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THE WAKE-UP CALL



“... A Certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them ‘Occupy ‘till I come’. But his citizens hated Him, and sent a message after Him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’” Luke 19:12-14

Jesus used this parable, describing common practice at that time, to illustrate its similarity to the kingdom of God. In their day when a nobleman had, through valor or wisdom, pleased the king, he might have been granted lordship of a province. In the province, the nobleman would represent and exercise the full authority of the crown. Just as Pontius Pilot was effectively the Roman ‘Caesar’ in his area.

Predictably, later it became corrupt. Wealth, politics and bribes were used to influence the decision of the king to grant these kingdoms to its noblemen. Elect means to choose, and even though a king is not elected by the people, the people had a choice to rebel against the ruler and those he appointed or to submit to his rulership. Such is the case many of the citizens of that domain ‘elected’ not to submit to the ruler who, upon his return, would have genuine authority and jurisdiction over the whole region.

Today, we elect members of our government to serve us (ha, ha) in certain posts and positions necessary for the defense and continuance of an

ordered and safe, society. “By the people, for the people.” More often these posts have been used as positions of power from which to dictate and limit our God-given rights. However, a king is not elected or chosen “by the people for the people”. But rather, it was hoped, God himself would anoint and appoint a person ‘for the people’ to rule as he saw fit. A king who fears God understands that he will ultimately answer for his actions, to the highest power, and will hopefully rule accordingly. In the same fashion, those the king appointed would have to answer to the king for their rulership. Those that rebelled against his appointed rulers were treated as if they rebelled against the king himself. A system which worked well like any other, so long as it was free of the corruption of men and women, and the influences of greed, drunkenness and power. Unfortunately, the weak link in all the world’s governments is the corruption of sin inherent in the heart of men and women. Whenever this corruption has been rampant in positions of power over other people, historically, we see the fall of all the



great nations and kingdoms of the earth. Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Britain... all these great empires ruled the entire civilized world at their apex. Every one of them fell to corruption inside long before suffering the typical military blow that ultimately ruined or drastically reduced their empires

The United States is sadly following the same path of greed and corruption that has led to the ruin of every great nation. Our government appointees no longer represent or answer to ‘the people’ who appointed them. Free of punishment, they weave catastrophic webs of greed, influence and ruin for their own personal gain. Without fear of God or any higher authority, man becomes drunken with power and rebellion.

Here we are.

THE RECKONING

"... it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom., then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every many had gained by trading."

When Jesus returns, He will call to account those people who he left in positions of authority: Judgement shall begin FIRST with the church. We say we believe Jesus will return as king. We say we have faith that he went to God the Father, as the nobleman in the parable, to receive the kingdom. We believe , we say, he left us a mission and authority to occupy until he returns to take his rightful position as lord of all mankind.. There will be a day of reckoning when the church must give account for all it's done in light of all it says it believes is true.

This will be unlike the governments we've come to understand in our era. There will be justice. Firstly to the professing rulers of the church and then professing believers then rulers of men and governments, then the people--citizens of the kingdom that will be established by God not voted in by the will and influence of corrupt mankind.

Sadly, most of the world today and much of the church has elected to rebel against Jesus. Nevertheless, God has appointed him the kingdom. 1). For his valor in laying down his life so that anyone who accepts this act

could become an heir and fellow citizen of the kingdom of God. 2). For his wisdom in rejecting all worldly gain and influence and submitting without any corruption entirely to the will of God. 3). For his service in placing the benefit of all mankind above his own safety by telling the truth without consideration of who it may offend. 4). For his sincerity in focusing his entire life;s effort toward accomplishment of the goals and tasks set before him by God to the exclusion of any and all distractions this world could offer. 5). For his accomplishments in perfectly representing God's nature and character, in portraying to all the capability of a life lived in obedience to God, 6). For his commitment in sacrificing his life as payment for all man's sin and short comings, 7). For his consideration in granting to us liberty from all bondage's of mind body and soul, 8). For his love in securing for us eternal place with him in paradise.

Having thus accomplished these great acts, he ascended to God to receive the kingdom and to return again to establish it. I therefore, nominate Jesus Christ as the only candidate who can be unanimously endorsed in clear conscience, who should be elected by all mankind without fear of failure to fulfill his campaign promises.

"... But those mine enemies, which would not I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me."

Of all we have discussed this the sum. Jesus has been anointed king and will return to establish that kingdom. Sadly, the citizens of that

kingdom have rejected Jesus. Choosing instead to retain their personal corruption of heart and mind. We have chosen corrupt government which can be influenced to secure our corrupt lifestyles. Beloved this cannot endure. We must elect Jesus. Not as president or prime minister, but as our God and king. If we accept (elect) him into our hearts and allow him to cleanse us of all sin and corruption, then God calls us his elect. Chosen by God to be a member of his kingdom which is sure to come.

If we reject him, we will be forever separated from him outside of his love and protection. A place in the kingdom of God has been prepared for all people regardless of ethnicity, gender, past sins, or religious or political background. Today the offer still stands:

**JESUS CHRIST
OFFERS FREEDOM FOR
ALL!**