

## **Message# 221- 12-25-2022 - No Man that Warreth Entangleth Himself with the Affairs of this Life**

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

Several weeks ago I put one of our brothers on the Prayer List and asked you to pray for him. Pray for strength, pray for provision, wisdom and guidance. Now, not only is he going through one trial, but one has now become two. One is what the world calls civil - if that one wasn't bad enough - now - because the demons and devils - actual real, living people - not spirit beings flying around on broomsticks and making people speak with scary voices - are wicked - pure evil in their pursuits to attack people trying to live according to Biblical principles - through their evil, cunning devices - they know how to turn the right buttons within their ungodly system in order to destroy God's people.

He's now been put out of his home. He's living in a camper in the woods with no water, some heat - and alienated from his children with threats of "felonies" if he has contact with them. All of this is pure insanity. But it's real. It's going on right now and I want to make sure that all of you are keeping him in your prayers. Though I believe what is going on should not be happening - even in their unGodly world - you need to realize that some of this is actually self-inflicted. This did not need to end up the way it's going. But there is a reason why it's going on - and ultimately - and this man knows this - it's happening because the marriage was not built on a Biblical foundation - but rather with an entanglement with the unGodly state.

Now friends, there are tremendous lessons to learn here - so you younger people will not make the same mistakes the older ones have made.

When the older people finally realize what the consequences are for their horrible choices - sometimes it makes things so deep and so thick - they almost feel as if there's no way out. I will assure you, though, I don't care what your age is, how deep you think you may be in, there is a way out. There is always a way out when we choose to follow the Great Shepherd out of the sheepfold - which is the world. I'm not going to tell you it may not be painful - because - I believe - from everything I've seen in my many years - the older someone is - the more entangled they have allowed themselves to get - the more painful it can be to follow the Shepherd.

But listen, when someone is a true follower of Jesus Christ - one way or another - they will come out of the world. They will either do it voluntarily - which I believe is way easier - or - they will do it through great tribulation. But rest assured, if someone is a true follower of Jesus Christ - they will come out of the world - and the potential for persecution in doing so is going to be great.

I was telling a good friend of mine this past week that, and you all know, I love music. I love good music. I love harmony, I love good instrumentals, I love good music. And I so crave music that is Christ centered, even though "church music" is not about the Jesus Christ of the Bible, sometimes they do actually produce songs that can actually be tolerated and even enjoyed. Maybe about one out of a hundred or so, especially if it's old hymns, but sometimes they manage to get some things right. But when I hear some of the modern stuff and it's about trials and tribulations - it actually gets me riled up - and I usually let everyone around me that's also listening - know how disgusted I am when I hear modern "church" people sing about trials.

The modern "church" and the "churchmen" know absolutely nothing about trials. There isn't 1 out of 100,000 million of them that have ever been on trial because of Jesus Christ. The stinking "church" and their lying "churchmen" rarely ever have conflict with men's governments that would end up having one of them on trial for the Bible.

Friends, Jesus Christ was executed by the state. Jesus Christ was considered a common criminal - hung between two thieves. The disciples were in and out of jail on a regular basis. The true followers of Jesus Christ cannot help but have run-ins with men's little g "governments." Following the Bible and following men just doesn't happen. It never has. Not since the beginning of time. The Bible is filled with examples of men who chose to follow God or follow Christ - and they were persecuted.

Yet, in the u.s., with thousands and thousands of so-called "pastors" - what a joke - "pastors." Do you realize the word only appears one time in the last 27 books of our Bibles? One time. It's in there once. That's something else we need to examine in light of the Scriptures and of course, we're going to find out that what is passed off as "pastors" today - resembles absolutely nothing of what is contained in the Scriptures. Thousands and thousands of them today masquerading themselves as if they have Authority from God to do anything - yet - not a handful - not enough to know about - has ever faced a trial for living the way Jesus Christ said we are supposed to live.

That's because the "church" and the "churchmen" demand a lifestyle that conforms to

the “laws” of the state - as opposed to a lifestyle that conforms to the Laws of God.

Take a quick look this morning at II Timothy chapter 2. I started out a few minutes ago addressing the young people. Imploring them not to make the same mistakes the older generation has made. The Books of Timothy don't tell us exactly how old Timothy was, but all throughout the Books, Paul calls him son. At one point, Paul tells Timothy not to let anyone despise his youth. Mr. Thayer says this about the Greek word for youth, from I Timothy 4:12:

*νεότης, νεότητός, ἡ (νέος), from Homer down; the Sept. chiefly for נַעֲוָרִים; youth, youthful age: 1 Timothy 4:12; ἐκ νεότητός μου, from my boyhood, from my youth, Matthew 19:20 (R G); Mark 10:20; Luke 18:21; Acts 26:4; Genesis 8:21; Job 31:18, etc.*

From this, I don't think we in are error to think that Timothy had maybe not even reached adulthood, yet. Either way, whether that's correct or not, doesn't matter, the reality is Timothy was young. There is great wisdom from II Timothy chapter 2 that our young people need to grasp a hold of. I know in my own life, these verses got a hold of me at age 20 - give or take a year one way or another - and I believe these verses have kept me on the path of following Jesus Christ and I'm all so grateful that I learned it very young. Verse 1:

- [1] Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- [2] And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- [3] Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

One of the things that I think many Christians - even true Christians - do not really grasp is that we are in a war. There has been a war raging between the forces of Good and the forces of evil - all the way back since time began. Don't ask me why. I can't tell you why. I can't tell you why God didn't create some Utopia for His Creation to live in. We could all probably sit around and discuss and muse and ponder an answer to that question - but the reality is - He didn't create a Utopia. He didn't create a world where the good guy always wins and the bad guys always lose. I don't get it. But the sooner we realize that things are the way they are - well - because - and this is deep now - that's the way it is. And it's our job as followers of Christ to be overcomers. It is our job to overcome the world. It's our job to overcome evil. It's our job to overcome the attacks against the Government of God. Realizing that in Christ, we are to be overcomers, now, in this present world.

No need to whine about the way things are. No need to cry and complain about the bad guys always seeming to get their way - our job is to follow Christ - put our nose to the grindstone - commit our way and our life to following Christ - and the rest of the world can go kick stones. We are going to follow Christ because that's what we are supposed to do. Yes, we live in a wicked world. Yes, we live in a world that praises evil and punishes good - but we are to follow Christ no matter what the rest of the world does. We are in a war. That's the way it is. And you know what, it's not so much that we have declared war on the world - most of us would just prefer to be left alone to live peacefully according to the Scriptures - but the world can't stand that. It's the world that has the bigger problem with us - than we have with them.

We know how wicked they are. We know how they prefer to lie instead of tell the truth. We know how they prefer their "laws and statues" over God's - we know what they are about. We aren't the ones who have declared war on them - they have declared war on us. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ - you are in a war. War has been declared on you - just like it was declared on Jesus Christ and every other Bible character found in the Book. So go on, accept it, be prepared to...

...endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Knowing that we are in this war - a war not even of our own choosing - but a war that in many ways is a war of defense. Don't misunderstand me, we have offensive weapons that we are to equip ourselves with. And the reality is, I believe there are weapons at our disposal that we are not using - mainly for lack of knowledge. But for the most part - and for this morning, we are talking about defensive strategies, look at verse 4. This is the verse that has guided me for nearly 40 years or more.

[4] No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Friends, this needs to sink in. We need to understand this principle of not entangling ourselves with the affairs of this life. What does this mean? In a practical sense, how do we apply this in our lives - especially as young people starting out in life.

Several weeks ago we spent two messages on debt and what happens to people who go into debt. It's entanglement. It's being involved in things that pull you away from the teachings of the Bible. Debt is entangling yourself in the affairs of this life.

Let's talk about something else specifically. Of course, you know where I'm heading - we should have NO entanglements with men's little g "governments."

Marriage license.

For someone - anyone - not just a follower of Christ - but for anyone to seek out and obtain a marriage license - they have entangled themselves in one of the worst ways possible by making the state a part of the contract between a man and a woman. Now I said anyone - not just a follower of Christ - but let's narrow down the focus. We can't control what the world does. We can and better be controlling what we do.

**No true follower of Jesus Christ should have a marriage license.** The marriage license instantly creates an adulterous situation. It creates a situation where 3 people are in the same bed at the same time. The man, the woman and the state.

And, in this adulterous marriage, the deceived man and woman think - they think - they are in charge of the marriage. Nothing is further from the truth.

I have told you before, how that in the early 1980s, the Indiana "supreme court" came out with a decision that said "Marriage is a Partnership." Okay. Divide 100% by 3 and see what you get. You get 33%, 33% and 34% and the 34% is the controlling interest in the partnership. Hence, the man is 33% and the woman is 33% - that's what their "court" said - they have an equal partnership. But the problem is 33% and 33% leaves 34% - and that 34% belongs to the state. The state has controlling interest. Now, as long as the two 33%ers are happy with each other - the state will kind of be more of a silent partner. And that is, too, as long as the 33%ers abide by the state. But the second things begin to go awry - the 34% steps in and shows who is really the boss of the partnership.

If there are children involved, the state will decide what happens to the children. If there is property involved, the state will decide what happens to the property. The state shows who the controlling interest is. Right, wrong or indifferent, the state is the one in charge.

What if, and this is just a purely hypothetical situation. What if there are two people who are in a state sanctioned marriage (one with a marriage license) - and one of the people - say - in this example - the wife is unfaithful to the husband. The wife has physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually left her husband and wants a divorce. The wife has even committed physical adultery. The wife has even done things that

amounts to stealing from her husband, taking from her family - among other very despicable things.

We live in a wicked world. We live in a world where if a woman commits adultery, steals from her husband, lies to her husband, tries to turn the man's children against him - well - in the world as it is today - those things are not "illegal." And, 99 times out of a hundred - when marriages like this one end up in court - the wicked woman will just about every time prevail against the man. And, that is mainly because their world is ran by lots and lots of Jezebels. Just like in the Bible.

Say the husband in this hypothetical situation doesn't want the divorce. Even though the woman has done all sorts of despicable things - but the husband wants reconciliation. The husband desires for the wife to be saved, to be born again, to have her sins forgiven and for the family to be preserved.

In their world, if the husband wants to "fight for his marriage" and "fight against the divorce" - more than likely - the state will come against this man with all its might and power - not authority - it's not God given authority - it's just purely power - gunpower and physical might - and will do just about everything it can to make sure the husband is destroyed. Well, as much pity and compassion as we could muster for the man - the sad reality is - there is a marriage license. There is an entanglement - which at the beginning certainly seemed benign, it seemed harmless. But the reality is - the entanglement was with a wild beast just waiting to be unleashed to destroy anything and anyone that it might gets its teeth into.

God knows that entanglements with the world will not end well. That's why God had Paul write what he did to Timothy. You are in a war, Timothy. You've been chosen to be a soldier for Jesus Christ. Do not entangle yourself with the affairs of this life.

Mr. Thayer describes affairs this way. Prag-ma-tiah

*πραγματεία (ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων; see Iota), πραγματείας, ἡ (πραγματεύομαι), prosecution of any affair; business, occupation: plural with the addition of τοῦ βίου, pursuits and occupations pertaining to civil life, opposed to warfare (A. V. the affairs of this life), 2 Timothy 2:4 (In the same and other senses in Greek writings from (Hippocrates), Xenophon, Plato down.)*

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines entanglement this way.

*ENTANGLEMENT, noun Involution; a confused or disordered state; intricacy; perplexity.*

Ok. Examine marriages in the Bible. They were exclusively family matters. They usually involved the fathers of the prospective spouses - and of course - the spouses themselves. They were not these perplex, intricate arrangements that involved the state with all their millions of “laws and statues” governing the marriage.

A few weeks ago I saw a headline that caught my attention and I saved it - maybe for this moment.

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/lawyer-says-biggest-takeaway-family-210534594.html>

The headline says:

***Lawyer says 'biggest takeaway' from family law is marriage is 'made up': 'Why get married?'*** Emerald Pellot, 11/17/2022

*A former lawyer believes that “marriage is just made up” based on her experience with family law.*

*Cece Xie is a Harvard Law School graduate who ditched her legal career in 2022 to become a writer. But that doesn't mean her TikTok isn't full of interesting discussions about the U.S. justice system. Xie responded to an inquiry from a follower who wanted to pick her brain about the institution of marriage.*

*Xie shared her “biggest takeaway” was that marriage was just an illusion. While it has a history with religion, politics and economics, those reasons have little bearing for most people these days.*

*“Putting that aside in the modern era, why get married?” Xie said. “Especially if you don't have some like religious attachment to the institution of marriage.”*

*She explained that the government wants people to get married to create “private social welfare networks.” This forces your family to be responsible for you instead of the government. But when you put that cynicism aside, it creates the opportunity to define marriage however you want.*

Of course, we could sit here and pick this thing apart by nearly every single sentence. What the world calls marriage is not what God calls marriage. Marriage - a Godly, Biblical marriage - is a great thing. It's commanded by God. It's between a man and a woman - Governed exclusively by the Laws of God. Other men - with their "laws and statues" and "social welfare networks" are an abomination.

I can't tell you how many people I have talked to through the years that have told me that they went to "church" to get "married" and the "pastor" would not perform the ceremony until they produced a state marriage license. The Scriptures command for God's people not to be entangled with the affairs of life - and the "churchmen" are the ones who demand that those wanting to get married entangle themselves with one of the greatest, longest reaching, strongest entanglements there is in the world.

I went to a Catholic website to find out what was required in order to get "married" in the Catholic "church."

Let me say this for just a minute. There are still people out there who are confused as to why I reference the catholics, why I reference the jews. I don't reference them authoritatively, I reference them so that we know where a lot of this garbage comes from.

For instance, I received criticism because I talked about the jews and their mikvehs. I talked about the jews and their mikvehs because it's jews who say that conversion requires full body immersion in water in a mikveh. And what I'm saying is - if you believe in full body immersion in water - you believe the same thing a jew does. Jews demand full body immersion in water in order to be "saved." If you believe in "water baptism" you believe the same thing a jew does. If you believe in full body water immersion for salvation - you believe the same thing a Mormon believes. If you believe that physical water is a required element for salvation - you believe the same thing the catholics believe.

I'm trying to wake people up. People in the "Identity" movement claim to know the jews are imposters, anti-christs - but a lot of "Identity" type people believe the same thing the jews believe. The "Church of Christ" teaches the jews' religion. The "Church of Christ" teaches the same thing the Mormons teach. I don't reference these things as if they are teaching truth - I'm condemning their beliefs and condemning those that condemn them - but preach the exact same things they do. That's why I talk about the jews, the catholics, the mormons, etc.



From the catholic website, in relation to marriage. Quote:

### *Marriage License*

*Even though your wedding is primarily a sacramental wedding, it is still necessary to have a civil marriage license.*

*You can obtain your marriage license by going to the County's Clerk office and presenting proof of your identity, social security number, and the application fee.*

*Many states may have a waiting period so you might not get it the same day you apply. Make sure you check your state requirements during the wedding planning process to avoid additional stress during wedding week.*

Listen to this article from another "churchman."

<https://www.str.org/w/can-christians-get-married-in-god-s-eyes-without-government-registration->

### ***Can Christians Get Married in God's Eyes Without Government Registration? What makes a marriage official according to God?***

*I was recently asked if Christians can get married in the eyes of God without government registration. If so, should they or shouldn't they?*

Right off the bat I find this question very interesting. Here's what this tells me. Whoever asked that question was probably seeking the Government of God. Yes, I've said it many times before, there are people, even in "church" that are seeking the Government of God. They might know that something just isn't right and they are seeking to find truth and righteousness. But what happens? They go to the "pastor" and ask for help.

Instead of leading them to the Government of God and salvation - the "pastor" - who is a wolf in sheep's clothing - gives the appearance or a facade of giving tribute to the God of the Bible - but as will see in this article - instead - he leads the seeker right straight to hell. Continuing.

*I think the obvious and immediate answer is "yes." Of course Christians can get married in the eyes of God without government registration. They've been doing that for*

*thousands of years. In fact, Adam and Eve obviously did not have a government to sanction their marriage. Instead, in the eyes of God, they were married.*

That's pure lip-service. There is the feeble attempt at trying to bring the God of the Bible into his answer - for the psychologically deceptive purpose of making his answer credible. He goes on.

*Even today—my wife and I live in the United States. When we got married, our pastor married us. I would argue that in the eyes of God, that's when my wife and I were actually married.*

Well, that's funny. That's not what makes the marriage in the eyes of God. Celebrations, ceremonies, feasts, gatherings, those are all great as they provide witnesses to the vows and the commitments - but that is not what makes the marriage - and we all should know that. There are examples from the Bible where this is no celebration, no ceremony, no feast - and yet those were absolutely marriages in the eyes of God. The ceremony with a "pastor" does not make you "married in the eyes of God." Continuing.

*Then, at a later time, we filled out the appropriate government forms—the marriage license—and got that to be a part of the government sanctioned marriage. So yes, Christians can get married without government registration, and in the eyes of God they are actually married.*

*God does not need government registration to recognize a marriage.*

True. In fact, God actually forbids little g "government" registration - if we understand the Word of God. "Government registration" of a marriage is adultery. It is an abomination. And for those of you older people who have one of those documents - I've said this before - I'll say it again - I believe you should get rid of it. Whether or not you should actually file for a divorce with the state (that's what I've said in the past) - I have said that in the past. Of course, you are not divorcing each other - you are divorcing the state. And, I'll assure you that our brother who is going through great trials right now wishes he would have had this information 30+ years ago. Now, I have learned some things recently of something that might be better than going through the divorce process. Since all of their states have no-fault divorces - I think it wouldn't hardly be any big deal to do that - but there might be a better way to do it. That is with a public notice that you made a mistake. Possibly then with a document that revokes the marriage license. My friend Daniel has been doing some great work in this area and

I think I will actually bring him on my hour to talk about it one of these days soon. I know for a fact that in dealing with the state - they recognize a statement that says, "I made a mistake and want to correct it." And that may be a way of getting rid of that abominable, wicked, marriage license.

I would say that very few people know what a horrible mistake it is to get a marriage license from the state. God's people should know it. "Preacher's" should absolutely know it. Godly preachers that is. The churchman continues after saying:

*God does not need government registration to recognize a marriage.*

Let me say something else before I go on. Does that statement not sound really bad to you? It sure does to me.

*God does not need government registration to recognize a marriage.*

Since when does God need anything from a man? That statement just sounds so condescending to me. The man may not have meant it that way, probably didn't, but it's just that when your foundation is so unBiblical, it's going to get exposed. So he says:

*God does not need government registration to recognize a marriage.*

Then he says:

*However,*

We've talked about this little word "however" a lot. We hear it a lot in the English language. And, for the most part, it means forget about what I just said, here's what I really want to say. And, this instance is no different.

*However, Christians cannot get married in the eyes of the government without getting a marriage license. The reason why they might want to get married in the eyes of the government is because when you get married by the government standards, you get all the protections, benefits, and privileges that come with state-sanctioned matrimony.*

Friends, if we have one thimble of Bible knowledge in us, a statement like this should be horrifying to a follower of Christ. "Get married by government standards?" Are you kidding? Are you serious? "Government standards?" This churchman's "government"

sanctions “marriage” between two men - between two women - between two “theys”. How, in today's world, can someone who claims to be a teacher of the Word of God, a spokesman for God, make such an outlandish, ridiculous, foolish statement.

There's something else that's a dead give-away of a total lack of understanding of the Bible. Matrimony? If a man understands the Bible he would never use the word matrimony. Patrimony is far more Biblical - though I don't recommend using either of those words - they aren't in the Bible.

And then add, protections, benefits and privileges to the statement. Those are the exact words that came from the sodomites when they demanded “marriage” from the state. “We demand equal protection, benefits and privileges.” How these “churchmen” cannot even stumble over their own words is just amazing to me. Blind, dumb dogs that cannot bark. That's what the prophet Isaiah had to say about people like this. Then, in heaping more praise onto his “government” he says this:

*Of course, those are intended to help take care of and to promote and nurture families that are formed when people get together and get married. That's why I would recommend for Christians to not only get married in the eyes of God, but also to go the next step and get married in the eyes [of] the government and to get the marriage license. That way, they can participate with the government and get those protections and privileges that come with state-sanctioned matrimony.*

I've said this before and I will say without knowing for sure that it has happened - I will guarantee that it has happened. Two young church people - a young man and young woman go down to the County Clerk's office to get their marriage license because the “preacher” told them to. And standing right in front of them or right behind them - is a couple of queers standing in the exact same line to get the “marriage license.” And sure, they might look at each and maybe even make a quiet comment to each other. Or, knowing the way today's “church” is - they might even offer their heart-felt congratulations to the two sodomites on their impending “marriage.” But when this happens, if the young man and the young woman fail to see they are standing in a line of abomination, and they do not turn around and walk away from that line and what it stands for - I'll just say it - there's is no possible way those two people are true followers of Jesus Christ.

To stand there in the same line with sodomites, freaks and perverts in order to

*“go the next step and get married in the eyes the government and to get the marriage license”*

To fail to see what they are doing is walking in darkness and followers of Jesus Christ are in the light. If we say we are in the light and walk in darkness we lie and do not the truth. The article continues:

*I hope you recognize that the government is a God-given institution. God has given humanity three institutions to help it to flourish and to protect it. God has given us the church, God has given us the family, and God given us the government.*

Two lies and one truth. God has not given man's little g “government” to do anything. The Scriptures say that Jesus Christ put down all rule and all authority and all power and He took it all back - so that there is Only One Potentate, Only One King, and that is Jesus Christ the Lord. And He reigns Supreme with His Father and demands that every man woman boy and girl renounce the little g “governments” of the world and live exclusively as Citizens of His Government. “Church?” Really, God ordained? Maybe I should preach a message on that subject at some time. He continues:

*So, the government is a God-given institution that is intended to help human beings flourish, to protect innocent people, and to punish evildoers. That’s why when governments fail to do their job or they become corrupt, evil thrives, and human beings don’t flourish.*

Really? That's brilliant. Do these guys even read what they say? What world do they live in?

I know a Christian brother right now - right this minute - who 30+ years ago went and got a stinking marriage license because a so-called “preacher” told him to - and today - his life is being totally destroyed by a woman who has openly, brazenly committed adultery in every form it can be committed - and because the state is the controlling interest in that contract - the state is doing all it can to crush the man. Their government protects the innocent and punishes the evil? What world do these “churchmen” live in?

In a Godly, Biblical marriage, a woman wouldn't dare commit adultery. She wouldn't dare steal from the marriage and turn the children against their father. She'd be out on her behind so fast it would make her head spin and would have nothing. And the

community would be supporting the man - would be protecting the innocent and making sure the adultress was the one being punished. The father would have his children. And the community would make sure the children were protected from their wicked mother until she repented of her sin and got right with God.

And, vice versa as well. If the man was the one dishonoring God in the marriage - he'd be out on the street. He'd be punished for his wickedness.

But, in this hypothetical situation I'm talking about this morning, it's a case of the woman doing wickedly - but being protected by the state. Not only being protected by the state - but then using the state to try to crush the man. And this, because a Baptist "preacher" demanded a marriage license over 30 years ago so the marriage would be recognized by the state. Oh yeah, it's recognized alright, better believe that. It is the controlling beast in the marriage and it rules the marriage by its "laws and its policies" and they are not of God. The churchman continues with his lunacy. Absolute moron!

*Notice, because the government is a God-given institution, it's appropriate for us to participate in this government sanctioned matrimony and to get the privileges and benefits that come with that. There's nothing wrong with doing that, so long as the government has not gone completely awry and is horrifically evil.*

Again. What world does this man live in? The article is talking about marriage. Marriage. Just talk about that subject and that one alone. On the subject of marriage, has the "government" gone completely awry and horrifically evil?

Are "churchmen" like this one just total and complete idiots?

I saw a video this week where a Baptist "church" in Waco Texas - a Baptist "church" had a service dedicated to celebrating Brittany Griners return to the u.s. Thankfully, the video was a complete joke as there were only about 20 people that showed up. I think Griner itself didn't even show up. What an absolute laughing stock these churchmen are. This one continues and thankfully we are at the last paragraph.

*Then, maybe you could argue that you don't want to participate with everything government does.*

Ha. Imagine that.

*At least in our country at this point, there is no reason why we can't, as Christians, participate in getting married in the eyes of the government with a marriage license.*

This whole article is so exposing. It is so obvious, right from the beginning, that someone is asking him the question because they see a problem with the u.s. "government." Then he just gives nothing but lip-service to God and Christianity and the Bible - but ultimately does all he can do to turn the seeker right back into following man's "government." I so wonder what Bible, if any, these people actually read from. It's definitely not the one I read from.

So, the brother in my hypothetical situation this morning, would do all he could do to warn the young Timothys of our day not to entangle themselves with the affairs of this life. The entanglements of the world are snares. They are traps. They come with promises of protections and benefits and privileges - but most times - they will end up as snares and many times lead to death and destruction. Let's quickly finish II Timothy chapter 2.

[5] And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Lawfully. Lawful and legal. Two entirely different things. Lawful means things that are approved in God's Law. Legal means things that are approved in man's "laws." There are lots of things that are legal in man's "laws" but are unlawful in God's Laws. There are lots of things that are Lawful in God's Laws - but are illegal in man's "laws." We are to strive only for those things that are Lawful. Going to the state for recognition of a marriage is not only unLawful in God's eyes - but it is abominable in God's eyes. As followers of Christ - we are to be concerned only with things Lawful and unLawful.

[6] The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

[7] Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

[8] Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

Why add of the seed of David, Paul? Listen, He's not just Jesus. He's Jesus Christ. He's King. He's Lord. And, He's not just Jesus Christ. He's Jesus Christ of the seed of David and was raised from the dead. Friends, that Who we are following. Jesus Christ, of the seed of David. Do you really think that Jesus Christ of the seed of David - raised from the dead - cares one bit about whether or not man's little g "government" recognizes

our marriages or not? It's Jesus Christ of the seed of David who commanded marriage in the first place. You are then going to follow up His command and go to mere men to be recognized for something He commanded?

“Yes, Jesus Christ of the seed of David, raised from the dead, just in case being recognized by you isn't enough, we are going to go to the people who executed you and make sure we have their approval, also.”

It's blasphemy. It's blasphemy to go to men to ask for permission, or seek approval to do what God commanded us to do. And that goes for a whole lot more than a marriage license. It's for every thing we do in life. We need the approval, we need the recognition by none other than Jesus Christ of the seed of David, the One who raised from the dead.

Paul believed this. Paul lived this way. That's why he said in verse 9:

[9] Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Look. I don't know why this is the way it is. I have said I don't believe it has to be this way. But for now, because we live in a world that hates Christ and loves their own “government” and demands obedience from everyone to obey their “government” - when we live like Christ commands, we are going to suffer trouble. We are going to be called evil doers - even unto jail. That's what the Word of God says. And they can do what they want - and we might have to go through the same things that Paul - and so many others did - but we have to see this the same way Paul did.

[10] Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

[11] It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him:

[12] If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, he also will deny us:

Friends, this is Christianity. This is the Bible way. No, it isn't always great fun. I'll tell you that. I'd much rather just be left alone to follow Christ. But they won't leave us alone. But there are great promises to those who will stay faithful to Christ. Either we believe this and trust it and have hope in it - or we just go on and be in the world.



But there are men far greater than I could ever wish to be - who did believe in Jesus Christ. They did believe that Jesus Christ was King, of the seed of David, who raised from the dead - and they received salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. They did suffer with Him in order to reign with Him. And I have to believe that whatever glory was promised to them - the same principles would apply to us.

if we deny Him, He also will deny us:

Let's determine not to have this said about us. No matter what they try to do to us - we will not deny Him.

[13] If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.

[14] Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

[15] Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Rightly dividing the Word of Truth will lead us to the clear understanding that Jesus is the Christ. That He rose from the dead. That He was of the seed of David. That the Government is on His shoulder. The little g “governments” of the world operate outside the Authority of Christ. The Government is on His shoulder doesn't mean that the little g “governments” of the world are ordained by Him to praise evil and punish good. Praising evil and punishing good is a simple, dead give-away that that “government” is not the Government of God. That is the world. It's not Christ.

[16] But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

[17] And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

[18] Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

[19] Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

[20] But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

[21] If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto

honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

[22] Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

[23] But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

[24] And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

[25] In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

[26] And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Paul is not talking about some red-pitch-forked demon looking creature. The snare of the devil is - among other things - men's little g "governments." Mr. Thayer says, and I will just tell you I'm kind of picking out some of the things he said because I think they fit this description. One of the things he says about diabolos is:

*estranging mankind from God and enticing them to sin*

I believe this is exactly what men's little g "goverments" do. I believe that's what "their laws and their statues and their treaties" do. They are designed to force men into living according to their way. In order to do so, a man has to choose between the ways of men and the ways of God. Can't serve two masters. That's what Jesus said. You'll love one and hate the other - can't be both.

Choose you this day whom you will serve. Either choose the God of heaven or the gods of the Amorites. That's what Joshua of old realized hundreds of years ago. It's God or men. Make your choice. The same is today. Make your choice. God or men.

"Well, we are so much smarter than that, today. See, we have a CONstitution that's based on the Bible and, blah blah blah." Yeah. I get it. And look where it's gotten us. We aren't in the situation we are in today because men do not follow the CONstitution. We are in the situation we are in today because men have followed the CONstitution. "Our laws and our statues and our treaties shall be the supreme law of the land." Friends, that is people sticking their fist in the face of God and saying about Jesus Christ, the seed of David, raised from the dead, "We will not have this man to reign over us." That's what our problem is.

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Sadly, our fathers and their fathers sold us a bill of goods that many people fell for. That was going to the “government” for recognition and approval and then to get protection and benefits and privileges.

Paul said told Timothy not to entangle himself with the affairs of this life. Paul warned - and I have to believe his conclusion from verses 25 and 26 were the result of people who did not heed his warning about no entanglements. For failing to understand the principle of not being entangled with the world, the people needed to repent so that they would be recovered out of the snare of the devil - taken captive by his will - and taken captive because some deceiver told them it was perfectly fine to get entangled - to take the protections, the benefits of the so-called privileges that come from the entanglements.

John understood entanglements. John knew what would happen by taking protections, benefits and privileges from the world. Turn to III John this morning as we close. We aren't going to get back to I Peter 3 this morning. But that's okay. I felt like we needed to address entanglements this morning. Look what John said, III John, verse 1:

- [1] The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
- [2] Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
- [3] For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.
- [4] I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Walk in truth. Friends, I sure hope you aren't walking in the lie today of that “church” creation called Christ-mass. The whole thing is a lie. From violating Jeremiah chapter 10 - then the “churchmen” once again having the unmitigated gaul to tell people it doesn't mean what it so clearly says. To lying on Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus Christ was not born on something called December 25th. That is a lie and to say that it is and follow people into that lie is following a multitude to do evil. It is wrong. It's sin. We are supposed to walk in truth. John said he had no greater joy than to hear that his children walk in truth.

Santa Claus. I can't believe that people that call themselves Christians would dare let their little children believe that lie. He knows when you've been bad or good - really? Is he God? Is that what he is? He flies around the entire world in one night stuffing his fat self down chimneys bringing presents to everyone? "That's just a little, harmless white lie." Yeah, maybe, if such a thing exists - but it's lying at the expense of Jesus Christ. It's lying at the expense of making a satan out to be like God. It's not harmless. It's not just a little white lie.

Tell your children the truth. It's no wonder so many children grow up and lose respect for their parents. "They lied to me about Satan Claus, what else did they lie to me about? Are they lying about God? Are they lying about the Bible?" When they found out that Satan Claus was just a fairy-tale - do they question everything else their parents told them? What about the Bible stories? Are they lies, too?

I don't know the day Jesus was born. But I know it wasn't in the dead of winter during the heathen winter solstice. I know that much. The whole thing is lying on Jesus. It isn't true and followers of Christ should not be participating in it. The Bible calls bringing a tree into your house and making it stand up and decorating it - the Bible calls it heathen and tells us not to follow the ways of the heathen.

Yes. There is Biblical support for bringing presents to the birth of Christ. They brought presents to Christ - not to each other. And not only that, Jesus is not a little baby anymore. I know the world much prefers Him that way, followed by a crucified, executed criminal - but today - He's the All Conquering King of kings and Lord of lords. He's not a baby anymore.

Now you know me. You know how I despise "church" and everything about it. But if you can get past all that and you want a good laugh - go to youtube and type in Geno Jennings on Christmas. If you know the truth and are walking in the truth concerning this lie called Christ-mass - then you might get a kick out watching that video.

Let's finish III John and we'll be done for today.

[5] Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

[6] Which have borne witness of thy charity before the people [committed to teaching the Government of God]: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a Godly sort, thou shalt do well:

[7] Because that for his name's sake they went forth, **taking nothing of the Gentiles.**

That is also an eternal principle. Just like not entangling ourselves with the affairs of life, so is taking nothing of the Gentiles. The “churchman” encouraged his listeners to take the protections, the benefits, the privileges from the wicked, unGodly, sodomite loving little g “government” of the world. John said that for Christ's sake they went forth, taking nothing from the unbelievers.

Friends, this is Bible 101. This is how Christians are supposed to live their lives. If we follow this blueprint, we will receive protections, benefits, privileges from the Only One that matters. Learn these principles like Timothy did. They will keep you out of a world of hurt later on. That's what they are designed to do.

Generations who have been before us have made some really bad mistakes. Some out of pure ignorance, some because evil deceivers have lured them into traps and snares because they are ministers of the darkness of this world. Know the Word of God. Study to show yourself approved of God. We don't care about approval from the world. We don't care about taking protections, benefits and privileges from the world. The reality is they are traps and snares. They are designed to lead us away from the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus, of the seed of David, raised from the dead.