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COME - I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD.

JOHN 15:19 IF YOU BELONGED TO THE WORLD, IT WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN. AS IT IS, YOU DO NOT BELONG TO THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD. THAT IS WHY THE WORLD HATES YOU.

BELONG = POSSESSION

JESUS HAS CHOSEN US OUT OF THE WORLD.

HE HAS REDEEMED US - PURCHASED US WITH HIS OWN BLOOD

WE BELONG TO HIM.

THIS MORNING I AM GOING TO POSE A QUESTION, WHAT DO WE OWE THAT KINGDOM,
OR HOW GOOD OF A CITIZEN ARE WE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

BEFORE I TALK ABOUT THAT KINGDOM I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS ONE.

HOW GOOD OF A CITIZEN ARE WE OF THE COUNTRY THAT WE LIVE IN TODAY?

A RECENT SURVEY SHOWS THAT ONLY 63% OF THE PEOPLE IN THE STATES COULD NAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. ONLY 11% COULD NAME THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO OR PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA.

IN THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, LESS THAN 35% THE PEOPLE COULD TELL YOU WHAT THEIR CANDIDATES MAIN THREE ISSUES WERE.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IF YOU GAVE THE GENERAL VOTING POPULATION THE TEST FOR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP LESS THAN 10% COULD PASS IT.

YOU MIGHT BE ASKING, WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH ANYTHING. WE LIVE IN A REPUBLIC, MOST PEOPLE WOULD SAY WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY, BUT THAT IS NOT REALLY CORRECT. WE VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE WE WANT TO REPRESENT US, THAT MEANS WE ARE A DEMOCRACY, BUT ONCE ELECTED THAT CAN PRETTY MUCH DO WHAT THEY WANT. THAT MAKES US A REPUBLIC.

SO SHOULD WE NOT WORRY ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO, INSTEAD OF JUST WHAT PARTY, RACE, GENDER OR FAMILY THEY ARE PART OF?

THE GENERAL POPULATION DOES NOT CARE HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS, HOW MANY OF THE RIGHTS OUR FOREFATHERS DIED FOR ARE GIVEN UP. ALL THEY WANT IS FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT, WHETHER THIS PARK, THE TOWN, THE COUNTY, THE STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT JUST TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. ALL MY LIFE I HAVE SEEN THE ATTENTION OF THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE BEING CHANGED FROM LOOKING TO A LOVING GOD TO MEET THEM, TO A FORM OF HUMAN IDOLATRY, CALLED HUMAN GOVERNMENT. THAT DON'T EVEN TAKE THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS.

WHAT HAS ALL THIS GOT TO DO WITH TO DAYS MESSAGE.

JESUS SAYS HE HAS BROUGHT US INTO A NEW KINGDOM, THE KINGDOM OF HIS FATHER.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT IT?

DO WE KNOW HOW IT WORKS?

DO WE EVEN CARE?

MAYBE WE THINK LIKE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, A STORM HIT TWO OURS AGO, THE

QUESTION, WHERE IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT I WANT THEM TO TAKE CARE OF ME. .
SOME THING HAPPENS TO US, WE ASK WHERE IS GOD?

MAYBE IF WE STUDIED BOTH THESE GOVERNMENTS, WE WOULD BE ASKING A DIFFERENT
QUESTION. WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL THIS?

SO LET US LOOK AT JUST THE RAW FACTS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

1. **KINGDOM OF GOD**

A. **THE KING - GOD IS KING**

I. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:28** WHEN HE HAS DONE THIS, THEN THE SON HIMSELF WILL BE MADE
SUBJECT TO HIM WHO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER HIM, SO THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL.

(1) SO NOW WE COULD SAY, "ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO
JESUS CHRIST"

(A) THE NEXT QUESTION, WHAT DID HE DO WITH IT?

B. SEAT OF RULE - IN HAVEN & EARTH

I. **PSALM 103:19** THE LORD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN, AND HIS KINGDOM
RULES OVER ALL.

C. GEOGRAPHY - IN HEAVEN & EARTH

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SUBJECT TO HIM WHO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER HIM, SO THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL.

D. AREA OF RULE - UNLIMITED

I. **REV. 4:11** "YOU ARE WORTHY, OUR LORD AND GOD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR
AND POWER, FOR YOU CREATED ALL THINGS, AND BY YOUR WILL THEY WERE CREATED
AND HAVE THEIR BEING."

(1) AT THIS POINT WE NEED TO START DRAWING SOME LINES BETWEEN THE KINGDOM
OF THIS WORLD, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

(A) TO UNDERSTAND THIS, I LOOK TO THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. ONE NATION,
KINGDOM OF GOD. BUT PART OF THAT NATION DID NOT WANT TO LIVE UNDER
THE RULES OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SO THEY ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN
NATION. THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. THOSE WHO SO IT IS ONE
NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SAID THAT ALL STATES ARE STILL
ONE. THE OTHERS SAID NO, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO OUR OWN WAY.

(I) A WAR FOLLOWED.

E. TYPE OF RULE - MORAL & SPIRITUAL

I. **ROMANS 14:17** FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A MATTER OF EATING AND DRINKING,
BUT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

II. **ROMANS 7:5** FOR WHEN WE WERE CONTROLLED BY THE SINFUL NATURE, THE SINFUL
PASSIONS AROUSED BY THE LAW WERE AT WORK IN OUR BODIES, SO THAT WE BORE FRUIT
FOR DEATH.

III. **ROMANS 8:7** THE SINFUL MIND IS HOSTILE TO GOD. IT DOES NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S LAW,

NOR CAN IT DO SO.

- IV. **1 JOHN 5:3** THIS IS LOVE FOR GOD: TO OBEY HIS COMMANDS. AND HIS COMMANDS ARE NOT BURDENSOME,
- V. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:21** TO THOSE NOT HAVING THE LAW I BECAME LIKE ONE NOT HAVING THE LAW (THOUGH I AM NOT FREE FROM GOD'S LAW BUT AM UNDER CHRIST'S LAW), SO AS TO WIN THOSE NOT HAVING THE LAW.
 - (1) PAUL IS HERE SAYING HE WAS A JEW, TO WIN THE GENTILE HE PUT DOWN SOME OF HIS JEWISH REQUIREMENTS.
 - (A) THE LAW OF JESUS, LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR BEING, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR THE SAME.
- VI. **GALATIANS 5:13-14** YOU, MY BROTHERS, WERE CALLED TO BE FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE SINFUL NATURE; RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. ¹⁴THE ENTIRE LAW IS SUMMED UP IN A SINGLE COMMAND: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
- VII. **ROMANS 13:8** LET NO DEBT REMAIN OUTSTANDING, EXCEPT THE CONTINUING DEBT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR HE WHO LOVES HIS FELLOWMAN HAS FULFILLED THE LAW.
- VIII. **ROMANS 13:10** LOVE DOES NO HARM TO ITS NEIGHBOR. THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW.
- IX. **GALATIANS 3:10** ALL WHO RELY ON OBSERVING THE LAW ARE UNDER A CURSE, FOR IT IS WRITTEN: "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW."
 - (1) THIS WAS SPEAKING OF THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION
- X. **JAMES 2:10** FOR WHOEVER KEEPS THE WHOLE LAW AND YET STUMBLES AT JUST ONE POINT IS GUILTY OF BREAKING ALL OF IT.
 - (1) IF YOU ARE GOING TO REACH GOD BY THE WAY OF THE LAW, YOU CAN NOT FAIL IN ANY POINT.
- F. WHEN - PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE
 - I. **PSALM 90:2** BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BORN OR YOU BROUGHT FORTH THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD.
- G. UNDER WHAT RULE? GOD
 - I. **PSALM 103:19** THE LORD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN, AND HIS KINGDOM RULES OVER ALL.
- H. RULE - NOT GIVEN
 - I. **PSALM 10:16** THE LORD IS KING FOR EVER AND EVER; THE NATIONS WILL PERISH FROM HIS LAND.
- I. FOR WHO? ANGELIC - HEAVENLY BEINGS - SAINTS
 - I. **REVELATIONS 5:11** THEN I LOOKED AND HEARD THE VOICE OF MANY ANGELS, NUMBERING THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS, AND TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND. THEY ENCIRCLED THE THRONE AND THE LIVING CREATURES AND THE ELDERS.
- J. HEAVENLY CAPITOL

- I. **HEBREWS 12:22** BUT YOU HAVE COME TO MOUNT ZION, TO THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD. YOU HAVE COME TO THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF ANGELS IN JOYFUL ASSEMBLY,
2. SO WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS KINGDOM?
 - A. FOLLOW JESUS!
 - I. TO HIS DECIPLES COME - THEY FOLLOWED.
 - (1) TODAY, WE THINK WE HAVE TO GIVE GOD A RESUME, LIKE HE DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS SPEAKING TO.. MUCH LIKE MOSSES BEFORE THE BURNING BUSH.
 - (2) IT IS LIKE THE TWO YEAR OLD SPENDING A DAY WITH GRAND PAW, GRAND PAW SAYS STAY OUT OF THE STREET. 40 YEARS OF WISDOM SPEAKING, THE TWO YEAR OLD SAYS, "WHY"
 - B. IT IS A KINGDOM BASED UPON THE WORD OF GOD.
 - I. WHAT ABOUT THIS WORD.
 - (1) **PSALM 29:1-11** ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, O MIGHTY ONES, ASCRIBE TO THE LORD GLORY AND STRENGTH. ²ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME; WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE SPLENDOR OF HIS HOLINESS. ³THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS OVER THE WATERS; THE GOD OF GLORY THUNDERS, THE LORD THUNDERS OVER THE MIGHTY WATERS. ⁴THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS POWERFUL; THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS MAJESTIC. ⁵THE VOICE OF THE LORD BREAKS THE CEDARS; THE LORD BREAKS IN PIECES THE CEDARS OF LEBANON. ⁶HE MAKES LEBANON SKIP LIKE A CALF,
 - (A) HIS HOLINESS
 - (I) **DEUT. 32:4** HE IS THE ROCK, HIS WORKS ARE PERFECT, AND ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUST. A FAITHFUL GOD WHO DOES NO WRONG, UPRIGHT AND JUST IS HE.
 - (II) **2 SAMUEL 22:31** "AS FOR GOD, HIS WAY IS PERFECT; THE WORD OF THE LORD IS FLAWLESS. HE IS A SHIELD FOR ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.
 - (III) **MATTHEW 5:48** BE PERFECT, THEREFORE, AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT.
 - (IV) **ROMANS 12:2** DO NOT CONFORM ANY LONGER TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS--HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.
 - (V) **JAMES 1:17** EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING SHADOWS.
 - II. IT IS A KINGDOM OF FAITH.
 - (1) WE RECEIVE FROM GOD BY FAITH.
 - (A) GOD IS LIKE A FARMER, HE PLANTS HIS WORD IN OUR HEARTS.
 - (I) THE CHURCH HAS THE WORD, THE NAME AND THE POWER OF GOD TO PRESERVE AND BUILD HIS KINGDOM.

- (B) LET US GO BACK TO THE QUESTION, WHAT DID JESUS DO WITH “ALL POWER ON HEAVEN AND EARTH” WHEN THE FATHER GAVE IT TO HIM.
 - (I) HE GAVE IT TO THE CHURCH.
- (C) TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THIS WE CAN STUDY ABOUT JOSEPH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. PHAROH THE RULER OF THE KNOWN WORLD AT THAT TIME, GAVE ALL POWER TO JOSEPH EXCEPT THE CARING OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.
 - (I) WHAT WAS JOSEPH TO DO WITH THIS POWER.
 - 1) SAVE THE PEOPLE.
 - (II) WHEN DID PHAROH GIVE HIM THIS POWER?
 - 1) WHEN HE SAW THAT JOSEPH KNEW GOD, NOT ABOUT GOD, BUT KNEW GOD.
 - (2) WHAT IS JESUS DOING WITH THE POWER? WAITING TO GIVE IT TO PEOPLE WHO KNOW GOD AND HOW THE KINGDOM WORKS.
- III. MANY TODAY ARE TAUGHT, THEY DON’T NEED THE KNOWLEDGE OR THE POWER. THEY WILL GET IT AUTOMATICALLY WHEN THEY GET TO HEAVEN.
 - (1) WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH IT THERE.
 - (A) THERE WILL BE NO SICKNESS, NO SADNESS, NO DEATH THERE.
 - (I) HERE IS WHERE IT IS NEEDED.
- IV. THE BODY OF CHRIST NEEDS EACH OF US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE. WE NEED TO TAKE OUR PART OR THE FUNCTION THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO IN THE BODY.
 - (1) THE WORD SAYS HE HAS FOR EACH OF US A DIFFERENT GIFT. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE FROM HIM OUR GIFT, THEN THE BODY IS WEAKENED. THE EYE CAN NOT DO THE WORK OF THE MOUTH.
- V. LET US LOOK AGAIN AT THE CIVIL WAR. I HAD FAMILY ON BOTH SIDES. HISTORY TELLS US THAT MOST US CITIZENS FAMILIES CAME TO AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR. BUT IF YOU LIVED THEN, THE SIDE YOU TOOK WAS NOT DETERMINED BY WHERE YOU LIVED OR WHAT YOUR FAMILY BELIEVED UNLESS YOU WERE TO LAZY OR DID NOT THINK YOU HAD THE MENTAL ABILITY TO MAKE UP YOUR OWN MIND. YOU WERE JUST GOING TO DO WHAT YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR GOVERNMENT TOLD YOU TO DO.
- VI. I FEAR THAT IS THE WAY MUCH OF THE CHURCH IS TODAY. THIS IS WHAT GRANDMA BELIEVED COULD HAVE BEEN MY CONFESSION. BUT THE SCRIPTURE SAYS “LET THE MIND OF CHRIST BE IN YOU”, IT SAYS NOTHING OF MY SAINTLY GRAND MOTHER.
- VII. AND IT WILL DO LITTLE GOOD TO SAY, “BROTHER ANDY” SAYS, IT IS ONLY WHEN WE CAN SAY “THUS SAYS THE WORD OF GOD’ AND THEN ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS REVEALED TO US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE WORD OF GOD IS A LIVING THING. IT BRINGS CHANGE.
- VIII. IF THE CHURCH COULD GET AS EXCITED ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND WHERE AND HOW THEY WILL SPEND ETERNITY AS THE WORLD IS ABOUT THE SUPER BOWL, THE WORLD SERIES, THE 8 YEAR OLDS BALL GAME.
 - (1) THEN, THE SCRIPTURE “BE YOU HOLY AS HE IS HOLY” WOULD START TO MEAN

SOMETHING. WOULD YOU WORSHIP A GOD WHO CONDUCTS HIS SELF LIKE YOUR SPOUSE?

- (2) THE SCRIPTURE, "I DIE DAILY, THAT CHRIST MIGHT LIVE" WOULD START TO PRODUCE THE POWER OF GOD IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

IX. THE KINGDOM OF GOD, IT IS A KINGDOM OF LOVE.

- (1) IN THIS KINGDOM WE HAVE HOPE.

- (A) HOPE FOR ETERNAL LIFE, HOPE FOR HEALING, HOPE FOR JOY UNSPEAKABLE, LOVE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING.

- (I) MAYBE YOU WILL BE THE CITIZEN THAT BRINGS THIS NEWS TO THE ONE IN NEED OF IT.

MAY WE BECOME GOOD CITIZENS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

A MEN.