

Trump Administration Rightly Defends Use of Scripture in Immigration Messaging

The Trump administration has once again found itself in the crosshairs of critics who claim to follow Jesus but seem to cringe when His Word is invoked in the public square. At the heart of the controversy are Bible verses cited by the Department of Homeland Security in a series of videos highlighting the dangers of criminal illegal aliens and the resolve of U.S. border enforcement. Instead of celebrating the use of timeless truth, critics have accused the administration of misusing Scripture.

As Proverbs 28:1 reminds us, “The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion.” This verse, included in one of DHS’s social media clips, could not be more fitting when describing the courage of law enforcement officers tasked with protecting American citizens from those who break the law.

TO EVERY CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIEN IN AMERICA:

Darkness is no longer your ally. You represent an existential threat to the citizens of the United States, and US Border Patrol's Special Operations Group will stop at nothing to hunt you down.

– Homeland Security (@DHSgov) July 28, 2025

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As reported by The Christian Post, the videos, one featuring a

dramatic montage of border officers preparing for a mission and another quoting Isaiah 6:8, were met with pushback from progressive religious leaders who insist the Bible calls only for mercy and compassion.

In the second clip, a voiceover declared the words of Isaiah: "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I. Send me.'" This is a call to courage and service, not a distortion of God's Word.

DHS Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin forcefully defended the messaging, saying the media is more focused on criticizing Bible verses than addressing the stories of American victims killed by illegal immigrants.



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"Every single day Americans are killed by illegal aliens who should have never been in this country. And nearly every single day the media ignore these victims," she said. She highlighted the tragic case of Rachel Morin, a Maryland mother of five who was brutally murdered by a man who had entered the U.S. illegally.

The real scandal here is not that Scripture was used, but that professing Christians would rather rebuke fellow believers than confront lawlessness. When "progressive" voices like Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons call the use of Bible verses "blasphemous" and "moral bankruptcy," they reveal how deeply the infection of apostasy has set in. Scripture is not to be wielded selectively to fit political ideologies, it is the eternal authority by which we measure right and wrong.

Romans 13:1–4 commands believers to submit to governing authorities, for "the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not

bear the sword for no reason.” Law enforcement officers, whether in local communities or at the border, are serving a God-ordained purpose when they act to restrain evil and protect the innocent. To condemn them for leaning on the strength of God’s Word is to oppose what God Himself has established.

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The critics claim compassion should override enforcement, yet true compassion never excuses sin or lawlessness. In fact, Proverbs 21:15 declares, “When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.” The Bible does not glorify chaos; it upholds order, justice and accountability.

In the end, this controversy reflects more about the spiritual climate of our day than about DHS policy. The world, and sadly many within the visible church, want to silence the Word of God in favor of their own misguided ideologies. But Christians must not bow to this pressure. As Paul declared in 2 Timothy 4:2, we are to “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

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No matter how many critics complain or how much the media sneers, God’s Word will not be chained. The Trump administration is right to allow Scripture to guide its vision of justice, and we as Christians will never stop proclaiming truth.

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