

“In the News: Presidential Race– Who Do You Choose?”

Romans 13:1-4 & I Peter 2:13-14

One of the most prominent and ongoing news stories of 2007 has been the presidential campaign taking shape in our major political parties. In order to determine who to support, we need to understand the responsibility God has given to government.

Following the flood, God commissioned man to act as His **representative**.

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.” Genesis 9:6

God has given **government** the authority to do this.

“Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. ...for it is a minister of God to you for good.”

Romans 13:1a & 4a

As God’s representative, government’s primary responsibility is to **suppress evil** and to **promote righteousness**.

“...for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.” I Peter 2:14b

Therefore, determining who to support is a matter of determining who will best lead government in carrying out its God-given responsibility.