

Qualities of Public and Community Leaders III

“Kingdoms in Conflict”

The Kingdom of God is the community as God images it.

KJV John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom** is not of this world: if **my kingdom** were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is **my kingdom** not from hence.

The scriptures give us many qualities, examples and models of great and wicked leaders. When the Hebrew children left Egypt, Yahweh guided them from being a just a people to becoming a nation. They were to establish a new community, a kingdom in the earth as it is in Heaven.

I

There are **benefits** to Godly leaders.

NLT Proverbs 14:34 Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Righteousness exalts a nation.

Amp Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness [moral and spiritual integrity and virtuous character] exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people.

- Godly leaders lift up a nation for everyone.

II

There are **basic** qualities in great leaders.

David is a great case study of a Godly leader.

KJV Psalm 78:70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: ⁷¹ From following the ewes great with young he brought him **to feed Jacob** his people, and Israel his inheritance. ⁷² So he **fed them according to their integrity of his heart;** and guided them by the **skillfulness of his hands.**

Amp Psalm 78:70 He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹ From tending the ewes with nursing young He brought him **to shepherd Jacob His people**, And Israel His inheritance. ⁷² So David **shepherded** them according to the integrity of his heart; And **guided them** with his skillful hands.

He led with **character** and **competence**.

The land has peace when leaders do right for all the people.

ESV Jeremiah 22:15 Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink **and do justice and righteousness?** Then it was well with him. ¹⁶ **He judged the cause of the poor and needy;** then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD.

- *Didn't it go well when Godly leaders did Godly and just acts?*

III

Bad leadership can lead a nation astray.

2 Kings 21:21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

They did not walk in the way of David such as Amon.

2 Kings 21:22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

There is good leadership.

- Josiah was a good king and leader.

2 Kings 22:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked **in all the way of David his father**, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

Great leaders guide a nation rightly and;

- Godly leaders are a **blessing!**

- Wicked leaders are a curse!
- When a nation goes astray God gives them bad leadership!

Prayer: God give us Godly, just and righteous leaders.