



Daily Verse and Comment

Proverbs 24:21

(21) My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

King James Version

Obviously, this is a caution against revolution, attempting to overthrow the government. Most rebellions are hugely unsuccessful, stamped out by the government with merciless violence, shown to great effect in *Les Miserables*. The hotheaded university students' revolution against the French state suffers brutal annihilation, their hasty barricades overrun, and all their hopes for just and glorious change dashed.

This warning takes on greater significance due to the mention of God's involvement. If we believe [Romans 13:1-7](#) is true, we also believe that [God](#) is engaged in the governance of nations, working out His purpose through "the lowest of men" ([Daniel 4:17](#); see verses 25, 32; 5:21). Moreover, in the modern [nations of Israel](#), He is even more intimately involved. As Winston Churchill declared, ". . . he must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below." From this vantage point, we can conclude that agitating for change could be fighting against God. He may very well have orchestrated the nation's intolerable conditions to instigate the next phase of His plan.

Among humans, change is inevitable because people are different. No two people can agree completely about anything, it seems, so their solutions to problems will often be diverse. And not all change is bad; things can be changed for the better. Certainly, when people sincerely [repent](#) and turn to God, what great changes occur ([II Corinthians 7:11](#))! Yet, change for the sake of change is dangerous, for who can foresee the effects that change will bring?

The surest course we can take is to throw in our lot with God and cling to Him and His way with all our might. He says in [Malachi 3:6](#), "For I am the LORD, I do not change." Why should He change when His way, His government, is perfect?

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