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**Live Classes**

# **Government, Intelligence and Law Enforcement: A Biblical Perspective**

**Mr. Powell**

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**Syllabus**

**2025-2026**



## Personal Note from Instructor:

Welcome to Government, Intelligence, and Law Enforcement: A Biblical Perspective! I am honored to guide you through this unique exploration of governance, national security, and law enforcement—all through the lens of a biblical worldview. With my background in law enforcement and policy, I am passionate about equipping students to understand these critical fields with wisdom, discernment, and integrity. Together, we will examine the role of government, the ethics of intelligence operations, and the mission of law enforcement while anchoring our discussions in biblical truth. I look forward to an engaging and thought-provoking journey with you!

## Recommended Grade Level:

9th – 12th grade

## Prerequisites:

None

## Live Lecture Date & Time:

Wednesday 12 – 1 pm **Eastern**  
Wednesday 11 am – 12 pm **Central**

Wednesday 10 – 11 am **Mountain**  
Wednesday 9 – 10 am **Pacific**

*NOTE: The instructor does not require attendance of the live lectures but highly recommends students attend as many of the live lectures as possible to take advantage of live Q&A. Lectures are recorded and posted on the course Canvas page under the associated week and module. If you miss a lecture, please watch the recording.*

## Description:

Step into the dynamic world of government, intelligence, and law enforcement through a biblical worldview. This course provides an in-depth look at the critical roles of intelligence operations, law enforcement agencies, and global security, all while examining the ethical responsibilities of those who serve. Students will explore the history and modern practices of espionage, the structure and mission of law enforcement, and the challenges of national and international security.

Through real-world applications, critical thinking, and discussions on ethical leadership, this course equips students with the knowledge to navigate complex governmental and security issues with wisdom and integrity. Whether you're interested in law enforcement, intelligence, or public service, this course will challenge you to think deeply, lead courageously, and uphold justice in a world that needs principled leaders.

Join us on this journey of discovery as we merge historical analysis, modern security challenges, and biblical principles to prepare for a future of informed and ethical leadership!

## Course Topics:

The topics we will explore and evaluate from a biblical worldview include, but are not limited to:

- **Biblical Foundations of Governance** – Understanding the role of government through Scripture and its application in modern systems.
- **Ethical Leadership** – Examining the moral responsibilities of those in positions of authority and influence.
- **Introduction to Espionage: Biblical and Historical Examples** – Exploring intelligence operations from both biblical accounts and historical case studies.
- **Biblical Ethics in Covert Operations** – Addressing the moral complexities of secrecy, deception, and national security from a biblical perspective.
- **Case Studies in Intelligence and Law Enforcement** – Analyzing real-world intelligence operations and law enforcement actions through ethical and strategic lenses.
- **Biblical Perspectives on Justice and Social Order** – Investigating how Scripture defines justice and its implications for governance and law enforcement.
- **Accountability and Integrity in Law Enforcement and Intelligence** – Evaluating the importance of oversight, transparency, and ethical decision-making.

- **Global Security and Threat Analysis through a Biblical Lens** – Understanding modern security challenges, terrorism, and global conflicts with a faith-based perspective.
- **The Role of the Citizen in a Free Society** – Examining civic responsibility, the balance of security and liberty, and the impact of informed participation.
- **The Future of Intelligence and Law Enforcement** – Considering advancements in surveillance, cybersecurity, and law enforcement techniques within a biblical ethical framework.

This course challenges students to think critically about governance, security, and justice, equipping them to engage in these fields with wisdom, integrity, and a commitment to biblical principles.

## Required Class Materials:

**“The Just War: Force and Political Responsibility”** by Paul Ramsey

Additional materials provided by the instructor

## Assignment Structure:

See schedule in Canvas

## Grading:

<b>Class Participation</b>	20%
<b>Attendance</b>	20%
<b>Discussion Posts/Projects</b>	25%
<b>Final Paper</b>	35%
<b>Extra Credit</b>	*

\*Extra credit is provided at the discretion of the instructor.

## Due Dates and Late Policy:

Pay attention to due dates. Assignments not completed by the due date will be marked late. All assignments have a built-in two weeks for completion therefore extensions will not be offered.

## Student Conduct:

### Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is any type of cheating that occurs on any exercise related to this course. It can include plagiarism, fabrication, deception, cheating, bribery, sabotage, professional misconduct, and impersonation. **Any type of cheating will not be tolerated!**

Cheating includes but is not limited to copying homework, falsifying reasons for missing class, copying other students' exams/homework/answers, impersonating a parent, having someone else login to a Canvas/Zoom account to complete material on a student's behalf, or plagiarizing material someone else has written and claiming it as your own.

**Any plagiarism will receive 0 points and the parents will be notified.**

### Class Behavior

**Zoom** is our online classroom. You will use the link provided in the Canvas portal to log on every week. You will enter your **First Name and the Initial of your last name**. Do not use nicknames, if the teacher is unable to recognize the student, said student will be removed from class. The class is being **recorded**.

## Instructor Availability for Questions:

Instructor is available by email Monday – Friday: [mrpowell@apologia.com](mailto:mrpowell@apologia.com)  
Office hours are on Fridays 9a-12p

Additional details on instructor availability are provided during the open house for this course.