

The idea of separation of church from state is an expedient for a government in a world which is an unsanctified world, a world in which the individuals are recognized as having rights as an individual apart from his relationship to God. It is an expedient for the age in which we live. It is an expedient ~~far~~ which would be out of place in a nation in which the people were overwhelmingly following the Lord. Consequently there is much that can be said theoretically about these points for the Roman Catholic attitude. ~~They~~ In any country in which they are in a minority they talk a great deal about power and liberty and the right to express their views, but as they have stated in their official papers in recent times, if they are in the majority it would be absurd for them to give any kind of liberty to that which is contrary to Scripture. That is their claim and there is much to be said for it. Well, that is an interesting question. That's more church history than this, but in so far as it touches on our passage, of course, it is very vital and we are interested in anything which is related to the passage.

Now Isaiah¹⁵ particular attention to the leaders is very important because the leadership of a nation determines the nation except that you cannot get a leadership opposite to what the leadership just before had been and then immediately expect the nation to turn around. It takes time, but the leadership over a period of time determines the nation.

(Question--Mr. Moffett) The stress in ~~verse~~ 58 on leaders is certainly not nearly explicit as it is in 57. The stress is on the carrying out of religious ceremonies and it is true that the nation as a whole is in mind here. I think, however, that perhaps some of the expression would suggest at least the certain attention to the leaders, but it is true that in both of them the population as a whole is responsible and in this there is very little that explicitly singles out these. I don't think it would be right to say 57 is leader and 58 is people as a whole. That might be a partial truth, but there is another ~~contrast~~ contrast that is more pronounced. 57 deals in general with moral attitudes and 58 deals with religious ceremonies specifically.