



Democratic Socialism

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WEEK 3

Deut. 24:19-22
Acts 4:32-35

19 "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 22 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing. (Deuteronomy 24:19-22, NKJV)

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. (Acts 4:32-35, NKJV)

I. What is Democratic Socialism?

1. The political belief that the economy and society should be run or greatly influenced by a democratically elected government (dsausa.org).
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II. The History of Democratic Socialism:

1. It is based off the theory of Socialism by Karl Marx, which was created during the Industrial Revolution (1840s).
2. Socialism was tried and failed in the USSR, China, North Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, Bolivia, and Zimbabwe.

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3. Example #1-

4. Examples #2 & #3 -

III. Was the Early Church Socialist?

- Deuteronomy 24:19-22 & Acts 4:32-35 -

IV. Four Characteristics of a Good Government:

1. (Proverbs 17:23; 18:5; 24:23-25; 31:4-5).

2. (Proverbs 28:16; 29:14; 31:8-9).

3. (Proverbs 25:2; 28:5).

4. (Proverbs 20:8; 24:25; 25:5; 25:26).

V. Take Away:

VI. What Should I Do?

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