

Message# 141 - 5-30-2021 - The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

We have some prayer requests that I would like to tell you about. I should have told you about this one last week - I apologize for forgetting it. Many of you know Larry Blanchard - and for those of you who know Larry - you probably already know what he's been going through - and you've probably already been in prayer for him. But for the others who do not know, Larry is a naturopathic physician and is currently down in Texas. He's been fellowshipping on a regular basis with one of our own - Matthew and Violet and their children as well as at least one other family.

But apparently, Larry had been treating some folks who had failed to inform him that they had taken the Covid jab. Incredibly, they took a real, dangerous, vile injection for something that wasn't real to begin with. For something that had - even if it existed at all - but has/had whatever - a better than 99% recovery rate - they thought it was a good idea to take an experimental gene therapy, DNA altering Frankenstein mutant injection. And for those of who have been listening - somehow - and I have no idea how they managed to do it - basically because I don't have a demented, vile, wicked imagination as some people do - but if you ask Larry Blanchard whether or not the theory of shedding is real or not - I believe he is going to be all over it providing some valuable information once he recovers.

Larry has been in intensive care now for I think close to about two weeks and it was from bacterial pneumonia that he developed as a result of close contact with someone who had taken the jab. I spoke with Sam about this last week - and as soon as Larry has recovered and is physically able to do so - Sam is going to have Larry on his show to talk about what he has been going through. The last report I received was that Larry was improving - and that he was going to be removed from ICU and put in an intermediary room - I think that's what it was called.

I believe Larry would probably say that hospitals are for absolute last resorts. I believe the same thing. This is really going to be interesting to hear his story firsthand. Until then - I have to say that - I just never believed they could pull something like this off - but it sure seems like Larry got sick from close contact with a vaxxer. The aggravating part about it is - if I heard this correctly - someone took the jab - then had a bad reaction and went to Larry for help. Well, thanks a lot.

So, I know that Larry and all those around him would really appreciate the prayers. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man, availeth much." So, please pray for Larry that he will be completely healed from this and will be able to tell us what happened.

I know, of course, that those of you who listen to me preach every week - have not taken the jab - but I think there may be something to us being separated from those who have. The lepers were commanded to separate themselves. The vaxxers are modernday lepers - in the most gentle form - but in the worst case scenario - they should be treated as rebellious, disobedient, insolent children.

I can't believe I would have to say this - but I am leading towards putting a notice out that for our next conference - those that have taken the jab - should simply stay home. We welcome all who have resisted masking, all who have not taken the jab - but for the jabbers - I think they should stay away.

I just think there is absolutely no excuse - none - for anyone who claims the name of Christ, to not know better than to allow their body to be defiled in such a manner. Our bodies are not our own. They do not belong to us. Our bodies are the temple of God and we do not have the authority to defile them. Now listen to me, not with cigarettes, not with booze, not with drugs - and I'll say this - of any kind - and listen to me now - I'm saying this in as much love as I possibly can because I know some of you had made this mistake in the past - and thank God for forgiveness - but brethren - our bodies are not our own to defile them with tattoos. Again, now, I'm not beating any of us down - if that mistake has been made - if you've asked for forgiveness - you've been forgiven.

That's the great thing about being a child of God. He loves His children - even when they do foolish things - and we ask Him to forgive and He does so. Rebellion, now, that's a different story. So, if any of you - no matter what it is - drinking - cigarettes - whatever - leave it in the past - and press on toward the mark of the high calling of God. We won't do those things again, we move on.

And should we ever get to Ecclesia - when our brothers and sisters have been washed clean - then we better consider the finished, wonderful work of our God in all of our lives - and look past. Love covers what? A multitude of sins. And Lord knows, we've ALL committed a multitude of sins - haven't we?

Anyway, our bodies do not belong to us. They belong to God and we need to keep them

as natural as He created them. That should be very obvious, I believe. As for taking the jab - with all the information that has been presented - all the Bible - all the other information and data - to me - it wavers on

“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,”

An argument could be made that there should be more discussion on the issue before making that statement - but I think there is a strong one that could be made. At some point - we've got to stop making excuses for people - we've preached and preached - the information has been put out there - you've been warning people - I've been warning people - it has been sin to participate with this whole scamdemic. It is following a multitude to do evil. There hasn't been a shred of truth to any of it. It's been an advancement of the New World Order - the likes that we have not seen in our lifetimes until the year 2020.

Please continue to pray for Chris in Wisconsin. On this side of the jail bars, time is flying by. I keep telling him he'll be out before he knows it. But, friends, on the other side of those bars - time really drags. So please continue to pray for Chris.

Last week I asked you to pray for Frank and Angie. I didn't provide any details and some of you asked. Frank and Angie and their sons have been friends of ours for a long time. They are stuck in Italy. They want to get back here and they want to be part of an Ecclesia but there's some seemingly big obstacles that need to be overcome. Let's pray that doors will open so they can get back here - if not - let's pray that they will be able to find like-minded people there and begin to build Ecclesia.

As you all know, I get lots of emails. They are all great. I can't tell you the last time I received a hateful email. I can tell you this - I used to get mean letters and emails - in fact - probably more mean and hateful ones - than kind ones. But not anymore. I rarely - like I said - I can't even remember the last mean email I received. I don't know if the fake pandemic has softened people's hearts to the message of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the present day reality of King and Kingdom - I have my suspicions that's what's happened. People are waking up to the fact that church isn't getting it. The CONstitution isn't getting it. The republicans aren't getting it - maybe it's time to just turn to Christ - maybe that's finally starting to happen.

My warrior wife was engaged in a conversation this past week - now that one was not

kind. She was getting attacked a hundred to one. But this lady told Teresa to read all these different books and watch videos and Google this and Google that - and Teresa just responded - "Thanks, but no thanks, I'll just read Christ." Yeah, that's it. Take all of it - take every single bit of it - I'll just take Christ. Take all the books, take all the videos - I'll just take Christ.

Anyway, I got a short email after last week's message and I was so encouraged by it, I want to read it to you this morning. Quote:

Thanks again, Charlie, for your message today. It dawned on me, as I followed in Math 4:4, that I've been living, not by bread alone, but by every word proceeding out of the mouths of government (little g) men. How foolish.

That is really awesome. Yeah, we've been living every other way - except for by the Word of God. Amazing. I can only imagine if some of God's people were together - in the same general area - as in a community of believers - all living by the Words proceeding from the mouth of God - what could possibly happen.

Brethren, Dave is right. We have been living - not just breathing, eating, and sleeping, our lives - the way we live our lives - has been structured - by evil, wicked men who have done all they can do to make sure that it is "illegal" it is against the law - to live - by every word proceeding out of the mouth of God - and we have done basically nothing to stop the cycle from continuing. Until the cycle stops - and it stops when God's people rise up - and say - we will no longer follow the gods that our fathers served on the other side - until that cycle stops - evil is going to continue to proliferate. What we are seeing today - is not going to stop on it's own. And, as much as I hate to say it - and in some regards I wish I was wrong - but in other ways I hope I'm right - but I hope that we do not see the supernatural intervention of God in putting a stop to evil - like for instance - the He did with Sodom and Gomorrah. "Why, Charlie? Why would you say that?"

Simple. Because the ones that God spared were the ones who left Sodom and Gomorrah. We today - are doing very little in leaving Sodom and Gomorrah. I know I sound like a broken record - but the leaving Sodom and Gomorrah - in the New Covenant World - from one generation to the next - when the society becomes Sodom and Gomorrah - it's because God's people have been absorbed into Sodom and Gomorrah - they are living side by side with the wicked - working side by side - doing the same things - following the same quote "laws" - there is no

Ecclesia - and the result is exactly what we see happening today.

And Ecclesia is the answer - but again - God's people are not running to Ecclesia. Hopefully, we are well into the mind-changing stage. I do hear from a lot of people who are talking Ecclesia - but we need to move from the mind-changing aspect - to the boots on the ground. The actual building.

This past week, Michael sent me the first installment of his latest Michael's Minutes. I love it. I have it posted now on the website. Please go to the website and read Michael's Minutes. This one is called Juden. It's excellent. I believe this goes hand-in-hand with the faith once delivered to the saints.

In last week's message, I quoted to you from an article in which Fauci stated that they have been working on their wicked, rNMA, gene altering adultery for - in his words - decades and decades. I think I recall they may have started on this garbage as far back as the 1960s. I think all the vile lab work and experimenting with the MK-Ultra program may have been a part in all this.

After the message, Teresa sent me another of his quotes. This one was from 2017 and I think many, if not most of you, probably already know this, but Fauci was quoted back in 2017 that there was going to be a worldwide pandemic that Trump was going to have to deal with. It doesn't matter the name. Whether it was Trump or Hillary, whoever, they have had this thing planned for a long long time. I believe way longer ago than 2017, also.

While we have been duped into Rendering Unto Caesar, turning the other cheek, going the extra mile - and now - if they ask for your cloak, give them your underwear, too - while we've been listening to the wolves obliterate the true meanings of Christ's Words - these wicked people have been busy with their plans to make sure the Kingdom of God is driven so far into the past - that not only are men and women, boys and girls not in the Kingdom - they aren't even seeking it.

Friends, I am telling you. And again, if it sounds like a broken record, then so be it, because I am hearing people agree with this now - the quote "church" - a word that should not even be in our English Bible - the quote "church" is the religious arm of the state. It is not of God now - it has NEVER been of God. It is in place to do whatever it can to make sure the message of obedience to the state is first and foremost. Its teachings are almost completely 100% totally the opposite of what the Bible is about, what the Will of God is for His Creation - the way we are

supposed to live - from generation to generation - world without end.

The quote "church" is in place to keep people from finding the King and His Kingdom. Teresa was going back and forth with this lady this past week - and of course, Teresa quoted Scripture to her about All Bible Prophecy being Fulfilled in the first century - and the lady responded - quote "The greatest fulfillment of all the prophecies was on May 14, 1948 when the state of Israel became a nation."

I told Teresa to respond to her that she was a blasphemous liar and an antichrist. And that is exactly what this lady and the hundreds of other church people that were attacking Teresa. One lone voice trying to point people to the truth - and a hundred malicious, mean-spirited church people doing everything they could do to silence one lone voice in the wilderness speaking the truth. And, you know it, I know it, we all know that's exactly what has been happening when you try to turn "church people" to the truth of the King and Kingdom.

They caused Christ to be executed in the first century - and they would do the same thing if they were around today.

Before we get to our main passage, Jude 1-5, I want you to turn to Matthew chapter 5. We've already seen several quotes of Christ from this passage that the Pharisees have twisted and turned to make Christ appear to agree with the teachings of the Jews - the Pharisees. I specifically said that the way I said it - because I want to make sure you understand that I agree with what Michael wrote in his last minute. Christ telling His followers to go another mile - was not said to make people think He was bowing to Caesar. It was the exact opposite. He was once again - like He did over and over and over - He was mocking Caesar. He was not bowing to Caesar. He was not telling His followers to submit to Caesar. He was doing the exact opposite. Can't we see, that if Jesus, if Yeshua, was the way the modern preachers want us to believe He was - no possible way would Caesar have allowed Him to be executed. The Jesus of the church is the biggest friend and ally that men's little g governments has.

The Jesus of the church has done nothing but tell that multitudes of church people to blindly submit, never question, do everything you are told, sit down, shut up, obey obey obey. And for the most part - the biggest part - that's exactly what church people have done. You have to obey Caesar (even though there hasn't been a Caesar for thousands of years) - but you have to obey Caesar - and you

have to do it - because God said so - because Jesus said so. The Jesus of the church is wrapped in the flag, wrapped in the CONstitution, and at the front of the rMNA jab line.

Matthew 5:33-41.

[33] Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

[34] But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

[35] Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

[36] Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

[37] But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Now, I've talked about this before, and I've had some push back on it. But I absolutely believe that in the New Covenant World, we are not to swear oaths - at all. As we've seen from some of these other Sermon on the Mount teachings - the way we have looked at these passages in the past - probably has not been the right way.

But in regards to this teaching, I absolutely believe, that had this been a part of our faith - our system of belief - as it was when it was first delivered to the saints - I believe that we would probably not be as far away from the Words proceeding out of the mouth of God - living - as we are today. Example. I remember seeing an IRS form 1040 when I was 16 years old.

At the end of that document, the document said, "I swear that the foregoing information is true and accurate, under penalties of perjury, blah blah blah." I've told you before, I don't know if it still says it that way or not, I don't think it does, but when I was very young, I saw the words, "I swear" on U.S. government documents - and at a very young age - I said, "No, I can't be a part of that."

Jesus said, "in the olden days, it was written, thou shalt not forswear thyself, but perform only your oaths to Yahweh." I believe, because of the next statement about just let your yea be yea and your nay nay - Christ said - "To keep yourselves out of trouble - don't swear at all." Make no oaths at all.

The reality is, nearly every single interaction between a U.S. citizen and their chosen government - nearly every interaction requires either an oath, an affirmation, a promise, etc., and what is happening is people - God's people - who should not be doing such things - is actually entering into contracts - sealed with an oath - to perform things that are contrary to the clear teachings of the Bible. Had we been taught - NO OATHS - NO SWEARING - just let your yea be yea - and your nay nay - if we were living by those Words - I have to believe we would not be as far away as we have become.

James wrote, in James 5. Turn over there so we can see this. This is a man that walked with Christ, talked with Christ, ate with Christ. Saw His many miracles, saw Him walk on the water, make the blind see, the lame walk, turned the baptismal waters into wine - James saw all those things - then in writing his book - he says the following in James 5:12:

[12] But above all things, my brethren,

Okay, James, this is going to be great. Above all things, the most important thing you learned from Christ. The thing you felt was the most important aspect of your faith - wow - this is going to be really really good.

[12] But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

Those are nearly identical, Word for Word, the Words of Christ from Matthew 5.

“Lest ye fall into condemnation.”

Live by these Words of God and it will keep you from trouble. When I was very young, I saw, I don't know why, I have no idea what to tell you as to why this was impressed on me at such an early age. But I saw these Words of Christ, and I saw how that interaction between citizens of the world and their little g governments involved swearing oaths - and I just couldn't be a participant. Don't swear - not at all - it will keep you from falling into condemnation. Condemnation from Who? The Only One that matters.

Again, now, I told you, I've had some push back on the way I teach this - but I believe the simple Words of Christ - confirmed by James - in this matter - is the proper way to look at this.

Back to Matthew 5, verse 38:

[38] Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

[39] But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

[40] And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

Alright, let's stop right here. Once again, this teaching of Christ has been used to teach people to lay down and submit. The principle, which is supposed to apply to interactions between people - has been taken much further. It has become a blank check for men who call themselves quote "the government" it's a blank check for them to just do whatever they want to - to whomever they want to - and Christians are supposed to just sit back, shut up, and take it - because Christ wants us to think that we are winning something by allowing others to beat us senseless. This, again, is not at all what Christ was teaching.

There are two other ways to look at this. For many years, I thought this was possibly what He was talking about. It could be. But I think it's deeper - and I will get to that one in a minute.

[40] And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

Go back up to verse 25. Because I think for many years, I may have allowed verses 25 and 40 to mean the same things - but I don't think that's entirely accurate.

Verse 25:

[25] Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Here's another teaching of Christ that has been used to make Christians think they

are just to lay down, submit, obey, etc. Combine this with verse 40, and we get a double-dose here. Let me explain this one first.

This does not mean that anyone who just comes into your life as an adversary and demands this or that from you - you just give them whatever they want - or else. That's not what it means.

In verse 25, Christ is saying - "If you have wronged someone, if you are the guilty party, try to settle the issue with the person you have wronged, so that things don't get worse for you."

Absolutely. This is saying YOU are guilty. YOU harmed someone. Of course, that happens. Not intentionally - hopefully - but you are the guilty party in a controversy. Go to that person you have wronged and try to come to a settlement so that the situation does not get any worse than it already is.

Christ is not saying "If you are not guilty - go ahead and act like you are guilty just to go along." That's not what He is saying at all. To say such a thing is to further the false concept that Christians are to stand by and allow injustice, wickedness, rebellion against the Laws of God, false teaching, etc. That's not what Christ was teaching.

[40] And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

Now look at this one. This now, is the same exact thing that Christ was doing to some of these other issues. Listen to this. Some of this may sound a little familiar because I have read part of this from other sources, but this is really good and I want you to hear it a little differently this time.

Many otherwise devout Christians simply dismiss Jesus' teachings about nonviolence out of hand as impractical idealism. And with good reason. "Turn the other cheek" has come to imply a passive, doormat like quality that has made the Christian way seem cowardly and complicit in the face of injustice. "Resist not evil" seems to break the back of all opposition to evil and to counsel submission. "Going the second mile" has become a platitude meaning nothing more than "extend yourself" and appears to encourage collaboration with the oppressor. Jesus' teaching, viewed this way, is impractical, masochistic, and even suicidal—an invitation to bullies and spouse-batterers to wipe up the floor with their supine Christian victims. Jesus never displayed that kind of passivity. Whatever the source of the misunderstanding, such distortions are clearly neither in Jesus nor his

teaching, which, in context, is one of the most revolutionary political statements ever uttered: You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile (Matt. 5:38-41; see also Luke 6:29). The traditional interpretation of "do not resist an evildoer" has been nonresistance to evil—an odd conclusion, given the fact that on every occasion Jesus himself resisted evil with every fiber of his being. The fifth-century theologian Augustine agreed that the gospel teaches nonresistance, and therefore declared that a Christian must not attempt self-defense. However, he noted, if someone is attacking my neighbor, then the love commandment requires me to defend my neighbor, by force of arms if necessary. With that deft stroke, Augustine opened the door to the just-war theory, the military defense of the Roman Empire, and the use of torture and capital punishment. Following his lead, Christians have ever since been justifying wars fought for nothing more than national interest as "just." Curiously enough, some pacifists have also bought the nonresistance interpretation, and therefore have rejected nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience as coercive and in violation of the law of Christ. But the gospel does not teach nonresistance to evil. Jesus counsels resistance, but without violence. The Greek word translated "resist" in Matt. 5:39 is *antistenai*, meaning literally to stand (*stenai*) against (*anti*). What translators have over-looked is that *antistenai* is most often used in the Greek version of the Old Testament as a technical term for warfare. It describes the way opposing armies would march toward each other until their ranks met. Then they would "take a stand," that is, fight. Ephesians 6:13 uses precisely this imagery: "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand [*antistenai*] on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm *istenai*]." The image is not of a punch-drunk boxer somehow managing to stay on his feet, but of soldiers standing their ground, refusing to flee. In short, *antistenai* means more here than simply to "resist" evil. It means to resist violently, to revolt or rebel, to engage in an armed insurrection. The Bible translators working in the hire of King James on what came to be known as the King James Version knew that the king did not want people to conclude that they had any recourse against his or any other sovereign's tyranny. James had explicitly commissioned a new translation of the Bible because of what he regarded as "seditious . . . dangerous, and trayterous" tendencies in the marginal notes printed in the Geneva Bible, which included endorsement of the right to disobey a tyrant. Therefore the public had to be made to believe that there are two alternatives, and only two: flight or fight.

And Jesus is made to command us, according to these king's men, to resist not. Jesus appears to authorize monarchical absolutism. Submission is the will of God. And most modern translators have meekly followed in that path. Jesus is not telling us to submit to evil, but to refuse to oppose it on its own terms. We are not to let the opponent dictate the methods of our opposition. He is urging us to transcend both passivity and violence by finding a third way, one that is at once assertive and yet nonviolent. The correct translation would be the one still preserved in the earliest renditions of this saying found in the New Testament epistles: "Do not repay evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17; 1 Thes. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9). The Scholars Version of Matt. 5:39a is superb: "Don't react violently against the one who is evil."

Now listen to this in regards to giving your cloak and your underwear.

STRIP NAKED Jesus' second example of assertive nonviolence is set in a court of law. A creditor has taken a poor man to court over an unpaid loan. Only the poorest of the poor were subjected to such treatment. Deuteronomy 24:10-13 provided that a creditor could take as collateral for a loan a poor person's long outer robe, but it had to be returned each evening so the poor man would have something in which to sleep. Jesus is not advising people to add to their disadvantage by renouncing justice altogether, as so many commentators have suggested. He is telling impoverished debtors, who have nothing left but the clothes on their backs, to use the system against itself. Indebtedness was a plague in first-century Palestine. Jesus' parables are full of debtors struggling to salvage their lives. Heavy debt was not, however, a natural calamity that had overtaken the incompetent. It was the direct consequence of Roman imperial policy. Emperors taxed the wealthy heavily to fund their wars. The rich naturally sought non-liquid investments to hide their wealth. Land was best, but it was ancestrally owned and passed down over generations, and no peasant would voluntarily relinquish it. However, exorbitant interest (25 to 250 percent) could be used to drive landowners ever deeper into debt. And debt, coupled with the high taxation required by Herod Antipas to pay Rome tribute, created the economic leverage to pry Galilean peasants loose from their land. By the time of Jesus we see this process already far advanced: large estates owned by absentee landlords, managed by stewards, and worked by tenant farmers, day laborers, and slaves. It is no accident that the first act of the Jewish revolutionaries in 66 c.e. was to burn the temple treasury, where the record of debts was kept. It is to this situation that Jesus speaks. His hearers are the poor ("if any one would sue you"). They share a

rankling hatred for a system that subjects them to humiliation by -3- stripping them of their lands, their goods, and finally even their outer garments. Why, then, does Jesus counsel them to give over their undergarments as well? This would mean stripping off all their clothing and marching out of court stark naked! Nakedness was taboo in Judaism, and shame fell less on the naked party than on the person viewing or causing the nakedness (Gen. 9:20-27). By stripping, the debtor has brought shame on the creditor. Imagine the guffaws this saying must have evoked. There stands the creditor, covered with shame, the poor debtor's outer garment in the one hand, his undergarment in the other. The tables have suddenly been turned on the creditor. The debtor had no hope of winning the case; the law was entirely in the creditor's favor. But the poor man has transcended this attempt to humiliate him. He has risen above shame. At the same time, he has registered a stunning protest against the system that created his debt. He has said in effect, "You want my robe? Here, take everything! Now you've got all I have except my body. Is that what you'll take next?" Imagine the debtor leaving court naked. His friends and neighbors, aghast, inquire what happened. He explains. They join his growing procession, which now resembles a victory parade. This is guerrilla theater! The entire system by which debtors are oppressed has been publicly unmasked. The creditor is revealed to be not a legitimate moneylender but a party to the reduction of an entire social class to landlessness and destitution. This unmasking is not simply punitive, since it offers the creditor a chance to see, perhaps for the first time in his life, what his practices cause, and to repent. The Powers That Be literally stand on their dignity. Nothing deflates them more effectively than deft lampooning. By refusing to be awed by their power, the powerless are emboldened to seize the initiative, even where structural change is not immediately possible. This message, far from counseling an unattainable otherworldly perfection, is a practical, strategic measure for empowering the oppressed. It is being lived out all over the world today by previously powerless people ready to take their history into their own hands. Shortly before the fall of political apartheid in South Africa, police descended on a squatters' camp they had long wanted to demolish. They gave the few women there five minutes to gather their possessions, and then the bulldozers would level their shacks. The women, apparently sensing the residual puritanical streak in rural Afrikaners, stripped naked before the bulldozers. The police turned and fled. So far as I know, that camp still stands. Jesus' teaching on nonviolence provides a hint of how to take on the entire system by unmasking its essential cruelty and burlesquing its pretensions to justice. Those who listen will no longer be treated as sponges to be squeezed dry by the rich. They can accept the laws as they stand, push them to

absurdity, and reveal them for what they have become. They can strip naked, walk out before their fellows, and leave the creditors, and the whole economic edifice they represent, stark naked. End quote.

According to this viewpoint, there's a couple things to note. The controversy here is between a borrower and a lender. Of course, the obvious thing that comes to mind for me here - again - just like being compelled to carry the Roman soldier's backpack - don't get yourself in a situation like that to begin.

The borrower is servant to the lender.

That is an eternal, generational principle that is never going to go away. There's just no way around it. In an attempt to protect the lender's interest in the contract - they always put stipulations in place that the borrower agrees to prior to the issuance of the loan.

For instance, and I've talked a little about this - will get into it more later - but the insurance industry - in my opinion - which I believe is firmly grounded in Scripture - the insurance industry is another invention of men to keep people from finding and walking in the Will of God. As simplistic as this is. I ask you. Would Christ have had insurance? Of any kind? His Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the wealth in every mine. What use would insurance - even from a practical standpoint - if there is such a thing - what would He have needed it for? Would he have needed health insurance?

What about the disciples? Would they have needed health insurance? What about boat insurance? When the waves came and beat upon the ship thinking it was going to be sunk, did the disciples call All-State? Or did they just go wake up sleeping Jesus and have Him calm the seas?

I've told you this before - look at almost every insurance company out there - All-State - what's their slogan - "You're in good hands with All-State." Great. Substitute for God. Who needs God when you are in All-States hands.

Listen to these verses:

Ecclesiastes 2:24

There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and

that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

Ecclesiastes 9:1

For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them.

Listen to this one. This is especially great:

I Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

[7] Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

No. The good hands of All-State is not a better choice because they work in the physical realm and God only works in the spiritual realm. Of course, I've had people tell me that God guided men to create things like insurance and that's His way of protecting people.

Where did insurance come from? I found this from the Trusted Choice Insurance company's website. Listen to this, quote:

Insurance has a history that dates back to the ancient world. Over the centuries, it has developed into a modern business of protecting people from various risks. The industry has been profitable for many years and has been an important aspect of private and public long-term finance.

In the ancient world, the first forms of insurance were recorded by the Babylonian and Chinese traders. To limit the loss of goods, merchants would divide their items among various ships that had to cross treacherous waters. One of the first documented loss limitation methods was noted in the Code of Hammurabi, which was written around 1750 BC. Under this method, a merchant receiving a loan would pay the lender an extra amount of money in exchange for a guarantee that the loan would be cancelled if the shipment were stolen. The first to insure their people were the Achaemenian monarchs, and insurance records were submitted to notary offices. Insurance was also noted for gifts of substantial value. These gifts were given to monarchs. By recording their gifts in a register, givers would receive help from a monarch by proving the gift's existence if

they were in trouble.

As the ancient world evolved, maritime loans with rates based on favorable seasons for traveling surfaced. Around 600 BC, the Greeks and Romans formed the first types of life and health insurance with their benevolent societies. These societies provided care for families of deceased citizens. Such societies continued for centuries in many different areas of the world and included funerary rituals. In the 12th century in Anatolia, a type of state insurance was introduced. If traders were robbed in the area, the state treasury would reimburse them for their losses.

Standalone insurance policies that were not tied to contracts or loans surfaced in Genoa in the 14th century. This is where the first documented insurance policy came from in 1347. In the following century, standalone maritime insurance was formed. With this type of insurance, premiums varied based on unique risks. However, the separation of insurance from contracts and loans was a major change that would influence insurance for the rest of time.

The first book printed on the subject of insurance was penned by Pedro de Santarém, and the literature was published in 1552. As the Renaissance ended in Europe, insurance evolved into a much more sophisticated form of protection with several varieties of coverage. Until the late 17th century, many areas were still dominated by friendly societies that collected money to pay for medical expenses and funerals. However, the end of the 17th century introduced a rapid expansion of London's importance in the world of trade. This also increased the need for cargo insurance. London became a hub for companies or people who were willing to underwrite the ventures of cargo ships and merchant traders. Lloyd's of London, one of London's leading insurers, is still a major insurance business in the city.

Modern insurance can be traced back to the city's Great Fire of London, which occurred in 1666. After it destroyed more than 30,000 homes, a man named Nicholas Barbon started a building insurance business. He later introduced the city's first fire insurance company. Accident insurance was made available in the late 19th century, and it was very similar to modern disability coverage.

In U.S. history, the first insurance company was based in South Carolina and opened in 1732 to offer fire coverage. Benjamin Franklin started a company in the 1750s, which collected contributions for preventing disastrous fires from destroying buildings. As the 1800s arrived and passed, insurance companies evolved to include life insurance and several other forms of coverage. No type of insurance was mandatory in the United States until the 1930s. At that time, the government created Social Security. In the

1940s, GI insurance surfaced. It helped ease the financial difficulties of women whose husbands died while fighting in World War II. It wasn't until the 1980s that the need for car insurance grew enough that steps were taken to make it mandatory. Although insurance is an established business, it is still changing and will change in the future to meet the evolving needs of consumers. End quote.

Did any of you see anything conspicuously missing from this article? I sure did. For the follower of Christ,

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

There's no place in the Word of God where men are told to participate in insurance. Let me go back to where I started down that trail.

The borrower is servant to the lender.

When the lender draws up the contract, he puts several burdens on the borrower - all for the purpose of protecting his investment - and many - if not all times - the requirements cause the follower of Christ to violate the Scriptures. Now, remember, I'm not in that world - I don't have firsthand knowledge - but I hear things - I pay attention. I do not believe there is any commercial lender out there that would loan something without either some type of collateral or an insurance policy or both.

How about going to car dealership and entering into a loan with them for a car? Several things are going to be required.

- 1) The car will have to be quote "properly registered and licensed" with the state.
- 2) It will have to fly the state's flag on the back of it. Once again - in place of the banner of God - remember - HIS banner over me is love - yes - He has a flag - He has a banner - and that's the one we are supposed to be flying. It is a symbol of being in His hand - under His protection. Because the state is the great mimicker - they too have banners. They too have symbols of protection. Call it what you will - but the tag on the car originates from the same exact concept as a ship flying it's country's flag - raised high so that the navy can see who the ship belongs to and will offer protection against the pirates, the Muslims, etc.
- 3) The borrower will have the car fully insured.

Ever heard of an insurance company having, in lieu of insurance and licensing, etc., have a policy that says -

- 1) The borrower must be a follower of Christ.

2) The borrower agrees to abide by the Laws of God which have very real safeguards against negligence and demands responsibility, etc.

Ever heard of anything like that? Of course not.

So, Proverbs 22:7

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

And then Christ comes along later and says in Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Why is this not very clear to those who live by the Word that proceed out from the mouth of God - we are not to be in debt?

I think again, part of the problem is that we have been part of an organization that has developed to itself a religion - that religion is separate from the Word of God - and it is a religion that has evolved over many centuries and it has changed the Words that proceeded from the mouth of God - into something that more agrees with the way we live - as opposed to the way He wants us to live.

Listen, there is nothing wrong with families helping each other out. That is God's plan. There's nothing wrong with brothers and sisters in Christ helping each out in times of need - or even in helping our young people get ahead while they are starting out - but the world has plans and schemes that oppose the Will of God. They violate the Will of God. We are not to be participants with them - why? "Lest you fall into condemnation."

Just like Christ told the people listening to Him - avoid the Roman soldiers. Don't even give them the opportunity to force you or compel you to submit to them - then - if you happen to get caught - there's still another way out - He was telling His followers avoid situations where you might be in with creditors who compel you to violate the Scripture. Stay out of those situations altogether.

Christ was never - did never - tell His followers to voluntarily submit to men's little g governments. He was all about having people submit to His Father, His Father's Laws, His Father's Will - and knowing that there would be others trying to sway them from the Father and from the Father's Words - He was telling His followers how to avoid those situations.

Christ Himself was offered a place in men's little g governments. He was offered a seat at the table. Yet He declined. Rather than having a seat at the table - He had another

table already being built. His table was His Kingdom - His Government - the Ecclesia. His Kingship, His Kingdom, all built on the Laws and Will of His Father.

Please turn to the little powerful book of Jude. Let's once again read the first 5 verses of this book.

[1] Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

[2] Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

[3] Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

[4] For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

[5] I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Over the last couple of weeks, we've been looking at quite a few things that have shown us what the faith once delivered to the saints was - and how we must have the same faith they did.

In looking at Mark 4 - where the King James text says, "the devil" took Jesus upon a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world - then said - if you'll just bow to me - I will give them all to you.

Of course, Jesus refused.

That Mark 4 passage - should be as clear as can be - that the quote "devil" - Christ's adversary - the great tempter - the rebellious usurper of the Kingdom of God - was the one controlling the kingdoms of the world. Who was that "devil?" I don't know. The text doesn't say. At that time, there was basically one man who claimed to possess and control all the kingdoms of the world. Was that "devil" Caesar? Is that out of the realm of possibility? Of course not. I don't think we can or even should say definitively, because it doesn't really matter. The principle is there. The adversary of Christ - which is our adversary also - is the one controlling men's little g governments.

Christ resisted them. We should also. But not just for the sake of resisting. Christ had His Own Kingdom. He had His Own Government. He didn't need or want men's little g governments. They are false. They are illegitimate. They aren't the real thing. They do

not operate under the Authority of God. They are not functioning by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. They live according to their own words - their own laws - their own statues - they are not of God.

We are not to be participants with them. Though they offer the whole world - just bow to them - just recognize them - no - we as followers of Christ will not take a seat at their table - and forsake the table He has prepared for us.

Yahweh is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

[3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

[4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

[5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of Yahweh for ever.

I want you to turn to Ephesians chapter 4. Keeping in mind that we are supposed to have a King and a Kingdom. We are supposed to have Government by Christ - our lives are supposed to be Governed by the Words that proceed from the mouth of God. He has prepared us our own table. We are supposed to be seated at His table. When offered the kingdoms of the world - just like Christ was - we are to refuse. Christ did not yield to the quote "devil." Whoever that adversary was - Christ did not yield. Ephesians 4, verse 1.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

[2] With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

[3] Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

[4] There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

[5] One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Very briefly. Why only one baptism? You might say, well, because there was always just one baptism. Friends, no there wasn't. In the Old Covenant World - there were many - not just many - many many many baptisms. But in the New Covenant

World - now - there is just one baptism. And for the sake of the faith once delivered to the saints - we absolutely better know what it is. Verse 6.

[6] One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

[7] But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

[8] Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

[9] (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

[10] He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

[11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

[12] 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,

Oh boy. Did you see that. Till we all come in the unity of the system of belief based on the Words proceeding out of the mouth of God!

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;

Hmm. You mean there are men out there who with the sleight of hand - say one thing - and mean another - they twist the Scriptures into things that were never intended to say. They are cunning, they are calculated, they are crafty - they plan - they scheme - they lie in wait for the purpose to deceive. And what's the end game of deception? To prevent people from finding the King and His Kingdom and then LIVING their lives according to the Laws and the Perfect Will of the King and His Kingdom. To trick people into living according to their words - instead of the Words that proceeded from the mouth of God.

[15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

[16] From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

[17] This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other nations walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Again. Do you see it? We are not to walk the way the other nations walk. See. We have our own Nation - and we aren't supposed to live the same way the others do.

[18] Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Oh my. I hope you are seeing this. This is giving me chills reading this. Alienated from the life of God. That's what happens when we live by the words of others.

[19] Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

[20] But ye have not so learned Christ;

[21] If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

[22] That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

[23] And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

[24] And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

[25] Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

[26] Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Now watch this. Pay attention to verse 27.

[27] Neither give place to the devil.

The devil, the adversary, the representative of men's little g governments - cannot have any place in the table that God has prepared for us.

This is the exact same "devil" - whoever it was - from Mark 4. Whether it was Caesar, I don't know. Herod, I don't know. Pilate, I don't know. High priests? I don't know. But it was clearly a representative of some kind from men's little g governments. And we are commanded - not to give place to the devil.