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- b. He receives regal authority and exercises it by \_\_\_\_\_: He is God’s King, established upon His throne on earth by the supernatural power of “the God of heaven. Ps 2:6 *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. KJV*
- c. All the functions of government are centered in the glorious Person of the Mediatorial King. In Him reside all \_\_\_\_\_ branches of government: judicial; legislative and executive. Isa 33:22 *For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us. KJV*
- d. This will be a huge improvement in the effectiveness and efficiency in the way men \_\_\_\_\_ the effects of government over any purely human effort of governance since the beginning of human history.
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- a. It will be a government based on moral \_\_\_\_\_ In the prophecies four great words are used to convey these principles: truth, holiness, righteousness and justice. Zech 8:3 *Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; KJV Jer 23:5 *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, KJV Ps 97:1-2 The Lord reigneth;... righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.KJV**
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- b. Instead of men regarding government as a necessary \_\_\_\_\_, the beneficent rule of this Kingdom shall be felt in every area of human life. Gone will be the distinction between the sacred and the secular. Zech 14:20-21 *On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. 21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, NIV*
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What is it about the nature and character of government that causes most rational observers to view all three branches (Legislative, Executive, and Judicial) with skepticism and even overt distrust?

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