

# The Word's Eye View

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## 'States' Rights' (Article 16)

Katie Couric recently conducted an interview with Sarah Palin attempting to bushwhack her with some of the same old worn out questions about abortion, creationism versus evolution, etc. The governor without apology stated her personal views but continued by suggesting that these issues ought to be decided at the state level. I am certain that to some the answer appeared to be a dodge, but in reality this response was a home run that will never find its way to the media's scoreboard.

The liberal segment of our society has been in favor of social experiments dating back at least as far as FDR's New Deal. LBJ announced a Great Society which spawned the eradication of prayer and the Bible from the school house, Roe vs. Wade, sex education, run away welfare programs, gay marriage, affirmative action and rabid environmental policies that cost us all over \$3.00 at the pump.

Ancient Israel was divided into twelve states known as tribes. Each one occupied their own geographical territory, and even though there was a federal government in place every tribe was free to make its own decisions concerning cultural and religious issues. This prototype was instituted by God who is presumably more intelligent than anyone in Washington.

Predictably, there was an eventual division of philosophy with some tribes leaning left and a minority tilting right. The northern states embraced a life style that was borrowed from pagan populations who lived in their vicinities. God took their defection personally when He declared, "And they rejected his (God's) statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them." II Kings 17:15 One of Jehovah's primary objections to their "newfound freedom" was their total disregard for the children whom they sacrificed to heathen gods. I sincerely doubt the Ten Commandments are posted on the walls of any abortion mills. Divine sentence was ultimately announced with the resulting loss of "real liberty" as the left wingers were carried off into Assyrian captivity.

The southern tribes thrived under the leadership of Hezekiah, a godly king who "...did that which was right in the sight of the Lord..." (II Kings 18:3). The narrative continues: "And the Lord was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not." This confederacy endured another 140 years until they too embraced the heathen practices for which God deposited them in Babylonian bondage.

In the name of progressive democratic thinking, I propose a new social experiment. Let us allow the states to determine their own societal mores and then stand back and observe if there is a God in heaven who will honor one over the other. The prophet Elijah stood on the slopes of Mt. Carmel and challenged 450 false prophets of Baal to a similar spiritual duel. The conclusion of the story is

so politically incorrect that I will leave it to the reader to research it on their own. (I Kings 18)

Such a proposal will always be denounced by the left for fear of being proven wrong. In their opinion federalism should always trump states' rights. Dean Koontz has well said. "When social forces press for the rejection of age-old Truth, then those who reject it will seek meaning in their own truth. These truths will rarely be Truth at all; they will be only collections of personal preferences and prejudices."