

Showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done....That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Psalm 78:4-7

The Mighty Works of God

PILGRIM INSTITUTE is pleased to share a sampling from
The Mighty Works of God Providential History series.

Our American Christian constitutional federal republic is founded upon a Biblical view of God, man and government. Scripture teaches us that God's design is to rule the heart and life of the individual. This is Christian self government. As the individual is controlled internally by God, his words, actions, and the institutions he creates will reflect this Christian principle of self government.

Our Pilgrim forefathers, grounded in this Biblical view, practiced Christian self government in their personal lives, their homes, and their local self-governing churches for decades before God led them to plant the seed of local self government in the New England colony of Plymouth.

Their Biblical view of government (direction, regulation, control and restraint) was practiced in the civil government they established through the Mayflower Compact. The Compact acknowledged the Christian view of civil government — *the flow of power and force in society* (Verna M. Hall, Christian History of the American Revolution,: Consider and Ponder, pg. xxvi)

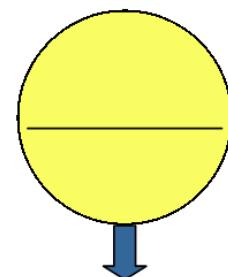
For Reflection and Reasoning

Using the following *Student Activity Page*, express the flow of power you have discussed using words or drawings to illustrate the main points.

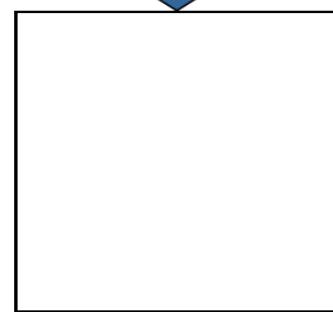
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| What is the source of power for civil government? | Read Matthew 28:18 | All power flows from God. |
| How does the individual receive the power from God? | Read Joshua 1:8 | We receive power through the Word of God. |
| To whom does God give His power? | Read John 1:12 | God gives His power to each person who believes. |
| How does civil government receive power? | | The individual delegates authority to civil government. |
| What does it mean to delegate authority | | |
| When does the student receive authority from another for a task? | | |
| When might the student delegate authority to another individual? | | |
| By what authority could the Pilgrims establish their own civil government? | Read the Mayflower Compact | What words express their idea? |

Civil Government

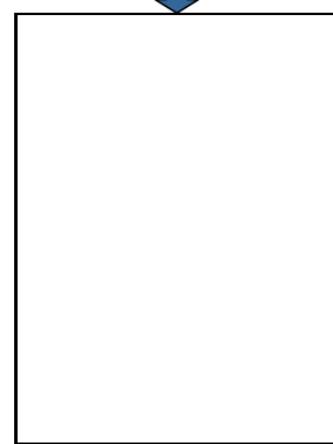
What is the source of all power?



How do we know of God's power?



To whom does God give His power?



How does civil government receive power?

