We should always demonstrate reverence for God, never taking His name in vain.

God's thought process is not just another thought process. It is the thought process to whom all thought processes should yield.

If you have an opinion, what is the biblical reference for that opinion?

Otherwise it's only human viewpoint.

Every Christian is afforded the opportunity of obeying:

1 Peter 2:16 Be free, but do not use your freedom to cover your evil deeds; live as God's servants.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Romans 12:1 I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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God's gov.. Nations & appointees

Biblical Government Priority

1 Peter 1:2 -4 (ESV)
2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you (Men) in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Our Creator is our Chief Judge

Man has no inherent rights

1 His divine power has given to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and excellence, **3 through which** he has given us his precious and great promises, so **through these** you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

No submission to government:

Submission applies to every sphere of authority:

wives being submissive to their husbands,

children submitting to their parents,

citizens being submissive to their masters,

citizens being submissive to government

all believers being submissive to one another

Just as God's children are to be submissive to the Almighty God's authority, so are we to be submissive to the above mentioned authorities, which are under the teachings of divine governance; we are submission to God's authority.

Alignment to attorney

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Romans 13:1-7 (NIV)
1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities.
For there is **NO** authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Our Rulers are ministers of God

Our Rulers are God's servants

Pay taxes

Give honor to whom honor is due

One Day you should think about where you think the religion government is mandating something and you are being called to obey to make a problem within the family. Try to make a problem within your family? Obey God's authority, not the religion government's authority. Obey God's authority.

Ruling Authorities Are by God's Appointment

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Does that mean that all people are in authority? No, Satan

Satan is the god of this world

God is the supreme knowledge, authority and power; He exercises His perfect righteousness and justice in using a wicked nation and its ruler, who are under the influence of Satan, to execute His ordained purpose into Satan's ultimate demise.

So God is directing history while exercising his authority over the nations and their rulers.

God's discipline

God uses an evil nation to discipline Israel:

JEREMIAH 25:9b, 26 (NIV)
9 I will send for all the peoples of the north—declare the LORD—
and for my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about. I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror, a hiss, and a perpetual desolation.
26 And all the kingdoms of the north, near and far, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world which are upon the face of the earth. And the king of Babylon shall drink after them.

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God who is perfect in all his doings, has a reason for placing ungodly men in positions of authority

America The time of it's arrival and it's boundaries were pre-appointed by God

Acts 17:24-26 (NLT)
24 God made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made by human hands.
25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and everything.

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Mankind was told to be fruitful and multiply and subdue the earth.

subdue
1. to bring under one's control or power; conquer and control an area or country or people

This command was for all people

This includes the American Indians; however they displeased God and were subdued by God. They rebelled against God.

JEREMIAH 18:9b-10 (NIV)
9b ... and build and plant it, 10 if it does what is evil in my sight and does not obey me, I will relent and not bring the good I had intended to do to it.

Who supposes the truth to unrighteousness Romans 1:18 (NIV) 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth.

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1 Samuel 15:3 (NIV)
3 Now go, strike Amalek and destroy everything belonging to them. Do not spare them; kill men and women, children and infants, oxen and sheep, camels and donkeys.

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Ezekiel 9:5 (NIV)
5 Then, as I listened, he ordered the men dressed in linen, with the scribe's inkstand, the command, and the order: "Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who groan and lament over all the abominations being committed in it." **Slay the rest** of the men, women and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.

Judgment of God is not just about those who killed Christ.

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God appointed the divine institutions, for the preservation and propagation of mankind:

1. The divine institution of human responsibility and government
2. Marriage
3. Family

The first three are designed for human security and advancement

To mankind (all)

God delegates the most significant responsibility to mankind under the noahic covenant: to an ordinary man, whose political responsibility is to execute God's wrath upon the wicked.

Genesis 9:6 (NKJV)
6 Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

The duty of governing authorities:

Power belongs to God

No man/institution is ordained by God to be a dictator, tyrant, or despot

Romans 13:1-7 (NIV)
1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those who exist have been established by God. 2 Therefore, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has established, and those who do so will be judged. 3 For rulers are not a terror to those who do what is good, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the authority. 4 For it is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid, for they do not bear the sword in vain. For he is God's minister, an avenger to inflict wrath on those who practice evil. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's ministers, continually devoting themselves to this. 7 Give to all what is owed them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

We are that God is the One who holds the political leaders accountable.

Jeremiah 12:1-2 (NLT)
1 Righteous Lord, I contend with you when I bring this case to court. But I must talk with you about your justice. Why do the wicked prosper? Why do the treacherous live long and get rich?
2 You plant them, and they take root and grow into great trees. You are their fruit in their mouths, but you are far from their hearts.

Jeremiah 18:7-10 (NLT)
7 Sometimes I might announce a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, **pull down and to destroy it.**
8 If that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster I had in mind for it.
9 Or I might announce a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it.
10 If it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

Daniel 4:25 (NKJV)
25 They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you to eat grass like oxen; and they shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, **till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He pleases.**

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No God is in control of who rules.

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Revelation 19:6 (NKJV)
6 ... Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

Revelation 19:16 (NKJV)
16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 17:14 (NKJV)
14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:11-16 (NKJV)
11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse. And He who sitting on it was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except himself.
13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.
15 Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. "He will rule them with a rod of iron." He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:19-21 (NKJV)
19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sits on the horse and against His army.
20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who performed signs in his presence, by which he had deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who had worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
21 And the rest were killed by the sword of Him who sits on the horse, which proceeds from His mouth, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20:1-3 (NKJV)
1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,
3 and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal on him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Revelation 20:4 (NKJV)
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast nor his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:6 (NKJV)
6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. On such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11-15 (NKJV)
11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sitting on it, from whose face earth and heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them.
12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by what was written in the books.
13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each according to their works.
14 Then death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And whoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:1-4 (NKJV)
1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had fled away, and there was no more sea.
2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.
4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There will be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:5-8 (NKJV)
5 Then He who sitting on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."
6 And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to the thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely.
7 He who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.
8 But the fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexual immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 21:9-27 (NKJV)
9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.
12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel:
13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.
14 Also the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 And he who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
16 The city lies four-square, and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.
17 Then he measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
18 The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,
20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprasus, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass.
22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
23 The city had no need of the sun or moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb was its light.
24 And the nations of those who are saved will walk in its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
25 Its gates will not be closed at all by day (there will be no night there).
26 And they will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.
27 But there will not enter into it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination, or makes a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:1-5 (NKJV)
1 Then he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2 in the middle of its street. And there was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, and yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
3 There will be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will serve Him.
4 They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.
5 There will be no night there; they will not need the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.