

# Saints in the Marketplace

The Mission of God and the Public  
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# God and the Public Square

- **God created it.** Gen. 1 and 2
  - *Do you see your work as just a necessary evil, or only as a context for evangelism, or as a means of glorifying God by participating in his purpose in creation, as something with intrinsic value?*

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- **God audits it**
- Ps. 33:13-15; Am. 5:12-15; 8:4-7; Jer. 7:9-11;  
1 Sam. 12:1-5
  - *How and when do you submit to ‘God’s audit’ of your daily work? In what ways does accountability to God affect the way you work?*

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- **God governs it – and judges it**
  - Joseph Gen. 50:19-20
  - Isa. 19:1-15; Dan. 4
  - Rev. 18
- *How and where do you discern the governance of God in the marketplace? What does it mean to “seek first the kingdom of God and his justice” from Monday – Saturday?*

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- **God redeems it, for the new creation**
- Isa. 65:17-25; Col. 1:16-20; Rom. 8:19-21; 2  
Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:24-27
  - *In what ways is your daily work transformed by the knowledge that it contributes to the new creation, redeemed by God?*

# Christians in the Public Square

- **We are called to engagement**
  - *Through serving the state*
    - Joseph, Daniel
  - *Through prayer and 'seeking the welfare of the city;*
    - Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; Erastus Acts 19:22, Rom. 16:23
  - *Through ordinary honest daily work*
    - 1 Thess. 4:11-12; 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:6-13

# Christians in the Public Square

- **We are called to distinctiveness**

- *Moral distinctiveness – salt and light*

- Lev. 18:3-5; 19; Ex. 19:4-6 = 1 Pet. 2:9-12

- Matt. 5:13-16; Dan. 6:3; 1 Chron. 29:17; Gen. 18:19; Col. 3:22-23.

- *Worldview distinctiveness*

- We live for the living God, not idols

- We live by a different story

# The Church and the Public Square

- **The prophetic task**
- **The pastoral task**