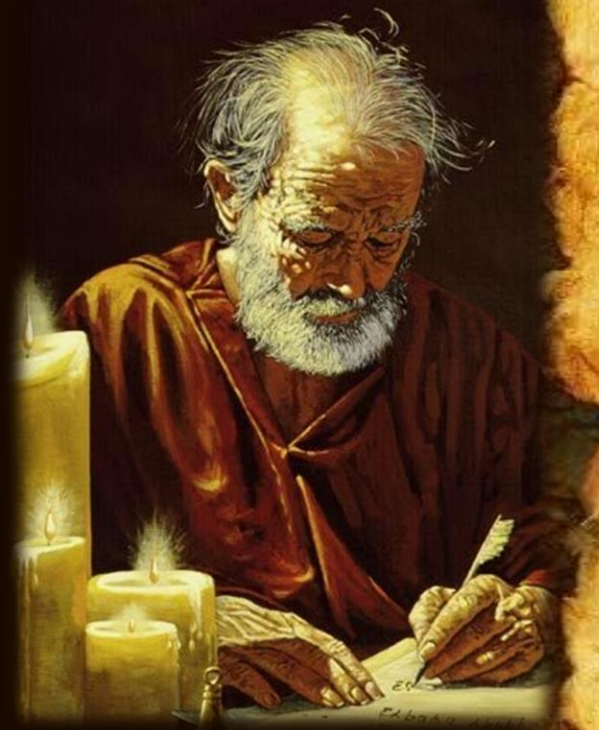
Religious Limitations

- God appoints Rulers **Dan 2:21, 4:11, Jn 19:11**
- We serve both God and Rulers **Mt 22:21**
- In Disagreement, serve God first **Ac 4:19, 5:29**
- We are not Pacifists **Jn 18:36, but Rom 13:9**

Our Allegiance

- In the World, but not of it **Jn 17:16-18**
- We are Pilgrims **Heb 11:13-16, 1Pet 2:11**
- We are Slaves, Owned by God **1Cor 6:20**
- A Different "Nationality" **Eph 2:12, Php 3:20**

Ten Command-ments



Ex 20:3-17

1. No other Gods
2. No Graven Images
3. Not Name in Vain
4. Remember the Sabbath
5. Honour Father Mother
6. Do not Kill
7. Do not Commit Adultery
8. Do not Steal
9. Do not bear False Witness
10. Do not Covet

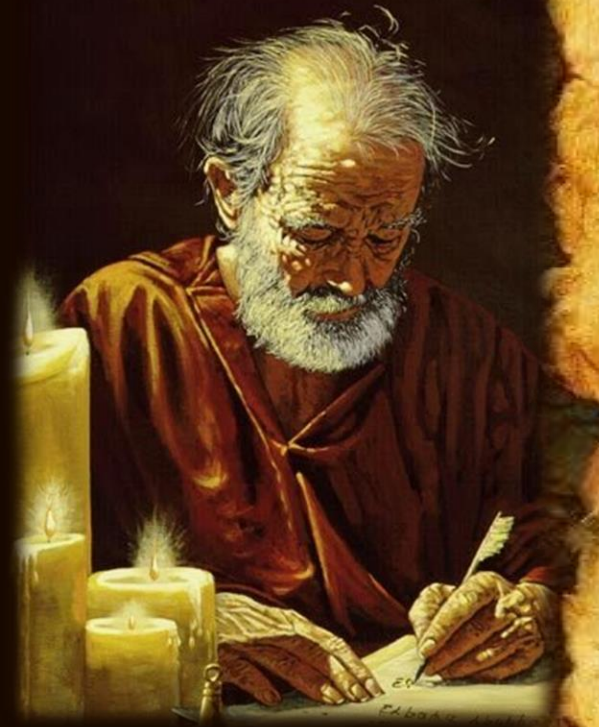
Mt 22:36-40

Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, soul, and mind. **Deut 6:5**

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself
Lev 19:18

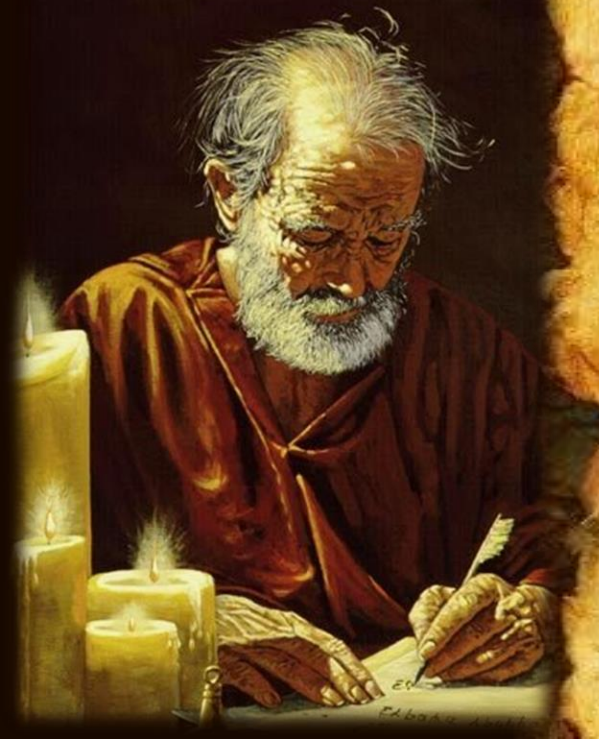
Night and Day

13:11-14



NIGHT	DAY
Knowing the time, it is high time to awake out of sleep v11	Our salvation is nearer than when we believed v11
The night is far spent v12	The day is at hand v12
Cast off the works of darkness v12	Put on the armour of light v12
Not in rioting, drunkenness, chambering, wantonness, strife and envying v13	Walk honestly as in the day v13
Make not provision for the flesh v14	Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ v14

The Day of Opportunity



Living Sacrifices 12v1-2

I beseech thee

Be not conformed to
this world

Be ye transformed by
the renewing of your
mind

Your reasonable
(logical) service

Day & Night 13v11-14

Let us, let us, let us

Put off the works of
darkness
Make not provision for
the flesh

Put on the armour of
light
Put on the Lord Jesus
Christ

Now is our salvation
nearer than when we
believed