

# Christian Disobedience?

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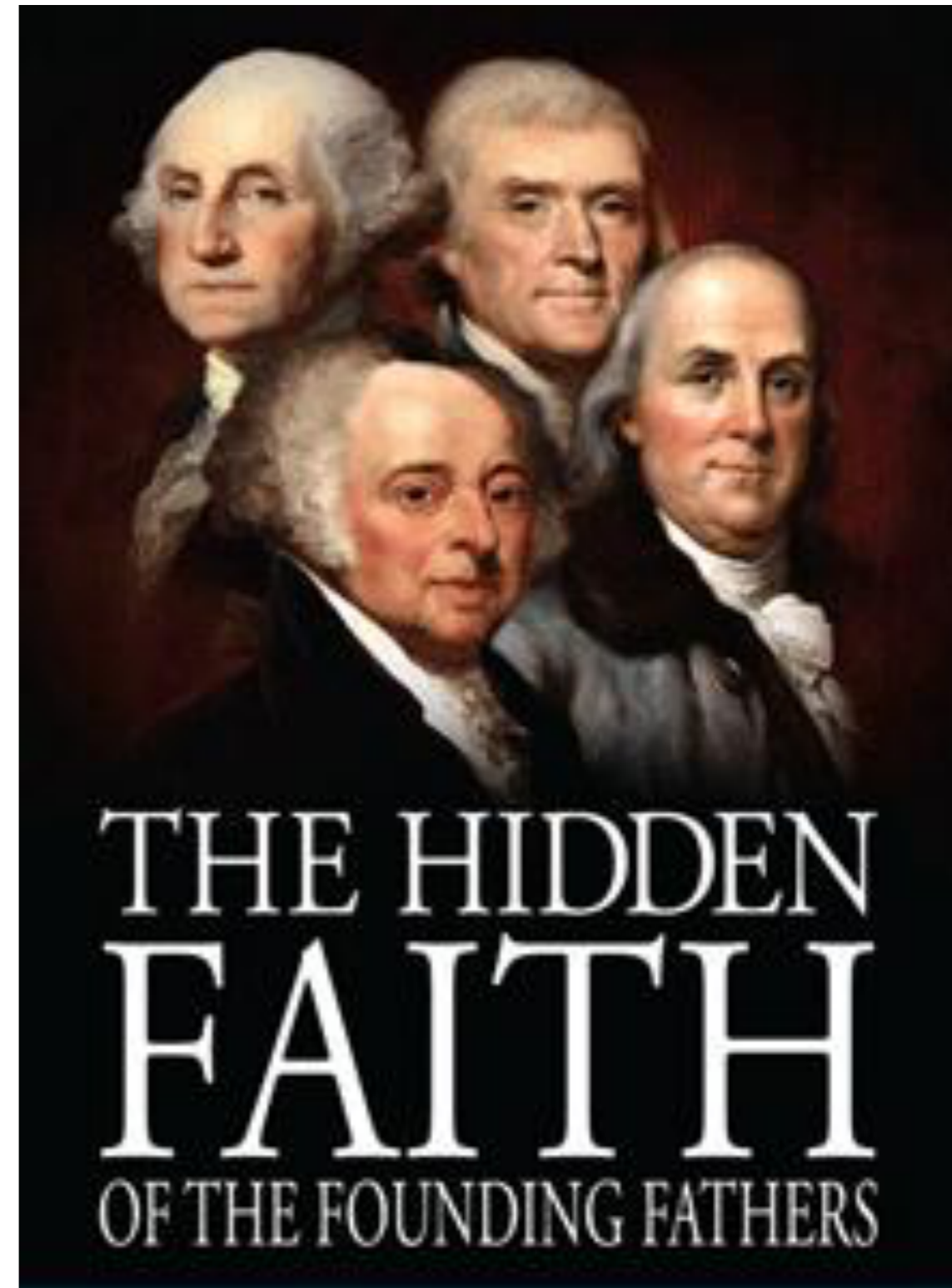
- Matt. 22:16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.
- Matt. 22:17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?
- Matt. 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?
- Matt. 22:19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.
- Matt. 22:20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?
- Matt. 22:21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
- Matt. 22:22 When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.



- We as believers should never consciously compromise our beliefs in Christ. Our beliefs and faith should always remain in the forefront of whatever we do. However, the majority of occupations and avenues of employment in our country has some sort of secular end gain attached to it. Your parent company may support the LGBT but you do not! The company that employs you may endorse the New World Order or New Aged doctrine but you don't have to! The company you work for may indirectly support the very things that are contrary to your faith. Though we may work in these environments, we must not allow anyone or anything to compromise our beliefs. *2Th. 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*



- When we are in the political arena and elected into public offices, we must realize that we are desiring to be a part of a pagan governmental system. Our country was NOT founded on biblical Christianity, but that of freemasonry. Therefore, our government has always been pushing for an idolatrous utopian society that does not honor the God of the Bible. When we enter politics on a national level, we automatically compromise because our federal government is pagan. Sometimes, local governments can maintain a balance of God and politics, but this will be tested eventually. When it is tested, the oaths that were taken must be broken in order to stand up for God and when oaths are broken, we are punished. *James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.*



## 30A.020 Oath of clerk and deputies.

Every clerk and deputy, in addition to the oath prescribed by Section 228 of the Constitution, shall, before entering on the duties of his office, take the following oath in presence of the Circuit Court: "I, ....., do swear that I will well and truly discharge the duties of the office of ..... County Circuit Court clerk, according to the best of my skill and judgment, making the due entries and records of all orders, judgments, decrees, opinions and proceedings of the court, and carefully filing and preserving in my office all books and papers which come to my possession by virtue of my office; and that I will not knowingly or willingly commit any malfeasance of office, and will faithfully execute the duties of my office without favor, affection or partiality, so help me God." The fact that the oath has been administered shall be entered on the record of the Circuit Court.

- There is no biblical example for what is happening in this case. Whenever a martyr is cited in the Bible, they were always either private citizens, or in bondage and working as slaves. There is not an example of a person that suffered persecution for refusing to execute their occupational requirements while still receiving pay for fulfilling their duties. Daniel worked for the Chaldeans and sorcerers in Babylon as a captive or slave. The three Hebrew boys also worked for the government of Babylon as slaves. Many have even compared this situation to Rosa Parks, who broke a racial law by sitting in the wrong seat on a bus because of her tired feet. However, Parks' status was that of a private citizen. Kim Davis is not acting as a private citizen but as a paid political official. Since she was jailed because she broke her sworn oath of office (contempt of court), why are Christians saying she was unjustly incarcerated? *Rom. 13:7 Render to all men their dues. [Pay] taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due.*







- We cannot work for Caesar and disobey Caesar and still expect Caesar's pay. When we are in public office and take an oath to obey those powers that govern us, we cannot decide to disobey and continue to reap the benefits of being obedient. In Kim's case, the money and job are too important. She felt that she didn't have to comply because of her faith but her oath did not encompass her faith! In her oath, she pledged to comply with the orders she was given. *Eccl. 5:5 Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.*

- Gay marriage is not right, neither is pornography, strip clubs, lewd music, lewd movies, drunkenness, divorce, etc. All of these things have been gradually added to today's society as “norms” because of the wickedness of politicians. When the economy gets bad, immoral leaders are always elected to help us get financially stable in exchange for the country’s morality. So it was just a matter of time for gay marriage to be approved. We, as Christians, are not as effective fighting these things in the news or media, but rather we should live against these things and be examples for the public. We fight the redefining of marriage by showing Godly marriages. God's plan has always consisted of believers overcoming evil with good. The problem with Kim Davis is that she is trying to keep her job while failing to comply with the oath she took. She should have allowed her deputy to sign the license or resign given her moral objections. *1Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*





- Ex Post Facto - People are trying to hold to the fact Kim Davis is being punished because she will not conform to something that was once illegal and now has been made legal. They argue that since she entered office when gay marriage wasn't legal, she should not be punished for non-compliance because of the Supreme Court's decision in favor of gay marriage. But Davis is not being punished retroactively for something that was legal at the time she did it, but is rather being held in contempt of court for violating a judge's orders to stop preventing her office from issuing licenses to same-sex couples in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision. Davis is currently breaking the law and that is why she is facing legal troubles. *Rom. 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*





- The media is highlighting this event for a reason. Why would the satanic media desire to keep their cameras on something that could potentially hurt them? It's because they know something that Christians do not. There is a sinister agenda here and all believers that BELIEVE what they see on TV are being duped. The media is about to pick Kim apart and her strict unbiblical denomination. They are about to make Christians look rogue and inconsistent. They are about to "rake [Christianity] through the coals" all while Obama is adding more transgender funding through Obamacare! *Eph. 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*



Most of those that negatively commented on EX Ministries biblical stance support:

- movies with gay couples in them.
- churches with gay musicians and pastors in them.
- gospel music, which the majority of the artists are gay.
- secular musical artists which promote sin and lewdness.
- the public school system that indoctrinates their children with LGBT themed curriculums.
- OBAMA, who is the forerunner in the LGBT's plight.
- TD Jakes, Joel Olsteen, Rick Warren and others that promote Hollywood, lewd as well as LGBT actors and performers, who deny the deity of Jesus Christ as the only way to God, etc.

If you are gonna take a stand, then stand across the board, in your own homes and with your whole heart. We should not rally around a person in the public eye because we feel they are right, but rather we should take a perpetual stand in our personal lives that reflects our beliefs as a private citizen.

*1Th. 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.*





Rom. 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Rom. 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

- Obeying the law of the land essentially means that when we freely place ourselves under governing powers then we do not have the right to refuse the law or mandates of those governing powers.
- Our rights as citizens of our country is to uphold the law. When that law infringes on our right to practice our faith, then we are to break it. But if that law is handed down by our employers, then we have a choice to either comply or forfeit pay.
- Modern day Christians want their cake and to eat it to! We want to stand up for what we believe and we want to secure our finances. Early Christians were killed for what they believed. They didn't serve paid jail time! If Kim Davis really believes that she is being done wrong then she would resign.
- 7 mountain theology suggests that this is a great effort to force government to comply with God's rules in a pagan nation. They believe that this is going to incite believers to stand up and coerce their employers to comply with their beliefs and it will stop same-sex marriage and show God's power. But is that going to be the end result of this? NO, because the Supreme Court has already overturned the power of states to block same-sex couples from marrying. Kim Davis did not get the memo. This fight is not a fight. It's a temporary distraction while the states acclimate to what was handed down. The kingdoms of this world do not presently belong to Christ, but to Satan. Therefore, no mountain shall adhere to God's standards but rather all mountains will be removed for God's glory.

- Pontus Pilate did not feel Jesus was guilty; however, he had to carry out the orders that were given him by the will of the people. He had only 2 choices: crucify Jesus or resign. But obviously, his position was too powerful and coveted by him for him to resign. He could not walk away from the fame and notoriety, or (family heirloom).
- The rich young ruler was so attached to his goods that he denied Jesus' request to give up his wealth and follow Him. He saw his earthly position as more valuable than taking a true stand.
- When we fight to keep our earthly positions and statuses, then we are not truly standing for Christ. A true stand for Christ is walking away from anything and everything that conflicts with our beliefs. It's not just the gay marriage that is against Kim's convictions, but it's the Supreme Court's ruling and the ruling of her Superior Judge that is also against her faith. So, do you deny the couple license because it conflicts with your belief yet remain in an office that has rules and laws that now conflict with your belief? How can you make the distinction between the two?



# Summary

Since I am a pastor of a southern Baptist church please allow me to weigh in on the case of Kim Davis, the lady in Kentucky who refuses to issue a marriage licenses to a same-sex couple.

First: This is not a case of the government forcing anyone to violate their religious belief. She is free to quit her job. If she quits her job to honor God surely God would take care of her.

Second: This is not a case of someone trying to uphold the sanctity of marriage. If she wanted to uphold the sanctity of marriage she should not have been married four different times. If she is worried about her name being affixed to a marriage license that goes against a biblical definition of marriage, she should not have her name on the last three marriage licenses given to her.

Third: This seems to be a case of someone looking to cash in on the religious right. Churches all across the south will throw money at her to come and tell congregations how the evil American government put her in jail because of her faith in Jesus.

This is why we are losing. This is why people have such disdain for evangelicals. Not because we disagree but because we don't take the bible seriously. If ever there was a case of "he who is without sin cast the first stone", this is it. If ever there was a "take the log out of your eye" moment, this is it.

We must stop looking to the government to make America a Christian utopia. Our kingdom is not of this world. We must abandon all thoughts of fixing others and let Jesus fix us. If we want sanctity of marriage then stop cheating, stop having affairs, stop looking at porn, stop getting divorces. That is the way for the church to stand up for the biblical definition of marriage, not by someone martyring their self-righteous self.

-Russell Williams McCormick Road Baptist Church in Apopka, Florida