

## **Submit Yourselves to the King**

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Good morning again everyone! As always, I'm happy that you have taken the time to tune in this morning - or for those listening via the archive from the website. It is truly my hope that you continue to be blessed and encouraged each and every week by the message.

This morning, I want to kind of deviate a little from the normal format and just again try to recap these many messages and try to make sure that I am getting my points across.

I've told you many times that my perspective on the Word of God, the King, the Kingdom, the Law, is so different than most everyone because - as I hope you know by now - I do not claim any earthly citizenship. I claim only to be a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel.

Now, Charlie, where does this come from? While I'm talking to you, I want you to go ahead and turn to Ephesians 2 and put your finger there or a bookmark, then turn to Genesis 26:5. I want these pages to be indelibly burned into your minds.

A simple, cursory reading of the Bible beginning in Genesis, shows - just as clearly as anything can possibly be shown - that the first 39 books of the Bible contain the story of Creation, the fall of man, the flood, Adam, Noah, Abraham, then Isaac and Jacob, Moses - and thus - the beginning of Israel - then the history of Israel - the judges, the kings, the captivities, etc., etc., and there is no doubt - there is no misunderstanding - that the first 39 books are about, to, and for Israel.

Now, the quote unquote "church" misses the simplicity in this - like just about everything else they do - by a country mile - when they say it's the quote "history of the jews." That's not my point today. My point is that the books are about Israel.

We have seen literally hundreds and hundreds of passages of Scripture found in the first 39 books that say, for instance, and we've seen this at least 20 times from Genesis 26:5:

Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

[4] And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

[5] Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

This saying to Isaac about Abraham was not - because you are sojourning in this land - I will be with thee and bless thee and make thee great. It was I will make you great and bless you because while you were sojourning on the land you obeyed My Voice, kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Laws.

Turn to II Kings 17, please. Every single time we find Israel or Judah getting into trouble, it was because of this, verse 7:

[7] For so it was,

Just like a bedtime story read to the children, where hopefully lessons are being taught. And for children, and I guess we should say even for adults, repetition of a story might help us to remember:

For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against Yahweh 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,

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

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

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

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

[12] For they served idols, whereof Yahweh had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

[13] Yet Yahweh 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.

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

[15] 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 Yahweh had charged them, that they should not do like them.

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

[17] 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 Yahweh, to provoke him to anger.

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

[19] Also Judah kept not the commandments of Yahweh their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

[20] And Yahweh rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

That was II Kings 17.

You well know that I could go on and on and on with so many passages of Scripture that say almost Word for Word - the exact same things. So everything we learn from the first 39 books of the Bible shows us - as clearly as anything else that can be shown from the Scripture - that God has Laws, Statutes, Commandments and Judgements that He made for - again - not just for Israel - but for all His Creation - the verses said about Abraham came before the establishment of the nation of Israel. This is what God wants people to do.

How did it change? How did the curse of not following Yahweh's Laws somehow get changed into the only way to obey Yahweh is to break His Laws and follow someone else's?

We know how this happened, and if we will be honest enough to accept that we did this and we allowed it to happen and we allow it to continue to happen - then maybe we can get to the business of being the instruments that Yahweh will use to turn this world rightside up.

"Churchmen" who have aligned themselves with the state - not just the united states - but all around the world - have been used to indoctrinate people - through false doctrine - but - false doctrine that I believe people want to hear and to accept - have convinced people that there is a quote "god of the jews" - that one from the Old Testament - and then a quote "god of the quote 'gentiles'" - and that god basically has a split personality and holds one supposed group of people to one standard and the rest of the people to another - in fact - totally, completely different standard.

When fully examined against the Word of God, the latter makes no sense at all. And the truth is, if we really want to take this to an extreme irrational conclusion, the Saviour should really be only accessible and available to the "so-called jews."

Now, I realize that this particular subject is far more complex than this - but for sake of brevity and maybe a clearer understanding of things - and to me - it is clear and easy. I want us to take flesh and blood, nationality, all of that out of the equation - and let's just agree with the quote unquote "churchman" that the everything written in the first 39 books was to a fleshly race of people - and oh how this pains me because it is not accurate - but as they say - "the jews." Ok. Then all the rest of us - again now - don't misunderstand me, please - but we are incorrectly - the Gentiles.

So there is a supposed two-faced "god of the jews" and a two-faced "god of the gentiles." And the first 39 books of the Bible were for the "jews" and the last 27 books were for the "gentiles." In a nutshell - that's what the "church" and the "churchman" want everyone to believe.

Now, if you question this statement, just spend some time on the internet asking the question, "Is the Old Testament valid for today?" Here's an example. These are statements from Andy Stanley, the son of the famous southern Baptist quote unquote preacher - Charles Stanley - who is smooth, polished, a great orator for sure - but this is what his son preached - and I'll just say it - "like father, like son..."

Is the Old Testament still relevant? Should we even be paying attention to the "old laws." Quote:

*Andy Stanley, the senior pastor of North Point Community Church in Georgia, recently made the news when he preached a message on Acts 15. Noting that the council in Jerusalem had allowed Gentiles to join the people of God without requiring them to be neither circumcised nor adhering to Old Testament dietary rules, Stanley then added that Christians need to unhitch from the Old Testament. He said, "Peter, James, Paul*

*elected to un-hitch the Christian faith from their Jewish scriptures, and my friends, we must as well."*

*Since then, Stanley drew a great deal of well-deserved criticism. In response, Stanley said that he was misunderstood. He said, "I never suggested we 'un-hitch' from a passage of Scripture or from a specific Biblical imperative." But then, after appearing to walk back his statements, he went even further. After recently making the argument that we are under the new covenant, Stanley said, "[The Ten Commandments](#) are from the old covenant." Further, Stanley said, "[Participants in the new covenant are not required to obey any of the commandments found in the first part of their Bibles.](#)"*

So again, here's the question I ask - and this again proves exactly what I have been saying - that it is the "church" - the "churchmen" who are agents of the state - they receive their life's blood from the state - they derive their very existence from the state - if the Law of God is not applicable for today - then who's or what law is applicable for today?

Because I absolutely believe that today - in the New Covenant world - not only are the first 39 books relevant - but they are my history book - filled with "this is what I expect, this is what I want, this is how I intend for MY People to fill My World" - it is "This is the way, walk you therefore in it."

It's all - all 66 books are about the nation of God - and the desire for God to have a people who will obey Him and be His people - and He will be their God.

It's One book, One God, One Way, One Plan. It's not a biography about a schizophrenic god who says one thing to one group of people and something else to everyone else.

If we are coming to the Scriptures with the approach that not one single Word of it was written to us - but every single Word was written for us - then we would easily understand that Romans 13 is telling the followers of Christ to submit to His Government. Romans 13 is not telling anyone, anywhere, that the God who told Abraham he was blessed because Abraham obeyed Him - that all of a sudden - that whole concept was totally changed and that God would now be blessing men because they threw out God's Law and fully embraced their own.

Here's the New Testament version of II Kings 17 according to the "church" and the "churchmen" and please tell me if you find this to be absolute ridiculous. But here's II Kings 17 - new testament style - modern preacher:

For so it was, that the Gentiles had pleased the LORD their God, which had left them in the world, under the hands of kings and presidents, and congresses and legislatures, and had loved other rulers, judges magistrates and statues,  
[8] And they walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD desired for

the gentiles, and all which they had made.

[9] And the gentiles did openly those things that were at one time or for another people, 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 - but they did so because ultimately that it was brought great favor to them in the sight of Yahweh.

[10] And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: they created their own money system and put images of the lawmakers they made for themselves,

[11] And there they created more laws, and more statues in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things - but those things provoked the LORD to great pleasure:

[12] For they served their own laws, statutes and judgements, whereof the LORD had said at another place and time, Ye shall not do these things - but now - He says I want you to do them because I command you to and it brings me great pleasure.

[13] Yet the LORD testified on behalf of the gentiles, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Keep doing ye your evil ways, and unhitch my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded in the first 39 books, and which I sent to those other people by my servants the prophets.

[14] And oh how the people did hear, and softened their necks, unlike the necks of those other people at that other time, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

[15] And the gentiles ditched Yahweh's statutes, and his covenant that he made with the jews, and his testimonies which he testified would be so good for them; and the gentiles 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 exactly everything, just like them.

[16] 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.

[17] And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do what was once called evil in the sight of the LORD, but now God changed His mind and said all these things are good - because men decided they were, to provoke him to great favor.

[18] Therefore the LORD was very happy with the gentiles, and moved them right to the top of his sight: there was none left but the those dirty muslims who won't

play the game the way the gentiles want it played.

[19] Also so the gentiles kept not the commandments of the LORD their God from those first 39 worthless books of the Bible, and walked in the constitutions, laws, statutes, treaties which they made.

This is how the ordinance - the things created by God intended for man to follow and obey - has become the creations of men intended for men to follow and obey - even though those things are totally opposite of what the God has so clearly commanded.

So my message is that there is not a two-faced schizophrenic God that has a way and a plan for the first several thousand years of His creation - then - He sent His own Son to bring down that original plan - and completely change - a 100% totally different plan - or way of doing things. Of course, please don't misunderstand me, the King did away with the sacrificial elements of the old system. That's as clear as can be.

What I'm saying is that the plan for the nation has never changed. Every single one of the 66 books of the Bible that we have today should bring us to the understanding that God has always desired a people for Himself. Man has always desired to be their own people, do things their own ways, and their ways will always end in destruction - and they are in desperate need of a Saviour - who will save them from themselves. Who will pluck them up from the muck and mire that they created from trying to do things their own ways. A Saviour who will rescue them from the messes they make when they decide they have the power to redefine good and evil - and then try to force other men into compliance for their definitions.

I want you to turn with me to Romans 11. We aren't going to get into a great amount of study here because I believe just reading it should - whether we fully understand the physical lineage of Abraham - whether we fully understand gentile, ethnos, the nations, or what have you - we will see that no matter Israel of the flesh, or Israel of the spirit, or Gentile of the flesh, or if there is such a thing as gentile of the spirit - the original promise of the nation for Abraham is still in effect today.

[1] I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

[2] God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

[3] Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

[4] But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

[5] Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

[6] And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

[7] What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

[8] (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

[9] And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompence unto them:

[10] Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always.

[11] I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

[12] Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

[13] For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

[14] If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

[15] For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

[16] For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

[17] And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

[18] Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

[19] Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

[20] Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

[21] For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

[22] Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

[23] And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

[24] For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert



grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

[25] For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

[26] And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

[27] For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

[28] As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

[29] For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

[30] For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

[31] Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

[32] For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

[33] O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

[34] For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

[35] Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

[36] For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

All those verses concerning the Laws, the Commandments, the Statutes, the Judgements that we read in the first 39 books are for every single one of us today. We have all been grafted into Israel. We are all supposed to be Israel. There's not a plan for the people of the first 39 books and another separate plan for everyone else.

Now, here's where the rubber meets the road. Here's the understanding of this. Are we talking about keeping the Law for salvation? The answer is - Yes and No. Now, don't turn me off. Remember, I am presenting a view of Scripture from a perspective that very few have before. I'm certainly not saying this from a boastful viewpoint - it's just that I have never claimed earthly citizenship, I've never claimed to be a U.S. citizen, a state citizen - I've lived a long time this way. Look, I've never used a social security number while living in a society where most people think it would be impossible to do so. Don't you think that would give someone a unique perspective on things?

I am a stranger living in the land of my physical birth. I don't have a bank account. Yet, somehow, I've managed to be married to the same woman for over 30 years - without - gasp - a state marriage license. We raised 5 children with no birth certificates, no social

security numbers, homebirth, homeschool, home Bible - and this was in the modern era - not the 1800s. My family never missed a meal. My children had shoes on their feet and clothes on their back. Our Father met our needs - just as He promised - and we have lived as citizens of the commonwealth of Israel - while everyone else around us did not. So, don't you think we would have a little different perspective? We have lived the way we lived - because we believe that is what the Bible teaches that God wants for His people.

So, yes, the perspective is different. From the understanding of being born again, being fully immersed into Christ, Christ the King, Bible prophecy - because of the way we have lived all these years - that being the only way of life we have ever known - and we've done it because we believe - our faith - our system of belief - has said - "This is the way of the Bible, walk ye in it."

Think about this please. Then we will get back to the Law for salvation, Yes and No.

"Born into sin."

From my perspective, this is what being "born into sin" means. A boy or girl is born and their parents register their birth with a nation that is not the nation of God. They are physically born into a nation that is not the nation of God. It is a nation that has decided that they have the power - and erroneously - the authority - to define to themselves the definitions of good and evil. So they create their own laws, their own statutes, their own judgements - and in many ways and in many things - their ways have become opposite to the ordinance of God.

But, of course, they do so because their "churches" and their "churchmen" which they set up according to their laws, and their statutes, etc., have convinced them that God has done a complete 180 - has declared His Own Laws, Statutes, and Judgements to be unconstitutional - and man's laws, statutes and judgments to be the supreme law of the land.

So this is what the little babies are born into today. They are born into a nation that has made their own definitions of sin.

Since the Laws, Statutes and Judgements of God have been replaced by man's laws, statutes and judgements - as long as these babies will live according to the plan of man - that is get all your shots, go to government school, go to government church, pay your taxes, obey all the laws of the land, then you are acceptable to God.

And the reality is, since they don't break the laws of men, they really don't need a saviour. They keep the laws. They are not just good citizens, but they are great citizens. They are doing every single thing that God commanded them to do - so they really do not even need a saviour.

Last night, I was eating dinner with my Mom, who is 80 now, and she said, "Well, most people don't even believe in God anymore."

Well, she's right and she's not right. She's right that the God of the Bible has basically been - as Andy Stanley said it (kind of) - "unhitched from society" but the schizophrenic god they teach people about - who in all reality - has become the state - in not only believed in - but is wholly worshipped by just about everyone.

This past week was Religious Freedom day in the U.S. And for a second - believe me - for about a second - I just thought to myself - "It isn't religious freedom for me."

Of course it isn't. My religion (for lack of a better word) is not the religion of the U.S. The god of the U.S. is not the God of the Bible. I'm trying to serve the God who says, "Obey my Commandments, My Statutes, My Judgements" and the god of the U.S. says the God of the Bible declared His Commandments to be void and has declared that whatever mere men say are laws, commandments, statutes and judgements, you are to obey them.

I serve a God who said, THOU SHALT NOT TAX A MAN'S LABOR! And if you do, I'm going to destroy you. I will not even hear the prayers of those who tax labor. Religious freedom in the U.S. says - we will tax from whatever source we want to. And the preachers are going to tell you that if you don't obey this - you will be damned. Well, sure. Damned by them if you don't - damned by the true God of the Bible if you do. But because we fear men more than we fear God - we choose to follow men - and then even twist the Word of God into a complete fraud and a lie - in order to save our skins - in the present.

We need a saviour - to save us from ourselves. We were born into sin - born into a system of belief that is totally contrary to that of the clear teachings of the Word of God. We were born into a nation that is not the nation of God - in no way shape or form does man's nation look like the nation of God - and we need a Saviour to translate us from the dominion of darkness - into the Kingdom of His dear Son.

I asked you be ready to go to Ephesians 2. Let's look there now. Ephesians chapter 2. Let's begin in verse 1.

- [1] And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Do you see that? Oh my how I hope you see this today. These are trespasses and sins according to the definitions of God - not according to men. Even though the United States has more people in their jails - possibly than the rest of the world combined -

and even though it looks to me like their desire is for every single one of their citizens to be in a jail - the majority are still abiding by their laws, statues and judgements as best they can - and they are ALL dead in trespasses and sins - because their definitions of trespasses and sins is not God's.

Look at verse 2. Burn that into your minds today.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,  
This is according to the old covenant world. The context is from what all that we read continually in the first 39 books - they walked according to their laws, their statues which they had made - and not according to Yahweh's. They walked according to the spirit of the children of disobedience. Again, disobedience to what? Disobedience to the Laws, Statutes, Judgements and Commandments of God - not men. Verse 3.

[3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Last week, we looked at the wars of the U.S. from its inception in 1789. Almost every single year - the U.S. has been at war. It's just doing what those who walk after the flesh do. It's just fulfilling its desires of the flesh - it is a nation that by its nature has produced children of wrath. It's filled with anger, filled by rage.

[4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

[5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

[6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

[7] That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

This is us. We are the ages to come. This is all applicable to us!

[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith;

It doesn't say, for by grace are ye saved alone...it says for by grace are ye saved through faith.

and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

[9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Alright, now we have to stop for just a minute. Grace through faith.

What is faith? Hopefully, everyone knows we should turn to Hebrews 11 now. So, let's do that. Hebrews 11, verse 1.

[1] Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[2] For by it the elders obtained a good report.

[3] Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

When was the book of Hebrews written? In the first century. At that time, did those people have the completed Word of God? No they did not. Was this passage of Scripture written to you and me? No it was not. We were not alive. This was written to a specific group of people at a specific time and place. Not one Word of this was written to us - but every Word was written for us.

Is there such a thing as "blind faith?" In other words, believe it without seeing it, or believe because I said so? Yes there is. And to a certain extent, all faith comes this way. But "blind faith" is built on something. It's not something in the air. It's based on something we read. It's based on something we have seen. It's based on something we haven't seen, but something we were told about. Faith is not mystical. It's not magical. It is a system of belief that is developed - and Godly faith - is a system of belief developed from the preaching, the studying, the hearing of God's Word.

[4] By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Here, we learn the faith of Abel. Faith is something we have learned. We read the story of Abel. We learn from it. Our faith is being built on it.

[5] By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

[6] But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

[7] By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

[8] By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither

he went.

[9] By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

[10] For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

[11] Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

[12] Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

[13] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

[14] For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

[15] And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

[16] But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

This faith - this system of belief - this clear teaching of showing where faith comes from - is from men and women found in the first 39 books of the Bible. And it is all summed up here in verses 14-16 they were seeking a country. They were strangers and pilgrims on the earth - seeking a better country - a heavenly - not meaning that they were seeking to be removed from this earth - but they were seeking a country on this earth where the people would not be ashamed to call Yahweh their God. A nation who would not seek their own ways, their own constitutions, their own laws and statutes - but Yahweh's Laws, Statutes, Commandments and Judgements.

It is absolutely salvation by grace - but through faith. Your system of belief that is based on the true teachings found in the Word of God.

People have faith. Everyone has faith. Everyone has a belief in something. Most everyone has a faith in their earthly government, in their way of life, in their system of laws - but that is not Godly faith. That is not saving faith. That is not the faith that brings the grace.

Not of works. Your system of belief is not based on your works. It's based on your belief. Do you believe all these stories from the Word? Do you believe, by faith Abel, do you believe by faith, Abraham, do you believe by faith Moses? Do you believe, by faith Noah condemned the world - a world that clearly had turned its back on Yahweh and devised their own ways. But Noah chose to obey God. Though the whole world scoffed at him

and laughed at him - he chose to obey God. Hebrews 11, verse 17:

[17] By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

[18] Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

[19] Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

[20] By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

[21] By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

[22] By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

[23] By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

[24] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

[25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

[26] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

[27] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

[28] Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

[29] By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

[30] By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

[31] By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

[32] And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

[33] Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

[34] Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

[35] Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

[36] And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

[37] They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

[38] (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

[39] And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

[40] God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Okay. But now today - we have this record. We have the record of how these men and women lived. Their faith - their system of belief which caused them to do and live and be the way they were - this is supposed to be our faith! They showed us what faith is - what a proper system of belief is. Go back to Ephesians 2, now, please and let's pick back up with verse 10.

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

[11] Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Now please, watch this very closely. The first 39 books of the Bible were about Israel. No doubt about it. No matter what your understanding of Israel, the Jews, the Gentiles - verse 12 -

[12] That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel,

Commonwealth is a political term. It is nation status. It is the assembly. It is the ecclesia of God. It is the Government of God on this earth. It is the name of the people, the nation of God.

and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:



Being aliens to the commonwealth of Israel is a state or condition of being without hope.

[13] But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Everyone now who has claimed to be a follower of Jesus Christ has become a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel. No matter where you were - if you were an alien - look - that's still today a political term - it's used for someone who isn't a citizen - but now - in Christ - we have become citizens of the commonwealth of Israel when we are in Christ.

[14] For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

[15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

[16] And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

[17] And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

[18] For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

[19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

[20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

He's not a schizophrenic god who has one plan for one people and a totally different plan for another people. It's the plan of God for one nation. And friends, I'm telling you, if you are not in that nation, then you are still dead in your trespasses and your sins.

By grace are you saved through faith. Faith is a system of belief based on the knowledge of the truth contained in the Word of God. And that truth is that the Israel of God is Real. It is the only nation that God allows for His people. He doesn't allow dual citizenship with the world - with the course of the world - with the power of the air - with the children who work the spirit of disobedience. Come out from among them and be ye separate - is a major part of faith - your system of belief.

The Kingdom of God is now. It is a required element of faith - your system of belief - and if you believe the Kingdom is future - then your faith is not a saving faith. Faith that is not built on truth is not saving faith. We aren't talking about works of the Law. But we are talking about believing that the nation is real. We are talking about believing that

God has not taken away His Laws, Statutes, Judgements and Commandments. We are talking about believing that God wants His people to be citizens of His nation.

We aren't talking about works for salvation. We are talking about faith - first and foremost. Your works will never produce anything until they are based on faith - Godly faith. The faith demonstrated by all those listed in Hebrews 11. Proper faith - produced by the proper understanding of the Word - will produce works that become evidence that we believe in the King, we believe in the Kingdom. And that's where we need to be. And sadly, most are not even close.

A man that says the Laws of God are done away with - is not a child of God. He is not in the Kingdom of God. Until he changes his mind - repents of his sins and trespasses - he's not in the Kingdom of God. Grace is coming to those who by faith - proper Godly faith - accept Christ and the Kingdom of God.

[21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

[22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The purpose of God and the plan from the foundation of the world, was for God to have a people. A people who would obey His Laws, His Statutes, His Commandments, His Judgements. Old Covenant Israel continually refused to be those people. He constantly called them back to His Laws - to the proper nation status of Israel - but they refused.

After many hundreds of years of existence, He sent His Son and said "Surely they will reverence my Son." But those miserable men took His Son and said, "Let us kill the heir and seize on His inheritance." And they did so.

But there were some who believed that the Son was the promised Saviour, the Redeemer, the King. And they believed on Him and they repented of their sins and for not being the people that God had intended for them to be.

God, in His infinite mercy, forgave their sins - why? Because they believed on His Son and believed that He was their King. They believed that the intended nation was restored for them - and even while they were strangers scattered - according to I Peter 1 - and at some point this week - I want you to look at the word strangers from I Peter 1 - and you will find again that it is a political term - it is a status that even the world understands - they were resident aliens - but they believed that they had a nation - they were the people of God. They were to be citizens of the commonwealth of Israel

and bring the world into subjection to the ordinance of God which was for their sake. They believed this. This was their faith. This was saving faith that brought the grace of God upon them. And this is our example. This is what was for the ages to come.

The record of the Old Covenant was that the nation was called Israel but in the New Covenant world it had a name change - imagine that - it became the commonwealth of Israel. This is the nation of God. It is heavenly, yes, but it is totally real for today. It's heavenly because it's holy - but it is how God intends to bring salvation to His Creation.

Until a man realizes and understands by faith - the proper system of belief based on the preaching, the studying, the hearing of God's Word - He will not see the Kingdom of God.

I did not complete my last instance of a man being called evil for acting like an Israelite. I just felt like I needed to say these things today. Lord willing we'll conclude next week. Of all the instances we showed from the Scripture where men acted like Israelites - none is greater than the story told about the man Jesus.

I want to remind you again of Kingdom Conference 2020. This is going to be held at the Maranatha Bible Camp and Retreat Center just outside of Springfield Missouri. Please go to my website at [www.godsendusmen.com](http://www.godsendusmen.com) and at the top of the Home page is a link for more details. We need you to go there and submit registrations for us to help us plan for the number of people that are coming. I want you to know that while this is an open invitation, we want people there who are truly seeking the Kingdom of God. People who are looking for answers, for solutions in how we are to be the people, the commonwealth of Israel - in a land that does not want the same.