

WAS THE REVOLUTION BIBLICAL?



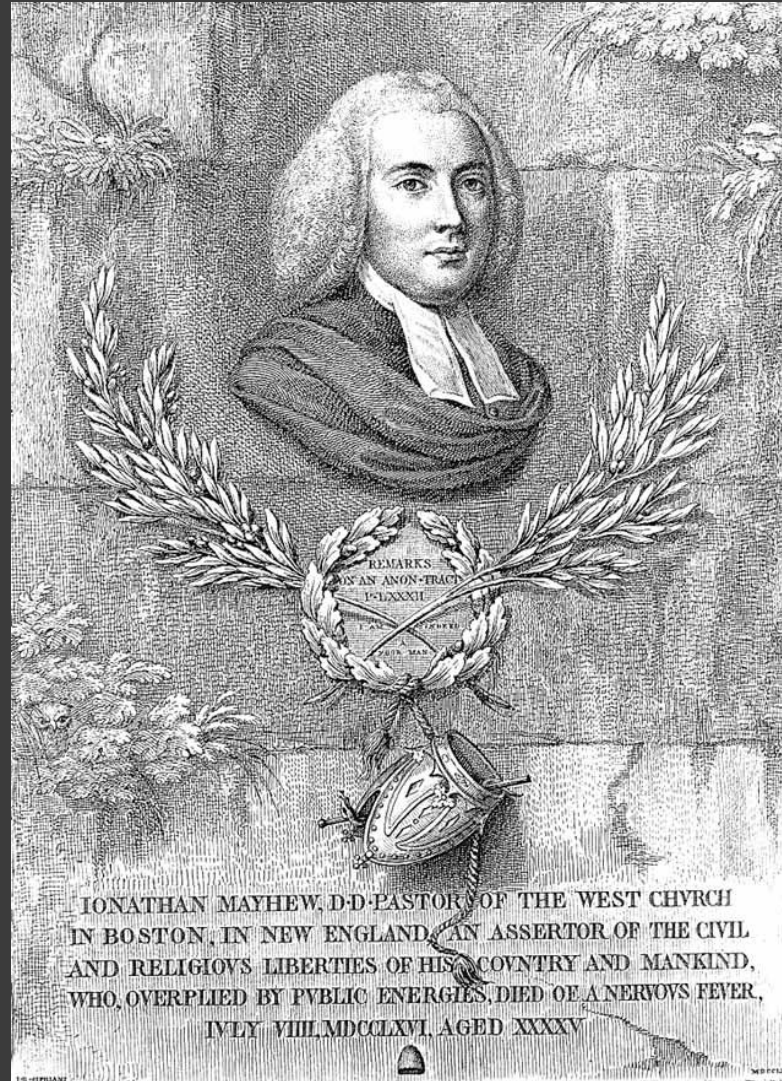
Biblical Basis

Romans 13 (NIV)

1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

Jonathan Mayhew



REMARKS
ON AN ANON-TRACT
IN 1750
BY JONATHAN MAYHEW
D.D. PASTOR OF THE WEST CHURCH
IN BOSTON, IN NEW ENGLAND, AN ASSERTOR OF THE CIVIL
AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES OF HIS COUNTRY AND MANKIND,
WHO, OVERPLIED BY PUBLIC ENERGIES, DIED OF A NERVOUS FEVER,
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Mayhew's Sermon on Romans 13

A
DISCOURSE
CONCERNING
Unlimited Submission
AND
Non-Resistance
TO THE
HIGHER POWERS:

With some REFLECTIONS ON the RESISTANCE made to

King CHARLES I.

AND ON THE

Anniversary of his Death:

In which the MYSTERIOUS Doctrine of that Prince's
Saintship and Martyrdom is UNRIDDED:

The Substance of which was delivered in a SERMON preached
in the West Meeting-House in Boston the LORD'S-DAY after
the 30th Day of January, 1749—50.

Published at the Request of the Hearers.

By JONATHAN MAYHEW, D. D.
Pastor of the West Church in Boston.

*Fear GOD, honour the King. Saint PAUL,
He that ruleth over Men, must be just, ruling in the Fear of GOD.*

Prophet SAMUEL.

Flag: Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God



Religious Factions

From the Monthly Meeting of FRIENDS,

Called by Some

The FREE QUAKERS,

Held by Adjournment at Philadelphia, on the 9th Day of the 7th Month,
1781.

To those of our Brethren who have disowned us.

BRETHREN,

AMONG the very great number of persons whom you have disowned for matters religious and civil, a number have felt a necessity of uniting together for the discharge of those religious duties, which we undoubtedly owe to God and to one another. We have accordingly met and having seriously considered our situation, agreed to establish and endeavour to support, on the ancient and sure foundation, meetings for public worship, and meetings for conducting our religious affairs. And we rejoice in a firm hope, that as we humble ourselves before God, his presence will be found in them, and his blessing descend and rest upon them.

As you have by your proceedings against us separated yourselves from us, and declared that you have no unity with us, you have compelled us, however unwillingly, to become separate from you. And we are free to declare to you and to the world, that we are not desirous of having any mistake which we may happen to make laid to your charge; neither are we willing to have any of your errors brought as galls against us. To avoid these, seeing that you have made the separation, we submit to have a plain line of distinction drawn between us and you. But there are some points which seem to require a comparison of sentiment between you and us, and some kind of decision to be made upon them. The property of that society of which we and you were once joint members, is far from being inconsiderable, and we have done nothing which can afford even a pretension of our having forfeited our right therein.

Whether you have or have not a right to declare to the world your sentiments of the conduct of any individual: Or whether you have or have not a right to sit in judgment over and pass sentence upon your christian brethren differing in sentiment from you, although educated among you, are not questions now to be considered: But you having taken upon you to do those things, it remains only to be enquired, What are the consequences in law and equity of your having so done. Surely you will not pretend that our right is destroyed by those *acts of yours*. But we suggest to your consideration, Whether your conduct has or has not in law, disqualified you to hold any part of that property? A serious and full consideration of this question, and the critical and strikingly singular situation in which you stand, cannot

Anglican Church (Church of England)

- Some churches revised the Common Book of Prayers to omit references to the King and replace them with references to Congress

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Theologian, Pastor, Author

- ◎ Books:

- The Cost of Discipleship
- Ethics
- Life Together

- ◎ Studied in United States in 1930 and 1939

Nazi Germany and the Church

◎ 1933

- German government takes over the protestant church in Germany through rigged elections
- Pope signs agreement with German government

◎ The Confessing Church 1934

- Shut down by German government in 1937