

SAMPLE SPEECH BEFORE LOCAL CIVIL OFFICIALS

One way to engage in explicitly reformed Christian politics is by speaking before local civil officials, encouraging them to govern according to Biblical principles. Most town councils have public comment sections of their meetings where citizens in the community can voice their views before the council. Here is an illustrative speech that has been given before a town council, and hopefully it will provide you with ideas as to how you may do the same in your community:

“Thank you for willingness to hear the petitions of this local chapter of the Campaign for Community Biblical Governance. It is our desire that this community would heed the message of God’s holy word from Jonah chapter 3:

“...the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. FOR (or BECAUSE) word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered [him] with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused [it] to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands.”

We note here how the king and nobles of the city of Nineveh led the repentance and reformation there, and God showed his commendation of this leadership.

Just as parents in a family must lead the family in accordance with sound Biblical principles, so the civil magistrates in a town. God calls all of us to “kiss the Son”, including and especially civil magistrates, even as we read from Psalm 2: “Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.”

One important initial action the Board could take to kiss the Son would be to pass a resolution to the following effect: “we proclaim and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of the Town of _____, looking to Him as Savior from the transgressions committed by the people of the city, and resolving by God’s grace to follow Him in gratitude in accordance with Biblical principles.” Such a town resolution provides a clear Biblical direction for everything the Board does.

In addition, we would encourage the Board to consider ways wisely and appropriately to interpose for the sake of protecting the citizenry of the Town against unjust mandates of the US federal government, some of the most flagrant of which relate to abortion and sodomy. And we encourage taking steps to uphold the sanctity of the Lord’s Day.

I want to thank the Board for hearing and considering these solicitations.”

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