

Fellowship Baptist Church
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Sermon Outline for Sunday, October 11, 2020

Grown-Ups In The Room Pt.19: “God’s Unnatural Natural Law.”

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Daniel 6*

New Covenant: *1Peter 3:13-18*

II Doctrine: According to natural law people should only be prosecuted by government for evil deeds. A legitimate government should not prosecute citizens for righteous acts. Most cultures acknowledge some aspects of God’s moral law, especially with regard to murder, theft, and adultery. The problem for a Christian is we must let our faith show even when we are unjustly persecuted. Our Lord expects us to be gracious under unjust harassment by the authorities, and give witness! This is counter intuitive in the world we live in and unnatural. Christians need to develop this trait of being virtuous during persecution. We must give an honest and cogent testimony of how our faith enables us to do this. We should be ashamed when we suffer for evil deeds. Yet we should be bold and glad when we suffer for righteousness sake, because we are emulating our Lord.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

1) According to natural law people should only be prosecuted by government for evil deeds. A legitimate government should not prosecute citizens for righteous acts. Most cultures acknowledge some aspects of God’s moral law, especially with regard to murder, theft, and adultery. The problem for a Christian is we must let our faith show even when we are unjustly persecuted. (*1Peter 3:14,15; Daniel 6:1-13*)

2) Our Lord expects us to be gracious under unjust harassment by the authorities, and give witness! This is counter intuitive in the world we live in and unnatural. Christians need to develop this trait of being virtuous during persecution. We must give an honest and cogent testimony of how our faith enables us to do this. (*1Peter 3:16,17; Daniel 6:14-23*)

3) Yet we should be bold and glad when we suffer for righteousness sake, because we are emulating our Lord. (*1Peter 3:18; Daniel 6:24-28*)

Definition of *prosecute*

transitive verb

1: *to follow to the end : pursue until finished*

prosecute a war

2: *to engage in: PERFORM*

3a: *to bring legal action against for redress or punishment of a crime or violation of law*

b: *to institute legal proceedings with reference to*

prosecute a claim

Definition of *persecute*

transitive verb

1: *to harass or punish in a manner designed to injure, grieve, or afflict*

specifically: to cause to suffer because of belief