

# **“On Whose Shoulders?”**

## **Christ’s Design For People: Family, Church, and State**

Daniel 5:21-31; 7:13-14 (743); Isaiah 9:6-7 (573)

*God and Government 2*

Between Nov. 8 and Jan. 20, 2017 a feverish presidential team will be preparing their candidate to shoulder the burdens of the Oval Office. We *should pray* this transition will be orderly and timely. But we should also *remind* leaders that Another has already shouldered the world’s governance. He is wise, divine, fatherly, and governing toward peace. His name is Jesus Christ, and He rules by his Word and Spirit. Civil government is dependent, delegated, and limited!

**I. A Christian view of government begins with the Supreme Governor, born in a Bethlehem manger. At his ascension he shouldered all human government, and is \_\_\_\_\_ his government and peace.**

**II. The limited and delegated governments of family, church and state are reflections of Christ’s single holy government. The self-governed individual ought to relate to God, human \_\_\_\_\_, and other people in a holy manner.**

**III. The Sovereign LORD and the hosts of heaven are intent in establishing and upholding the reign of Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

REIGNING CHRIST (Is. 9:6-7)

HUMANITY AND HUMAN INSTITUTIONS

Dependent, Delegated, and Limited Government Authority (Col. 1:16-17; Rom. 13:1-4)