

No more place for them - Daniel 2:34-35

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Prior to last week's message I told you there were a couple things I wanted to address if we had time at the end of the hour, and, I did not have the time last week, so I will open this week's hour with those 2 issues. Then, get into the message.

I want to read you a series of Bible verses. Every single one of them - someone could say - "Well, you are taking those verses out of context." Fine. I'll take that criticism because what I am about to say, I believe is true. And that is, that all throughout the Scriptures, when we read stories, when we read parables - we can find everlasting principles in those Words - that ultimately do the most important thing that can be done for mankind - and that is - help us to understand what the Perfect Will of God for His creation is.

So, even though something may appear to be out of context, or, Words that are clearly spoken for a specific people at a specific time - there can still be everlasting principles that can be learned from them and applied from generation to generation. Though there are NONE - ZERO - not one - NO Bible prophecies that have not been fulfilled - the fact still remains that there are everlasting principles that guide us and help us to know what is the Perfect and Acceptable Will of God - and then for us to obey and walk in that Will. Friends, that's what it's all about. Finding the Will of God and applying in our lives, in our communities and throughout the world. And, in the times in which we live, if the Will of God is only applied in our individual lives - because those around us in our communities and beyond refuse to bow the knee to King Jesus, then so be it. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. That is taken totally out of context - but - it is an everlasting principle that is timeless - it endures from generation to generation.

I Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Now take that single verse of Scripture and lay it on the table - all by itself. Does this have application for today? Can we say that from this verse of Scripture, we learn that whatever we do, not just eating or drinking, but whatever we do, do it all to the glory of God.

Galatians 2:4-7

[4] And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

[5] To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

[6] But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

[7] But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

Look at verse 6. The parentheses in this verse tells us that Paul is making a personal statement regarding the issue he is discussing. And as I read this, and look at how this verse appears in the Scripture, it says to me, "Aha, Paul is alerting us clearly to an everlasting principle - something that reveals to us the mind of God, how God thinks, what His Will is - hence - this is a principle we should apply in our lives - timelessly - throughout all generations.

The God of heaven is not a respecter of persons. You aren't something special in the eyes of God because you have letters behind your name. You aren't something in the eyes of God because you have a title, or because other men have placed you on some pedestal, or have elected you to some office or position. God is not a respecter of persons - and neither are we - to be respecter of persons.

Colossians 3:

[15] And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

[17] And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Let me remind you again as we have briefly touched on this before what it means when the Scripture says "in the name." The best thing I can do concerning this is let Scripture prove Scripture. Bookmark Colossians 3 however you need to, and let's go back to Acts 3. Please hear me clearly this morning. "In the name of" means this: "By whose

authority are you basing your actions on?" And, in the modern way of speaking in America - "Let me see your license." The definition of license in America according to Black's Law Dictionary is permission by competent authority to do an act that otherwise without, (in other words, without the license), would be illegal, a trespass or a tort.

In Bible, "in the name of" means "by whose authority" - who gave you the permission to do what you do?

Acts 3 beginning in verse 1. Proof. Here it comes.

[1] Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

[2] And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Now, I want to ask you something and this is going to be pure conjecture. But this man was born lame. As a baby and then a toddler, is it reasonable to think that the parents of this lame man would have taken their newborn to the doctor to see if a doctor could help their baby? I for one, would have no problem whatsoever saying, "Of course, as any good parent would, they probably exhausted every means they knew of to try to help their baby with the infirmity he was born with." I'm not adding to the Word here, I'm just trying to put myself in the shoes of the characters in the story. That's a good thing to do.

So, now here is, apparently grown up, and no one in his life prior to this day, had the skill, ability, or knowledge, to help this man with his lifelong disability. Verse 3.

[3] Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

[4] And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

[5] And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

[6] Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Here's the first mention of "In the name of Jesus Christ." If you take a Strong's Concordance of the New Testament and look up the word name - as found here - it's 3686 on'-om-ah which means, a "name" literally or figuratively [authority, character]

So, by the authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. Verse 7.

[7] And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Side note here....if you are studying with an online Bible, I would caution you somewhat. Those are good tools, no doubt, the speed with which you can find things you are looking, great, excellent, but I have found many typographical errors in some of the online Bibles. The word "ankles" is misspelled in the online Bible I use, and that's not really a big deal, but I have come across others that are more significant. I still say there's nothing better than holding the Book in your own two hands. Verse 8:

[8] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

[9] And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

[10] And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

[11] And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

[12] And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

[13] The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Oh my goodness friends. I hope this is giving you chills. Whatsoever you do - no matter what it is you are doing - do it in the name of the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, the One that has glorified His Son Jesus.

[14] But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

[15] And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

[16] And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong,

In his authority, through in his authority - in the authority of King Jesus - in his name this man has been made strong. Is it any big thing that these men who walked with Jesus, saw His miracles, saw Him raise Lazarus from the dead, saw Him walk on the

water, saw Him crucified - then rose from the dead. Then saw Him ascend into heaven with the promise from angels that SOON - He would return again TO THEM in the clouds just like He ascended. This is no big thing that they healed this man in the authority of Jesus - THEY DID EVERYTHING in the authority of Jesus.

After His resurrection from the dead - when they fully understood that the Davidic Covenant of the earth rule of Messiah had been fulfilled and that the Kingdom of heaven was on the doorstep of implementation - EVERYTHING THEY DID, EVERY WORD they spoke, EVERY breath they took - was in the name and authority of the King.

[16] And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

[17] And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

[18] But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Don't miss that verse. Look at it, again and again and again if you have to. The prophecies - by the mouth of ALL HIS PROPHETS that Christ should suffer, He hath so fulfilled. Before anyone thinks that the prophecies were limited to Christ's suffering - no no - He fulfilled ALL, everything. Verse 19.

[19] Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

[20] And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

Wait Peter, let me help you out here in your message. "And He shall send Jesus Christ, thousands of years from now..." That futurist message would have no effect on these people - none. The return of Jesus Christ to that generation is totally consistent with every other passage in the Gospels and the Epistles. Jesus Christ, who had ascended into the heavens just days before Peter's great messages - verse 21 -

[21] Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

And the times of restitution of all things was at the door. Things which must shortly come to pass. Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book, For the time is at hand.

I Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

That was Peter speaking to the Elect of the first generation who were scattered around Asia. The end of all things is at hand.

Acts 3:

[22] For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

[23] And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

[24] Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Did you see it? Remember Peter's words in Acts 2 - But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God.

Now he says

Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Where'd he get this from? "For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord."

Peter was one of those who heard the clear, concise Words of Christ: "These be the days of vengeance when all things which are written, may be fulfilled." Luke 21:22 Isn't the harmony of the Scriptures just awesome? Verse 25;

[25] Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

[26] Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

An anonymous poster on a website railed on me and mocked me when I said that Jesus

fulfilled all the aspects of Daniel 9:24. This verse 26 is another undeniable proof that Daniel 9:24 - at least in this aspect - was fulfilled in Christ - in the first century. Now Acts 4.

[1] And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Not much has changed here. The preachers and the cops. I once made the statement that a man had never been run over, until he'd been runover by the Baptist preacher. Then, I learned what it meant to be be runover by a cop - and what's worse - a Baptist cop, no less. Verse 2.

[2] Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

[3] And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

[4] Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

This is what gives me great hope. This is what can happen when men will live ONLY concerned with whatsoever you do, do it in the name, in the authority of Jesus Christ.

[5] And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

[6] And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Alright, now here we go. Please watch this closely.

[7] And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

The question here is two fold and the Holy Spirit of God Who inspired these Words to be written is going to great detail to drive this everlasting principle into the hearts, minds and souls of every one seeking the Perfect Will of God.

By what power? This is where they are specifically saying - did you get this power from Caesar? Did you get this power from the high priest's office? Just exactly who gave you the authority to - now watch - this is a physical act they performed - there was a lame man - who no doubt - at least his parents - had exhausted remedies with doctors and

physicians of his day - who could do nothing for him - now comes Peter and by the authority of Jesus the Christ - he healed that man. Make no mistake about this, friends. Peter was being demanded to produce his license to practice medicine. Show us your papers.

It wasn't enough that the testimony of the healed man should have been sufficient - it's "We have a law. We have a statute. And our statute says you must have our approval, you must have our license, you must have our permission. We don't care whether you healed a man or not - you did it without our permission."

The issue with true Christianity is the same today as it was over 2,000 years ago. Whatsoever you do - in word or deed - do it all in the name of Jesus.

I'm just amazed that nearly everyone who calls themselves a "Christian" today has been able to compartmentalize and separate their lives into things that quote unquote government requires - and things that God requires.

I remember being very young - couldn't have been more than 15 or 16 years old and I heard a preacher say the phrase "secular and sacred." I stiffened up when I heard that and I knew something was wrong with that type of thinking. For the true follower of Christ, there should not be things "sacred and things secular." It should ALL be sacred. Every single thing you do in this life MUST be sacred - or it should not be done. Every thing.

Romans 14:23

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Listen, today, if you call yourself a follower of Christ, if what we do is not faith, it's sin.

Back to Acts 4: and stay with me, because we are definitely headed somewhere applicable for today with these passages.

[8] Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

[9] If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

[10] Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

[11] This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

[12] Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

[13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

There is so much in those 5 verses right there we could begin a series and stay there for many weeks. There's the name of Jesus - the authority of Jesus. There's His resurrection from the dead in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. There's the stone from Daniel 2 and I Peter 2 and Luke 20. There's salvation that only comes from King Jesus. And lastly, oh my goodness....they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

I personally believe that last phrase was written for all those who would come after that first generation. There is power in the name - in the authority of the King. To be a follower of Jesus the Christ in the first century meant that whatsoever they did, in word or deed, they did in the authority of the King. They did not ask man for permission to do what God told them to do. They did not ask man for permission to do what the King had ordered them to do. And if we want to see change in our communities today - this is the everlasting principle that we must begin applying in our lives and instilling in the hearts and minds of our children coming behind us.

Back to Colossians 3:

[22] Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

Is the principle here only applicable to servants? No. The context might seem so - but there is an everlasting principle here. Not with eyeservice and not as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God.

We're not to be concerned with pleasing men. Even under their threats and railings. Fear not him is able to destroy the body - but fear God Who can destroy both the body and the soul. Verse 23.

[23] And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

[24] Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Two weeks ago, I read an article that Ted sent out in his daily Kingdom Ambassadors email. If you are not receiving those and if you are not jumping in to support Ted in this

effort, I would absolutely encourage you to do so. The time for our silence is over. We need to be the voice of God and a witness for the Kingdom and Ted's efforts in this manner are valuable and worthy.

So, I read another article about a quote unquote "Christian" florist who was being persecuted and threatened with jail because she would not provide flowers at a sodomite event. I'm not going to call it a marriage because it is not a marriage. Calling it an event is probably a better term than I should use.

I read the article. I am not moved, nor persuaded to support Arlene's Florist INC, but rather reprove, expose and shine the light on this for exactly what it is. This article was published on World Net Daily on 6/6/2019 with the headline

COURT RULES AGAINST FLORIST WHO REFUSED SAME-SEX COUPLE

Case was reconsidered after Supremes' Masterpiece Cakeshop decision

I'm going to read some, not all of this article and make some comments:

Quote: Despite the U.S. Supreme Court's contrary decision in a similar case, a unanimous Washington state Supreme Court on Thursday upheld its ruling that florist Barronelle Stutzman broke the state's anti-discrimination law when she refused to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court sent back Stutzman's case to the state after ruling Colorado showed religious animus to Masterpiece Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips for refusing to make a cake for a same-sex couple.

In the Phillips case one year ago, the court ruled that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission was hostile to Phillips' faith "and failed to act neutrally toward his religion."

However, in the Stutzman case, the court found that neither the Washington Supreme Court nor the Benton County Superior Court acted with religious animus toward Stutzman and her business, Arlene's Flowers, [the Washington Examiner reported](#).

The Washington Supreme Court said Thursday it's confident that Stutzman's case was resolved "with tolerance, and we therefore find no reason to change our original judgment."

Attorneys for Stutzman, whose case began with a lawsuit against her in 2013, said they will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Stutzman cited her religious beliefs when she refused to provide flowers for customer Robert Ingersoll for his wedding to Curt Freed. She had served the couple without incident for 10 years and explained her only objection was to same-sex marriage. The state and the couple sued Stutzman under a law barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in public accommodations." Endquote.

Now please don't misunderstand me here. I'm not arguing for the state of Washington. I'm not arguing for their statues - what I'm getting ready to do is argue for the fact that this lady is being labeled and a quote unquote "Christian" and her true actions show that there is nothing "Christian" about her beyond some eyeservice and lipservice to something called "Christianity."

You can do this just as easily as I did. You can go online and research this exact case. It's simple. Just type in a search, Arlene's Florist case. It will take you all of 2 seconds to see that the case is Arlene's Florist INC vs Washington. This case has nothing whatsoever to do with Barronelle Stutzman's supposed religious rights or viewpoints. This is about a Washington state created corporation trying to say that it does not have to abide by the terms of its voluntary agreement when it went to the state of Washington to become incorporated.

For a true follower of Christ - now listen to me - one who only does things in word or in deed in the name - in the authority of Jesus Christ - they would not go to man to get permission to do the things they do. Whatsoever you do in word or deed. There is no sacred and secular in the Christian life. It's all to the glory of God. It's all in the name of, in the authority of, Jesus Christ.

Several weeks ago, I went into greater detail than what I'm going to today, in telling you what their courts have said about corporations. Corporations are creatures of the state. They are created by the state, and the corporation receives certain special privileges and franchises and holds them and their charter subject to the laws of its creator. And furthermore, it may act as a corporation so long as it obeys the laws of its creation. The corporation is presumed to be incorporated for the benefit of the public.

The powers of darkness called Washington state, created what they call anti-discrimination laws - or more properly - anti-discrimination statues. And the corporations that are voluntarily created - in fact - people pay the state of Washington for the state of Washington to incorporate them - but when people go to the states - the powers of darkness - to get incorporated - to be menpleasers - to gain respect of

persons - these corporations agree to abide by whatever statues are enacted by these powers. That is the agreement. This is what is known up front.

Because the powers of darkness change their statues - almost daily - one day something is legal, the next day it's illegal. Or one day something is illegal, and the next day it's legal - what may have been illegal on the day the corporation was created - or that person was born - at some subsequent time later - the powers of darkness change the terms of the contract - and that's the way it is - because that's what the powers of darkness has always done.

And those who call themselves the followers of Christ know better - or should know better. But just like Esau traded his birthright for something way less than his inheritance, men and women are still doing the same thing today. We have traded all power and authority granted to Jesus Christ wherewith God hath made us to be joint-heirs with Him - we've traded it all away so that we can be menpleasers and gain respect of persons because the powers of darkness absolutely show respect to persons because of their status - which is total defiance to the Perfect Will of God for His creation.

If you suffer for the cause of Christ, then happy are ye when men persecute you. But let's call this exactly what it is. It's a government created corporation that is acting like a rebellious son and the government that created the corporation for the benefit of the public, has decreed that sodomites may not be discriminated against and if a corporation breaks those anti-discrimination statues, they are going to be punished. It's punishment for disobeying their end of the agreement - it's not persecution.

If this lady had not gone to the powers of darkness for corporate personhood status - and she was just living her life and performing her business under the authority of King Jesus - and then she got harassed - then absolutely - she would be being persecuted for her faith and for living by the same faith once delivered to the saints.

Go look up Jack's Masterpieces. The cake baker that wouldn't make a cake for the sodomites. He is also incorporated. These people voluntarily go to the state for incorporation because they believe they are getting some sort of benefit. They are getting limited liability protection and in some cases they are getting tax breaks. One thing Jerry Falwell said years ago that was really good was, "Come shekels, come shackles." And that's absolutely true.

Why would a Christian, who has been set free from the bondage of this world, go right back to it, voluntarily? No one is holding a gun to anyone's head forcing them to become a creature of the state. They are doing this voluntarily. It is an act of putting faith in the powers of darkness rather than faith in the name, in the authority of Jesus Christ.

When the apostles testified in word and deed, that ALL their actions were done in the name - in the authority of King Jesus - the Scriptures say in a very short period of time - they turned the world upside down.

For the life of me, I don't understand how so many people who call themselves Christians, can read these great Bible stories and not see the applicable principles that should guide our lives today. Sacred and secular? You've got to be kidding. But that's where we are. It's been that way for a long long time. And until it changes - it's going to get nothing but worse.

I read an article yesterday about the push for legalization of pedophilia. It's coming and it's coming sooner than you think. I believe before it does, however, bestiality will be next, then pedophilia. It's coming because friends, Jesus is not coming back to this earth riding on a white horse to save the day because of the "Christians" who are giving lip-service to the King. Oh Lord Jesus come quickly. We are almost all government created corporations and the persecution is getting unbearable. Come on, people. For the sake of Christ the King - let's wake up.

Only a return to the faith that we see in the lives of the first century saints is going to stop this freight train that's barreling down on us. Only a return to the Laws and Judgements of God is going to save us and since it doesn't appear to be happening collectively, it must begin individually.

Last week, as we were reading Daniel 2, a phrase in 35 jumped off the page at me and I was so stunned - I didn't know what to say - so I just continued on with the message knowing that I would have to go back and address it.

I concluded last week's message by asking you to be in prayer as to the next message. I have to tell you that my prayer was answered within 30 minutes. The next time I opened the Word - this week's passage was right there. Turn with me back to Daniel 2 and let's look at verse 35. Actually, let's start with verse 34:

[34] Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

[35] Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

We talked about the stone. There is overwhelming evidence from the Scripture that the stone here is Christ. We even saw another passage today that I didn't bring out last week. But look at the the end of verse 35...

and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them:

This was one of the great kingdoms that had been a one-world government. The wind carried them away, that no place was found for them.

As I read this, my mind was immediately taken to Revelation 11 verse 15. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

No place was found for them. In the New Covenant World, in the New Covenant Kingdom of God, of heaven, of Christ, there is no place found for the kingdoms of men. Try as they may, they have no place in the Kingdom of God. Fight, war, threaten, jail, kill, torture, whatever they try to do to people - they have no place in the New Covenant World.

Colossians 3:23

[23] And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

[24] Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

[25] But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

They can call themselves, presidents, they can call themselves kings - but in the New Covenant World - there is no place for them. They are not operating with the authority and in the name of King Jesus.

Again, this is what Paul meant when he said in Ephesians 4:27 - Neither give place to the devil.

There is only One Who has authority and power, honor and dominion in the New Covenant World and that is Christ.

Turn to I Peter 3. We'll begin in verse 1.

[1] Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

I have mentioned this before. In America, since nearly every single quote unquote "business" is a corporation of some kind, there are plenty of quote unquote "jobs" for women to be working outside the home. I cannot believe that people who call themselves "Christians" cannot just repulse almost to the point of vomiting, when you hear a supposed "Christian" women refer to her employer as her "boss." Women working outside the home putting themselves under the authority or power of another man is just obliterating this verse of Scripture. Of course, since almost everyone believes in secular and sacred - we can justify this to ourselves and just say, "Well the Scriptures don't really mean what they say." Verse 2.

[2] While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

[3] Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

Should we stop here for a minute? This is definitely one passage of Scripture that is not speaking figuratively concerning our outward appearance. Verse 4.

[4] But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

[5] For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

[6] Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

This is the Word. If this offensive, ladies, we better check ourselves.

[7] Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Okay men. Here's one for us, too. Wives, if you need to remind your husbands of this passage from time to time - in love - not a bad idea.

[8] Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

[9] Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

[10] For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

[11] Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

[12] For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

[13] And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

[14] But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

[15] But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

[16] Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

[17] For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

[18] For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

[19] By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

[20] Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

[21] The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

I read all that, to get to this verse of Scripture. Let's remember now, that the writer of this book is the same Peter from the day of Pentecost. It's the same Peter Who Christ told would get the keys to the Kingdom. It's the same Peter that watched Christ

ascending into heaven in Acts 1 and then heard the angel remind him that this same Jesus that you see ascending into heaven - will come again - and why did I say the angel reminded him - because surely the thought came to remembrance to Peter when Jesus told Him, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you will be also. That promise was to Peter - over 2,000 years ago - and you can rest assured that the Lord Jesus kept His promise to Peter.

So Peter saw Him ascending into heaven, knowing full well that He would come again at some point before that generation passed away, and he tells his readers in I Peter 3:22 what Christ is doing while He is away. Verse 22:

[22] Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Wow. That is so awesome! He was there while it the kingdoms of the world were becoming the kingdoms of our Lord of His Christ. He was there while the kingdoms of the world were being tossed away with the wind so that soon and very soon - there would be no more place for them.

The passages we read from Acts 3 and 4 today give us great insight into life in the New Covenant world and how it is supposed to be. They were showing the way - even though the Old Covenant World had not fully passed away yet.

Now, we are in the New Covenant World. The Kingdom of God has been fully implemented. We must begin living "whatsoever you do in word or deed - do it in the authority of the King." For the follower of Christ - there can't be secular and sacred. There can't be a part of life governed by the world and then the secret parts of our inward beings Governed by the King. It's ALL. He wants it all. We have all authority. All power to take back our lives and fall under the dominion of the King.

It's true. There is only One Lawgiver. There is only One Potentate and One King. That must be true in our lives if we ever expect it to fill and cover the earth.