

Kingdom Report

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Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven

If we are to do the works that will heal our land there is one more important revolution that needs to happen in the church...we will need to make new bonds of covenant relationships for work...not meetings and talk.

I have a problem. I need to give you an agenda of the things that need doing to heal our land but have little hope of doing that the way we organize ourselves. I go to a local church that has problems organizing a church bazaar....and I want to re-organize a nation according to God's ways.

Remember I said in a past blog the famous 2 Chronicles 7:14 which we all believe of "If my people who are called by name will humble themselves and pray...." We have had great meetings to pray and humble ourselves but we need to "turn from our wicked ways." You do that by stopping the way you do things that are wrong and then you start to do that which is right.

So let me give you an illustration of what confronts us here. One of the critically important things I want to change to reflect God's ways of doing things in the economy. That is something that affects all of us. I want to show you that the way we do our national economy is just one aspect of what the Lord calls "our wicked ways".

I want describe to you God's biblical program for how to lift the poor out of poverty. A plan for a sound currency. A plan for a debt free church. A plan for job creation and wealth creation. A plan for transferring the wealth producing assets of the nation into the hands of the people.

All these plans come from scripture. But none of things can be done by just prayer alone. There must be faith and works. There must be repentance from wicked works and then plans and action for new Godly works....working God's ways!

Now here is a critical piece of wisdom needed....."one shall put a thousand to flight but two shall put ten thousand to flight"!

There is very little you or I can do in life on our own! Most great tasks require people to come together and form a bond of agreement about what they are planning to do and then execute that plan.

Think of all the power and accomplishments that come from people coming to agreement and working together.

A people come together and draw lines on a map and make a constitution and call themselves citizens of a nation. People are in agreement with that because there is more to be gained together than alone.

An insurance company convinces you to pool your money together with others and if anyone gets in trouble he is helped by other people's contributions.

A business is formed by entrepreneurs and all sorts of covenants are formed. Put your money in my business and I will share the profits. Come and work for me and give me 8 hours a day of your life and in return you get to live the other 16 hours how you want.

A man and woman make a covenant of marriage to share their lives because a life shared is better than a life alone.

All of life is filled with covenant relationships. With all sorts of people and all sorts of contractual obligations and benefits.

Now let me assure you that whatsoever you bind on earth....such as a promise and a covenant....is recognized in heaven and bound in heaven. This is very important to realize. It is a source of great mystery in life why things go wrong...we blame the devil, we plead with God, we fight with people....now let me reveal to you a mystery in scripture and its strange consequences...

David and the 3 year drought of Israel

"And there was a famine in the days of David three years year after year and david enquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered; it is for Saul and for his bloody house because he slew the Gibeonites."

What? Because Saul slew a bunch of Gibeonites who did not belong in Israel and should have been taken out by Joshua in the invasion of Canaan 500 years before? What is going on here?

Well here is the problem: When Joshua invaded Canaan and had great victory at Ai the people of the city of Gibeon sent a delegation to make peace with Joshua, but they fooled him, they made like they were poor and traveled a great distance and made covenant with him that if Joshua would spare their people they would serve Israel. Joshua signed on the covenant. Then 500 years later when Saul was king he grew angry at this lot and attacked them and killed many of them. By the time David became king this matter was still in the court of heaven for judgment. And so famine was declared on Israel by the Lord for this breach of covenant. David asked the remaining Gibeonites if he could pay them for the broken covenant and they said no...we want you to execute seven sons of Saul. Which David did and the famine was lifted.

Now here is the point of this Biblical lesson. God told Israel in Exodus 34...

"Take heed to yourself lest you make covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going....you shall not worship their gods"

Joshua had no right to make a covenant with the Gibeonites. But when Israel made that covenant and broke it 500 years later there were dire consequences for the nation until that sin was expiated by blood.

When you make a covenant here on earth, you bind yourself in heaven. There are consequences if you break your word.

If you make a covenant as a citizen of a nation God expects you to keep your covenant word. And that includes pay your taxes and obey the laws.

If you make a covenant with your employer, keep your word. Give your best for 8 hours a day. And you do not take a pen from the office that does not belong to you.

If you made covenant with a spouse...keep your word, until death us do part. Old age is part of the bargain. A trade in for a younger model is not a part of the deal.

So here we have a problem....

We are all in a covenant relationship with a government that does not serve God and with a financial system that serves the god of this world...Mammon.

We need to find a way that we keep our covenant promises to pay our taxes even though we know that money is being wasted, stolen, abused and we are not getting the good governance that we are paying for. We also know that every company we work for has one chief goal in mind...make money!

The last thing government or corporations think about is the welfare of our families, how are our families doing. Their major pre-occupation...How do we get the electorate to vote us into power for another 5 years, how do I destroy the opposition, how do we make more money and on and on. What falls by the wayside is the environment, the growing unpayable debt left to our children, the devastated workers who lose their jobs because the corporation heads want to invest elsewhere or want to waste money on high executive salaries or boosting the quarterly profits is better for executive pay than investing for long term capital growth and secure jobs for the workers.

And you know I can go on and on about our dysfunctional financial and political system. But you get the idea.

Now here is what I want to say....

If we are to take on the mammoth task of changing the way we run our nation and how we run our financial and corporate systems, change the way we do education and care for the environment and all the other important things that need doing....

then we Christians are going to have to find a way to come together to form new covenant commitments with each other to tackle work that cannot be done by just one person but work that can only be done by pooling our resources, pooling our labour.

I will also submit to you that a Sunday morning meeting is not the place for this. I also submit to you that our wonderful five-fold ministry folks of pastors and teachers and evangelists and prophets are not the right leaders for this.

Moses was great in the wilderness wandering producing incredible miracles, great teaching, powerful presence of God on his life....but for the task ahead we need the Joshua and Calebs for this fight.

The reason is that there is territory to take for the Kingdom of God in the factories and farms and in the hospitals and schools and in the finance world and the social world.

We not only need new types of leaders who know that territory but we need leaders who know the mind of God for new goals, new strategies, new ways of achieving the growth of the Kingdom of God in all spheres of life.

That will require new covenants. I want to pool my finances and savings with other Christians who know how to invest it with Kingdom growth in mind.

I want to have a covenant relationship with Christians in my insurance because we are less sick and we cause less accidents.

I want to work for employers who not only look at financial profit and not only look at shareholder value but look at worker value and environmental value.

Now here is the good news. The technologies that the Lord is now releasing in the earth means that we can easily form new covenant relationships through technology that links Christians in any corner of the land to work together for Kingdom goals but also work internationally together to redeem all the earth.

When scripture tells us in Rev. 18 "Come out of Babylon my people and be not partaker of her plagues..." Think of Israel and David....a famine in the land for 3 years because of some previous leader, Saul, who had broken covenants. We all suffer when politicians and business people break God's covenants and laws. We are limited in our prosperity by the actions of others....and no amount of "tithing" is going to help us prosper under those curses.

We suffer when we are in covenant relationships with sinners. We are blessed when we form new covenants with God's people and tackle the great issues of our land...by walking away from wicked ways and joining with others in covenanting to do things God's way.

But please understand me here. I am not advocating here forming a political party to take over government and change the constitution to make this a 'Christian nation'. That is not going to do it. Simply because I do not expect sinners to be able to live God's way of life. What we can do and what technology allows us to do is develop an entirely parallel system of life along side the sinners but no need to partake in their evil ways or be in covenant relation with their way of doing business, or their way of living or work for their agendas or work for their benefit.

In our ongoing series I am going to outline for you these new ideas of how we build an alternate way of life. How we live in Babylon but outside its power and influence. But understand this...none of what I am going to put out there is going to work unless we Christians from all denominations don't learn to honour one another, work

together and covenant together. If we do not do that then we are condemned to fall with this system when it collapses....we are running out of time!

Because a flood is coming and we must build an ark to protect our assets and float above the storm that is coming!