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Dominionism and the Government of God on Earth

If you have ever wondered what “Dominionism” or “Christian Reconstruction” is basically all about, here is a good foundation teaching for you. This will help you get out of a lot of bad theology and give you a better idea of how the Kingdom of God operates on earth.

Dominionism like Dispensationalism also attempts to give the faithful Christian a better framework for understanding of how the Kingdom of God operates on earth. The problem with Dominionism is that it has a bad reputation because people do not understand the basic premises of this teaching system.

It has gotten the reputation of that this is a cult movement of some sorts that wants to move people into a desert some place and re-create an imagined utopia of perfect people or worse that these crazy people are going to foist on humanity the Old Testament laws of Israel as in no pork or execute adulterers or nobody works in the seventh year etc etc.

So let me be very clear: This is not an attempt to bring us all back to Old Testament laws of rituals and sacrifices or dietary laws or any such thing. Nor do we expect sinners to live like saints.

So let me give you some basics:

Our approach starts with the sovereignty of God. As creator He has first and final say as to how His creation is to operated. Man’s first obligation as creature is obedience to His creator.

Therefore the first step as creature is to find out what does God want and how does He organize His Kingdom and then we can work out, what are my responsibilities and how do I act in accordance with His wishes.

We discover in scripture that the heaven is centred around the throne of God and that He has a government and that He has laws. We see that there are indications of judgment, courts, hierarchies of powers, there are principalities, there are citizens, there are cities, there are responsibilities, there are relationships, there are powers, there are an innumerable number of heavenly beings all have identity, all have purpose, all have rules and regulations by which this whole heavenly host operate on. Those who do not obey the rules are kicked out of heaven....like Satan and his angels.

We further discover that the Lord God has given the earth creation to man with a command. So our starting point goes back to Genesis 1:26-28. God has given all mankind, not just His Church, the command to have dominion over all His works and be productive and multiply. Mankind can only fulfill this creation mandate through a relationship with God and through keeping His laws.

And here is the essence of Dominionism: We recognize that mankind needs to be brought back first to a personal relationship with God as Father, then mankind must fulfill his dominion mandate through the laws of God that apply to all men.

We recognize that there are 4 different governing structures that the Lord God has ordained in the world. Each has its own law structure, each has its own legal structures by which it operates and each has its own authority structure. In each realm of authority the guiding rule is “as above so below”. We are in each sphere to seek God’s wisdom and Gods laws.

Let me break this down for you:

The Family

Ruled by the law of love

The members of a family are in a covenant relation with each other based on love and care with a goal to bring new life into the world.

The Church

Ruled by Elders under the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ.

The church is God’s authority to create the family of God in earth. There is a covenant relationship of elders and disciples who need to learn obedience and the ways of the Lord in order to be God’s king/priests in the world.

Civil Society

Operates under the evolving common law characterized by trade, exchange, conflict, mutual dependence, creative destruction and power hierar-

Civil society is governed by the development of the common law of that society that regulates human relationships. It is characterized by reciprocal trading relationships motivated by many different motives: survival, pride, self-actualization, comfort, pleasure, pain, fear, esteem etc.

Government

Operates under the law of the right of force.

Civil government is ordained by God in each area where the Lord has drawn the boundaries of nations and God has given government authority to exercise force to maintain law and order and protect the people of a nation.

The Dominionist position is that each of these spheres of human life are ordained by God with the right to exercise authority with privileges and responsibility. All are to be governed by laws that govern their relationships and all relationships are in the form of covenant relationships. One party is in a covenant relationship with the other. Our position is this: What does the Word of God, scripture have to say about each of these spheres and how they are operated by in our nation?

So let me give you some examples of how we approach some of the problems we see in each sphere where we need to apply the ways of the Lord:

Government

No we do not wish to have the church carry the sword and punish evildoers with execution or imprisonment. That is the sphere of civil government. The job of the church is to disciple Godly men and women who will enter the service of government and run it with integrity and fairly and with justice for all.

Our problem we face is that government is intruding itself into areas of life that the Lord has not given them authority over and not doing their job of punishing crime and protecting the people. Here are some examples:

- Government has no right to interfere with how parents are raising their children especially with regards to corporal punishment.
- Government needs to get out of the work of the church which is to care for the needy and the poor. And not only the church, civil society also has many organizations of people who have compassion for caring for the needy.
- Government must get out of running businesses. That is the role of civil society.
- Government must get out of the health and education business. Both the church and civil society can take care of those areas.

Here we find out guidance from the Torah laws of Israel. The Lord gave them guidance on government:

- There is to be limited government. No king.
- Power is to be distributed to local entities as much as possible. The nation divided into tribal areas like provinces.
- The form of government is to be a constitutional republic that is characterized by the rule of law.

I can give you many other examples of do's and don'ts. What we find in scripture is that most of the time the Lord will describe an outcome that He wants and we must figure out how to get there. He will also warn us that if we ignore His ways we will be sorry. He told Israel this when they asked for a king. He told them you can have one but will be sorry. And they were.

Here are some examples from laws of Society:

Much of what we do in the broad society has to do with economic relationships. Here we have clear goals that the Lord has set out for us and we need to figure out how we are going to get there:

- The Lord wants every family to own capital assets that produce passive income so that they have income from labour and capital.
- The Lord wants limited liability laws to protect people from debt servitude.
- The Lord wants the poor to be provided with work.
- The Lord wants those who cannot provide for themselves, such as the widow and the orphan and the needy stranger to be helped.

And there are many more examples of God's requirements for fair trade, sound money and secure property rights. How do we get these goals implemented?

The Church

I am not going to go through any extensive list here of what the Lord wants from the Church but I do want to emphasize one thing that we in the Dominionist movement would love to see a greater emphasis that is key for establish the Kingdom of God on earth.;

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

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;

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Three times in scripture the Lord repeats this desire that He has:

We need a people who have been so taught the Word of the Lord that in their hearts and minds they know the laws of the Lord. The laws of life for the family, for the church, for society, for government.

Think of the implications:

There is a direct correlation between a "lawless" society and an overbearing government. Every time that Israel sinned and departed from the Lord and His commandments they ended up in bondage and slavery to their enemies.

When there is lawlessness in the land the chaos calls for a strong tyrannical government that will rule with a rod of iron.

But conversely the more a people are discipled into the laws of the Lord in their hearts and minds the less outside force of government they need to keep them from evil. Our desire is to see the church far more greatly involved in teaching people the laws of the Lord so that they understand how to create a Godly society, a Godly economic and government system.

When this happens we can start to produce Godly families who are secure and prosperous enough to bring children into the world and teach and train those children into the ways of the Lord who inturn are able to raise their families in the ways of the Lord.

Here is our problem with the current American gospel of Dispensationalism that we reject as a dead end that the enemy has diverted the church into:

- we reject the whole eschatology of "end times" delusion.

Our strategic outlook is long term infiltration of the leaven of the gospel into the world in all its spheres until the Kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ. We are determined to see the meek inherit the earth.

That means creating the kind of economic system that will result in producing the Kingdom economic objectives.

But you cannot do that with end of the world theology. The end of the worlders are in a bind on this economic issue. They know people want to prosper, that the Lord wants us to prosper, it is part of our covenant privileges as heirs of Abraham and joint heirs of Christ but they don't have time for generational wealth creation. Therefore you will always get this "miracle money" preaching.

We do no such thing. The building blocks of Dominion theology is the family. The growth of the Godly family is the growth of the Kingdom of God.

Evangelists are wonderful to go out and save the lost. But a Godly family raises children that don't need to get lost because they serve the Lord from childhood.. They are also disciplined by Godly parents and become productive members of society that do not need welfare payments or government support.

For the Dominionist strategy we need strong Godly families that grow a strong local church. A strong local church is the key to mobilizing the people of God to infiltrate society and government with Godly values. We do not enforce our values on society because unless they are born again they cannot produce the life of Christ and therefore they cannot come into our Kingdom family values.

What our long term strategy for the church is that those who have been disciplined into having the Laws of the Lord in their hearts and minds go into the world and establish Kingdom enterprises that are run along God's laws. That means that those enterprises can be drawn into the covering of the local church and operate within the laws of the Lord. Our vision of the Church therefore is that of a community of believers, the family of God, who more and more are able to create communities where God's people, work, shop, entertain, educate, socialize.....under a community run according to God's family principles.

What this means is to show the world that we need less outside government force laws of police and courts and less strife and less crime and less overhead costs that comes from subsidizing the costs of sinners who waste and destroy.

We see therefore two competing forces from two sides. More and more in the world societies are turning socialist where government takes more and more control over the lives and activities of a nation. More and more of this governed by the law of force and coercion.

But from the Kingdom of God side we see the Lord through His church pushing from the other side where more and more of life and community fall under the government of the Lord and His laws which are motivated by love for the Lord and love for His people with no coercion but drawn into the family of God and our community through a lifestyle that witnesses to the people of a nation.

That was my inspiration at EPCOT for APROCOT. We can build new communities just using the Laws of the Lord to heal a nation.