

## Church or Kingdom, Part 9

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Good morning! I'm excited and encouraged this morning after such a great week of responses to the messages related to this series on Church or Kingdom? You know how good it is for me to hear from you - I tell each and everyone of you that contact me. But I want you to know something about your responses. Of course, it's good to hear from people who say, "I'm blessed by your message, I'm blessed by what you teach" but what is truly awesome is when you write and tell me that you are now trying to teach others what the Word is saying. For instance, last week, just a few minutes after the message was over, Marcel wrote to me offering more passages of Scripture related to what the Bible truly teaches regarding "One generation cometh and another passeth away, but the earth abideth forever."

Michael wrote in and had this to say:

*I wish I understood how some scripturally strong believers, like Chuck Baldwin, just don't get it—they just don't see the utter contradiction of their faulty understanding of God's perfect Law—choosing instead to believe that man's corrupt and abominable law was intended to replace it! They actually believe that Christ gave as a gift to humanity lawlessness, and indeed hastened the creation of ever more contradictory commandments of men for all of his saints to mindlessly heed! Because muh Romans 13! That, to me, is complete nuttury! And I thought that even when I did not understand ANY of it as a baby Christian. I didn't have a clue what Romans 13 was all about but I was certain it couldn't mean what they told me it did! How is that lost to so many others?*

*Another thing that got me immediately when I first read it was the passage in Ecclesiastes 1:4. If the "earth abideth forever", then futurism is wrong. Period. They both can't be true. I think I first really understood that when I first read the Parousia whenever that was—15 years or more ago. Indeed, and if the "INCREASE of His Kingdom there shall be no end", it follows that the earth, "as it is in heaven" must never cease to be. Perhaps, even, the earth itself increases as the ice shelves recede farther and farther away into infinity. But, muh Revelations! Say the Baptist preachers...*

And Jeff wrote in with his usual strong encouraging words. My daughter and son-in-law came in for a 2 day visit and we had great conversation around the Word - Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the conclusion of which is King and Kingdom. So it was a really great week particularly following last week's message. Oh, and before I forget, I got a big kick out something last night. Before I fell asleep, I just relaxing a bit and found a movie on

the Internet. It was one of those kinds of movies where a man builds a time machine then goes to the past or the future, whatever. Well, he set his time machine to go to the year 80,700 something. And when he got there, he found some real old artifacts of some things that had been carved into stone. Now remember, the year was 80,700 something AD. One of the artifacts he found was a Bible verse inscribed in stone - and you'll never guess what it was. Ecclesiastes 1:4, "One generation cometh and another passeth away, but the earth abideth forever." How ironic?

On the Kingdom front - we are winning - slowly but surely. We are on our way to changing the minds and hearts of people and awakening them to the present day reality of the King, the Kingdom and the Laws of God that will bring peace, prosperity, and righteousness when people choose to allow them in their communities. I'm encouraged, I hope you are, too.

Now, onto the front lines of the battle. There is great news to report from the battlefield this week, also.

I caught a few minutes of the local news this morning, then I saw it again on some national news that debate is starting up concerning whether or not government public school children should be taught first-aid for gunshot wounds. That is awesome. That is fantastic news. I hope they start it in kindergarten. All those children that are in government schools should absolutely know how to treat gunshot wounds while at school. By the time they are proficient at it, all their fears concerning being shot at school should be alleviated. Then, they can all feel safe while they learn all about LBGTQ from the drag queens that are special guests for their assemblies and library parties and all those nice things they do in the government schools.

The other day my wife and I were coming home and we stopped for the school bus to let off some children and this little boy hopped off the bus in front of his house. This little guy looked like he couldn't have been more than 5 years old. Teresa and I just looked at each other and still just cannot believe that parents do not have any issues with sending their babies off day after day to spend more time with people they don't even know - being taught things most of them have no idea about - and they just think it's perfectly fine to do so. Amazing.

I think I may have told you this story before - and it perfectly relates to this series on Church or Kingdom - but years ago my two sons and I used play basketball with some other men and boys my son's ages and where we played was a quote unquote "church" facility. As soon as the "churchmen" found out that my two sons were homeschooled, we immediately felt pushback. One man actually screamed out, "No way would I ever homeschool my children, that's the dumbest thing I've ever heard of." And of course, the quote unquote "preacher" of this quote unquote "church" heard what his "church

member" had to say and how disparaging this man was to someone who homeschooled their children. And, the "churchman" who made the rude comments regarding homeschooling - was a fairly substantial contributor to the quote unquote "church."

Now think about this for a minute. The man who was known to give money to the quote unquote "church" had publicly, loudly, condemned homeschooling. The quote unquote "preacher" heard it - everyone in the gym heard it.

This quote unquote "preacher" was fairly young at the time. This was his first quote unquote "church" to be the main "pastor" of. This preacher had, at that time, 2 young girls and I believe a baby on the way. The youngest was 5 and was getting ready to go to kindergarten or first grade, I don't remember which. It was probably kindergarten. This is a very small, rural town, filled with "churchians," "republicans" and "conservatives."

Anyway, school was starting and his precious little daughter was going to be sent to the government school. You see, the government school to the quote unquote "churches" is a mission field. When you send your kids there, it's free advertisement for your quote unquote "church." It's your 5 year old's responsibility to win those people to Jesus and bring new people to the quote unquote "church."

So, school started, I believe on a Moonday. And we played basketball the following evening. When we arrived at the gym, the young preacher met me and believe it or not - I am not kidding you - I am not embellishing this story - he met me with almost what seemed to me to be reserved excitement. It was as if on one hand he was playing to me as if he was siding with me and homeschooling - but was reserved because he didn't know how his established financial giver member would react to what he was getting ready to tell me.

The financial guy wasn't there, so this young preacher felt a little more freedom I guess to tell me what had happened to his daughter.

He told me that the first day of school was yesterday and that when his little daughter had arrived at school the next day, a little boy came up to her and told her that he had had a dream the night before and they he had dreamed that the two of them had had sex. This little boy was 5 years old. You and I both know that the little boy probably had no idea what he was talking about. He probably was just saying things he had heard at home or heard on TV.

But I looked at that young preacher, and I said, "Surely you are not sending your precious little daughter back tomorrow." He responded that he had a talk with the teacher and the teacher assured him that his daughter would be safe from then on.

I do not believe that today - God speaks to men with an audible voice. But I absolutely believe that when things happen in our lives, we can and should be able to see the hand of God moving and encouraging us to walk according to His Word, His Way and His perfect Will.

The quote unquote "church" for the most part, has no problem whatsoever sending their children into the government indoctrination centers. Even though virtually every single thing that goes on in those centers screams that God's people should not be involved - for the most part "church" and "churchmen" will not see that their precious little ones should not be exposed to the things taking place in those indoctrination facilities.

When I was very young and in Bible college, among the "professors" in those colleges, it was split as to whether or not when you leave Bible college and go start a quote unquote "church" - whether you should start a quote unquote "christian school" or not. Some were absolutely adamant that you should NOT have a "christian school" some thought it was a good idea - and some were indifferent to it. Never, not once, ever, in the quote unquote "church sponsored Bible colleges" that I attended back in the 80s was homeschooling even mentioned.

When I was working in the quote unquote "church" - that "church" operated what they called, a "christian school." From my perspective, it was not much more than a reformatory. It was filled with children who had been kicked out of the "government school" and because there was money involved, lots and lots of troubled youth attended the quote unquote "christian school." I had made the comment one day, in my own naivety of youth, that if I ever had children, I would homeschool them and put them in neither government school or the "christian school." Little did I know at the time, but that comment would be what eventually saw me booted out of that quote unquote "church."

I know of no other preacher that is preaching for the King and His Kingdom that has placed his children in the government indoctrination centers. I do not know of any other father - who is trying to live in the present day reality of the Kingdom of God who sends his children off to the government indoctrination centers. I know lots and lots and lots of people in the quote unquote "churches" who have no problem whatsoever sending their children to government indoctrination centers. The grade schools and high schools are bad enough - but don't you be fooled - the colleges and universities are 10 times worse.

There is a Law of God, if you will. A principle. An understanding of what the Perfect Will of God for His people is and it is found in Deuteronomy 6:1 and it says this:

[1] Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which Yahweh your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

[2] That thou mightest fear Yahweh thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

[3] Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Yahweh God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

[4] Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God is one LORD:

[5] And thou shalt love Yahweh thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

[6] And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

[7] And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

[8] And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

I have never been able to figure out how I can teach my children the ways of God - all day and all night like this says - if send them off to school 8, 9, 10 hours a day. But that's just me, I guess. That's just my simple ways, my simple understandings. "But Charlie, your kids will be socially backwards." If you mean they won't know a lot of things they shouldn't know and they won't see a lot of things they shouldn't see - then great, I'll take it.

Let's get back to the good news on the battlefield so that all is not doom and gloom. In Republic, Missouri last week, this is a small town just west of Springfield, Missouri classes were filled with people who paid \$40 each for a seminar on how to survive a mass shooting. The sponsors of the event were so pleased with the turnout, they scheduled another one and will even expand the seminar. If that's not good news, I don't know what is. America needs these types of seminars in every city all across America.

Now, hopefully I haven't given you so much good news this morning that you just can't take anymore, there's a new safety program that is being catching fire in the local bars. In the women's bathrooms, on the door stalls, there is a code word and if you are in the bar and think you are getting ready to get attacked - you can just calmly walk up to the bartender and tell him or her the secret code word - and you will instantly be rescued and placed into safe keeping. Now, my wife and I and daughters don't go to bars, so this

won't help us much, but maybe this will spread to restaurants or coffee houses. I wouldn't be at all surprised if the "churches" already have plans like this in place.

It's madness. It's insanity. It's all around us and it's because we refuse to implement the Laws and Judgements of God in society - and the result is madness. In every single aspect or realm of society - madness has set in. Whether it's political, economic, scientific, entertainment, religious, you name it - whatever it is - because the Laws and Judgements of God have been tossed aside - madness has filled the void.

One of our Kingdom warriors uses Facebook to do what he has called, "Planting Seeds." I think it's awesome. I don't have Facebook and I really don't have an opinion one way or another, but it gives warrior Leon a voice, a platform for preaching Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the present day reality of the Kingdom of God. And preach it he is. It's awesome to see what he's doing.

My wife showed me a response that one of his antagonists sent him the other day. And it was something similar to what I've heard a thousand times in my lifetime and that is, "If Jesus is already King and He's not coming back again to rule and reign - and this is the best we can hope for - then no thanks." Or something very similar to that statement.

Please listen to me. It is not God's fault we are in the shape we are in. It is not Jesus' fault, it is not Yeshua's fault we are in the shape we are in. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of David who brought his enemies down and gave great peace and prosperity in that kingdom, the God who saved Daniel from the lion's den, the God Who delivered Ananiah, Hazariah and Mishrael from the burning fiery furnace - the God Who sent His Son to free the enslaved ones - to deliver people from sin, death and the grave - He's STILL THE SAME GOD.

The God Who said

If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

The God Who said

If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

The God Who said

But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

[23] For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

[24] Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

[25] And ye shall serve Yahweh your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

[26] There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

[27] I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

[28] And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

[29] I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

[30] By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

[31] And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

[32] Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

[33] They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

The God Who said

[14] If ye will fear Yahweh, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Yahweh, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following Yahweh your God:

[15] But if ye will not obey the voice of Yahweh, but rebel against the commandment of Yahweh, then shall the hand of Yahweh be against you, as it was against your fathers.

The God Who said

Now, my son, Yahweh be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of Yahweh thy God, as he hath said of thee.

[12] Only Yahweh give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of Yahweh thy God.

[13] Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which Yahweh charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

The God Who said

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

And all the "churchmen" that love to quote that verse of Scripture - but will not continue with verse 15 - need to go back and put verse 14 in their Bibles are pick up with 15. Verse 14 is valueless, it's powerless, it is lost on us until

[15] Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

[16] For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

[17] And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

[18] Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

[19] But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

[20] Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

[21] And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath Yahweh done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

[22] And it shall be answered, Because they forsook Yahweh God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

The same God Who said these things over and over and over again to the people of His creation is the same God that sits in the heavens today. And generations of "churches" and "churchmen" have screamed and railed and cursed at the Laws, Commandments, Judgements and Statutes of God and the people have believed these miserable liars and deceivers who have just like the serpent in the garden of Eden announced that God has given up His exclusive ownership as Lawgiver and has turned that job over to mere men in the belief that men can do a better job than God Himself.

This is what "church" and "churchmen" have given us. This has not now, nor ever has been the message of those preaching that as a result of Jesus, Yeshua, Fulfilling ALL the

prophecies the King was crowned and the Kingdom was established. Those bold men that preach King and Kingdom now - preach that Salvation comes only through being fully immersed into Christ - the anointed One - the King. The King taught obedience to His Father's commandments. The King never taught that His Father abrogated His Laws and His Commandments and His Judgements and that men had power and authority from God to make their own determinations as to what was good and what was evil.

Turn with me please to John 10 and we will begin reading in verse 1. John 10, verse 1. I will give you a few seconds to get there, it is very important that these words are firmly etched into your minds. Verse 1:

[1] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

[2] But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

I will say this again and again and again when I am reminded in the Scripture. What we see today in the quote unquote "churches" not just in America but all over the world, is an evolutionized, convoluted, twisted, perversion called religion that resembles absolutely nothing of that pure and undefiled religion that was once delivered to the saints. What is taught in the 501(c)(3) government "church" is not Bible. And friends, I'm telling you today - whatever belief system you have - I don't care whether it is the smallest, most insignificant teaching found in God's Word - whether milk or meat - if what you believe or even think you believe about God's Word can be traced to something taught in quote unquote "church" - then I would plead with you to search it back out again. Study it again for yourself. Search the Scriptures and make sure that what you believe came through the door and did not climb in some other way.

When I left the organized quote unquote "church" over 35 years ago, I realized that nearly 100% of everything I had been taught there - did not find root or foundation from the Word of God. Verse 3.

[3] To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

[4] And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

[5] And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

[6] This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

[7] Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

[8] All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

[9] I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

[10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

[11] I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

[12] But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

[13] The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

[14] I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

[15] As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

[16] And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

[17] Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

[18] No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

[19] There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

[20] And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

[21] Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

[22] And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

[23] And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

[24] Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

[25] Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

[26] But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

[27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

[28] And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

[29] My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

[30] I and my Father are one.

[31] Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

[32] Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

[33] The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

[34] Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

[35] If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

[36] Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

I want you to look very closely with me to verse 34. The first time I had eyes to see and ears to hear this passage, I was shocked at the response that Christ provided these people in His day.

[33] The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

And then this is the response He gave them?

[34] Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Ye are gods? Jesus says, "Wait just a minute. Is it not written in your law....ye are gods?"

Last week, we talked about the Garden of Eden. I showed you how that from creation, there was a principle put in place by God Himself that says He alone has the power, the authority, the responsibility to define what is Good and what is evil. When men take that power - it is the ultimate form of rebellion to God. We will bring to ourselves damnation when we define Good and evil.

Jesus, Yeshua's response here is a direct reference to the foundation of the world. We sit here today and blame all of our problems on everything except where they should be blamed. From the very foundation of creation - God said - "It is not for men to define Good and evil." Then men rebels. Takes to themselves the power to define good and evil. Rejects the King. And then has the nerve to say - "Well, if this is the best it gets, then I want nothing of it." We have to be the biggest bunch of idiots in the world today.

We have had the written Word of God in our hands for generations. Can't we read? Can't we discern even a little bit? We have the blueprint. We have the owner's manual.

I get a kick out of just about every single man I've ever known. We all do this men. And I'm just as guilty as anyone else. We buy something that requires us to assemble it. We take everything out of the box and away we go. After hours of frustration, our wives say, "Well, what does the instruction manual say?" We're men! We don't read the instruction manual. That's what we do.

We've done the same thing with the Instruction Manual that God gave us. We've followed this concocted, evolutionized manmade institution called "church" and we have allowed other people to tell us what God has wanted to tell each and everyone of us. He wants to speak to each of us - individually - face to face. From His mouth to our hearts. But we'd rather just take off ourselves and then trust someone else to do our study for us, someone else to do our work for us - and then tell us what we are supposed to believe.

I don't trust Walmart to change the oil in my car. I'm certainly not going to trust another man to tell me what God Himself wants to tell me. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying there is no place for the preacher. There is unmistakably a place for the preacher in the Kingdom of God. I listen to a preacher. I love to hear Ted preach. Every chance I get, I listen to him preach. But I am careful to make sure that everything I hear lines up with the Word of God.

We all need to be at a place in our lives where we are teachers of the Word.

Go back again with me to Genesis chapter 2. Let's begin in verse 1. This is the beginning of the book. Sadly, most professing Christians know very little about Genesis chapters 1 and 2. Even to the point where most will say, "What difference does it make?" I'm telling you it makes all the difference in the world. We, the people who claim to have a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe, it is WE should be the authority on Creation. We should be the ones telling the world what God created, when He created it, and the meaning of it all. Instead, we trust the lying, forked tongue logoed NASA to teach our children the origins of something they call the Universe - a word not even found in the Bible.

The world's scientists today have developed a scheme of the origins of creation that are totally opposite of what the Word of God clearly teaches. They gave us something so ridiculously stupid called evolution that most of it find it laughable and not a threat to our children and what they might believe. Evolution is stupid. But when they talk about their dating of the big bang, and the sun being the center of it all, and then they convince people about this other ridiculous theory of something they call gravity - then what happens is they subtly come through the door and place doubt in our children's minds as to the truth and veracity of the Biblical account of Creation. And if they can cause doubt about the Biblical account of Creation - then they can cast doubt on the rest of what God's Word has to say.

The shape of the world DOES matter. Whether the sun moves or the earth moves does matter. Whether light came first, or the sun came first DOES matter. Whether the moon is a reflector or whether it is its own light source DOES matter and if you think those

things don't matter - then you really need to wake up and listen because it is life or death as to why it matters.

And here's why. Genesis 2, verse 1.

[1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

[2] And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

[3] And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

[4] These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens,

[5] And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for Yahweh God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

[6] But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

[7] And Yahweh God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

[8] And Yahweh God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

[9] And out of the ground made Yahweh God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

[10] And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

[11] The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

[12] And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

[13] And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

[14] And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

[15] And Yahweh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

[16] And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

[17] But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

In other words - God said, "I have given you almost everything in Creation that you need - but there's one thing - one thing - you are to stay away from. You are not to eat - you are not to partake of - you are not to involve yourself with - you are to stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The day you eat of that tree - is the day you will die.

Remember please where we left off at before we went to Genesis. We were in John 10 where Christ said to those men, "Is it not written in your law? Wait a minute, you people have become gods?"

Genesis 3, verse 1:

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

[2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

[3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

[4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

[5] For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

This is what the whole battle for mankind is about. This is why the battle for the right to tell people what Creation is about according to the Word of God so that people will believe what God says about Creation. If the Genesis account of Creation is not correct, then none of the Bible can be trusted. If there is doubt concerning Creation, doubt concerning the Bible, then there is doubt concerning even the existence of God Himself.

If there is no God - then man has the ultimate right to define what is good and what is evil - then legislate accordingly. That's what it is all about. It is all about man taking to himself the power to define good and evil, codify it in his lawbooks, then effectively enforce his judgements upon other men. This is the ultimate, this is the highest form of rebellion that man can throw in the face of Almighty God. This is what we are guilty of and we have the audacity to say, "If this is the best is gets, if this is what the Kingship of Christ gives us - then I don't want it."

This is our fault. We are 100% totally to blame. He came. He gave his life. He left the heavens to take on the form of man. He performed His work entirely, perfectly and gave us the blueprint for peace, prosperity and righteousness and we haven't even figured out where we lost it because we refuse to read and understand Genesis 2.

John 10:24 is a quote from Psalms 82. Look with me there and let's see if we can learn even more about the message Christ was preaching.

[1] God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Notice immediately the word congregation. Some of us might have instantly thought, qahal - meaning the ancient theocracy of Israel. Interestingly enough, it isn't qahal, but rather aydawh. And I'm glad for that Hebrew word here because it is broader than qahal. I believe it is a much larger assemblage encompassing a far greater mass than just Israel. It is the Government of Yahweh's entire Creation. Verse 2.

[2] How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

[3] Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

[4] Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

[5] They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Is this where we are today? I'm not saying we are fulfilling prophecy, I'm saying principally, generally, do we find ourselves today in a situation of a lack of knowledge, walking in darkness? Are all the foundations of the earth out of course? Verse 6.

[6] I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

[7] But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Why do they die like men, and fall like one of the princes?

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

We have the same God today as the God Who created the world and all that is in it in Genesis 1. How can we be so stupid to say that from the very foundations of the world God said to mankind, "Stay away from deciding for yourselves what is good and what is evil." Then, we think we are so smart, we decide that God Himself sent His Son to quote "die on the cross" so that He told men that He is doing away with the most fundamental element of creation - the prohibition against defining good and evil - and now says - "I was wrong. I made a mistake. It is perfectly fine now for you to define good and evil and when you do so, instead of dying, you are going to be like gods and live forever in perfect peace and prosperity."

I'm going to pick on Marcel again a little bit. I got a really big kick out of his email to me last week after he heard the message. He said he wanted me to give him Chuck Baldwin's email address. He wanted to have a talk with Chuck about the Laws of God being nailed to the cross. And Marcel, that's great! I hope you sent that email. I told you I was not optimistic about you getting a reply, but I hope you sent that email.

Chuck is totally wrong about his teaching on the Laws of God. But, and I mean this with all my heart, when Chuck started preaching against the Jews in the middle east being God's chosen people, he is definitely heading in the right direction. If any of you contact Chuck, I do hope that you are doing so in genuine Christian love in hopes of winning a brother.

If Chuck's eyes will start to open on the Jews, and if he is talking about the destruction of Jerusalem at AD70, that gives me some hope that God is working on him.

I sent another email to Chuck regarding his usage of the phrase "the end of the world." I'm hoping that he is at the very least reading the emails. Time will tell. Chuck will be here until he dies. He will not be raptured. And neither will anyone else.

In closing today, I want to take you one more passage of Scripture. Turn with me quickly to John 4. We've been here before, but it is necessary to go here again this morning. Beginning in verse 1.

- [1] When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,
- [2] (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)
- [3] He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.
- [4] And he must needs go through Samaria.
- [5] Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- [6] Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
- [7] There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- [8] (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
- [9] Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
- [10] Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
- [11] The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
- [12] Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
- [13] Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- [14] But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;

but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

[15] The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

[16] Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

[17] The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

[18] For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

[19] The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

[20] Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

[21] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

[22] Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

[23] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

[25] The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

[26] Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Did the Messiah come? Next week, I am going to go into some more detail concerning why the modern day jew does not accept Jesus or Yeshua as the Messiah. You really need to hear this. I would encourage you to strongly urge those of you who you may be witnessing to, to listen to this message, Lord willing.

But what I want you most to see from this John 4 passage today is verse 24.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Last week, I had a brother who is still unconvinced that we are in error if we use the word "church" today.

He said to me again, that the English word "church" has kind of evolved from the Scottish words kirk, kirke, kirche - and he is correct - but then he says it also came from the Greek kurios and kuriakon.

If you have not studied this for yourself, I simply can't tell you enough how important it is that you do this. We must worship God in truth. The Greek word kurios means a lord, or the Lord. It does not necessarily have to refer to the One we call The Lord. But

typically, in Scripture, whenever Christ is called Lord, that is the Greek word that is used. Never, not one time, ever, is kurios or kuriakon translated as "church" in our English Bibles, and indeed, it never should be.

The word "church" is not translated from the Greek. It is a Scottish, English word that comes from kirk, kirke, kirche. No where - no place - ever - should the word be in our English Bibles. The one time that it's even remotely close is when the Greek word heironomous - which means temple - is translated as "churches" as in robbers of the temples of Diana.

We are fooling ourselves if we think it's okay for us to add to the Word of God, a word or words that were never intended to be used by us, in our lives, in our understandings of what God wants for His people and for His creation.

We are fooling ourselves if we think that we can make our own creations of terms, of applications, of methods, or what have you, and think that since we claim to be doing these things in the name of God or Jesus or Yeshua - that somehow it makes it right or good or okay. It doesn't.

Jesus, Yeshua, was establishing His Government. His Kingdom over all of God's creation. He was preaching and teaching a return to the Laws of God. Obey Christ as He obeyed His Father's Commandments. Full well ye reject the commands of God, so that you can keep your traditions.

The understanding that God, and God alone has the power and authority to define good and evil - listen to me - is a matter of life and death. If we get this wrong - we die. This is not a matter of "agree to disagree." It's life or death. There are only 2 sides to Romans 13. Obey man's laws or God's Laws. If a man teaches or believes that Romans 13 is about obeying man's laws - if a man teaches or believes otherwise - and he is wrong - the Scriptures are clear - he brings to himself damnation.

If a man teaches or believes that Romans 13 is about God's Laws - and then another man preaches the opposite - whichever one gets is wrong - brings to himself damnation. Who has the power to define good and evil - it's man or it's God. There's one right way and one wrong way.

The modern quote unquote "church" teaches that Romans 13 has given men the power and authority to define good and evil. If they are wrong - and by now you know what I believe - then the results are catastrophic.

The men that I know today that preach King and Kingdom - ALL - without wavering - without hesitation - absolutely believe and teach that Romans 13 is about God's Laws and teaching men and women boys and girls that God has never given anyone or anything the power or authority to define or redefine good and evil.

Church or Kingdom? Which one do you believe is Biblically correct?