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Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”



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Deuteronomy 17:14-20-<sup>14</sup> “When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,’ <sup>15</sup> you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, *one* from among your <sup>[l]</sup>countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your <sup>[m]</sup>countryman.

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never again return that way.’ <sup>17</sup> He shall not multiply wives for himself, <sup>[n]</sup> or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself. <sup>18</sup> “Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll <sup>[o]</sup> in the presence of the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup> It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, <sup>[p]</sup> by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, <sup>20</sup> that his heart may not be lifted up above his <sup>[q]</sup> countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

1 Sam. 8:4, 10-18-Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah... So Samuel spoke all the words of the LORD to the people who had asked of him a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, “This will be the <sup>[d]</sup> procedure of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place *them* for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup> He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and *some* to <sup>[e]</sup> do his plowing and to



reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves and give *them* to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup> He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and <sup>[f]</sup>use *them* for his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants. <sup>18</sup> Then you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

Prov. 29:2-When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

Hosea 4:1-Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, For the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, Because there is no <sup>[a]</sup>faithfulness or kindness Or knowledge of God in the land.

1 Kings 22:8, 18-The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. *He is* Micaiah son of Imlah... Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”

Heb. 11:37-They were stoned, they were sawn in two, <sup>[a]</sup>they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated.

2 Chron. 36:15-16-The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent *word* to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; <sup>16</sup> but they *continually* mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.

Matt. 23:34-35-Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, <sup>35</sup> so that upon you may fall *the guilt of* all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

“No person except a natural born citizen...shall be eligible to the office of President” (Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 5)

Amos 5:24-But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Gen. 19:4-9-Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people <sup>[a]</sup>from every quarter; <sup>5</sup> and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may <sup>[b]</sup>have relations with them.” <sup>6</sup> But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, <sup>7</sup> and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. <sup>8</sup> Now behold, I have two daughters who have not <sup>[c]</sup>had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them <sup>[d]</sup>whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the <sup>[e]</sup>shelter of my roof.” <sup>9</sup> But they said,

“Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in <sup>[f]</sup>as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against <sup>[g]</sup>Lot and came near to break the door.

2 Tim. 3:17-so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Acts 20:27-For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

Hosea 4:6-My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

1 Cor. 4:2-In this case, moreover, it is required <sup>[a]</sup>of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

Acts 16:35-40-Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, “Release those men.” <sup>36</sup> And the jailer reported these words to Paul, *saying*, “The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” <sup>37</sup> But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us in public without trial, men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out.” <sup>38</sup> The policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. They were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, <sup>39</sup> and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup> They went out of the prison and entered *the house of* Lydia, and when they saw the brethren, they <sup>[a]</sup>encouraged them and departed.

Heb. 13:20-21-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep <sup>[a]</sup>through the blood of the

eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, <sup>21</sup> equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.