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

At the end of last week's message, I received the following email. Please listen:

Dear Charlie,

Just FYI, I repented of my oath in the military. (USAF). My allegiance is to Yahweh and His Son Yeshua. My nation is the Commonwealth of Israel.

Then, he signed his name. I immediately wrote back to him and told him how great this is. Now, I can say I know 2 men who were in the military, swore oaths to the military and to the u.s. CONStitution - and repented of doing so. I asked this man if I could read his email and he said by all means. I could say his name - but I won't do so right now.

The u.s. military enlistment oath is as follows:

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God. (Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962).

Take your Bibles please, and turn to Matthew chapter 5. This passage of Scripture has never been difficult for me. I just have never had a problem with it. I know that many people have and many people have come up with a lot of different opinions concerning it - and - again - I believe they have done so because of perspective. I'll explain more in a minute. Read please, beginning with verse 1.

- [1] And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him:
- [2] And He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying,
- [3] Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- [4] Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

[5] Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

[6] Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

[7] Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

[8] Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

[9] Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Oh my goodness, friends, I have to stop here for just a minute. A while back, I saw a youtube video and a city cop from somewhere, I don't remember where, told someone that Matthew 5:9 was talking about cops. And that's not the first time I've heard that garbage. When they had me in jail for trying to be a follower of Jesus Christ - not for rape or murder or theft - but because I have tried to live my life as a literal follower of Jesus Christ - when I was being held captive in that filthy jail - nearly every single one of those foul-mouthed jailers - told me they were the ministers of God. Of course, there wasn't a single one of them that understood Romans 13 - but in between cuss words so vile it's embarrassing to hear them - let alone say them - they made it clear to me that they were "the ministers of God". Funny how they left that ministers of God to thee for good part" out of their conversation. They certainly were not there for my good.

Punish evil. Praise good. That is the definition of the minister of God in Romans 13 and it is exactly the same thing Jesus meant in Matthew 5:9. Those that punish evil - those that praise good. I would be the first in line to back them. If that's what they were doing. But we must understand by whose definitions are we to use for evil and for good.

The peacemakers that Jesus is talking about, would be people who punish evil and praise good - according to the definitions of good and evil, right and wrong as found in the Law of God. The Law of God is the realm of God. It is the Kingdom of God, the Government of God.

The definitions of right and wrong, good and evil as defined by man - is the realm of satans. It is the domain of darkness. Friends, this is as simple as it gets. When man takes it upon himself to become a "lawmaker" - he is taking to himself the position of God. And when he does this, this immediately makes him the enemy of God. It makes him part of the darkness of this world.

If cops were performing the role of "peacemaker" according to the exclusive few Laws of God - then - yes - they would be called the children of God.

But putting on a badge, strapping on a gun, for the purpose of enforcing the “laws” of man - the “laws” of man - that is simply the definitions of good and evil, right and wrong as defined by mere men - and that is evil. That is - listen to this - when your mind tells you it is okay to enforce the “laws of men” - onto other men - even men that openly declare they only want to obey the Laws of God - that mindset - the mindset that it's okay for men to make “laws” - that is the definition of being “demon possessed.” That is the mind that is possessed by devils, by satans, by people who declare, “Hath God said? Did God really say that?” Verse 10.

[10] Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Persecuted for righteousness' sake.

It's such a shame that so many Biblical Words, Words of Christ, have been hi-jacked by the world and have come to mean things they were never intended to mean. The word “righteousness” today has often been used as a word of scorn, of hate. “Look at him, he thinks he's so righteous.” The disparaging use of that word is used often against people who look or think they are religious.

The first time the word is found in our Bibles is in Genesis chapter 6. Interesting to me how early in the Bible it's found. Just a few chapters after Creation. Just a few chapters after God told Adam and Eve they were not to make their own definitions of good and evil. They were not to become “lawmakers.”

The definition of righteous has got nothing to do with “piousness or religion” as most people think of it today. It has to do with government. And specifically with the Government of God. It comes from the Hebrew saddiq and means

206 צַדִּיק *adjective just, righteous; — absolute 'צ Genesis 6:9+; plural צַדִּיקִים Exodus 23:8+, etc.; —*

1. *just, righteous, in government:*

a. *of Davidic king 2 Samuel 23:3; צַמֵּחַ Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 9:9 (|| victorious).*

b. *of judges, Ezekiel 23:45; Proverbs 29:2 (see Toy; Kau questions this meaning in all these).*

c. *of law, מִשְׁפָּטִים Deuteronomy 4:8.*

d. *of God Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 119:137; Psalm 129:4; Job 34:17, opposed to Pharaoh Exodus 9:27 (J); in discrimination Jeremiah 12:1; Zephaniah 3:5; Psalm 7:10;*

Psalm 7:12; Psalm 11:7; condemnation 2 Chronicles 12:6; Daniel 9:14; Lamentations 1:18; Ezra 9:15; Nehemiah 9:33; redemption Isaiah 45:21; Psalm 116:5; keeping promises Nehemiah 9:8; in all his ways Psalm 145:17.

2. just in one's cause, right: Exodus 23:7, 8 (E) Deuteronomy 16:19; Deuteronomy 25:1; 1 Kings 8:32 2 Chronicles 6:23; Isaiah 5:23; Isaiah 29:21; Job 32:1; Job 36:7; Proverbs 17:15, 26; Proverbs 18:5, 17; Proverbs 24:24; Amos 2:6; Amos 5:12; Habakkuk 1:4, 13; right in law, not under penalty 2 Samuel 4:11; 1 Kings 2:32; innocent of specific offence 2 Kings 10:9; with מן compare 1 Samuel 24:18.

3. just, righteous, in conduct and character:

a. towards God Genesis 7:1; Genesis 18:23, 24 (twice in verse); Genesis 18:25 (twice in verse); Genesis 18:26, 28 (J) Genesis 20:4 (E), Habakkuk 2:4; Malachi 3:18.

b. in general, ethically: Psalm 5:13; Psalm 7:10; Psalm 11:3; Psalm 11:5 + 21 times Psalms (+below), Proverbs 2:20; Proverbs 3:33; Proverbs 4:18; Proverbs 9:9 + 56 times Proverbs; Ecclesiastes 3:17 + 7 times Ecclesiastes; Isaiah 3:10; Isaiah 57:1 (twice in verse); Jeremiah 20:12; Lamentations 4:13; Ezekiel 3:20, 21 (twice in verse) + 12 times Ezekiel; Hosea 14:10; || תמים Genesis 6:9 (P) Job 12:4; || נקי Job 17:9; Job 22:19; Job 27:17; Psalm 94:21; || ישרי לב Psalm 32:11; Psalm 64:11; Psalm 97:11.

4. righteous, as justified and vindicated by 'י, especially servant of 'י Isaiah 53:11, so his people, usually plural Isaiah 60:21; Psalm 33:1 + 8 times Psalms (see also above); אהלי צ Psalm 118:15 tents of the righteous; גורל צ Psalm 125:3; עדת צ Psalm 1:5; דרך צ Psalm 1:6; singular collective Psalm 34:20, 22; Psalm 75:11; Isaiah 24:16; Isaiah 26:7 (twice in verse); גוי צדיק Isaiah 26:2 (|| שמר אומנים).

5. right, correct, Isaiah 41:26 (compare אמת Isaiah 43:9); lawful נשבי צ Isaiah 49:24 EV; but read H6184 עריץ.

Very simply put, it means living by the Laws of God. I found it particularly interesting when in subsection D it makes a clear separation between the Government of God and the “government” of Pharaoh. In our Bibles, Egypt has always been easily associated with the world. A man is living a righteous life when he has made the public declaration to live according to the Government of God and not according to the government of the world. It doesn't matter how many times a man makes the sound J-e-s-u-s. A man can even make the sound Y-a-h-w-e-h or the sound “Y-e-s-h-u-a” - righteousness is determined by what choice that man made in Who is His King. By Whose Laws will Govern His life.

I came across another little item that disgusted me this week. And, of course, it had to do with the recent selection in the u.s. And by the way, don't ever forget what I have been saying for years and years now. All the u.s. “presidents” do is pave the way for the

next one. Trump paved the way for Biden and Harris, and Biden and Harris paved the way for Trump.

It didn't take long for Trump to be called out as a "lawbreaker" again - as if that's a shocker. But what was said in this article really stinks - not because of accusations against Trump - but simply because of the statement that was made and how disgusting it is. Listen. Headline:

<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/4984590-trump-transition-law-violation-elizabeth-warren/>

Warren: Trump transition 'already breaking the law'

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) said Monday that President elect-Trump "and his transition team are already breaking" a law on presidential transition.

"Donald Trump and his transition team are already breaking the law," Warren wrote in a post on the social platform X. "I would know because I wrote the law. Incoming presidents are required to prevent conflicts of interest and sign an ethics agreement."

This is disgusting and should - though I know it won't - but it should sicken everyone that claims to be a follower of Jesus Christ. *"I would know because I wrote the law."* Who does she think she is? Friends, I'm telling you, this is the mind of a woman that is "demon possessed". *"I would know because I wrote the law."* Keep your finger here and turn to John chapter 10. Look at verses 31-34:

[31] Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

[32] Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me?

[33] The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone Thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God.

[34] Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Friends, there's a huge difference here in John 10 and where this exact same thing was found in the Book of Psalms, 82:6. Does anyone see it? Here, as differing from Psalm 82:6, Ye are gods is in the form of a question. "Your law. Your law. Not God's Law, your law. Oh, are you gods?" This is exactly what God told Adam and Eve in, actually, it was the serpent who told Adam and Eve - God doesn't want you defining good and evil,

because when that happens, when you do that, then you will be like gods.

This is exactly what Jesus is doing in John chapter 10. "So you have your own 'laws.' You are gods?"

"I would know because I wrote the law."

Man is not allowed to be a lawmaker. That is something that is reserved exclusively for the God of heaven. And a righteous man understands this. This is an eternal principle that was established shortly after Creation and is still in place today. When men understand this. They will try to live their lives as righteous people - those that try to live by the very few Laws of God and they will reject the "laws of men, the laws of other gods" - little g. And when men and women, boys and girls make that choice. Verse 11 follows.

[11] Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

"He's a lawbreaker. He's a criminal". In my life, the cop who claimed he wanted to put me in prison for the rest of my life, called me a "criminal syndicate." He said I was part of a "criminal underworld." Why? Because of murdering someone? Or stealing from someone? No. And this is very simple. It's because I do not participate with the "laws" of the u.s. and of missouri. You should have heard some of the things he tried to say. Now privately, he came to me in the jail and said, "Charlie, I've talked to every single person in two counties that knows you, and I can't find anyone to say anything bad about you." Well, okay. I am a follower of Christ. But in his writings and when he was in "court" he did all he could to try to make me out to be as bad as he could. Didn't work. But he tried. Verse 12.

[12] Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

What was the job of the prophet? Well, the "churchmen" - because they do not understand the Bible - their perspective prevents them - think that the only job of the prophet was to "prophesy" the future. That is not so. Keep your finger here and turn to, what I think is one of the easiest proofs to what I'm telling you - and that is - I'm telling you that the main job of the prophet was to let the people know they were violating God's Law. That's what their main purpose was. And Jesus said the prophets were

persecuted because of this. Look at Isaiah chapter 58. Read beginning in verse 1.

[1] Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

The Word of the Lord had come to Isaiah and this is what God told Isaiah to tell them. Show My people their transgression, show the house of Jacob their sins. That was the main job of the prophet. This is what God said. This is what God told Isaiah to tell them.

[2] Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

At that time, God's people were not totally a lost cause. They sought God daily. They delighted in His ways. They thought they were living righteously - righteously - living according to the Laws of God - but somehow they were missing it. Someone had deceived them. Someone or some thing had led them astray and God raised up the prophet Isaiah to correct them. To bring them back to righteousness - to bring them back to living according to the Laws of God.

[3] Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and Thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge?

At this time, at least in this chapter of their history - they were still seeking God, they wanted righteousness, they took delight in approaching to God - but they were missing it. And they were missing it so badly that God would not even hear their prayers. "We fast, and that doesn't matter. You've turned your back on us. We've tried to figure this out to the point even of affliction, but you won't pay attention to us."

Then, the answer comes.

Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.

And we know the word exact means tax. You tax labor. People of God, you tax you labor. By this time, God had already established that man is eat, he's to earn by the sweat of his brow. His labor is one of the most important things he has. You work, you eat. You don't work, you don't eat. Ecclesiastes 2:24

There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

5:18

Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

The Bible is clear that God hates it when men tax another man's labor. In my book, "They All Call Him King", there is chapter in there that discusses what the Bible says about taxing labor. The cop told me that he had been carrying around that book in his cop car for about a year. And when he arrested me, he told me that he had arrested me "because of the books on your [my] website". And, he specifically referred to the chapter on taxing labor.

Listen to me, friends, I'm not the only preacher in this world that should be screaming this message from the mountain tops. Every preacher that claims the Word of God, every preacher that claims God and His Son, should be screaming this message. Turn to II Kings chapter 23. The modern day preacher who - in my opinion - because of perspective - does not understand the Bible - has said that 1964 was one of the worst years in u.s. "history." Why? He'll say because that's when they "took prayer out of government school." That is shallow and incorrect, I'll just say it. There never should have been "prayer in government school, because there never should have been government school to begin with. That's not even close to the worst thing those people did in 1964. II Kings 23, verse 34.

[34] And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

[35] And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he [taxed] exacted [as it says in Isaiah 58] the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

[36] Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the

daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

[37] And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

In 1964, the “lawmakers” in the u.s. took the silver away from the people and gave it to someone else. And they did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. And who talks about it today? I'd dare say there's not a “preacher” - two out of a million that ever says a word about it. What difference does it make anyway? They are perfectly content using credit cards and paypal, probably even direct deposit. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if these con-men “preachers” coerce their followers to sign up for automatic payments. Well, you can't do that with gold and silver, can you? So, let's just act like II Kings 23 was never in the Book to begin with. Let's make sure no one knows about Isaiah 58, too, and those pesky little passages in Ecclesiastes. And we'll make sure that no one knows that James chapter 5 is also a direct reference to Isaiah 58 and that withholding people's pay from their labor makes God so angry He wants to declare war. No way should we ever preach these things because - and I'll assure you - it will bring persecution. Back to Matthew chapter 5, verse 13.

[13] Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

In this text, what is Jesus saying that His followers are supposed to be preserving, as in the purpose of salt? They are supposed to be preserving righteousness - living according to the Government of God - when no one else will. When everyone else has tossed out the Law of God and the Government of God - and says that God's Son is nothing other than a coming king - they've trodden the Government of God under the foot of men - men's “government” has taken the place of God's Government, men's “laws” have taken preeminence over God's Laws - Christians - true followers of Jesus Christ - are supposed to be the salt of the earth - living a life that attempts to preserve the Government of God - when no one else will. Do you want to know what a Christian is? Here's the Bible answer. This is what the Word of God says a Christian will do.

Listen to this:

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“Come, taste, and see.” Jesus Christ, You invite all people to Your open table. You make

us Your people, a beloved community. You restore the joy of our relationship with God, even in the midst of loneliness, despair, and degradation. We are each unique and we all belong, a priesthood of all believers. Baptized and filled with Your Holy Spirit, You empower us to be Your healing presence in a hurting world.

We expect to see Your reign on earth as it is in heaven as we work toward a world where everyone has enough, wars cease, and all creation lives in harmony. We affirm Your charge to all of humanity to care for the land, sea, and air. Therefore, we will actively resist systems and structures which are destroying Your creation.

With all of creation we worship You—every tribe, every language, every people, every nation. We know You by many names, Triune God, beyond comprehension, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, who invites us to the feast.

Boy, that statement would be read and accepted by just about every single “church” in the u.s. That, they say is what real Christianity is. Not so fast. Here's the first part of that.

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In 1968, a year before New York’s Stonewall Riots, a series of most unlikely events in Southern California resulted in the birth of the world’s first church group with a primary, positive ministry to gays, lesbians, bisexual, and transgender persons.

Those events, a failed relationship, an attempted suicide, a reconnection with God, an unexpected prophecy, and the birth of a dream led to MCC’s first worship service: a gathering of 12 people in Rev. Troy Perry’s living room in Huntington Park, California on October 6, 1968.

*That first worship service in a Los Angeles suburb in 1968 launched the international movement of Metropolitan Community Churches, which today has grown to 43,000 members and adherents in almost 300 congregations in 22 countries. During the past 36 years, MCC’s prophetic **witness has forever changed the face of Christianity** and helped to fuel the international struggle for LGBT rights and equality*

These edited excerpts are from “The Lord Is My Shepherd, And He Knows I’m Gay” authored by MCC Founder and Moderator, Rev. Troy D. Perry.

I'm telling you friends, Christianity, true Biblical Christianity is not about saying the sound J-e-s-u-s, or even adding C-h-r-i-s-t to go along with it. These people are even “baptized in the name of the risen king” - true Christianity is about preserving the Laws of God, preserving the Government of God, in a world where the King of kings and Lord or lords is despised, trodden down, relegated to nothing more than a “coming king.”

In this series, we are going to see this over and over as we show what the Bible says, not what man says, or a group of men say, what the Bible says about what Christianity is and what we are supposed to be doing right now. Verse 14.

[14] Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

[15] Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

[16] Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Good works? As defined by who? I believe we can safely say that so far, the basis of these teachings of Christ are founded on the definition of righteousness. Living according to the Law of God. Living according to the Government of God and not according to the little g “governments” of the world.

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

The word fulfil here does not mean what the majority of “churchmen” have led people to believe it means. That being, that He came to do away with. To bring to an end. In summing up Strong's and Mr. Thayer's Lexicon, it means this, good definitions, in my opinion:

to make full, to fill up, i.e. to fill to the full

to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally

I abound, I am liberally supplied

to render full, i.e. to complete

to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim

to consummate: a number

to make complete in every particular, to render perfect

to carry through to the end, to accomplish, carry out, (some undertaking)

to carry into effect, bring to realisation, realise

of matters of duty: to perform, execute

of sayings, promises, prophecies, to bring to pass, ratify, accomplish

to fulfil, i.e. to cause God's will (as made known in the law) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfilment

Jesus is not talking about the ceremonial Laws of the Old Covenant - exclusively. Though that's what most would say. He's talking about the eternal principles found in the Law that taught people the way God wants His Creation to live. For instance, what we saw in II Kings 23 and Isaiah 58. Those things are not related to the ceremonial Law God gave Moses. Those things didn't have to do with the ceremonies in the temple, sacrifices, water rituals, etc. That's how God wants His people to live in the Government, in the Kingdom that Jesus came to establish. Take all the Law, all the principles, of everything we find in Genesis on - and strip away the ceremonial Laws - and that's what's left. And it isn't a whole lot. That's what Jesus said He was coming to establish.

to fulfil, i.e. to cause God's will (as made known in the law) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfilment

[18] For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled.

[19] Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:

Friends, can we not hear the Words of Jesus? We have all been raised in a generation where the greatest majority, by far, not even close in ratio, all we have ever heard is that "the Laws of God have been done away with."

There was a page on the Metropolitan "church" of Los Angeles website - and I wish I would have bookmarked it because I can't seem to find it - but it spoke of "transforming Christianity." And I'm telling you, it's not just the queers, freaks and perverts that have done that, it has been "mainstream churchianity" that has fundamentally changed, transformed, Biblical Christianity, that which Jesus taught, into what we have today, and it resembles absolutely nothing of what Jesus taught.

Christianity is supposed to be about preserving the Government of God.

Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

But nothing could be further from reality today. Today, not just in the u.s., but pretty much everywhere in the world, it is about the “will of the people” which then becomes the “will of man's 'government.’” There is nothing in our world that is trying to bring people to the saving understanding of the Will of God being lived in the lives of the people today. Just the two examples I gave today - taxes and gold and silver as a currency. Speak about those things today and you will - on the best outcome, just get laughed out - and in the worst outcome, get thrown into prison. Speaking? How about trying to live? How about trying to live as “Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven?”

The last time I was playing “church” - when I was in my early 20s - I was in charge of the teenagers and I was preaching what I believe the Bible says about social security and the social security number. And of course, it was making some of the parents mad. Just like it does today. And just like it has done in my ministry when I have preached about it over the last 10 years or so - been preaching it over 40 years now - but particularly in the last 10 years. Watching the young people today as they enter adulthood and just go on and take that number and make their own and use it as if there's nothing wrong. Pretty sad. But the “preacher” who actually was the one that made me really take a closer look at that number to begin with - called me into his office one day and said, “There's so much more in that Bible to preach than about the social security number. Stop it. I don't want to hear another word about it.” Amazing how that worked out. There were probably people in Isaiah's day that said, “There's a lot more in the Law of God than just taxing labor. Stop it. We don't want to hear another word about it.”

We live in a world that has been shaped by - “There's a lot more in the Bible that we do want to hear, than what we don't want to hear.” And I submit to you that true Biblical Christianity has undergone such a transformation - that it resembles nothing of the true Christianity that Jesus Christ taught. Flag-waving in a “church.” U.S. flag-waving in “church.” U.S. flags in so-called christian “churches.” Absolutely disgusting. I wonder if Caesar's flag was flying inside the temple in Jerusalem. I'll assure you that if it was, Jesus Christ would have gone right in there and thrown it out.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me

is serious business with the God of Creation. I've been enjoying - almost daily - one of our listeners has been sending Bible passages and it's been great. The other day he sent Deuteronomy 4:39. Turn there for just a minute. Read verse 39.

[39] Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

I'm telling you that flying the flag of another god is one of the worst things people who call themselves Christians can do. And I'm telling you that "churchianity" - a fundamental transformation from true Christianity - can act like it's perfectly fine to fly the flag of other gods - judges, rulers, magistrates - it wasn't right in Israel - and it isn't right today. Go back up to verse 37 and read what was before verse 37 and then what's after.

[37] And because He loved thy fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt;

Once again, an eternal principle. Egypt being symbolic of the world, of the little "governments" of men - as opposed to the Government of God, of Israel, and today, the Commonwealth of Israel.

[38] To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

[39] Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

[40] Thou shalt keep therefore His Statutes, and His Commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

No. Not so today. The Statutes, the Commandments, the Laws of God have been done away with. There is no Nation of God today. Today, it's all about man's "laws" man's "statutes" man's "ordinances." It's all about man's "governments." Why can we not see this today. Deuteronomy 4 is eternal principles that God established a long long time ago - and they are never to pass away. This is what Jesus was talking about. This is what Jesus was telling His followers to preserve - and if necessary - to be an irritant about. You can rest assured that in the world in which we live, if you decide to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ - you will be an irritant. But that's what real, Biblical Christianity is.

but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Do and teach what? Exactly what we just read in Deuteronomy chapter 4. It is the eternal principle of righteousness which is living according to the Government of God and not according to the “laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, millions and millions of 'laws' that mere men and women make.”

[20] For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

[21] Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

[22] But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

I've made this statement many times before and I've had people disagree. And that's okay. There hasn't been Bible brought to the table showing me the error - and if so - I'd happily recant - but I believe we are seeing Jesus Christ make Law here. And I believe it to be the case when we get to where we are heading in verse 34. I don't understand the push-back. Jesus Christ is King. Jesus Christ and His Father are One. If you say that God the Father is a Lawmaker, then it is - seems to me - easy to say that Jesus Christ is a Lawmaker. I just don't see the struggle. This will make more sense in a few minutes.

[23] Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

[24] Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

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

[26] Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

[27] Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

[28] But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

[29] And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy

whole body should be cast into hell.

[30] And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

[31] It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

[32] But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

We now arrive at the point I have been trying to get to.

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

You can do a simple, 15 minute study of oaths in the Old Covenant Law. You will find swearing oaths all over the Law and all over the history. Those oaths are restricted to making oaths only to God, though. You'll see that as it winds down. There's oath swearing all over the place. But it gets more refined the more you look at it. To the point where the oath is only supposed to be made, is to God - the God of the Bible - and additionally - an oath is never to be made to another god - as in little g - as in little g rulers, judges, magistrates. For the follower of the God of the Bible, this should be as clear as can be. Turn to Joshua 23 and read beginning in verse 1. In order to understand what Jesus is talking about in Matthew 5, it's good to have some history behind it. Verse 1.

[1] And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

[2] And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

[3] And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is He that hath fought for you.

[4] Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

[5] And the LORD your God, He shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath

promised unto you.

[6] Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

[7] That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

[8] But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

For the life of me, I don't understand how our circumstance today is not seen in what was happening in Old Covenant Israel back then. The people of God still had people around them that did not accept the God of the Bible. And Joshua tells Israel they are to be separate from them. They were to keep the Laws of God and they were not to align themselves with those around them. The u.s. "government" is openly pro-homosexual. Has been so for a long long time. The u.s. "government" is pro israeli. Has been for a long long time. The u.s. "government" stole the silver and gold away from its people. And never gave it back. The u.s. "government" taxes labor. The u.s. "government" has a system of social security and a number that it has created that has just about made it impossible to live without. The u.s. "government" is the defender of all religions - even those who publicly call themselves "satanists". This is a heathen nation in every sense of the word. Yet, we have and have had millions of "professing Christians" who had not the slightest problem swearing an oath to that "government."

So Jesus expands the Law that Joshua talked about to this. And yes, I don't have any problem saying that the King of kings expanded a Law from the Law of God. After reminding the people of the Law concerning oaths, Jesus says:

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

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

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

This has never been hard for me. Swear not at all is simple. And in our world today, it is a great thing to implement in our lives - because it helps to keep us out of trouble. As I've stated before, just about everything that's involved in interaction between the u.s. citizen and the u.s. "government" involves swearing an oath. So, the best way to try to help those who want to be Biblical Christians - is to just outlaw all oath taking. Not just

what God told Joshua - but just go ahead and expand it to eliminate all oaths.

And, as I told you before, I've had people try to tell me this is not so. "This is not what Jesus meant". And, of course, I get it. People who believe in men's little g "governments" - people who believe in men's militaries - those things involve oaths - so we better make sure to eliminate the clear Words of Jesus to justify our positions in their "governments" - and just say He didn't really mean what it so simply says.

Swear not at all.

That's not hard. Turn to James chapter 5. Here's James, a disciple of Jesus Christ. One who walked with Christ, talked with Christ, ate meals with Christ. Suffered for Christ. Face to face saw Jesus Christ in the first century. Look at verse 12. As he's getting down to ending the Book of James, God told him to write this:

But above all things, my brethren.

That's not hard to understand. We use that same language today. When we are concluding a conversation with someone and we want them to know what we feel was the most important thing we had to say,

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

Again. That's not hard. You mean to tell us, James, of all the things you heard? Of all the things you saw? Of everything you heard Jesus say, God stirred this up in you to the point where it was the Words that were "Above all things?"

That's because an oath establishes an allegiance. An allegiance is to the one that has our loyalty. We read it in the oath of enlistment. How in this world did millions and millions of professing "Christians" disobey the clear teachings of Jesus Christ and the Bible?

This is so embarrassing for me to have to read this to you. But thank God another true Christian man repented of his oath of enlistment this past week. So, he no longer stands in the ranks of those who have disobeyed Christ. Listen to this. What a shame that it came from a black Muslim man - and not from someone who claimed to be a

follower of Jesus. Quote:

<https://alphahistory.com/vietnamwar/muhammad-ali-refuses-to-fight-1967/>

Muhammad Ali refuses to fight in Vietnam (1967)

Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali (born Cassius Clay, 1942-2016) was outspoken about many political issues, including his opposition to the Vietnam War. Ali was drafted by the United States military in 1966 and called up for induction in 1967. He attended the induction but refused to answer to his name or take the oath. This led to Ali's arrest and conviction, which in June 1971 was overturned by the US Supreme Court.

In March 1967, one month before his scheduled military induction, Muhammad Ali explained why he would not be enlisting to fight in Vietnam:

“Why should they ask me to put on a uniform and go ten thousand miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on brown people in Vietnam while so-called Negro people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights?”

No, I am not going ten thousand miles from home to help murder and burn another poor nation simply to continue the domination of white slave masters of the darker people the world over. This is the day when such evils must come to an end. I have been warned that to take such a stand would put my prestige in jeopardy and could cause me to lose millions of dollars which should accrue to me as the champion.

But I have said it once and I will say it again. The real enemy of my people is right here. I will not disgrace my religion, my people or myself by becoming a tool to enslave those who are fighting for their own justice, freedom and equality...

If I thought the war was going to bring freedom and equality to 22 million of my people they wouldn't have to draft me, I'd join tomorrow. But I either have to obey the laws of the land or the laws of Allah. I have nothing to lose by standing up for my beliefs. So I'll go to jail. We've been in jail for four hundred years.”

Friends, forget the black/white issue that he was talking about. I'm not interesting in that and I hope that didn't cause you to lose the focus of what I'm talking about. Or, the fact that he mentions Allah. But his statement obey the “laws of the land” or the “laws

of his god” is earthshaking. I don't understand why people who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ have failed to see the multitude of ways that obeying the “laws of the land” have caused them to disobey the Laws of God. Labor taxes, oath swearing - two things we've talked about today. Easy as can be - but where have the lily white - so-called “Christians” stood for the Bible, stood for Christ, stood for the Government of God in our generation?

How about this?

When people move to the u.s. from other parts of the world, as part of their “citizenship requirement” - they are required to “swear or affirm” the following. And friends, there's not a bit of difference between swearing and affirming. They might want people to believe there is or think there is - but there's no difference. Quote:

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

The Word of God uses the word potentate in relation to King Jesus. And calls Him the Only King of kings and Lord of lords. When someone becomes a u.s. “citizen” are they abjuring allegiance to Christ the King - another Potentate? Are they renouncing fidelity to Christ? That's what all this is.

And what's saddest of all about this. I don't think they'll necessarily admit this or say it publicly, but for the people who were actually born on this land - I believe it is considered “implied consent”. The oath to the “government.” The oath to the CONstitution is implied. And I believe it stands unless it's been publicly repudiated. And how is that done? By confession. Look at Philippians chapter 2, verse 8.

[8] And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

[9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name [Authority] which is above every name [Authority]:
[10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
[11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This new series is titled, What Next? Part of this will be in trying to determine - Biblically - what is a Christian? What does it mean to be a Christian?

Yes. I understand that every single "church" in the u.s. loves Philippians 2:8-11. Even the Metropolitan "church of Los Angeles." But do they really know what this means? Are they giving lip-service to a "coming king" or do they understand that the Kingdom of God, the Government of God is a present-day reality and all men, women, boys and girls are to do exactly what is said in the Oath of Citizenship - except in reverse.

They are to repudiate all earthly fidelities. They are to abjure all foreign princes and potentates and governments. Renounce all earthly citizenships, come out from among them and be separate saith the Lord, and I will be your God, and you will be My people.

It's a confession. It's a confession that Jesus Christ is the Only Potentate. He's the only Lord. He's the Only King.

All Bible prophecy has been fulfilled. The Government of God has been established. Christ put down all rule and all authority - meaning that His Government is the Only One left standing. So what's next? What does it mean? It means that people are now required to live their lives accordingly. But for the "*forever changed [the] face of Christianity*" we must be living our lives for the purpose of restoring true Biblical Christianity to the foundations that Jesus laid and were built on the saints of the first century.