

Message# 150 - 8-1-2021 - The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints - Clarifying Hating your Parents!

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning in to the broadcast this morning.

I want to remind you again about the fall Kingdom Conference. We are planning for what the world calls October 28 through the 31st. We will be meeting again at the Maranatha Bible Camp and Retreat Center. It's just outside of Springfield Missouri. The facilities are fantastic. We have a great time of fellowship. The food is great. The music is excellent. It's a really great time to get together.

If I had contact information for each of you listening - I would reach out personally to you and invite you to come. But I don't have everybody's contact information. If you are able to come - you really need to be here. You need to meet these people who are like-minded. It is the most refreshing 4 days that we have in months. I know some of you out there feel all alone. You need to come and meet these other people who think alike, believe alike and want the same things.

So, please let us know if you have even thoughts of trying to make it out here, please let us know.

I want to remind you of Michael's Minutes. There's a new one there and it's fantastic.

Last week, I preached a message and to kind of let you know where I was prior to the message - well - I was really excited to preach that message. And as I've told you before - Teresa is my biggest critic and she's my biggest cheerleader - and she was noticeably quiet after the message - as were most of you. It's funny because I thought that message was going to be well received and was going to really provide a lot of ammunition and support for the battle. Now I'm wondering if you knew what I was concluding in that message. So, before we get into today's message - if we actually do - I think I want to clarify some things about that message.

I meant to say some things to set up the message and I guess maybe if I would have done so - it probably would have been more understandable.

A lot of this comes from the debate that we had several weeks ago is still fresh on my mind and I just concluded my responses to Kevin Craig - after taking a couple weeks to

respond to his statements. In the debate, the “churchmen” were using Matthew 5 and Romans 12 (and some other passages) to unravel the Laws of God. They were saying that “Jesus” - they did not know Him as Yeshua the Christ - but their “Jesus” - and I say that phrase specifically the way I do because their “Jesus” and our Yeshua the Christ - are not the same person.

We are trying to follow Christ - the Christ - the Messiah - the King that came in the first century. They are following a “Jesus” whose personality, his beliefs, his teachings, have continuously evolved and changed and adapted to the surroundings of the people as the generations go by - their “Jesus” and our Yeshua the Christ, the King - are not the same.

Their “Jesus” sat down one day at the foot of a mountain and revealed that it was the plan of God to replace His Commandments, His Laws, His Statutes, His Judgements, His Will - He sent His Son to change it all. To bring it down. To replace it and in its place - He established man to rule over each other - wickedly - these “churchmen” say that Romans 13 represents the “demonic powers of the world” - God established ONLY evil men to rule in “governments” in the world - and Christians - it is the Christian mandate - they say - to submit to the demonic powers of the world - in order to “win them to Christ.”

Quote:

“The "powers of darkness" are ordained by God. They are set in place by God. They are under His providential control. Their rebellion and sin serve God's purposes.”

Quote:

“God is in control of demonic sword-bearers, and no government bears the sword "in vain," that is, in a way that does not serve God's ultimate purposes.”

Quote:

“All governments -- Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Rome, the Third Reich -- are all put in place by God, and they all serve God's purposes. They are all evil, rebellious, immoral, unethical, sinful, unauthorized, but God is sovereign over them all. We overcome them by good works and generosity, not by armed resistance.”

Quote:

“We are commanded to obey "every ordinance of man" (I Peter 2:13) unless that would entail violating God's Law. Stopping for a red light does not violate any law of God. Paying the tribute tax to Caesar does not violate any law of God. Obeying a human command to murder or stop preaching the gospel would result in disobedience to God's command, in which case "We must obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29)
My Quote:

“Obedience to the "powers of darkness" is rebellion to the King of kings - the ONLY Potentate - the Lord Jesus Christ.” That's something that I said - and there here is his response.

The churchman's response:

“Unless the King of kings commands obedience to the powers [of darkness].”

Quote:

“I don't turn the other cheek because the cheek-slapper has a right to "govern" me. I turn the other cheek because my King commands me to. I am governed only by God, who commands me to be subject to the ordinances of men, unless they contradict the commandments of my King.”

As I was preparing the message last week - all these things - and a lot more - were fresh on my mind. We sat for three hours that night going back and forth with men who were telling us that the “clear teachings” - and yes - I use that phrase all the time - the “clear teachings” of Jesus - their “Jesus” - command that we forsake the Laws of God and submit ourselves to the “laws of men” because “Jesus” commands it.

In the statement that I quoted - Kevin uses the teachings of Christ concerning “turning the other cheek” and equates that with obeying men's “governments.”

This is why I spent several weeks showing you that “turn the other cheek” has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with “government.” Christ is saying that - when the offense is not great - let it go. Rather than go through some big, drawn out prosecution - with jail time - bail fees - lawyers - judges - courts - all that stuff - if the offense is not great - let it go.

If you recall, I presented another argument based on “history” that showed that “turning the other cheek” and forcing someone or compelling someone to hit another on the turned cheek - would make the one doing the hitting - a “lawbreaker.” So this was Christ's way of shutting down the one who was doing the hitting - not empowering him to hit again. This was not a green light to come across someone who was trying to be a follower of Christ - and taking advantage of them because you could get away with it. Not only that - the persecution you were inflicting on a Christian would be welcomed - received - and would be met with an opportunity for more persecution without fear of retribution.

That's not at all what Christ was saying in Matthew 5. Christ was not enabling and empowering wicked men to do whatever they want to do. The arguments these men presented and were presenting are insane.

John Wesley said that when the offense is not great - ignore it - but when the offense damages the community at large - the offense MUST BE dealt with. You don't allow a thief free reign in your community. You don't allow a murderer free reign in your community. When a rapist comes into your home to rape your wife - you don't offer your daughter, too. And some might say - they wouldn't say that - well - you'd be wrong because that's exactly what they said. And when we doubled down on them for that scenario - they would not relent.

They continued to take the teachings of Christ from Matthew 5 and use them as unbridled authority to obey every wickedness of man - because their “Jesus” told them to do it.

Quote:

“[T]he governments of men do not like this. They don't like the fact that I obey them only because God tells me to, and not because of any inherent or legitimate right they claim.”

To which I responded:

“ALL THE EDICTS of men contradict the Commandments of the King! That's what they do. That's why they are the "powers of darkness" as opposed to the Powers of God. Men's "governments" are in place to keep people from finding and obeying the One True King.”

They could care less why you obey them. They just want you to obey them.

Your statement - "I don't really support the Constitution" is in direct contradiction to your previous sentence - "God tells you to obey them.

This is the worst type of deception out there - and the enemies of Christ LOVE IT. 'Obey us because God told you to.' What a psyop! Greatest invention of the enemies of Christ.

Christ demands obedience to Him and Him alone. And that's for EVERYONE - Let EVERY soul be subject. That leaves NO ROOM for "man's governments." End quote.

Listen friends, our Yeshua the Christ, the King, is not the same as their "Jesus". Our King did not do away with His Father's Commandments. Our King did not preach the sermon on the mount for the purpose of removing His Father's Commandments and Laws and replacing them with man's.

At every turn, Christ was saying to the people in the first century - your traditions - your laws - your teachings - all of it - are against the Laws of My Father - and because of what you have done - you have made God's Word of no effect in your lives.

At that time - everything the Pharisees had down was for the purpose of keeping their tradition - their laws - their teachings. And Christ was bringing it down. For those who accepted His teachings - those things were brought down. For those who did not accept His teaching - well - in the end - they were destroyed.

God had finally had enough. The days of rebellion - *the ones I'm referring to* - from I Samuel 8 - "Give us a king like all the other nations" - the time period God allowed for that rebellion ended when God sent His Son - Yeshua the Christ - to put an end to that time period. Those days were over. It was NEVER the plan of God - not for one second - to allow that time period to go on endlessly. The purpose of Creation - the whole reason for man's existence - was for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - to have a people for Himself and for Him and Him alone to rule over them according to His flawlessly perfect, wonderful - compassionate - honest - truthful - pure - holy - right - righteous - just - peace yielding - prosperity producing - His Laws.

That's what the plan has always been.

God allowed Israel to have a "king like all the other nations" for one reason. And that was to show us in the New Covenant World what happens to people in every generation - when faced with the CHOICE - yes - the CHOICE - of what will be their government - and when they choose government of by and for themselves - instead of a Government - of by and for God - the Kingdom of Christ, the Kingdom of God, the

Kingdom of Heaven - the Commonwealth of Israel - when they make the wrong choice - simple - bad things happen. The same bad things that God told Samuel to tell the people in I Samuel 8 - those very same things continue to happen to every generation that demands a "king like all the other nations."

The "church" people can stand and bristle and get offended and say stupid things like, "America doesn't have a king" - when the reality is - the republican democracy they have created for themselves is probably 10 times worse than a monarchy - and monarchies have proven themselves to be pretty bad.

The republican democracy the U.S. has created for itself - FAR exceeds the bad things God said would happen to those who demand their own governments instead of yielding to the Government of God.

In the U.S. - at least today - who knows what might happen tomorrow - because the U.S. now is operating in terms of minutes - things are changing so fast. But in our generation - my generation - the 50s and 60s year olds and up - we lived in a time where it might possibly have been the easiest time to obey King Yeshua and separate ourselves and be the nation God has always wanted. But we failed to answer the call. We were content to live as the Egyptians. We enjoyed the treasures of Egypt instead of the reproach of Christ.

Building Ecclesia in our generation would have been much easier than what we are faced with now. Because times have and are getting harder - the command is still there. Ecclesia is the only choice.

The wicked, abominable doctrine that the "churchmen" teach is what has brought us to the brink of destruction. The false teaching that we are to yield to the "demonic powers of the world" - instead of separating ourselves into the Commonwealth of Israel will ALWAYS be the ONLY thing men and women boys and girls can do - if they want to be obedient to the King in the New Covenant World.

"Turning the other cheek" was not Christ changing the Law of God.

And neither was "going the extra mile" and neither was "resist not evil."

In the debate, as I began to try to explain to those men that what they were taking and trying to make doctrine out of - was not what Christ meant - their response was - laughingly - mockingly - "But this is what it says."

I tried to go through and find that statement that he made to me. But I don't even remember the time on the audio - and I didn't have time to replay the 3 plus hours in order to find it.

But the “churchman” was clearly agitated at me when I told him he was getting Matthew 5 completely the opposite of what Christ was teaching. Every single one of his conclusions from what he demanded his Jesus was saying - was actually the opposite of what Yeshua the Christ was intending to be understood - and what His true disciples DID in fact - understand Him to say.

“Render unto Caesar.” Christ's followers and the Pharisees and the scribes - every single one of them knew that Christ was telling Israelites they were violating the Laws of God i they were “rendering unto Caesar.” Christ wasn't telling them to “pay taxes to Caesar” He was telling them the exact opposite.

“Whose inscription is on the coin?” Why did Christ ask for a coin? Simple. He didn't have one Himself. It was a violation of the Laws of God for Him to have one.

Years ago I found an excellent article written by Jeffery Barr concerning the teaching of Christ concerning Render unto Caesar. In the article, he devoted several paragraphs concerning the coin itself. This is good, listen to this:

“Instead of jumping into the political discussion, though, Jesus curiously requests to see the coin of the tribute. It is not necessary that Jesus possess the coin to answer their question. He could certainly respond without seeing the coin. That He requests to see the coin suggests that there is something meaningful about the coin itself.

In the Tribute Episode, the questioners produce a denarius. The denarius was approximately 1/10 of a troy ounce (at that time about 3.9 grams) of silver and roughly worth a day's wages for a common laborer. The denarius was a remarkably stable currency; Roman emperors did not begin debasing it with any vigor until Nero. The denarius in question would have been issued by the Emperor Tiberius, whose reign coincided with Jesus' ministry. Where Augustus issued hundreds of denarii, Ethelbert Stauffer, in his masterful, Christ and the Caesars, reports that Tiberius issued only three, and of those three, two are relatively rare, and the third is quite common. Tiberius preferred this third and issued it from his personal mint for twenty years. The denarius was truly the emperor's property: he used it to pay his soldiers, officials, and suppliers; it bore the imperial seal; it differed from the copper coins issued by the Roman Senate, and it was also the coin with which subjected peoples, in theory, were required to pay the tribute. Tiberius even made it a capital crime to carry any coin stamped with his image into a bathroom or a brothel. In short, the denarius was a tangible representation of the emperor's power, wealth, deification, and subjugation. End quote

I think I may have linked this article previously, but I will link it again for you. If you haven't read the whole article, you should. It's really good.

<https://www.lewrockwell.com/2010/03/jeffrey-f-barr/render-unto-caesar-amostmisunderstood-newtestamentpassage/>

No. Christ did not have the coin in His possession. And no, Christ was not telling those He was teaching to pay tribute to a man claiming to be a god - which is what the inscription was on the coin. That's not what He was doing - but rather He was doing the exact opposite.

The entire meaning of Scripture - the entire purpose of Creation - the entire meaning of life is for God's Creation and all that's in it - to pay TRIBUTE to Him - to WORSHIP Him - and Him alone.

The days of the earthly kings were there to show the terrible things that happen to people when they choose themselves over Christ. Christ put an end to those days of the earthly kings. God allowed the kings to punish the people. He put them up and pulled them down. But those days are over.

In the New Covenant World established by Christ in the first century - there is ONE King, One Potentate, One Lord, One King of kings and Lord of lords. God has not raised up any others besides Him. The ones who are in place today are there out of total rebellion - they are not their because God put them there and then demanded men to obey them.

If a man lives in a generation where men have taken to themselves "kings like all the other nations" - that man's responsibility to God and King - is to separate himself - Come out from among them and be separate. He is not commanded to obey and submit because everyone else around him has made the wrong choice. He is to Come out of that unGodly - unequally yoked together with unbelievers situation - and follow Christ the King - the Shepherd - out of the sheepfold which is the world - and into the Ecclesia - His Kingdom - His Nation - His Government - the Commonwealth of Israel.

It may be painful. It may not be all that easy - although from my perspective and from the many others who have done so - they will tell you it is WAY easier to live in Christ's Government than it is to live in man's governments. But no matter what the circumstance. No matter what piece of land a man woman boy or girl finds themselves on - in the New Covenant World - they are to Come out from among those who have taken to themselves "kings like all the other nations" - and walk in the Kingdom of Christ.

This is what is meant by being a Christian.

On the other hand - a "churchian" is one who believes in the "authority" of the state - believes that God continues to ordain men's little g "governments" and that God has demanded that people submit to and obey everything they are told.

Everytime the “churchmen” (I'm talking about the debate again) would cite something from Matthew 5 or Romans 12 or I Peter 2 - my response was that they were 100% wrong - they were teaching the exact opposite of what Christ meant - or what God wants us to understand.

They scoffed and mocked and laughed.

In the messages since the debate - I have tried to show how they are getting the Words of Christ, of Paul, of Peter - they are getting them wrong.

In last week's message - I spent the bulk of my time showing how the Bible clearly teaches that we are to obey our parents, we are to revere our parents - in the Lord - we are to love our wives, love our children. I can't imagine how anyone, anywhere would make a conclusion that the Bible, or Christ, or even their “Jesus” teaches anything other than this.

And, just like I was showing the things concerning Matthew 5 - and how the “churchmen” were saying that Christ was unraveling the former Laws of God - I then went to Luke 14:26 and read where Christ said if anyone comes to Him - they must - they must - HATE THEIR PARENTS - HATE THEIR WIVES - HATE THEIR CHILDREN.

It's clear. That's what the Words say. This is what the “churchmen” were saying to us in regards to Matthew 5. It's clear. It's what it says, right there on the pages.

Yes. But what it meant back then - is not the same as what it means today.

Yes. Christ said HATE YOUR PARENTS. HATE YOUR WIVES. HATE YOUR CHILDREN. But according to our definitions and understandings of the word hate today in 2021 - is that really what Christ meant?

Absolutely not. Christ did not come to destroy His Father's Laws.

Love for our parents. Love for our children, for our families - for our neighbors - for our brethren - that's the bedrock of all civilization. Without love for our parents, our wives, our children, our neighbors - we would have nothing at all. That's the basis of life.

That's a bedrock principle that has to be in place - yet - here comes Christ - come on - it says it right on the page - I'm looking at it - I'm laughing at you, mocking at you, because right there - Christ said to HATE YOUR PARENTS - and you are trying to tell me that's really not what it means?

Yeah. You got that straight. Christ was not unraveling the very most basic bedrock principles upon which the Laws of God rest. He was not telling us to hate our parents, hate our children, hate our wives, hate our neighbors.

He was saying - in comparison - our love for God - should be greater than our love for our parents. Hate just means something less. It doesn't mean abhor, detest, despise, wish they were dead.

And likewise, enemy - doesn't mean soldier. It doesn't mean invading army. It doesn't mean British soldier - that's totally false. Enemy meant something less than friend. The words don't mean the same thing today as they meant back then.

The "church" - it's an evolutionized religion that has changed and morphed itself for hundreds of years. It has taken the teachings of Christ - which ultimately were for one purpose - to bring His people back to the place they were prior to the days of I Samuel 8. It was to bring them back to the faith of father Abraham - the father of all who are in Christ. Abraham did not have an earthly king. Abraham obeyed the Laws of God. That's what Christ was sent to do.

Redemption. Redeeming. Reclaiming. Restoring. There was a colossal failure that occurred in I Samuel 8. The most public display of rebellion in the history of Israel - when nearly an entire nation stood together and said, "We do not want God to be our King any longer. We want a king like all the other nations."

This was national sin at his apex. This was the greatest downfall - among many others - but this was the greatest downfall in Israel. It set in motion the plan of God to one day bring Israel a King - a perfect King - a flawlessly perfect - holy - righteous King - who would forgive the people of their great sin - and take to Himself the throne of David - and rule His people forever - from generation to generation.

But the "church" - has done all that it can do as the religious arm and continuation of the "give us a king" crowd - to make people believe that their "Jesus" is a coming king - and until he comes - the devilish doctrine of the divine right of kings is still in place and God Himself commands, demands that people submit to and obey anyone who is in place calling themselves "government."

The very fact that these men continue to use the word "church" - especially after being challenged to study the origins of the word - to see if the Greek Ecclesia - is the same as the Greek kurios or kuriakon - the very fact that they would scoff and jeer at such a concept tells me all I need to know about their motives. And indeed, that evening, everytime they used the word "church" I corrected them - because it is a false teaching. It is not of God.

Christ came to establish His Kingdom and compel - demand - expect - all men everywhere to enter His Kingdom and become citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel. Christ did not come to create weekend social organizations. "Jesus" may have. Their

“Jesus” may have - but not King Yeshua. Our King Yeshua the Christ - is not the same as the “church's” Jesus.

Turn with me please this morning to Matthew 5. Let's look at verses 38 and 39. The clear simple Words of Christ - cannot be taken out of the Bible and laid on a table all by themselves and turned into doctrines that support blind obedience to men's little g “governments.” They must be taken in context. And not just one chapter or the surrounding verses. They must be taken in context with the entire rest of the Bible. Christ did not come to reverse the Commands of God. He came in support of His Father's Commandments - not to tear them down. Verse 38:

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

I've mentioned this before and I want to say it again. The beginning of verse 38:

Ye have heard that it hath been said...

This is not the same thing as “It is written.” Or “thus saith the Lord.” Or, “Moses said.” It's not the same thing. This, more than likely is a reference to the things we read recently from Mark 7 - “your traditions, and many other such like things ye do.” This was Christ referring to the Pharisees and the scribes perversion of the Law of God related to “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

I am not the first one to say this. I did not come to this understanding from John Wesley. I came to this understanding before I even read what John Wesley said about Matthew 5 - because I know beyond any shadow of a doubt that Christ was not reversing the Laws of God with His teachings on Matthew 5. But John Wesley - all the way back in the 1700s - alluded to the same thing. Christ was trying to restore the Laws of God the way they were originally intended - not tear them down. That was just a side note - let's keep going. Verse 39.

[39] But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil:

The “churchmen” will take this phrase -

That ye resist not evil:

And jerk it off this page, lay it on the table and build their false religion around it. Keep your finger here, turn to John chapter 2. And let's begin in verse 1. This will be John chapter 2, verse 1.

[1] And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

[2] And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

[3] And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

[4] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

[5] His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

[6] And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

Sidenote. Last week, though it was not part of the message I asked you to research several of the words I pointed out during the message. Did any of you do that? If you did, do the same thing with this verse here and look up the word purifying as to the six waterpots of stone. Again, I'm not getting into it today, but this is vitally important, I can't even begin to tell you how important this is in understanding the salvation process. But look this up - keeping in mind the words I asked you to look up last week. I have told you many times before - when trying to figure out exactly what Christ DID change from the Law - and He did change things from the Laws - make no mistake about that - the changes were in the ceremonial Laws - and that's it. This is a prime example and I hope you will take the time to research this. Research the word purifying as it's found in verse 6 of John 2. Verse 7.

[7] Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

[8] And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

Let's stop here for just a second and examine some words. Verse 8 - the "governor" of the feast. Okay. Today, when we hear the word "governor" today - we think of men's little g "governments" and the one in the states is called the "governor." He's the one up there signing "laws" and enacting "resolutions" and all the other anti-Christ activities they involve themselves in. Is this what the understanding of John 2:8 is?

"Well, it says the word "governor" right there. Right on the page. That's what it says."

I keep saying that because that's exactly the way the one man was talking to me as he was mocking me and scoffing at me when I said his understandings were not what the first century listeners were understanding. The words don't mean the same thing. If we don't understand that - we're not going to understand the Bible.

If someone reads the word "church" in an English Bible and they don't understand the real definition - how the word shouldn't be there - but should be Government, or Kingdom, Assembly as in the General Assembly - if they don't know those things - when they see the word in their Bibles - they go right to their own understanding - the building on the street corner with the steeple - and the U.S. flag flying outside of it. Occasionally, and not very often I am now noticing - rarely is the "christian flag" flying - but when it is - it is ALWAYS - 100% - every single time - it flies lower than the U.S. flag. If that's what comes into someone's mind when they see the word "church" in their English Bibles - then friends - they don't - they can't - understand the meaning of the Bible.

If you still have that image in your mind - you've got to get it out. That will prevent you from understanding the Bible. It's Ecclesia. It's Kingdom. It's the Government of God ruled by Christ.

This passage, John 2:8 is a great example of how words don't mean the same thing today as they did back then. Quote "Governor Parsons from Missouri" or "Governor DeSantis of Florida" they weren't the "governors" of the feast from John 2. The Greek word here for governor is the director of entertainment at a feast.

I guess we could feel free to use that word today in describing the "governors" of the states - they are the directors of entertainment. Now look at verse 9:

[9] When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

Several things to notice here. For me, the most important thing is the fact that the water - note specifically where that water came from - it came from the purification pots - again - please study the word purifying as found in verse 6 - the water - the H₂O was changed - it was changed - it was changed - the H₂O was changed to wine. As you are studying this - mark this - compare this to Matthew 26 verses 26-29. Again, this is not the main focus of this message - but it is so important it needs to be brought out because we are in this chapter.

The second thing to note - of definitely lessor significance - the "ruler" of the feast. Was there a "lawmaker" at the feast? Along with the governor, there's a ruler, was there a

judge too. How about cops? Were they there, too? Come on, Charlie, it's right there on the page.

The word ruler here is the exact same word for governor from the prior verse. It was the entertainment director of the feast. The words they used back then - don't mean the same thing they meant today. If we don't understand these things - we're not going to understand what God intends for us to know. Verse 10, now.

[10] And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

[11] This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Personally, I find great significance in the fact that His first miracle was in turning the H2O - the purifying H2O into wine. That which was representative of the blood He would be shedding for the remission of sins. Not where we're heading today - but I think it needs to be said. Verse 12.

[12] After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

[13] And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

Now I want you to watch this intently. Because, the "churchmen" have taken Matthew 5:39 - "Resist not evil" and have made it a doctrine of compliance, non-resistance, obey, submit, do what you are told - even when evil people are telling you what to do - they've taken those Words of Christ - completely out of context - completely apart from the rest of Scripture - and they've created this Jesus Religion that resembles nothing of the Yeshua the Christ from the first century.

So here comes Christ to Jerusalem. He enters the temple - which was the center of the entire Israelite world. The temple was Godly. It was part of the Old Covenant World. It was the centerpiece of Old Covenant Israel. It was supposed to be Holy, set apart of the worship of God, for the reading of the Law, for all things Godly in the Old Covenant World. And here comes Christ to Jerusalem and He goes into the temple. Verse 14.

[14] And [Christ] found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

[15] And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of

the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

Now wait a minute. The “church's” “Jesus” commanded Not to Resist evil. But here, in John 2, we find Christ going into the temple - He saw something that He didn't like - and apparently everybody else didn't have a problem with it. But He saw something He didn't like - so he made Himself a whip - the Greek word is frag el leon - Strong called it a lash and said it was like a whip used for public punishment - He makes this whip and then goes over to these people and starts beating them with the whip.

I mean, come on, it's right there on the page, that's what it says He did. He made Himself a whip, and He used it to drive these people out of the temple. He drove out their animals, He poured their money out and He overthrew their tables.

[16] And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

[17] And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

What kind of a crazy mixed up God do we serve? What kind of a crazy mixed up Bible do we have? It's this kind of ridiculous teachings from something called “church” that has made the world look at and determine it has no credibility. Of course. Who could blame them? You have people like Kevin Craig - who - look - Kevin told me the “churchmen” do not like him. But I told him that his teachings are 100% in agreement with the “church” but the “church” is just too gutless to put it out there the way Kevin does. Kevin tells it EXACTLY - in other words - when the “churches” teachings are boiled down to exactly what they really are - Kevin is one of the very few out there who have had the guts to say it just like it is.

And, it's so outrageous, that even some “church” people recoil at it - but the reality is - what they recoil against is exactly what they believe.

And the doctrine, the whole conclusion of “church” is a crazy, mixed up, evolutionized, convoluted, double-minded, twisted perversion of What and Who Yeshua the Christ really was and is.

Yeah, Christ said, “Resist not evil” then He goes right into the temple, builds Himself a whip - similar to one used by the Romans for public punishment - and He cleans out the temple. This “Jesus” of their creation - what was he - schizophrenic? Did he have dual personalities? Or maybe they say that what was described in John 2 really didn't mean what it says. They may as well. I say that nearly everything they say is the opposite of

what was really meant. They should do the same thing. The temple story is a made up fabrication or it doesn't really mean what the page says - and the Resist Not Evil is to be taken literally for exactly what it says.

I mean, really, it's one big contradiction when it comes from their perspective.

This is why I preached the message I preached last week. Love your parents, hate your parents. Love your wife, hate your wives. Love your children, hate your children. It's all one big contradiction at every turn. That's what religion is. That's what the "church" is. The double-minded man is unstable in ALL his ways.

Resist not evil as it is found in Matthew 5 has nothing whatsoever to do with evil as in the violation of God's Laws. Or, resist not evil as in obeying man's evil little g "governments" - that's not what it means.

A few weeks ago - I didn't spend as much time on it as I should have. But when examining "turn the other cheek" I showed you an example from the Scripture where Christ was smacked right on the face - and He did not "turn the other cheek." As in, "Here, go ahead and hit me again." That's not what it means.

Hate your parents, as found in Luke 14:26 does not unravel the rest of the Bible. It doesn't mean what the "churchmen" try to say it means. We have to look at everything in the last 27 books - maybe we should say the four Gospels - we look at what Christ had to say - from the perspective that Christ laid out in verse 17 of Matthew 5.

Go back and look at it. He said this before He talked about "turning the other cheek" and not "resisting evil."

[17] Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Turn over to John 15, let's begin in verse 1.

[1] I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

[2] Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

[3] Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

For those of you who are studying the side notes I have been talking about in these last couple messages, here is a word we need to look at closely. Study the word "clean" as found here in verse 3.

[4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

[5] I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

[6] If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

[7] If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

[8] Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

[9] As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

[10] If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

[11] These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

He didn't come to take away His Father's Law. You can't read Matthew 5:38 on and say that Christ was changing the Laws of God. You can't read Luke 20 regarding paying tribute to someone who is putting himself in the place of God - and say that Christ changed the Law. He didn't come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it. Why? Because in living by the Law of God - instead of by the "laws of men"

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is how we have joy. By living and abiding in the Laws of God.

Because the "churchmen" have sunken themselves in the morass of binding themselves to men's "laws" - they've created their religion to help them wade through the garbage and by twisting the Words of Christ - they have created to themselves a religion that tries to help them make the best of the worst. That's not what Christ was about. He wanted truth, freedom, joy, happiness for those who will walk in His Kingdom.

On Kevin's website, he says that the "christians obligation in this world is to be that of a slave."

I absolutely reject that. I am a child of the King. I am an ambassador of Christ, a joint-heir to the King of kings and Lord of lords - and I will fight for it. I fight - as in resist - refuse to join - stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made me free.

My purpose with last week's message was to show again - how the Words of Christ must be in context with not just the verses around it - but the entire Bible. Christ was not telling His followers to hate their parents. Even though that's what it says on the

page. The word is hate. Yes. But the word didn't mean the same thing back then that it means today.

I sure hope this clears up any misunderstanding. I was so excited to preach that message last week because it gives great proof in helping us to understand that Christ did not come to unravel the Laws of God. We are STILL commanded to serve ONLY One God. The first commandment is still in place. Possibly with greater effect than ever. We are to come out from among the nations - we are to escape the nations - and walk exclusively in the Kingdom of Christ - forsaking all others. Besides Him there is no other.

The Kingdom of Christ is not some powerless Kingdom where the King says forsake My Laws, forsake My Commandments - but rather obey the kingdoms of this world and do what they say so that you will "win them to Christ." That teaching makes a mockery of our King. "If you are the King, come down from that cross. Look, He can't even save Himself. He's no real King."

Christ the King - in accomplishing all that He had to do - part of that was to put an end to the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant World and God required a blood sacrifice to do that. That's why He subjected Himself to the cruelties of the jews and the Romans. He didn't subject Himself to those things as an example to us - that we are also to subject ourselves to the cruelty of men's little g "governments." That was His job. That was part of the reason He was sent. That was a requirement of putting an end to that part of the Old Covenant World - and no other human ever - no man ever before or since - has the power to do what He did.

Ending the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant World is why He allowed Himself to be subjected to such cruelties.

On the other side of that execution, He rose victoriously as the All-Conquering, All Powerful King of kings and Lord of lords. And He has made it possible for all those who would accept His reign in their lives to be joint-heirs with His Kingship. We have the power, we have the Authority, we have the mandate to come out from among the nations and into the Kingdom of Christ. We are not bound in any shape or form to stay subjected to the enemies He defeated.

If a man has not uncovered the difference between Ecclesia and "church" there is no way that man will understand these basic Biblical truths. The Ecclesia, the Kingdom of God, the Commonwealth of Israel - is R-E-A-L and it's there for us to take. All we have to do is take it.