

For the Love of God and Country **Excerpt – Part Three**

*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ,
as though God did beseech you by us:
we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. . . .
We then, as workers together with Him,
beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:1*

As citizens of the Kingdom of God, we are invited to lay hold of our rights and privileges of citizenship. We are asked to take on the responsibilities that such a citizenship demands and be active in the furtherance of that kingdom. We are still here on this earth -- in this world -- kept by the power of God to represent the interests of the kingdom as ambassadors. We have an investment here, but our home is in the presence of God; and, the authority that rules over us is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We receive our orders, and our “salary,” from our King – Jesus Christ, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.¹ We have been made kings and priests unto God², called into service for such a time as this.

We have been given the authority to operate in the power of the Holy Spirit. We not only have to take our position seriously, but we must also conduct ourselves in such a way as to bring honor and respect to the household of faith. Our assignments are dictated by our Lord; we represent *His* interests in our “host nation.” We do not make policies, nor do we represent our own interests. We are representing the Kingdom of the Most High God. Even as I think of this I remember a particular passage of scripture about King Solomon’s court.

In 1 Kings 10:4-9, the Queen of Sheba speaks about the “sitting” of King Solomon’s servants, the attendance of his ministers, the cupbearers, and their apparel. She comes to this conclusion, “*Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.*” (Emphasis by author.) Is it possible that we are to be the “servants” that the world sees and comes to the conclusion that we are loved because the Lord God gave us Jesus to sit at His own right hand? Is it possible that the people caught up in the world, Satan’s system, can look at us – the way we walk, the way we talk, the way we dress, the way we attend the house of God, the way we worship – and come to the conclusion that God loves and delights in us because He gave us Jesus? Is it possible that then the people caught up in Satan’s system will want to become citizens of the Kingdom of God themselves? That they will want to join the family of God because of what they see in us and how they see the love of God manifested in our lives? What a testimony of the honor, and to the honor, of our God! Selah! – (Think on that for a while!)

When we pray, we have the privilege of “doing business” in the power of our heavenly citizenship. We represent God’s interests regarding our country by lifting His will up in prayer; and then, the mighty power of God can flow. He can flow through us as instruments of change. How? By moving on us through His Holy Spirit to call “*things that be not as though they were*”.³ That’s how God does things. He uses the power of the Word and faith. We have no power or might in our own hands, but we don’t need it. In fact, our power and might have no effect on the problems that have come upon our nation. The *only* power and might that will make any difference at all can only come from God. The problems confronting our world today are spiritual. Only a spiritual solution will change, or transform, a spiritual circumstance.

¹ Revelations 17:14, 19:16

² Revelations 1:6, 5:10

³ Romans 4:17-18

One of the greatest statements I ever heard my husband declare came early in our ministry. That statement has echoed in my heart and mind ever since. He simply stated this truth: “When temporary circumstances meet the eternal promises of God, the circumstances have to bow.” All we are facing today, in whatever nation you may live in, is temporary. This earth has an expiration date on it. It will not survive in its current state. Just read Revelations 21:1. What is in our future is a new heaven and a new earth. The Apostle Peter spoke of it in 2 Peter 3:13, “*Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*” Our ministry, or job if you want to call it that, is to bring the power of our heavenly kingdom to bear upon our earthly assignment. Jesus gave us an example of powerful prayer when He taught, “*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*”⁴ Only the enemy of God could have darkened our eyes so that we didn’t see this simple truth. We are on this earth to call God’s kingdom come and His will done as though it were. And, we have been given the authority, through the name of our Lord Jesus, and the power, through the Holy Spirit, to make it so. That’s His magnificent gift to the world – Jesus! That’s His magnificent gift to us – Jesus! Jesus – “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”⁵

So, where do we stand? We stand in the position of a son of God who has been made an ambassador for the kingdom of our Father. We are representing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We operate with the assurance of His mighty power backing us up as we pray for our earthly nation. We are on a mission to operate in the power of the Word and faith, calling things that be not as though they were in order that God’s purpose and will are established. We truly have been invited to take part in “Family Business.”

There truly has never been a time like this. Jesus is coming soon and we are blessed to be considered worthy to have a part in the strategic plan of God.

Lately, I am constantly reminded of a scripture my childhood pastor quoted often. It is 2 Chronicles 7:14, “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.” Not a bad scripture to look to for advice during our difficult times. The advice is very clear:

- 1) Get out of pride and put our trust in God.
- 2) Pray. Get in communication with God and have a conversation about what is going on.
- 3) Seek God’s face. Spend time in the Word of God and in His presence. Seek His understanding, wisdom, guidance, and assistance regarding the situation.
- 4) Make sure there is no “wicked way” in us. What would that mean? I submit that it can be simplified to mean we only put our trust in God, seeking first His kingdom and His way of being and doing right.
- 5) And last, but actually first -- remember who we are. We are **His** people, called by **His** name.

What a privilege – what an honor – to be citizens of the Kingdom of God and ambassadors for Christ. Let us take our place, asking God to lead and guide us today in promoting His Kingdom. Let us seek Him and His will in all our affairs, including the affairs of our nation and its government.

With God’s guidance and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we can and will make a difference. So, be blessed today and remember that God is “*able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in you.*”

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⁴ Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4

⁵ Acts 4:12