

Kingdom Report

www.kingdomvision.co.za

Week of 10 July 2021

Teaching All Nations: The Case for Dominionism

Evangelical charismatic leaders blame those who like me teach "dominionism" of trying to build Disney World on earth (a recent attack on me). Herewith my defense... It's time to heal this nation. And there is a Biblical way to do it.

My attention was recently drawn to a comment by a prominent leader here in South Africa in the prophetic movement on the grave error of "dominionism". I won't say who it is as I really like him and what he is doing for the Lord but I suspect it was directed at me as I was trying to convince him of the idea of South Africa and "sheep nations" and he very much disagreed with me. From his Facebook....

CHRISTIAN DISNEY WORLD

R.J. Rushdoony inspired the form of dominionism so pervasive in charismatic circles today. At its core it has the unbiblical quest of transforming, terraforming and reengineering the nations of the earth into one great and vast sort of Christian Disney World. In the wake of this doctrine's ever demanding burden of fixing the world, Christ and His Cross have become an afterthought to many. Perhaps this made up version of the Kingdom of God is so popular because it is the only version where Christians don't pay for the rides - the non-Christians do ... ? No, we pay the price, just as our Lord did. Building a Christian Disney World is not biblical transformation nor the means to it...

I wish to assure him that in my "dominionist" circle I am the only one I know of and in fact I know of no other charismatic evangelical leader here in South Africa who agrees with me so he should rest easy this is certainly not "pervasive" in charismatic circles....and certainly not America.

As for the "unbiblical quest of transforming and terraforming and reengineering the nations of the earth into a vast sort of Disney World"....well frankly that sounds much like a magic kingdom of a wonderful city of 1500 miles square where all live in harmony and peace called The New Jerusalem". We are just getting on with building it now instead of waiting for it to magically appear out of the sky.

As for this supposed "made-up popular version of the Kingdom of God" I can assure you it is not popular (or made-up). What is popular which you folks preach and everyone believes is that not only can we not change this world but the Antichrist is going to take it over, we escape in the rapture and the Jews build the Kingdom of God with Jesus as the king in a restored Jewish kingdom someday in the future. Now that is what I call a "made-up popular version of the Kingdom".

As for the idea that "dominionism" is the kind of world where "Christians ride for free and non-Christians must pay".. My problem is that I am living in a country where the

hard working law abiding Christians are paying the taxes so that the government's cadre's can ride for free while they loot and squander our money. The Bible solution is as per "dominionist" teaching is Judges 2:11-12:

"Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them"

And as a hard working tax paying citizen of this nation I demand my right to say how I want national policy formulated and enacted according to Biblical principles of good government. How do I do that? Again scripture has the answer:

Exo 18:20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

Exo 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

This is the "dominionist" approach to government: Teach the people the laws of the Lord and then elect from God's people those who qualify to be rulers of city, province and national government. The church neither teaches the nation the laws of God concerning civil government nor does it mobilize itself to "choose" Godly people to rule the nation.

As for "fire-ride Christianity" if you were really honest with yourselves my good brother you and the prosperity preachers of the country it is you that teach Christians how they can have a free ride while others must pay. Is that not what you say.....give R10 and get a 100 fold return? Why should you get R1000 of wealth that someone worked hard to create when you only give R10?

We "dominionist" have such message as far as Biblical economics is concerned So here is a basic economic lesson from R.J. Rushdoony on Biblical law of economics: God hates "unequal weights and balances"...meaning God expects fair trade. If you want R1000 pressed down and running over then ask the Lord for wisdom on how you can increase your productivity to provide the market place with goods or services worth R1000. But giving R10 and "faithing" for a miracle R1000 you won't hear from us.

So here are some basics of Dominionism for those of you who might be interested in Disney Land on earth.....

Revival preaching and the salvation of souls will result in a person achieving "dominion" in their personal lives.

Dominionism is teaching the nations what Christ taught us which brings about "Reformation".

Revival preaching of the gospel results in we changing how we live our lives so that we may prosper.

Reformation through teaching the law of God changes how a nation conducts itself so that it may prosper.

Next point: God judges Nations...that is why we must "teach all nations".

We have many instances in the Old Testament where the Lord through His prophets pronounces judgment over nations. That is because the Lord God is creator of the heavens and the earth and of nations and scripture says that God sets the times and boundaries for nations.

In Isaiah the following nations are warned of judgment:

Assyria (Is. 14:25-27) , Philistia ((Is. 14:29-31) Moab (Is. 14, 15) Damascus (Is. 17) Egypt (Is 19), Tyre and Tarshish (Is. 23). Edom (Obadiah), Nineveh (Nahum) Ammon and Moab (Zeph. 2:8-11) Ethiopia (Zeph. 2:12) Jeremiah warned pagan nations (Jer. 6-51) In Genesis we are given the image of the Lord God coming down to inspect and judge Sodom and Gomorrah and the Tower of Babel.

This is what Isaiah 19:1 says...

“The burden of Egypt. Behold the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.”

Here you can see that when scripture speaks of the Lord “coming in the clouds” this in Isaiah refers to the Lord coming upon a nation that is going to be judged. This is another case of the Lord “coming” to earth.

So when scripture says Jesus is "coming in the clouds" it means the same as when He came in the clouds to Egypt. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 25 He is coming to judge the nations and divide them into sheep and goat nations.

These judgements and comings of the Lord in judgement inform us of three great revelations:

- The Lord God has total authority over all nations and holds nations accountable for their actions. There are not other gods who are supreme over nations. There is one God who is all powerful and He is creator who has the right of ownership.
- The Lord judges individuals at the last great judgement in heaven, but He judges nations in time and on earth. The judgment of individuals is different to the judgment of nations.
- The actual person of God who is the Lord God of Israel who judges all nations is in fact the Lord Jesus Christ, the pre-existent eternal God. Jesus of the New Testament is Yahweh God of Israel in the Old Testament.

Jesus said....

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Jesus of the New Testament is Yahweh of the Old Testament. When you see scriptures in the Old Testament of nations being judged that is Jesus talking and acting. So when Jesus commands us to "teach all nations" it is because He is the judge of all nations and He wants the nations to be in obedience to His laws.

Does it not seem obvious to you that if God was judging nations in those days He is

the same yesterday today and forever and He is still doing it today. Does it not seem obvious to you that if God is judging nations then He has a particular standard of behaviour of nations that He requires them to observe? That God who creates nations and sets their boundaries and appoints their rulers expects nations to do what He created nations to do?

Next point...

The laws that God expects me as an individual to keep are not the same laws for a nation. I am expected to turn the other cheek when attacked. Nations are expected to carry the sword and punish evil doers. Does that make sense?

Nations are saved by good works, I am not saved by good works.

What good works are expected of nations? Jesus made it clear....

Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Mat 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Mat 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

God wants nations that create peace and prosperity for their people. So that people can in peace fulfil God's calling on their lives and the gospel can be preached unhindered. Nations "enter the Kingdom of God" when nations do what God commands. This is what scripture says Psalms 33:12: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord".

It is our job as the Church in South Africa to have our nation declare "The Lord is our God". meaning all rights and obligations of the people are derived from God and our civil government is there to protect our God-endowed rights and no laws shall be passed that expressly violate the laws of God.

So we do this by fulfilling the Great Commission.....

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Here is where we "dominionists" differ from mainstream evangelical preaching. We both believe that we must go into all the world and preach the gospel to all men and baptize them.

But we also believe that we must teach all nations to observe all things that Jesus taught. By that we mean that the same Jesus that was talking to His disciples before His ascension is the same Yahweh that spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and gave Him the laws to teach Israel.

So when Jesus said teach all nations what I have taught you we start looking at the things that Jesus taught Israel on how a nation ought to conduct itself to prosper and the please the Lord.

What makes it different now as when Moses and the prophets constantly had to plead with the people to follow the law of the Lord, now something has changed. The writer of Hebrews says it clearly....

Heb 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Something incredible is going to happen in the earth. No longer will we have to punish people with written laws on the books...God is going to change people in such a way the laws of God will be written in their hearts and minds. And this will happen all over the world...

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

We do not expect sinners to act or behave like Christians. We live in a higher standard. What we do expect is that there is a set of laws outlined in God's laws that all people can and must obey. There are also outcomes that the Lord wants us to achieve as a nation and leaves it up to us on how we do it.

For instance God wants us to create jobs for the poor so they can have the dignity that comes with labouring for your own food. God wants us to eat healthy foods. He wants human waste removed to outside where we live. He does not want an economic system that puts people into debt bondage and he wants a stable currency and fair trade. These and many more guidelines are found in the laws that Jesus gave to Israel at Sinai.

For we dominionists we believe that we do not need to wait for some Millennium in the future when Jesus is supposed to be on earth ruling the nations. In Matthew 28 Jesus tells us clearly that all power is now given to Him on heaven and on earth and not only that He is now with us always so get on with the job of teaching the nations and get on with making disciples who have those laws of God written on their hearts and minds.

If the evangelical leaders want to explain to me that in actual fact Jesus is not actually now on earth with us and that the Kingdom has not come and that it is not possible now to teach all nations and we cannot expect the Kingdom to come now on earth as

it is in heaven.....well sorry I am not listening. I am busy with Kingdom Now....not Kingdom one day.

Next week maybe I will do a blog on "Why not Disney World on earth"? I will pray about it....