

## **The God of Law and Order**

### A. Current events - Rampant lawlessness today

1. Rioting, looting, and anti police sentiment.
2. Local leaders passing laws that tie the police hands (Portland city leaders)..
3. Politicians denying that there are riots actually happening - Jerry Nadler's statement.
4. News media reporting that the riots are mostly peaceful protesters.
5. Local leaders calling for elected leaders to de-fund the police departments.
6. People being murdered, women raped, people afraid to come out of their houses, etc.
7. Leaders in real estate are noticing a trend to move away from the cities.
8. EGW statements years ago predicting that people should get out of the cities.

### B. Does the Bible speak about lawlessness? YES!

1. 1 Jn. 3:4 Sin is lawlessness.
2. 1 Cor. 14:33 God is not the author of confusion.
3. The fall of Lucifer (Rev. 12:7-9; Isa. 14:14, 17; Eze. 28:14-15).
4. 1 Jn. 3:5 Jesus came to take away our sins.

### C. How did we get here?

1. We took God out of the creation story and replaced that with evolution (1 Pet. 3:5).
  2. Some countries took God out of their language (or tried to). Chinese government in the 1950's but they missed some obvious references to God with words like "righteous".
3. Take prayer out of schools and teach free thinking and anarchy in our universities.

4. Political and religious leaders picking and choosing what laws they want to obey
  - a. Some political leaders don't want to enforce immigration laws (sanctuary cities) and pass bail reform laws that let criminals back out on the street (i.e. NY city).
  - b. Many religious leaders teach their parishioners to obey most of God's laws and be good citizens but when it comes to the 4<sup>th</sup> commandments they teach that it doesn't matter if it is disregarded. (2 Tim. 4:3-4; Mal. 2:8-9; Eze. 22:26-28; Eze. 13: 8-11; Job 38:22-23; Rev. 16:21).
5. Many religious leaders say you are legalistic if you obey all of God's laws (4<sup>th</sup> commandment) but the Bible says Abraham, which is called the father of the faithful (Gen. 15:5; Heb. 15:5; Heb. 11:17-19; Gen. 22:8; Gal. 3:6-9; 3:29) kept all of God's commandments (Gen. 26:4-5). I wonder if those religious leaders would also call Abraham legalistic?
6. Three times in the book of Revelation it mentions God's people at the end of time and it says they will be keeping God's commandments (Rev. 12:17; 14:12; 22:14). No one that I know believes you are saved by your works, but by faith. That belief in Salvation doesn't stop them from being obedient to all of God's commandments though, like Abraham.
7. Some groups today are advocating that we de-fund all the police departments across the US because some officers make bad decisions. There are many protesters that are continuing to riot and loot does that mean the good citizens that don't choose to participate in this lawlessness are legalistic?

D. Remember that the heaven that God has promised (Jn. 14:1-3; Lk. 24:50-53) has no more affects of sin and lawlessness in it (Isa. 65:17; Rev. 21:4; Isa. 11:6, 9; 1 Cor. 2:9; 2 Pet. 3: 13).