

ELDER MICHAUX'S VIEW ON CHURCH AND STATE

MY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with men in authority, such as the President, governors and rulers, is in obedience to the command of God that the people should be taught to honor, respect, and fear them; for the Scriptures declare in Romans 13th chapter, reading from the first to the seventh verse inclusive, that they are ministers of God, divinely directed as well as the minister of the gospel is. The only difference is that one is a minister of law while the other is a minister of grace.

During my ministry under Divine inspiration as the prophets of old, I have allied myself with the rulers of this Nation, whether they were Republican or Democrat, to commend them to the people when they fulfilled according to the scripture that which God had ordained, and to condemn them before the people when they failed the purpose for which God raised them up. For it is God who sets up rulers, and it is God who takes them down.

God will give to the people the man whom they desire, but after he has been given authority and power by the people, if he uses this authority and power to his own glory and for the benefit of a favored few, although God raised him up at the request of the people, he is rejected of the Lord, and no longer will he have the guidance of God; therefore, through the prophet or minister, he is to be condemned before the people. But when one whom God has raised seeks the good of all people over which he has rulership, then he should be commended to the people, and prayed for day and night that God give him judgment and guidance to the end that men may glorify their Creator in the blessings that will be bestowed upon them through the obedience of the ruler to the leadership of God.

God gave to Israel King Saul because they requested a king. He sent Samuel the prophet to anoint Saul king. As long as Saul obeyed God, Samuel, the prophet, commended him to the people. But the day that God commanded Saul to utterly destroy the Amalekites and all their cattle, for they were enemies of Israel, and Saul disobeyed God by sparing King Agag and the best of

his flock, God sent Samuel to condemn Saul before the people and to tell him that God had rejected him because he followed not in the footsteps of the commandments of God.

I heartily indorsed Mr. Hoover during his Administration, and commended him to the people until the day he set fire to the camp of the bonus army and drove out 20,000 hungry American citizens at the point of bayonets. A big gospel tent which was in the camp where they gathered to hear the gospel was also burned to the ground. That day I knew God had rejected Mr. Hoover because the Scriptures declare that he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and He will repay.

I have commended Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the people because I believe that the passage of scripture upon which he laid his hand when he took the oath of office in 1932 has been truly fulfilled by his acts; for he has shown unlimited charity toward the people over which he has had to rule, considering human rights far above property rights in the face of all oppositions thrown up by those who desired to be the favored few. From the beginning he has been true to his word not to let the people down. For this reason God has allowed no man to thwart his power, because there is no power but that which is ordained of God.

At the National Democratic Convention when Mr. John Garner turned on the anointed of the Lord, because he coveted the seat of the Presidency, God sent me by airplane to Chicago to nominate Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt as Vice President of the United States to fill the unexpired term of John Garner whom God rejected because he rose up as Lucifer did to fight against the anointed of God. After the nomination, Mr. Garner, as you know, went to Texas and never returned. But Mrs. Roosevelt took the rein in hand and stumped the country in support of her husband, fulfilling divine order as well as confirming the Words of God—there can be found no help for man other than the woman. The Nation took it as a joke, because the things of God are foolishness to man. But God has His purpose in all things that are done by those who are true to Him.