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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning. Thank you Sam for running the board live for us.

This morning, I have so much on my mind - again - I hardly no where to start and the bad thing about that is - if I try to cover it all - I won't be able to devote much time to it but I do want to say some things in regards to the supposed "Great Creation Debate" that took place last weekend. I know that many of you either heard about it - or maybe even watched it.

I've got a few things to discuss - then I'm going to bring Jeff Thomas on live so he can share with us his latest adventure with the enemies of Christ and if you still do not believe that is an accurate statement, please stick around to listen to what Jeff has to say.

When Matthew first told me about it and told me who was going to be debating - my first response to him was that it was going to be a clown show. And, it literally took about 2 minutes into the "debate" where that was confirmed to be true. Not because it was prophecy - but because it was a no-brainer. The "debate" was between two charismaniac clowns - and friends - if saying that word that way is offensive - then all I can tell you is that I hope it is a wake-up call because I've tried the gentle approach and the dripping honey catches flies bit - and that's not working very well.

The charismaniac movement is - in my opinion - the number 1 antichrist religion in the world today. I said that to someone not long ago and they disagreed immediately. And, of course, that's perfectly fine to disagree on something like that. His opinion was that the catholic church was the number 1 antichrist religion - and there's no doubt a great argument could be made there. In the end, I guess you could really say there's quite a few of them that are tie for first place. Throw a dart in a darkened room and it wherever it would - an argument could be made to put that religion on the top of the antichrist throne.

The charismaniac leaders are the biggest liars, fraudsters, hucksters, in the religion game today - in my opinion. If you don't have any idea what I'm talking about - go to youtube and type in "deliverance preachers" or "prosperity preachers" or "demon

slayers” - that's the big catch-phrase going on right now.

These are the Kenneth Copelands, the Benny Hinns, the Kathryn and I'll just say her last name as Crook - Kathryn Crook. Joel Osteen is a kindergartner compared to these nut-jobs.

We have a new listener from Canada and she has only been a believer for about 3 years, I think she told me. She has more Bible knowledge already in her pinky finger than these clowns have in their whole bodies. One of the things she has asked me is if I have any messages on the charismaniac movement. I told her I did not think that I had specifically addressed that issue in a series - but I have on many occasions discussed their false beliefs to a certain extent - mainly in relation to their end times lies and their worship of the U.S. “government.”

She's asked me on several occasions and as I have thought about it, one of the things that came to mind was that the whole thing - from their fake healings - to their promises of raising the dead - to their regrowing missing toes on lesbians - that the whole movement is so stupid - it's hard to devote a lot of time to it. At some point, maybe we will get into it - but right now - it seems there are so many more important things to address - like things that truly searching people are looking for answers to - as opposed to idiots jumping up and down and running across a stage acting like a moron....I saw a short clip - and I'm not recommending R.C. Sproul - he was a 501(c)(3) government preacher - but I saw a short clip of him talking about the charismaniacs and how they jump around and dance and fall all over each other and all the stupid things they do - and he just asked - “Can you imagine Moses standing before the holiness of God - then screaming and jumping around and running around like a chicken with this head cut off? Stand before a holy God and act like an idiot?” I don't think so. I'll see if I can find that clip and try to put it in the notes. It was actually pretty good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQTx5k60Q3I>

(This is not an endorsement of R.C. Sproul. Just what is in some of this video.)

At the start of this supposed “Creation / Flat Earth Debate” - the first charismaniac gets up there and starts talking about how when “he got saved” God took him up into heaven and showed him the third heaven and he 'saw God.'” Liar. Absolute. Total. Liar. That was a dream that he had as a result of bad anchovies or mushrooms on a pizza that he ate late at night. He didn't see God - because - just like so many other things they brain dirty people with - if it contradicts the Word of God - throw it out. It isn't

true. I don't care what you think your eyes saw or what you think your ears heard - if it contradicts the Word of God - it did not happen. No man hath seen the Father is what the Word of God says. And God didn't just start revealing Himself to the charismaniacs in the last 100 years.

They scream false end times churchology, friends. They are not of God. They are the most pro Israeli people in the world. They are more pro Israeli than the Israelis themselves. It's crazy insanity. They are some of the most pro men's little "governments" in the world. The other charismaniac in the "debate" took between 1 and 2 million dollars from the Covid fraud - and then made national news for screaming and ranting and raving about people wearing masks to his "church." It's a clown show.

Anyway, the first charismaniac gets up there and tells people that God spoke to him and told him the earth was flat. It wasn't I read this in the Bible. It wasn't, "this is what I believe the Bible teaches" - it started out with, "God told me this." Liar. Absolute. Total liar. And I would not be surprised one little bit if the other charismaniac preacher has told people that "God told him the earth was a spinning ball."

These two clowns made a mockery of the Bible, of God, His Son - and it's just so sad that so many people actually equate God and the Bible and Jesus Christ - with these clowns.

Now, before someone says I misrepresented Dean Odle - the flat earth "preacher" from Alabama - his position now is that he can use the Bible to prove his "flat earth belief." But it started out with God telling him this. God spoke to him with an audible voice - maybe he took him up to heaven again and revealed all this to him. But it started out - just like everything else from these charismaniacs with God telling him something.

I've been a Christian for more than 55 years now. I have studied the Word. I have on many occasions begged and pleaded with God to make Himself more real to me than ever - and I can tell you - not once - not one time in 55 years have I heard the audible voice of God. I've never heard "that small voice inside of you" as if it was the voice of God speaking and telling me this or that.

But I'll tell you I've been moved like a bomb at the things I have read from the Word of God and I believe in the power of the Word of God - but God does not speak to anyone in this New Covenant world. To say such things - that God spoke to me - or God visited me in a dream - or I have a direct pipeline to heaven and God has taken me there -

those are lies and they make a liar of the Word of God.

With all that said, if you did not see this “debate” and you want to have a little Flip Wilson with Geraldine and the devil comedy hour - you can go to youtube and find the debate easily.

The charismaniac who did present some Bible passages - those passages are worth looking at. Not because this charismaniac liar had anything to do with it - but simply because any time the Word of God, the Bible is spoken, read, displayed on a video screen, or what have you - and by whoever does it - there is a potential for life-changing power - not because of the individual - but because of the power of the Word of God.

The “flat earth preacher” presented some Bible. Not as much as he should have. In fact, you might say he appealed to his god of the world every bit as he appealed to the God of heaven and in that regard he certainly exposed himself in the manner we all knew about already. The “globe earth” charismaniac - exposed himself as the total moron that we all knew he was already. This was the charismaniac that brags about tithing to Israel - I think he said he gives 5,000.00 per week to the Israelis. He also says Benny Hinn is a hero, a sort of mentor of his. Amazing. How in this world can people fall for this? It is truly an incredible phenomenon.

But then again, I can't imagine how people fall for half the things they fall for. Like the idea that mere men have the power to make their own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong - then force other people - at gunpoint if necessary - people that do not believe that men have the power to define good and evil - that - even without your consent - that one man can force another to obey his definitions of good and evil - right and wrong. To me, that's one of the craziest concepts that men have ever come up with.

Take your Bible for just a minute. I want you to turn to II Kings chapter 17. I am going to read this from the KJV this morning beginning in verse 1. I want us to not look at this passage in a careless - and I don't mean to use that word in a particularly bad way - I just mean I want us to take extra care in understanding that we are reading the recorded Word of God. A historical record as to how God dealt with His people hundreds of years ago. Knowing that the Scriptures tell us they were written for our learning and for our admonition. This is the mind of God revealed through His Word. This is the Will of God for how He wants His people to live. And whether the world gets it or not - this is the way it is. If we call ourselves the followers of God - applying the

principles found in this chapter to our lives today - is what it means to be a follower of God. Listen to this with me, better yet, read along with me.

[1] In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

[2] And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

[3] Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

[4] And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

[5] Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

[6] In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

[7] For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God,

Alright. Stop right here for just a minute. This is as clear as anything ever was in our Bibles. The children of Israel sinned against the LORD.

So, we look at this. As people who claim to be the followers of God. We claim to be believers in this very same God - the God of the children of Israel. Today - there is no argument as to who are the children of Israel. At this point, in this passage of Scripture - as how it applies to today - which is the only thing that can matter. It is totally wrong to say that this passage of Scripture only applies to a specific group of people at a specific time and place and only applied to those people of that specific time and place and therefore has no meaning for us today. We cannot allow someone to stake that claim.

Listen now, they can claim that for themselves all they want to. They have that ability - just like we do. They can read the Word of God and say it doesn't apply to them - and that's between them and God. And, likewise, we can read the exact same Word of God and say that IT DOES apply to us - the principles are what matters - and what happened in the Old Covenant World - was for us to take the principles found in the history of the Old Covenant World - learn and understand that this is teaching the Mind of God, the

Will of God - which does not come from crazy dreams from LSD trips - but from the careful study of the Word of God - and how we are to apply these things in our lives today - 2023 - just a few days from 2024.

What we are reading - if no one else in the whole world believes it - doesn't matter. This is what we believe the Bible teaches and it has meaning and purpose for us today.

The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD their God - and we are not to repeat their sins.

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

Once again. As we have seen so many times. The careful study of the Word of God has revealed to us the understanding of the meaning of the word gods. The Hebrew is elohim. In Mr. Strong's - listen now - legal dictionary - in his legally recognized - not that that matters to us, it doesn't - but to the world it does - in his legally recognized Hebrew dictionary - the definition of the word gods - elohim - as it is found in II Kings 17 means

אֱלֹהִים 'ēlôhîym, el-o-heem'; plural of H433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:—angels, × exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), × (very) great, judges, × mighty.

Elohim means rulers, judges, magistrates. Up to this point in time in II Kings 17 - for those who claim to be followers of the God of the Bible - we have seen over and over and over how the God of the Bible says - "I am the Lawgiver. Obey My Laws. Obey My Statutes. Obey My Commandments."

To fear other gods is to serve other "governments." To agree to and obey another set of laws or statutes that are not God's. That's what we believe it means and there is more than enough Biblical support for the argument. Anyone who would teach otherwise is blatantly disregarding simple truths contained in the Word. What the modern "churchman" tries to do is say, "Yes, we would agree that this is what God intended for Old Covenant Israel, but that is not what is meant for today."

And as I said a few minutes, "Ok, he can have his opinion. That is between him and God. If he doesn't believe the Laws of God apply today - that's a risk he's going to have

to take.” But we have every bit as much “right” to believe that this DOES apply today as he or anyone else has a “right” to their belief. We believe this applies today.

Whether or not we or anyone else can trace our physical lineage to these people found in II Kings 17 is totally immaterial to the position. We are in Christ - today - in 2023 - we are in Christ. Therefore, if a man is in Christ, THEN is he Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. This story found in II Kings 17 is the history of our family - by faith - by system of belief. Because we have accepted Christ - we are the rightful lineage of faithful Abraham. Faithful Abraham - and those who came after faithful Abraham who had the same faith - the same system of belief Abraham had. Verse 7 again, then straight into verse 8.

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

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

Walked in the statutes of the heathen.

This is not necessarily talking about “heathen” as in the way most U.S. citizens would have it come into their mind when they hear the word “heathen.” It's not talking about the naked bushmen of Bantubash. Don't try to look that up - I just made that up.

The Hebrew word is goy. It simply means people who do not claim the faith of Abraham. Walking in the statutes of the heathen simply means the statutes of people who believe they have the power to make their own statutes that are not God's statutes. That is really really simple. And today, just like for most of the history of mankind - that is every single “government” in the world today. Every single “government” in the world today makes their own statutes. And when they make their own statutes - which again - is simple, simple, simple - that is men taking upon themselves the power to define good and evil, right and wrong. It's that simple. That's what a statute is. Violate or go against one of man's “statutes” today - and men call that evil. You are an evil-doer in their sight - if you violate their statutes.

This is so ridiculously simple, Bible 101. That is, if you believe this is what God expects for His Creation. Well, we do. This is what we believe.

We cannot obey the statutes of the heathen - because it is sin - it is evil in the sight of God. We aren't talking about freedom to violate God's commandments against harming other people. No one has a right - no one can "hind behind a Bible, a holy book, the Koran, Buddha, the Talmud - which absolutely advocates for harming other people - we are not saying we can break the Laws of God - by saying we can't obey men's statutes. If men's statutes - and they have some, of course, they do - they have in order to get people to follow everything else they do - they have to have some of their statutes make sense - like no murder, no rape, no stealing, etc. We aren't talking about that.

We are talking about we have a command to exclusively obey the Commandments, Laws, Statutes of God and we are specifically commanded NOT to obey the statutes of the heathen.

So, world - exactly what do you want us to do? We aren't hurting anyone because we don't take your identification. We aren't hurting anyone because we don't put your pieces of metal on our cars. Those requirements come from your statutes. Those are not the statutes of God. They are your statutes - and any statute that does not come from God is called the "statutes of the heathen" and for us to obey them - you are commanding us to sin before our God.

And as one of your "leaders once said" - "Not gonna happen." (Trying to sound like Bush).

So, because we won't take your id, we won't take your pieces of metal, should you just kill us? You already steal our property. You kidnap us and throw us into your stinking jails. Should you just kill us? You don't understand. You are asking us to violate our faith and we aren't going to do it. No matter your threats. No matter what you try to do to us - our choice is obey you - or obey God - and that's about as simple a choice as one could ever offer us.

We have tried to learn from the mistakes of those who have gone on before us and we are determined not to commit the same sins. Verse 9.

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

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

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

I have explained before what these things means - as far as the high places in their cities and their towers and images and groves.

Go to any county in the U.S. In pretty much every single county in the U.S. go to the "seat of government" - and look and see which are the most expensive, most extravagant, buildings in the city. It's their "government" buildings. Hands down. In pretty much every county in the U.S. - now - with the obvious exception of the major cities. For instance, in Mt. Vernon, Missouri, Lawrence County. The "government" building is - I'm sure I could say this as true - the "government" building is the most expensive building in the county. It's the high place in the cities of the heathen. That is what is meant right here in II Kings 17 - and that's the way it was then - and that's the way it is today. Verse 12.

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

Served idols? What does that mean? Does it mean tiki dolls in their huts? No it does not. But the word idols in this verse means just that. Yes, that's because this is an analogy. Serving idols is defined in verse 13. Verse 13 tells us what serving idols means.

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

Serving idols means obeying statutes that are not God's. The whole theme of this chapter is obey the statutes of God and forsake the statutes of the heathen - those who do not believe they are to obey the statutes of God.

And again, whether there's a 501(c)(3) government approved preacher in this world that agrees with this or not - it doesn't matter. This is what we believe the Bible teaches. These principles are as valid today as they were back then. This is what we believe and we have every bit as much "right" to hold these beliefs as anyone else does.

Our obedience to the Statutes of God - and our refusal to obey the statutes of men - harms no one. God's Laws do not let us harm other people. The world has absolutely nothing to fear from us! Nothing. Just leave us alone and let us obey our God. Verse 13 again:

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

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

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

We are supposed to learn from the mistakes of those who have gone on before us. That's why this was written. That's why God has preserved His Word hundreds of years later. We are supposed to learn from their sins and not repeat them. This isn't hard.

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

[17] And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

Again. Analogies. Did they make molten images? Maybe. Probably. Did they cause their sons and their daughters to be burned on the altars of Baal - did they commit child sacrifice? I doubt it. Maybe. But I doubt it. Regardless of whether some of this is literal or it isn't - we are ultimately told what it all means. Verse 18.

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

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

[20] And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and

delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

[21] For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.

[22] For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;

[23] Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

[24] And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

[25] And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

[26] Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

[27] Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

[28] Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

[29] Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

[30] And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

[31] And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

[32] So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

[33] They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

[34] Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and

commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

[35] With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

[36] But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

[37] And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

[38] And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

[39] But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

[40] Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

[41] So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

That is just about as clear of a history lesson as there ever was in the Bible. Serve God, be His people. Live by His Laws and Statutes - or live according to the nations of the world. This is not a difficult choice for those who believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

With that said, I am going to bring Jeff on with me this morning. To discuss his latest adventure. Jeff is trying to preserve what the tribe of Juda was supposed to be preserving. That is the throne of the Kingdom of God. And because of this, Jeff is on the radar, he's a bulls-eye for these heathen that have nothing better to do than to harass God's people.

To hear the discussion with Jeff, please refer to the Audio on the website.