

Submit Yourselves to the King

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Good morning everyone. I'm so glad that you have taken the time to set aside an hour to hear what I believe God wants me to say this week. My perspective is unique, it's different than most because as you know, I have never claimed to be a citizen of the united states. I have never claimed to be a citizen of any state - unless that state is named the commonwealth of Israel. This is the name given to the nation of people who claim that Jesus Christ / Yeshua the Christ is their King and His Father is the Overseer of all His Creation. His Father created all Law - all sanctioned Law - all God ordained Law was created by Yahweh the God of the Bible.

It is God and God alone - Yahweh - who is the definer of good and evil - right and wrong - and man's whole responsibility in this life - is to bow the knee to the King and the King's Father's Kingdom.

This is ordinance. This is what ordinance means. It is the purpose of Creation. Submit yourselves to the ordinance of God - the Creation of God - for your sake. This is to your benefit - this is to your good. Submit yourselves to the ordinance - the foundational Laws that Yahweh has established for His Creation.

In the Geneva notes on I Peter 2:13 - it says in regards to:

Therefore submit yourselves unto all manner ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be unto the King, as unto the superior,

By ordinance, is meant the framing and ordering of civil government: which he calleth ordinance of man, not because man invented it, but because it is proper to men.

As you know, I don't think this goes far enough. It should have been said,

By ordinance, is meant the framing and ordering of all God's creation, including that of civil Government, not because man invented it, but because God created it and it is proper for all men.

If it was stated that way, it would be properly understood that ordinance means the framing and ordering of every single thing in God's Creation. That is what ordinance is. Ordinance is not in any way limited to civil Government - it includes civil Government because every thing in God's Creation is included in ordinance.

This past week, it seems the whole world is up in arms of Trump authorizing the killing of the Iraqi general. And, as my perspective yields, I have a comment on it. And, because I am so simplistic - a man wrote to me a while back and told me that it really isn't right to view things as black and white - but that's what I do - I see everything as black and white, right or wrong, and so since I'm so simplistic in my world view - I look at what's going on in Iraq and Iran and on both sides of it - the U.S. and Iran and Iraq - didn't your mothers tell you to mind your own business?

Why are English speaking living among the Arabs and why are the Arabs in English speaking lands? I realize the arguments pertaining to skin colors and things like that - but I sometimes think of what God did at the tower of Babel and he caused separation and division among people by changing their languages. They were apparently trying to build some fantastic tower - maybe it represented world government - or world conquest - I don't know - but God saw what they were doing - obviously said it was wrong - and it confused them with language so they couldn't continue what they were doing.

They stopped their evil, parted ways and to me, in all my simplistic thoughts, think, hmmm, maybe the language barrier is what God intended for separation. And, it's also interesting to me that most of the different languages involve different looking people. I personally don't think this is mystical, deep, scientific - it just seems reasonable that we would look at that Biblical story - whether allegory - or totally literal - and see that God intended separation with language.

Iraq is somewhere around 6,169 miles away from Washington, D.C. It's another 833 miles from the midwest of America. Now, if we were all minding our business like our mothers told us when we were 5 years old - what could someone be doing in Iraq - 6,900 miles away - that would be affecting me? How could I possibly be in such a quarrel with an Iraqi - that I get so mad that I want to kill that person? That's just so strange to me.

When the Viet Nam war was going on in the 60s and 70s, the U.S. took all these young men from nowhere towns in the U.S. and convinced them they needed to "fight for their mother's freedom" in the jungles of Viet Nam 8,622 miles from their homes.

My simplistic mind doesn't get that.

Well someone might say, well those people are our allies and they need help. Ok. If you know those people in the jungles of Viet Nam or the deserts of Iraq and you want to enlist in their army and help them fight their wars - then by all means - go right ahead. If you don't want to enlist in their army - but you want to send them some of your money to help them - then you go right ahead. But don't force me into it. But don't try to force my sons into fighting wars or paying for wars against people they know absolutely nothing about.

Well, we need their oil. Again, you need their oil. If you need their oil so bad that you end up in wars with their enemies because of your need for oil - then either get your oil somewhere else - or find a way to exist without it. That's life. Mind your own business.

The "church" and the "churchmen" are so wrapped in the last several verses of I Thessalonians 4 - concerning a quote unquote "rapture" that is not going to happen - they have completely overlooked the first 12 - very important verses of that chapter. They overlook them because since all they do is wait for a phony rapture - the lessons on how we are supposed to be living are not important. Look with me please to I Thessalonians 4, beginning in verse 1.

[1] Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

He says, I am begging you, I am pleading with you - this how ye ought to walk and to please God. This is how you would abound more and more. Pay attention. This is the real life. And these things were written to the people who WERE going to be raptured away. While you are waiting for the appearing of Christ - this is how you live. And of course, for those of us on THIS side of the coming of Christ - these principles remain.

[2] For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

Again, the exhortation here is to obey the commandments of God. There is nothing here about the traditions, or statues of men - it's about the commandments given by the Lord Jesus.

[3] For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

[4] That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

[5] Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

[6] That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

[7] For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

[8] He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

[9] But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

[10] And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

[11] And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

[12] That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Let this sink in. This is how the people of God, the nation of God, should be conducting themselves. This is how citizens of the commonwealth of Israel should be getting along.

Study to be quiet. Do your own business. Work with your own hands. If we implemented those three things into our lives - those Statutes of God - those fundamental elements of the ordinance of God - if they were implemented in our lives - we'd be in a much different place than we are today.

According to a website called Global Research, Centre for Research on Globalization, America Has Been at War 93% of the Time - 222 out of 239 Years - Since 1776. If you do the math, you see that this article was first written in 2015. The article was updated in 2019. I'm not going to read the whole article, but I will include the link and it will be in the full context of the transcripts of this message. And it says, quote:

The U.S. Has Only Been At Peace For 21 Years Total Since Its Birth

In 2011, Danios wrote:

*Below, I have reproduced a year-by-year timeline of America's wars, which reveals something quite interesting: **since the United States was founded in 1776, she has been at war during 214 out of her 235 calendar years of existence.** In other words, there were only 21 calendar years in which the U.S. did not wage any wars.*

To put this in perspective:

** Pick any year since 1776 and there is about a 91% chance that America was involved in some war during that calendar year.*

** No U.S. president truly qualifies as a peacetime president. Instead, all U.S. presidents can technically be considered "war presidents."*

** The U.S. has never gone a decade without war.*

** The only time the U.S. went five years without war (1935-40) was during the isolationist period of the Great Depression.*

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Year-by-year Timeline of America's Major Wars (1776-2011)

1776 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Second Cherokee War, Pennamite-Yankee War

1777 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Second Cherokee War, Pennamite-Yankee War

1778 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War

1779 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War

1780 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War

1781 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War

1782 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War

1783 – American Revolutionary War, Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War

1784 – Chickamauga Wars, Pennamite-Yankee War, Oconee War

1785 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1786 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1787 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1788 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1789 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1790 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1791 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1792 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1793 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1794 – Chickamauga Wars, Northwest Indian War

1795 – Northwest Indian War

1796 – No major war

1797 – No major war

1798 – Quasi-War

1799 – Quasi-War

1800 – Quasi-War

1801 – First Barbary War

1802 – First Barbary War

1803 – First Barbary War

1804 – *First Barbary War*
1805 – *First Barbary War*
1806 – *Sabine Expedition*
1807 – No major war
1808 – No major war
1809 – No major war
1810 – *U.S. occupies Spanish-held West Florida*
1811 – *Tecumseh's War*
1812 – *War of 1812, Tecumseh's War, Seminole Wars, U.S. occupies Spanish-held Amelia Island and other parts of East Florida*
1813 – *War of 1812, Tecumseh's War, Peoria War, Creek War, U.S. expands its territory in West Florida*
1814 – *War of 1812, Creek War, U.S. expands its territory in Florida, Anti-piracy war*
1815 – *War of 1812, Second Barbary War, Anti-piracy war*
1816 – *First Seminole War, Anti-piracy war*
1817 – *First Seminole War, Anti-piracy war*
1818 – *First Seminole War, Anti-piracy war*
1819 – *Yellowstone Expedition, Anti-piracy war*
1820 – *Yellowstone Expedition, Anti-piracy war*
1821 – *Anti-piracy war (see note above)*
1822 – *Anti-piracy war (see note above)*
1823 – *Anti-piracy war, Arikara War*
1824 – *Anti-piracy war*
1825 – *Yellowstone Expedition, Anti-piracy war*
1826 – No major war
1827 – *Winnebago War*
1828 – No major war
1829 – No major war
1830 – No major war
1831 – *Sac and Fox Indian War*
1832 – *Black Hawk War*
1833 – *Cherokee Indian War*
1834 – *Cherokee Indian War, Pawnee Indian Territory Campaign*
1835 – *Cherokee Indian War, Seminole Wars, Second Creek War*
1836 – *Cherokee Indian War, Seminole Wars, Second Creek War, Missouri-Iowa Border War*
1837 – *Cherokee Indian War, Seminole Wars, Second Creek War, Osage Indian War, Buckshot War*

1838 – Cherokee Indian War, Seminole Wars, Buckshot War, Heatherly Indian War

1839 – Cherokee Indian War, Seminole Wars

1840 – Seminole Wars, U.S. naval forces invade Fiji Islands

1841 – Seminole Wars, U.S. naval forces invade McKean Island, Gilbert Islands, and Samoa

1842 – Seminole Wars

1843 – U.S. forces clash with Chinese, U.S. troops invade African coast

1844 – Texas-Indian Wars

1845 – Texas-Indian Wars

1846 – Mexican-American War, Texas-Indian Wars

1847 – Mexican-American War, Texas-Indian Wars

1848 – Mexican-American War, Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War

1849 – Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians

1850 – Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Yuma War, California Indian Wars, Pitt River Expedition

1851 – Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, Yuma War, Utah Indian Wars, California Indian Wars

1852 – Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Yuma War, Utah Indian Wars, California Indian Wars

1853 – Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Yuma War, Utah Indian Wars, Walker War, California Indian Wars

1854 – Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians

1855 – Seminole Wars, Texas-Indian Wars, Cayuse War, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Yakima War, Winnas Expedition, Klickitat War, Puget Sound War, Rogue River Wars, U.S. forces invade Fiji Islands and Uruguay

1856 – Seminole Wars, Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, California Indian Wars, Puget Sound War, Rogue River Wars, Tintic War

1857 – Seminole Wars, Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, California Indian Wars, Utah War, Conflict in Nicaragua

1858 – Seminole Wars, Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Mohave War, California Indian Wars, Spokane-Coeur d'Alene-Paloos War, Utah War, U.S. forces invade Fiji Islands and Uruguay

1859 Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, California Indian Wars, Pecos Expedition, Antelope Hills Expedition, Bear River

Expedition, John Brown's raid, U.S. forces launch attack against Paraguay, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1860 – Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Paiute War, Kiowa-Comanche War

1861 – American Civil War, Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Cheyenne Campaign

1862 – American Civil War, Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Cheyenne Campaign, Dakota War of 1862,

1863 – American Civil War, Texas-Indian Wars, Southwest Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Cheyenne Campaign, Colorado War, Goshute War

1864 – American Civil War, Texas-Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Cheyenne Campaign, Colorado War, Snake War

1865 – American Civil War, Texas-Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Colorado War, Snake War, Utah's Black Hawk War

1866 – Texas-Indian Wars, Navajo Wars, Apache Wars, California Indian Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Snake War, Utah's Black Hawk War, Red Cloud's War, Franklin County War, U.S. invades Mexico, Conflict with China

1867 – Texas-Indian Wars, Long Walk of the Navajo, Apache Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Snake War, Utah's Black Hawk War, Red Cloud's War, Comanche Wars, Franklin County War, U.S. troops occupy Nicaragua and attack Taiwan

1868 – Texas-Indian Wars, Long Walk of the Navajo, Apache Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Snake War, Utah's Black Hawk War, Red Cloud's War, Comanche Wars, Battle of Washita River, Franklin County War

1869 – Texas-Indian Wars, Apache Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Utah's Black Hawk War, Comanche Wars, Franklin County War

1870 – Texas-Indian Wars, Apache Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Utah's Black Hawk War, Comanche Wars, Franklin County War

1871 – Texas-Indian Wars, Apache Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Utah's Black Hawk War, Comanche Wars, Franklin County War, Kingsley Cave Massacre, U.S. forces invade Korea

1872 – Texas-Indian Wars, Apache Wars, Utah's Black Hawk War, Comanche Wars, Modoc War, Franklin County War

1873 – Texas-Indian Wars, Comanche Wars, Modoc War, Apache Wars, Cypress Hills Massacre, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1874 – Texas-Indian Wars, Comanche Wars, Red River War, Mason County

War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1875 – Conflict in Mexico, Texas-Indian Wars, Comanche Wars, Eastern Nevada, Mason County War, Colfax County War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1876 – Texas-Indian Wars, Black Hills War, Mason County War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1877 – Texas-Indian Wars, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Black Hills War, Nez Perce War, Mason County War, Lincoln County War, San Elizario Salt War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1878 – Paiute Indian conflict, Bannock War, Cheyenne War, Lincoln County War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1879 – Cheyenne War, Sheepeater Indian War, White River War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1880 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1881 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1882 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1883 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1884 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1885 – Apache Wars, Eastern Nevada Expedition, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1886 – Apache Wars, Pleasant Valley War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1887 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1888 – U.S. show of force against Haiti, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1889 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1890 – Sioux Indian War, Skirmish between 1st Cavalry and Indians, Ghost Dance War, Wounded Knee, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1891 – Sioux Indian War, Ghost Dance War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1892 – Johnson County War, U.S. forces invade Mexico

1893 – U.S. forces invade Mexico and Hawaii

1894 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1895 – U.S. forces invade Mexico, Bannock Indian Disturbances

1896 – U.S. forces invade Mexico

1897 – No major war

1898 – Spanish-American War, Battle of Leech Lake, Chippewa Indian Disturbances

1899 – Philippine-American War, Banana Wars

1900 – Philippine-American War, Banana Wars

1901 – Philippine-American War, Banana Wars

1902 – Philippine-American War, Banana Wars

1903 – Philippine-American War, Banana Wars

1904 – Philippine-American War, Banana Wars

1905 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1906 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1907 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1908 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1909 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1910 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1911 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1912 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars*
1913 – *Philippine-American War, Banana Wars, New Mexico Navajo War*
1914 – *Banana Wars, U.S. invades Mexico*
1915 – *Banana Wars, U.S. invades Mexico, Colorado Paiute War*
1916 – *Banana Wars, U.S. invades Mexico*
1917 – *Banana Wars, World War I, U.S. invades Mexico*
1918 – *Banana Wars, World War I, U.S. invades Mexico*
1919 – *Banana Wars, U.S. invades Mexico*
1920 – *Banana Wars*
1921 – *Banana Wars*
1922 – *Banana Wars*
1923 – *Banana Wars, Posey War*
1924 – *Banana Wars*
1925 – *Banana Wars*
1926 – *Banana Wars*
1927 – *Banana Wars*
1928 – *Banana Wars*
1930 – *Banana Wars*
1931 – *Banana Wars*
1932 – *Banana Wars*
1933 – *Banana Wars*
1934 – *Banana Wars*
1935 – No major war
1936 – No major war
1937 – No major war
1938 – No major war
1939 – No major war
1940 – No major war
1941 – *World War II*
1942 – *World War II*
1943 – *World War II*
1944 – *World War II*

1945 – World War II
1946 – Cold War (U.S. occupies the Philippines and South Korea)
1947 – Cold War (U.S. occupies South Korea, U.S. forces land in Greece to fight Communists)
1948 – Cold War (U.S. forces aid Chinese Nationalist Party against Communists)
1949 – Cold War (U.S. forces aid Chinese Nationalist Party against Communists)
1950 – Korean War, Jayuga Uprising
1951 – Korean War
1952 – Korean War
1953 – Korean War
1954 – Covert War in Guatemala
1955 – Vietnam War
1956 – Vietnam War
1957 – Vietnam War
1958 – Vietnam War
1959 – Vietnam War, Conflict in Haiti
1960 – Vietnam War
1961 – Vietnam War
1962 – Vietnam War, Cold War (Cuban Missile Crisis; U.S. marines fight Communists in Thailand)
1963 – Vietnam War
1964 – Vietnam War
1965 – Vietnam War, U.S. occupation of Dominican Republic
1966 – Vietnam War, U.S. occupation of Dominican Republic
1967 – Vietnam War
1968 – Vietnam War
1969 – Vietnam War
1970 – Vietnam War
1971 – Vietnam War
1972 – Vietnam War
1973 – Vietnam War, U.S. aids Israel in Yom Kippur War
1974 – Vietnam War
1975 – Vietnam War
1976 – No major war
1977 – No major war
1978 – No major war
1979 – Cold War (CIA proxy war in Afghanistan)

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1981 – Cold War (CIA proxy war in Afghanistan and Nicaragua), First Gulf of Sidra Incident

1982 – Cold War (CIA proxy war in Afghanistan and Nicaragua), Conflict in Lebanon

1983 – Cold War (Invasion of Grenada, CIA proxy war in Afghanistan and Nicaragua), Conflict in Lebanon

1984 – Cold War (CIA proxy war in Afghanistan and Nicaragua), Conflict in Persian Gulf

1985 – Cold War (CIA proxy war in Afghanistan and Nicaragua)

1986 – Cold War (CIA proxy war in Afghanistan and Nicaragua)

1987 – Conflict in Persian Gulf

1988 – Conflict in Persian Gulf, U.S. occupation of Panama

1989 – Second Gulf of Sidra Incident, U.S. occupation of Panama, Conflict in Philippines

1990 – First Gulf War, U.S. occupation of Panama

1991 – First Gulf War

1992 – Conflict in Iraq

1993 – Conflict in Iraq

1994 – Conflict in Iraq, U.S. invades Haiti

1995 – Conflict in Iraq, U.S. invades Haiti, NATO bombing of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1996 – Conflict in Iraq

1997 – No major war

1998 – Bombing of Iraq, Missile strikes against Afghanistan and Sudan

1999 – Kosovo War

2000 – No major war

2001 – War on Terror in Afghanistan

2002 – War on Terror in Afghanistan and Yemen

2003 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, and Iraq

2004 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and Yemen

2005 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and Yemen

2006 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and Yemen

2007 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen

2008 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and Yemen

2009 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and Yemen

2010 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and Yemen

2011 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen; Conflict in Libya (Libyan Civil War)

In most of these wars, the U.S. was on the offense. Danios admits that some of the wars were defensive. However, Danios also leaves out covert CIA operations and other acts which could be considered war.

Let's update what's happened since 2011:

2012 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Syria and Yemen

2013 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Syria and Yemen

2014 – War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Syria and Yemen; Civil War in Ukraine

2015 – War on Terror in Somalia, Somalia, Syria and Yemen; Civil War in Ukraine

So we can add 4 more years of war. That means that for 222 out of 239 years – or 93% of the time – America has been at war. (We can quibble with the exact numbers, but the high percentage of time that America has been at war is clear and unmistakable.) Indeed, most of the military operations launched since World War II have been launched by the U.S.

And American military spending dwarfs the rest of the world put together. No wonder polls show that the world believes America is the number 1 threat to peace.

End quote.

I don't cite this article or the website as having any credibility at all. I'm not supporting it, I'm just saying that the statistics are that America - which is supposedly full of "God-fearing Christians" - the statistics say that it has been the exact opposite of what Paul said Christians should be doing - and how they should be living.

The statistics do not show a quiet life of minding one's own business.

I understand we have all been victims of the worst theology that man has ever encountered. I realize that we've been deceived - I mean good, honest, hardworking, neighbor loving people - have been deceived into falling for this theology and this indefensible belief system that men are allowed to build their own nations and create their own statues and make their own definitions of good and evil - I realized we were duped. My parents - my grandparents - their parents - duped and,

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

[7] All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even Yahweh, the hope of their fathers. Jeremiah 50:6-7

But it is far past time that we wake up, acknowledge our sins - our iniquities - our legal injustices - man taking upon himself the power to define good and evil - then legislate men's lives into obeying those definitions by threats of violence, jailings, beatings and worse.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

[12] The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Romans 13:11-12

Two thousand years ago it was high time to awake out of sleep - yet here we are - most still sleeping, being tossed with every wind of doctrine when we should be

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

[13] Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

[14] That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Everywhere we look, we see signs telling us that we are strangers, foreigners among people who clearly do not want to be the people of God.

I can understand to a certain extent people not knowing that there are alternatives. I can understand people not understanding the full implications of what it means to be the people of God, to come out from among them and be separate. I get that because it just seems that we don't have a choice. But what I have never been able to understand, is how people who call themselves followers of Christ can be the biggest flag wavers, the biggest supporters, the most gung ho for the military - I mean flag waving, pledge saying, anthem singing - front and foremost at the parades - I just don't get it. If

Christians were supposed to be U.S. citizens - why are they not weeping and wailing - wearing sackcloth adorning themselves with ashes in mourning over what their country - I'm not going to say - what their country has become - but what their country is.

I don't understand it. I can sympathize with men who were duped into joining the military thinking they were fighting for freedom - I can sympathize with that. I mean they literally put their lives on the line because they were lied to - and I can only imagine.

But it's time for us - those of us who claim to be God's people, those built on the Holy Nation, the royal priesthood, the peculiar people of I Peter 2 - it's time for us to realize and understand who we are in Christ and to begin to live like we say we believe.

We must become the nation that was established in I Peter 2. There is an offer from Isaiah 55 that I believe - I hope - I believe - it is a generational promise. Listen:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Now we know that this is truly a generational promise. And once again, we see the Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy in Christ - because He called Himself the Living Waters - the principle, the offer of Isaiah 55 is available in Christ - today.

[2] Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

[3] Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

[4] Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

[5] Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of Yahweh thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

[6] Seek ye Yahweh while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

[7] Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto Yahweh, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Will we do this? Will we obey these principles? Are we willing to walk according to the principles stated here?

We have been talking about the times where God's people actually lived like God's people in the Bible - as examples for us - in how we are supposed to be living today. Quite frankly, there hasn't been a whole lot of examples of when God's people acted like it.

Last week we looked at Ananiah, Hazariah and Mishrael. We looked at Daniel. We saw how that David was elevated to one of the highest positions in the secular government - and from that position - he instituted the Laws of God - even among the heathen nation. But then some clever insiders - who wanted their laws, and their treaties to be the supreme law of the land - they were able to circumvent what Daniel had done and they deceived the king at that time into passing a statue that they knew Daniel would be in violation of before the ink was even dry.

But Daniel would not submit. Not only did he not submit - but he openly - notoriously - for all the world to see - broke the law of the king - in order to show that even an earthly king in the Old Covenant world - could not place himself above the ordinance of God.

Today, I want us to examine accusations 5 and 6, times when God's people acted like it. As we go on today, I want you to keep in mind I Peter 2:9-12:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

[10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

[11] Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

[12] Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Accusation 5, the story of Stephen. Please turn to Acts 6. Let's begin in verse 10.

THE CASE OF STEPHEN

In the case of Stephen, notice the word "*false*" in the text. Acts 6:10-15. It's very

important here because I have pointed out in the past that where there were instances of false accusations against God's people, those accusations were clearly labeled as false. When other accusations were made, if they were not called false - then they are to be presumed for exactly what they were. Verse 10.

And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

And set up **false** witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

The reason it is used here, is because when something *is* false in the Scriptures, the text tells us so. It needs to be pointed out that in this passage, I am only indicating that the word *false* is included in the text to show that these *witnesses were false*. If Luke 23 was a *false* accusation, the Scriptures should be consistent and the text should have read:

...and they began to *falsely* accuse Him saying...

But it wasn't so.

In Stephen's case, here's **another example where an Israelite was acting like an Israelite**, accusations were brought against him, that eventually led to his death.

Notice what *is* said in this passage. The WITNESSES were *false* - but nothing is said about the accusation. The accusations were not *false*, but the witnesses were. These "accusations" are almost identical to the charges laid against Christ, particularly Christ's prophecy concerning the temple (Matthew 24...not one stone left upon another that shall not be thrown down...) The change of the sacrificial Law system was perceived as one speaking against Moses and God. But it was not. This was an Israelite who had determined to live like one and his preaching led to his persecution.

ACCUSATION FIVE:

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blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

EXAMPLE SIX - Acts 17:1-7

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

Most people in the world today will never physically be in the presence of their "president," their "lawmakers" or their "king" - but they have no problem whatsoever obeying their "statutes."

Why is it that people refuse to accept the fact that Christ is King now - because He is not physically touchable or visible on earth? In Bible times, how many people stood in the presence of Yahweh? How many had audible conversations with Him? Yet His expectations of obedience extended to all. Why is it different today?

THOMPSON CHAIN REFERENCE BIBLE

In Bible college, almost 40 years ago, I purchased a Thompson Chain Reference Bible from the college bookstore after losing the Bible I had for almost my whole life, in a fire. I had always wanted a "Thompson Chain" because of how he linked subjects together and then listed other passages of Scripture where the same subjects were discussed. It didn't take too long to see that the "chains" and "notes" - in my opinion - were biased and unreliable.

"Biased" and "unreliable" - yes - through the eyes of **my** "bias." I am biased - and I admit it. I believe - for as long as I can remember - that Jesus Christ is King. I do not believe He is a coming King. I believe He is King - *right now*. I believe it is the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to His Kingship - *right now*. Jesus Christ does not have to be in physical form on this earth - to be King.

So when I read passages of Scripture such as Acts 17, I have no problem believing this is an accurate description of the message and life of the apostles.

But in the margin notes of the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, he calls this passage "False Accusations." And he calls the accusers "False Witnesses." He links Luke 23 with this passage as another "False Accusation" in the "chain." *One quote "Christian teacher" says it's daylight, the other says it's nighttime.*

The Thompson Chain Reference Bible, at least my 1980s model, is printed by the B.B. KIRKBRIDE BIBLE CO., INCORPORATED. As you know, a "corporation," by definition, is a creature of the state. That being the case, I have to question where the corporation's loyalties lie. We all know the old phrase "a dog will not bite the hand that feeds it." "Corporations" - including "church corporations" receive certain special privileges from the state - *their creator*. We ALL have "biases" and we all have our own perspectives that mold and shape our beliefs.

With all the overwhelming evidence in Scripture that anoints Christ as King, I'll just keep my "bias." And if I'm wrong when I stand before God, I'll be guilty of preaching that Christ is King now. Which way do you want to be judged?

How is the Acts 17 passage any different from any of the other accusations that we have examined? Is there anything in the text that would lead an honest reader to believe the accusation was *false*?

In studying for this message, I picked up a couple other reference Bibles to see what they said. Jerry Falwell's "Open Bible" linked the phrase, "*saying there is another King, One Jesus*" to - MY SHOCK - I Peter 2:13. So did the Scofield Reference Bible. They also referenced John 19:12 - which surprised me also. John 19:12-15

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he

saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priest answered, We have no king but Caesar.

Most "preachers" today are teaching unquestioned obedience to men's statutes and in doing so, will use Luke 21 - "*Render unto Caesar*" as one of their supporting passages. They will also claim the Bible says, "*Obey all the laws of the land*" - even though those words are not there. They are referring to I Peter 2:13,17 which is referring to Jesus as King - not man! As sad as it is to say this, I believe that the largest majority of "preachers" today - if they were alive during the time of Christ holding to the same theology they do today - would be in the crowd of "preachers" that said, "*We have no king but Caesar,*" and, "*Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.*"

ACCUSATION SEVEN

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

WORDS FROM THE ACCUSED

After the resurrection of Christ particularly for Peter, but then again for Paul also, after the resurrection Christ these were two Israelites who lived like it.

Paul and Peter were two of the most "accused" followers of Christ in the Bible. Look at what they said about being "accused."

Paul

In I Corinthians 15:15 Paul, *an Israelite who was acting like one*, had this to say about himself concerning what others were saying about him:

Yea, and we are found *false* witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

Peter - I Peter 3:13-18

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Having a good conscience; that, **whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers**, they may be ashamed that *falsely accuse* your good conversation in Christ.

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Reminder: Who defines good and evil? That is something reserved to God Himself and woe to any man who redefines good or evil. When Israelites are found obeying the Statutes of God - it is perceived by the world as evil. Man has determined anyone who does not conform to their statutes - *is evil*.

Peter tells his readers that they also, might suffer for righteousness sake. In other words, "if you will act like Israelites are supposed to, you might find yourself at the end of *false* accusations."

...they might speak evil of you, as of evildoers...

Why? Because this is what people who do not want to follow God's Laws do to people who DO want to follow God's Laws. Throughout the entire history of Israel - in the few instances where Israelites have acted like true Israelites - they have been attacked. This is the pattern that was shown in Old Covenant Israel, the ultimate example shown by our Lord, and further examples shown by those on this side of the Cross.

Those Israelites who choose to live as Christ did and taught, according to the original promise to Abraham - have been maligned by the opposers of God throughout all history - and it continues today.

Evangelist Ted Weiland has been using the phrase,

...Idolatry is not so much about statues as it is statutes...

The foundation of the promise to Abraham is about Statutes.

The problems that face all who claim Christ - whether one understands Israel, Christian Israel, the church, the ecclesia, the Kingdom, or whatever label one uses, can be found in II Kings 17:7-19. Let me say that again as you turn to II Kings 17:7-19. The problems that face all who claim Christ - whether one understands Israel, Christian Israel, the church, the ecclesia, the Kingdom, or whatever label one uses, our problems are summed up in II Kings 17:7-19.

For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

I challenge you to go to about any city that is the county seat and look and see which building, which place, is the highest place in the city. I could probably say with all certainty that the new injustice center where I get brought to cost more to build than all the other buildings in the city, probably combined.

And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *[did]* the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger:

For they served idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God.

And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the

Lord, to provoke him to anger.

Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

Also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

...Idolatry is not so much about statues as it is statutes...

As stated above, for every single argument or opinion someone can make from the Scriptures, there will be a hundred other viewpoints presenting a different or even opposite opinion.

Because so much has been made in our generation concerning "*the Law of God has been done away with*" - we have lost the understanding of how the Law of God should be applied in our lives. If someone, anyone, dare to say that he tries to live by the Laws of God, that man will be met with scoffing, with ridicule, and will more than likely be thrown into a jail cell, tortured, or even worse.

Next week, Lord willing, we'll get into more detail about the salvation of Zaccheus, but Jesus said Salvation had come to the house of Zaccheus BECAUSE HE IDENTIFIED WITH THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM - who obeyed the Laws, Commandments and Statutes of God. There is no argument that the sacrificial Laws of God have been removed. But what remains?

I admit that I may not know or understand everything about which Laws, Statutes and Commandments are in effect - but I can tell you this - I ABSOLUTELY KNOW WHAT STATUTES ARE **NOT** THE STATUTES OF GOD.

I ABSOLUTELY know that what is implemented world-wide is MAN'S STATUTES. Again. I may not know or understand all of what God's Statutes ARE - but I can absolutely identify what they are not!

We, as Christian Israelites, church people, the ecclesia, or whatever label you have, find ourselves in our present condition because we have been as guilty as those described in the Scripture as people that have replaced the Statutes of God with the statutes of men. We are in the shape we are in today because we who are supposed to be the nation, the Holy People, the peculiar people, the people of God - have taken to ourselves the statues - the statutes of the heathen. And we have rejected the Laws and Statutes of God.

We have come up with every imaginable excuse as to why God no longer expects His people to live according to His Statutes - even to the point where supposed men of God speak *against* the Laws of God as if they were something evil.

Men who have chosen to try to live according to the Statutes of God - *as best they understand them* - are ridiculed and called evil because they choose the Statutes of God instead of the statutes of men. Today is no different than it has ever been for an Israelite *who is trying to act like one*.

Scriptures are twisted into meanings that they do not now - nor ever have had. The truth of God has been changed into a lie. The God of Abraham has been reduced to a servant of the systems of men who operate in blatant disregard to His existence - all the while giving lip service to Him in a ridiculous attempt to pacify Him.

The God of Abraham has become a mockery among the lost because the salt has no savour. Those who claim the name of Christ are many times the leading advocate for promoting man's statutes over God's Statutes. And, while a few men try to steer others back to the Statutes of God, they are held in ridicule.

This morning before I began the message, I was talking with a Christian brother and we were discussing a preacher who had recently told my friend how grateful he was for Trump and the CONstitution and how bad it was for people not to vote in U.S. elections. I was glad that my Christian brother had the courage to let this preacher know that he did not vote. It takes courage to stand up and say I'm the one you are so upset about. If Jesus had been on the ballot, I would have voted. If the ballot said the commonwealth of Israel on it, I would have voted.

But Russians aren't supposed to be allowed to vote in U.S. elections. Canadians aren't supposed to vote in U.S. elections - Israelites are not supposed to vote in other country's elections. Only citizens of particular countries are supposed to vote in their country's elections.

My country does not need an election. The King - flawless and perfect - out of this world Just and Honest - has already been elected. My Bible - my Lawbook does not need Amendments added to it. Nor does it need corrections because society's whims have changed - therefore demanding a change to the Law.

If a nation's quote unquote "laws are based on the Bible" - then again - just take the Bible.

My friend had made the comment about people saying that the U.S. CONstitution is based on the Bible. And I responded to him - and he agreed - that the great majority of people who think this - if you asked them what things in the CONstitution are based on the Bible - they couldn't tell you.

I've studied the document. Of course it wasn't in the government schools I was forced into - it was long after that - but I've studied the document. I can only find two things in the document that can be tied to the Bible - and one of those things had to be added to

the document a few years later. And I admit, if this one thing in the CONstitution was obeyed - it would make a monumental difference in the U.S. Still wouldn't be enough to make me change my citizenship - but it would go a great way in helping the U.S. with all its problems.

And that is - it's funny that I can actually quote it - and I bet it's close to being word for word correct - but the document says: "No state shall make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debt." If they obeyed that one thing - it would change the U.S. almost overnight. But for those proud, flag-waving, anthem singing, pledge giving people who proudly serve as citizens of the U.S., they will not demand the people running the show - obey this one simple clause.

Years ago, more than 30 years ago, as I was playing "church" in the building that was in skid-row in Indianapolis, there was a man who was listening to me concerning the way I preached. And we talked about God's money being gold and silver and trading, etc. I challenged him to write a letter to the attorney general for Indiana - who - if you Google this man - you'll find that he claims to be a devout Christian - but I challenged Bill to write a letter to Ed Simcox, the then ag in Indiana and ask him about the gold and silver clause in the U.S. CONstitution.

I mean it says, "No state shall make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debt." For many years, I carried Mr. Simcox reply in my Bible so that I could show people, but I've lost it, but Simcox basically said that the courts had determined that paper money and other bills of credit are the same as gold and silver coins. Ridiculous. The politician is just like the quote preacher who wants to tell people that the Bible doesn't really mean what it so clearly says.

The other thing that I think might be construed to be based on the Bible is in the Bill of Rights that says that a man has the right to face his accuser. Other than those two things, I don't really think there's anything else in the document that is based on the Bible. So, I think, again, I better just stick with the Bible.

Let me get back to what I had originally planned for today.

When persecution comes to those who refuse man's statutes, others are quick to say that the "*persecution*" is punishment by God for their refusal to adopt men's statutes in place of God's.

How shameful to hold people like George Washington - a man who owned and operated the largest whiskey distillery in North America, Thomas Jefferson - who owned slaves and had at least one sex-slave as young as 16 years old - in greater esteem than Peter, James and John. But I see it all the time. Not just from those who do not claim Christ - but from those who claim Christ.

CONCLUSION

Do not misunderstand me. When I am talking about the Laws of God - I am not talking about salvation by works - *though I have been accused of that*. To be clear. I believe in salvation by grace through faith - not of works, lest any man should boast. There is nothing a man can do to *save himself*. It is by faith in the finished work of and being fully immersed into King Jesus that atones for sin and brings man into a condition where he can stand before a Holy God.

It is the Law of God that defines sin. Where there is sin, there is death. Where there is death, there is a need for a Saviour. I say again, remove God's Law from society - and you remove the need for a Saviour. There is no knowledge of God in the land today because the Law of God has been replaced by the law of man.

Finding the world in the sad situation it is in - most people seek to put the blame in many places - *other than where it should be*. First and foremost in the blame game - "*Signs of the times...*" which ultimately is putting the blame on God Himself because all that's happening is "*according to His plan: it's all the fulfillment of Bible prophecy...*" Many do nothing because they are waiting for that white horse in the sky to come and make things straight.

We blame man's secular "government" for bad laws, bad fiscal policy, bad moral policy, etc. We don't have the insight to see those things as purely logical. What should we expect from those who exempt God from themselves - and have the audacity to claim it is a Godly thing to do so? (*No religious test shall be required to hold office in the U.S... - this is GOOD!?!*) What should we expect from a people so blatantly rebellious as to say?:

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, **SHALL BE THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND**; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

We blame foreign "governments" for attacking us because of our "freedoms."

We manage to find good in evil - *and thank God for it*.

We have taken to ourselves to define what is good and what is evil. This is robbing God. It is God alone Who has taken on Himself the authority to establish what is good and what is evil.

We boldly say that Romans 13 gives man the authority to establish good and evil and dispense praise or punishment based on their definitions - *their statutes* - of what is

good and what is evil.

Today, whatever man says is "Good," *the people accept it as so*. Whatever man says is "Evil," *the people accept it as so*. Most have no idea there is a vast difference between Lawful and legal - and Unlawful and illegal. Just as there is a huge difference between God ordained Civil Government and man established secular government. The two are total opposite domains. One is the Kingdom of Christ - the other is the domain of darkness. If we were honest - we'd easily see whose domain man's established secular government represents.

By their fruits you shall know them. Matthew 7:20

Man's secular governments - *all around the world* - proudly take their fruit to the local market every single day and lay it on the table for everyone to see. AND ALMOST EVERYONE BUYS IT!

The blame can no longer be passed onto anything or anyone - *except ourselves*. It is not a collective decision that should be made - because the collective will always choose the wrong path.

It is up to each one of us, the same way it was up to Joshua when he said, Joshua 24:14-15:

Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye Yahweh.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve Yahweh, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.

In the world we live in, I have often told my sons and daughters that when hearing what the world is saying, look to the exact opposite, and you will probably be closer to the truth.

When someone - *anyone* - is being accused by people who follow their own statutes in place of Yahweh's - one should never be quick to assign guilt or come to conclusions regarding the accused.

If a man is being accused of a "victimless crime" or a "crime" against *man's* statutes - you *might* find the accused is really a true Israelite. If you look close enough, you might find that people accused of so-called "crimes" against the "state" might be Israelites - *trying to act like Israelites. They might be followers of Christ, simply trying to follow Christ.*

The Biblical history of the people of God - *when those people are acting like the people of God* - shows that those who make their own statutes will always accuse evil - then persecute those who attempt to live according to the faith of Abraham.

...Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. Genesis 26:5