

## **"Church" or Kingdom? Ted Weiland's Key Words to Vital Truths, Part 15**

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Good morning, and as always, friends, thank you for taking your time this morning to join us as we seek the Kingdom and the Will of God for His Creation.

I am going to do something this morning that I've never done. I am going to have a special guest speaker take up most of my time this morning.

Before I do, though, I want to remind you again of who I am, why I'm so different - some may say "strange" others may say "nuts" but I believe the Scriptures would say "peculiar" and to that one - I am indeed humbled and unworthy for such a description. That reminds me of a time we had some people into our home and they were asking my wife and I things concerning the way we live. During the conversation, the lady said, "My, that's peculiar." When she said that, I felt a rush of comfort and assurance come over me as her statement brought to reality the words of 1 Peter 2:9-10

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Peculiar? Yes. "Strange" or "nuts?" I'd say the great majority of people in the world today had better hope so. But I'm telling you today - peculiar - as found in 1 Peter 2 is the correct description - and folks had better listen up and take action.

What makes me so different from other preachers? The answer is perspective. In America, most everyone has a view of the Scriptures. They have a view of quote unquote "God" if you will and a perspective of Jesus / Yeshua. The reality is - there are hundreds and hundreds of belief systems regarding God, Jesus and the Bible and you know it as well as I do - most - if not all - oppose each other in one way or another or in many ways. You know this. I know this. The world knows this. To the world, it's a major problem because they look at all religion and lump it together and say, "You people can't agree on anything, why should I look to you for answers?" And, they are correct. Religion turns more people away from God than it turns people to God - and we all know it. So what makes me different? What makes what I teach different - or set apart from what people in America and the world today see as religion?

I believe I can say to you this morning that not many of you, know preachers that preach against being a citizen of the U.S., preach against being a citizen of the respective states. Preaches against taxing labor, preaches against social security, preaches against having any of the things that citizenships require - ie., licenses, insurances, and all the things required of those who possess citizenships. And why do I preach against those things? I do so because I believe that is the entire message and theme that God has delivered to His Creation and commands that people walk accordingly.

Wouldn't you agree then, that a preacher whose perspective comes from that understanding is going to teach the Word differently than the quote unquote "preacher" who believes that everyone is supposed to bow and submit to worldly quote unquote "governments," wave their respective flags longer, harder and higher than anyone else, sacrifice their sons and daughters for whatever purpose their worldly leaders demand?

Understand this, please, more than anything else you hear from me this morning - I have not now - or EVER - rebelled against the United States quote unquote "government." Ever! Never, not once have I rebelled against that quote unquote "government." I have never, not once, ever, rebelled against the quote unquote "government" of Missouri.

I don't rebel against them any more than I rebel against Russia, or China, or Canada. I am not a United States citizen. I am not a Missouri citizen. I am a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel - so named in the Holy Word of God beginning in the book of Genesis and named in nearly every single book of what we call the Bible. Israel - is Real. It is the name for the people of God whether you believe in a physical group of people or whether as the Baptists teach that a man is spiritually grafted into the tree.

The people of God are called Israel in all 66 books of the Old Covenant and when the New Covenant was being instituted in the writings of the last 27 books of the Old Covenant - the people who claim that Jesus Christ - Yeshua was the Messiah, the Christ - those people are clearly called the "people of God" in I Peter 2, and in 100% total agreement with Peter - Paul calls these people "the commonwealth of Israel" in Ephesians 2. And in Galatians 3:29, he says, "And if - and IF - and IF - ye be Christ's - THEN - are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."

And I'm telling you today, that IF - IF - IF ye be Christ's and IF IF IF ye be Abraham's seed - you are going to be called the Israel of God. You are not going to be named other thing

other and you are not going to let anyone else force you into taking a name that is not yours.

There is NO other name - whereby we must be saved. And that name is Yeshua the Christ and He taught the faith of Abraham and the Scriptures trace the lineage of Christ beginning with Abraham.

I am not rebelling against any manmade quote unquote "government" anywhere - I am simply trying to obey the Word of God and identify as a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel - to which every man, woman, boy and girl should likewise claim citizenship in. You will find no where in the Scriptures - no where - where God commands His Creation to serve and worship anyone or anything other than His Government - His Kingdom - and His Government, His Kingdom has a name - and it is the commonwealth of Israel.

I left what nearly everyone else believes has Scriptural viability - something called "church" - I left it more than 35 years ago. I believe the word should not even be in our English Bibles - let alone an activity that we practice on a weekly basis and something that we train our children to be a part of and support with our time and our money.

I have lived this way almost my entire life. I have preached this for almost my entire ministry. And I doubt you'll find many others out there who are preaching the same thing. What I preach is pretty much the total opposite of what nearly 100% of all other quote unquote "preachers" preach. The reality is this - one side or the other is correct. One side is the voice of God - the other is not. Plain and simple.

I have asked many times - particularly to those in what is commonly called the "Christian Israel" movement - let's open our billfolds and purses and lay the contents out on the table for all to see. Noticeably, let's look for documents of identification. Will there be anything laying on that table that identifies anyone as a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel? Or will those identifying documents prove citizenship with other quote unquote "nations?"

Listen, if you believe that it is perfectly fine to call yourself quote unquote "Israel" then in all practicality - the reality - the truth is - your stake or claim is in citizenship with the world - then friends - I'm telling you today - you better reexamine. Where do you think the apostle James had his citizenship? We need to read what James said - a man who walked with Christ, a man who talked with Christ, a man who knew Christ - face to face - man to man - a claim we cannot make. In James 1:4, he said this - knowing clearly the teachings of Christ:

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

When I was raised in the Baptist quote unquote "church" I was taught the extreme shallowness and idiocy that being a friend of the world meant that you cussed, and smoked, danced and went to movies.

In America, the reality is that not only is the great majority of the population friends with the world - but their lifestyles - their servitude of - their support for - the quote unquote "government" goes way beyond - way beyond - friendship status and has become one of the most intimate commitments that men ever have made to the point where virtually every single aspect of their life is entangled in one way or another with their quote unquote "government."

The leaders of this people have caused them to err (err) - and they that are led of them are destroyed. My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace. For they went astray very far in the ways of error, and held them for gods, which even among the beasts of their enemies were despised, being deceived, as children of no understanding. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

[2] And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

[3] And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

[4] For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

[5] And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

[6] And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

Wake up and see the ensample to be learned from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

[7] And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

[8] (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

[9] The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

[10] But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

[11] Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

[12] But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

[13] And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

[14] Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

[15] Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

[16] But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

[17] These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

[18] For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

[19] While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

[20] For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

[21] For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

[22] But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

This is where we are as a people today. And it is because we have lost our way. We've been lied to on every single subject. Every single thing, economics, politics, science, religion - we've been lied to about every single thing - and we have no rudder - we have no way of correcting the ship because we do not believe that God has a nation, He has a Government, He has Laws, He has a King - and it is our responsibility to live in that Government as citizens of His Kingdom - and bring the rest of the world into the understanding of Who He is and what He expects for His Creation.

Having this perspective - and raising my children with this same perspective and understanding - I'll be the first to admit to you that it has been mainly a lonely existence. It has truly been a voice crying in the wilderness. Until the last several years, I have never encouraged my children to listen to any other preachers. How could I? Do you think I want my children to listen to 501(c)(3) government preachers? I didn't put my children in the daily government schools, why would I put them in the Sunday government school? But Charlie, those preachers aren't all pure evil. I know that. I've never said that. Some of those guys are some of the most sincere, truth seeking people out there. I know that. But because of their perspective, they may be sincere, but ultimately, in the most critical areas of understanding, though they may be sincere - they are sincerely wrong.

Nearly all of them preach futurism in one form or another. I don't care how sincere, how nice, how well dressed, how clean cut, how sweet they talk to people, how much love, care and concern they show - they may be all of those things, but if they teach futurism - then their conclusions on what the Will of God for His Creation is - is going to be wrong - and I'm not going to listen. There is too much at stake.

With all of that said - there is a preacher that I know that is not 501(c)(3). He preaches that the Kingdom of God is now. He knows the difference between "church" and ecclesia. I listen to his preaching. Every single week I listen and encourage my wife and children to listen.

This past week, Ted Weiland came out with a message titled, Key Words to Vital Truths and ironically enough, it is Part 15 in his series. Today, would be part 15 in my series, "Church" or Kingdom. I have a relationship with Ted. I maintain his website for him - but we do not collaborate on what we preach. He preaches what he believes Yahweh lays

on his heart and I preach what I believe Yahweh lays on my heart.

I do not believe it to be any strange coincidence that Ted preached his part 15 message this past week and it is a study on the word "church." As you know, I'm in my 15th week on this subject. Ted is a far gifted speaker than I and I have no problem admitting it. He has the gift to say so much in a very short amount of time. When I heard his part 15 message, I immediately felt led to yield my time on the radio this morning so that you could listen to what he has to say on this subject. It confirms what I've been saying and I want you to hear this from another source.

If you have not been following Ted's series on Key Words, I would strongly encourage you to go to his website at [bibleversusconstitution.org](http://bibleversusconstitution.org) and click the Audio tab to listen. I would strongly encourage you to listen to Part 14 as well.

What I am going to play for you now is not the entirety of Part 15. I would ask you to go back and listen to the whole message. Listen now to Ted Weiland, Key Words to Vital Truths, Part 15, "Church" or Ecclesia?

(If you are reading this text, please go to [www.bibleversusconstitution.org](http://www.bibleversusconstitution.org), click on the Audio page, and located Key Words to Bible Truths, Part 15.)

Thank you, Ted, for the work you have done and for your commitment to the Kingdom of God.

These are not popular messages.

What I preach is not popular. What Ted preaches is not popular. Until we begin to act like the people of God, instead of other people from all diversities and citizenships of the world, not only is the Kingdom of God not going to advance, but it is going to continue to decline.

I have people ask me, "If Christ is King now, why don't we see it?" The answer is simple.

In closing today, I want you to look with me to Luke 17. We will begin in verse 20. Beginning in verse 20, there are several principles that we can gather - and apply them as generational. In other words, while the specific words that Christ spoke here were to a specific people, at a specific place, and at a specific time - there are still principles that apply - from generation to generation. Verse 20 - principle 1.

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

[21] Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Alright, this is the generational principle. Christ was telling the Pharisees - the religious crowd - who - in continuing with the attribute of their rebellious nature - demanded that Christ say that His Kingdom should be seen with a great coronation service. Pomp and circumstance, a mighty display of militarism - such as what the world revels in. But Christ responds to them by saying the Kingdom of God is within.

In other words, My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. My sheep know my Father's Laws and they follow them. That's the Kingdom. That's His Kingdom. The Kingdom of God begins - now follow me - generationally - when a generation of people desire His Kingship and walk accordingly - then the Kingdom thrives. They are the head, not the tail. The people rejoice because righteousness is the authority. When a generation - a nation, time, the people or the period - reject the King and His Kingdom, then the people mourn.

This is what is available for us today. This is where we have failed. This is why we are in the shape we are in today. The religious, Pharisees of today, demanded a coming king, riding on a white horse, killing and avenging all His enemies - and since we don't see that today - then we deny His Kingship and suffer because of it. When the King is in the heart of the people, and then their lives, the way they live, acts accordingly, the Kingdom is seen. That is what occurs in every generation since the first one.

In the first century. In the very beginning of the Kingdom, I believe that the very first revealing of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords was a very substantial event. But this was a one time thing. Look at His Own Words. Verse 22.

[22] And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

[23] And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

[24] For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

[25] But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Notice very specifically verse 25 and the direct reference to that generation. That word "generation" in verse 25 is the exact same Greek word for "generation" found in Matthew 24 - "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till ALL THESE THINGS BE FULFILLED." Same word. Same generation - same nation, time, period. This is a time period. This is the exact same word used in the book of Hebrews to describe the 40 year time period that God caused the Israelites to roam in the wilderness because of their unbelief. This generation is a time period. It is NOT a race of people. If it was a race of people, the Greek word would have been genos - instead of genea.

The eternal, generational principle to be gleaned from Luke 17 is that the Kingdom of God - in all generations after the first one - comes when people embrace the King from the inside out - and determine to implement His Kingdom and His Kingship - exclusive of all others.

I Timothy 6:

That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

[15] Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

If Timothy did not see the appearing of THEIR Lord Jesus Christ - why in the world did Paul admonish him to keep the commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of Christ? It's because Timothy DID see the appearing of His Lord Jesus Christ and at the appearing of His Lord Jesus Christ - this same Jesus Christ WAS REVEALED as the ONLY Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

And this is the great error by which we have been led astray. We have been taught that Paul's admonishment was not for Timothy's day - but was for a future time thousands of years from Timothy's day - and thus - King and the Kingdom were thousands of years from Timothy's day - and if He is not King of kings and Lord of lords today - then who or what is? And it's the who and what is that has been forced down our throats - which the overwhelming majority of people have bowed to - is why the Kingdom of God is not seen today.

We have to stop blaming God. Stop blaming Christ. And start facing up to the reality that He gave us His Word - He told us what we should do in each of our generations - but we have esteemed the treasures of Egypt more than the reproach of Christ. It's our fault. We prefer friendship with the world over a relationship with the King - then we

blame the King for our problems.

Thank God we are now in the "whosoever will world." Thank God we are no longer bound to fulfill the Bible prophecies as they were in the first century. We can make a change. We can turn the world upside down in our generation. We can leave a better foundation for the Kingdom for our children and our grandchildren than what we were handed by our fathers and grandfathers.

But it's not going to be forced on us. That happened one time. The King was revealed at His Second Coming and He took flaming vengeance on those that had rejected Him - all in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. But those days are over. They are not happening again. The Kingdom of God is revealed from generation to generation when men and women, boys and girls - in their respective time periods - bow their knee to the King - acknowledge that He is the Only Potentate and King - claim citizenship only in the commonwealth of Israel - and apply His Father's Laws, Judgements and Perfect Will in their lives and in their communities.