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

We would ask you to continue to keep Paul in your prayers. I have not heard anything else from him this week, besides a thank you for putting him on the prayer request list last week - but I know - we need to keep him in our prayers. I do have positive updates from Sam. Sam says he is doing much better. We are grateful for that and I know that he and Trish are, too.

In last week's message, I made the statement that if there was anything in the u.s. CONstitution that even resembled the Bible, it would be the gold and silver clause. After the message, Matthew sent me a note and brought up a really good point. If you read their statement, it is actually another brazen example of men deciding what is right - instead of leaving that to God. Gold and silver only - is legal? Legal tender? I'm going to have to swallow those words - which I've actually said many times before and take back that their gold and silver clause is not only not close to the Law of God - but is an example of how they violated God's Laws.

Happy Birthday to my mother. Her mother said she was born on 12/7/1939. And, that's what my mother has been telling people her entire life. The interesting thing about that - is that her mother - my grandmother - was known to have "lied about her age" for her entire life and no one - not even my grandfather apparently - knew when her mother told her she was born. Oh the horror of that. First name, last name, middle initial date of birth. How dare someone not spout that information out on command - as if they were a slave, a piece of property.

Friends, it's nobody's business if someone doesn't want to say a date in which their parents told them they were born. What difference should that make to anyone else? Well, when we live surrounded by people who believe that "government is god" - and the "government" owns everything and everyone - then - you answer when you told to. You be quiet when you are told to. You go here. You don't go there. You pay this tax. You get this license. You breathe the way we tell you to breathe. It's just amazing that this is where we are at in our lives today. Most people - living a life totally contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the principles of the Bible that tell us

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own

poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

There must be a "government" record of when you were born. We must know your parents' names. We must have your parents' social security numbers. We must know your place of birth. For in us - you must live - you must move - you must have your being. No. Not for the follower of Christ.

For those people who sincerely want to know what we are supposed to be doing. What next? What does it even mean to be a Christian? There you go.

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;

The cold, hard reality however, is that 99.9% of people alive today - live, and move, and have their being in another king - and that king is not Jesus.

All Bible prophecy has been fulfilled. If a man does not understand this - there is no possible way that he will fully grasp what it means

to live, and move, and have our being [in Christ];

There are lots and lots and lots of people who think they are living a life fulfilling Acts 17:24 - but they simply are not. For most, it is a life of lip-service, of claiming that they

live, and move, and have [their] being [in Christ];

But the reality is - every single thing they are doing in their life - is done according to the laws, statutes, rules and regulations - of men's little g "governments" and somehow they've been deceived into believing that that's the way it's supposed to be. First of all, the Laws of God have been done away with. And, Jesus is coming king. Because, that's what they have been told the Bible says. That's what they have been God wants for the New Covenant age.

But when we are understand the full implications of what it means that Jesus Christ fulfilled all Bible prophecy - then we can never unsee that this means that His Government was fully established in the times in which He was here in this world - and that since that time - it has been the responsibility of every living, breathing creature, to come out from their "governments" their own "kingdoms" their own concepts of right and wrong, good and evil - and into a life led by King Jesus Who set in motion the very simple, very basic Law:

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;

I'm telling you friends, we cannot obey the "laws of men" and the "Laws of God" at the same time and - remain faithful to:

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;

Man's "laws" demand that people live according to them, move according to them and have their being in them. Their citizen's "birthdates" are recorded by them. All the other age milestones are recorded by them. They each have their own unique identifying number - like an ear tag on a cow. And even their physical "death" is recorded by them. From birth to death and every single thing in between is registered by the state and that is because the state does all it can to make sure people live and move and have their being - in the state.

This is why another basic, simple, principle found in our Bibles - in the way followers of Christ are supposed to live and move and have their being is found in Him - turn to II Corinthians chapter 5 for just a minute, please. Begin reading in verse 14. I don't normally start in the be minutes ginning of chapters - but in this instant - we'll get it. Hopefully we'll all get the point.

[14] For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all dead:

[15] And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

You would think that if anyone, if there is anyone that we should be allowed for - it would be ourselves. Taking care of number one. What's wrong with that? The problem with that is if we follow that line of thinking - then we can let ourselves get in the way of

in Him we live, and move and have our being.

If as followers of Christ, we aren't even supposed to live for ourselves, then how would we ever conclude that we are bound to live for others - number one - people we more than likely don't even know - and number two - people that most likely don't care a thing about living exclusively in Christ? Where did we ever get the idea that we are supposed to live for anything or anyone other - than for Christ? Than for the God of the Bible - the Creator of the world and all that's in it? Well, I just spent months showing us how that when we deny or allow others to deny the Genesis account of Creation - the end game of that theory will be - there is no God. If there is no God - then certainly man should live either for himself - or by the commands of others - usually those who have more buying power or bigger guns - or more people carrying guns enforcing their "laws." Verse 16.

[**16**] Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more.

This is huge. We've been told over and over throughout the Bible not to live according to the flesh. This verse is even telling followers of Christ - at that time - that even the flesh of Christ has given way to the everlasting principles for guiding life that He taught. We are not to be living according to the flesh - ours, others, or even Christ's. There is great emphasis here on not living according to the flesh. Everything that man's little g "governments" is about - is about regulating the flesh or tangible things. It's about controlling everything in the physical world and that is not supposed to be the reality for the follower of Jesus Christ.

Therefore...

We need to pay close attention to the wherefores and the therefores of the Bible. They are so important, that man, in his never ending attempt to take the place of God in the lives of all people and things - those words are found all over his documents, too. They are words pertaining to Law - capital L when those principles are found in the Bible.

Therefore...

Because of what was just said. Because God just said we are not to live according to the flesh - but exclusively according to God - and knowing that men's little g "governments" are obsessed, possessed with the control of everything in the world...

[**17**] Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Therefore, if a man has lived a life according to the flesh, if a man has been following a government other than the Government of Christ, if he desires a new start, a fresh

start, a new beginning in Jesus Christ - God has offered that man or woman the once-ina-lifetme greatest deal ever - to have everything in his life wiped clean - and he's given a brand new start.

People are born today with the implied - it is not true - but it is implied that they are born into citizenship and bound to whatever "government" that surrounds them at the time of their "birth." That is not so. But that is what is generally accepted in the world today.

I've told you this before. I once had a conversation with a couple of lawyers. One of the lawyers was a former persecutor who was then operating in the realm of international "law". I asked him a simple question. "What is it that makes a man bound to the "laws of the state of missouri?" The interesting thing about this, is if I had asked the same question to 100 random people just walking down the street, I'll just about guarantee you that every one of them would say - "Because of where you were born."

But not only did this lawyer not have an answer - because the answer is not that simple. It's not as easy as "because you were born." While he was thinking about his answer, I asked him if slavery as we have been taught about it from the 17 and 1800s was morally right or not. Before I could even finish the question, he answered, "Absolutely not. Slavery in the U.S. was wrong," was his answer. So then I asked again. "So then when a baby was born to a slave - and that slave was the property of the plantation owner - was it okay - that simply because that baby was born - it became a slave to the plantation owner?" And, without hesitation, he answered no again, "No, that was not right." But in the u.s., in the 17 and 1800s, listen to this from an article entitled, "Children of the plantation."

"Children of the plantation" is a euphemism used[by whom?] to refer to people with ancestry tracing back to the time of slavery in the United States in which the offspring was born to black African female slaves (either still in the state of slavery or freed) in the context of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and Non-Black men, usually the slave's owner, one of the owner's relatives, or the plantation overseer. These children were often considered to be the property of the slave owner and were often subjected to the same treatment as other slaves on the plantation. Many of these children were born into slavery and had no legal rights, as they were not recognized as the legitimate children of their fathers. The men who fathered these children often used their power and authority to force themselves upon the black females (girls and/or women) (often 13 to 16 years old or when they commenced menstruation) who were under their

control.

Stop right there. Did you notice that? They had no "legal rights" because they were considered fatherless. Well, I hope that immediately brought something to your attention - because it did me - to the point where every hair on my legs just stood to attention. Listen very closely again to the verse of Scripture where we started this morning. This was Acts 17:24

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

We aren't someone else's property. We aren't in slavery. We aren't without "rights" because we aren't fatherless. When we are in Christ - we are also His offspring. Hallelujah! That is awesome. And because we aren't fatherless, because we are in Christ - we not only have the command - but have been given freedom to

live, and move, and have our being [exclusively in Christ];

Back to the article concerning slave babies.

Plantation owners raping female slaves was a common occurrence. These children were born into slavery, through a legal doctrine known as partus sequitur ventrem. They were classified as mulattoes, a former term for a multiracial person. Some of the fathers treated these children well, sometimes providing educational or career opportunities, or manumitting (freeing) them. Examples are Archibald and Francis Grimké, and Thomas Jefferson's children by Sally Hemings. Others treated their multiracial children as property; Alexander Scott Withers, for instance, sold two of his children to slave traders, where they were sold again.

Alex Haley's Queen: The Story of an American Family (1993) is a historical novel, later a movie, that brought knowledge of the "children of the plantation" to public attention. Edward Ball's Slaves in the Family (1998), written by a White descendant of slave owners, describes this complex legacy. Toni Morrison wrote that this sexual usage of slaves was known as droit du seigneur,[1] the "right of the lord", a term originating in the feudalism of medieval Europe. End quote.

It never ceases to amaze me what men will define as good and evil right and wrong when they believe they have the power to make their own definitions.

So when I asked the lawyer if it was right that the slave baby become the property of the slave simply because the baby was born - he answered emphatically no. So then how is that a baby is bound to the state and the state's "laws" and the state's debts and obligations - simply because of where the baby was born. At that point, he picked up the phone and called another lawyer and asked him the question, "What makes someone bound to the laws of a state?"

In 1793, in what was called the first "supreme court" decision of great value, it was stated in Chisholm versus Georgia - listen now - not that their court decisions have any value for the follower of Jesus Christ. They are not our courts. We are supposed to enter into His gates with thanksgiving, enter into His courts with praise. But, believe it or not, there was some wisdom in what those men said all the way back in 1793. The court decision was whether a state had to pay their debts or not because it was supposedly "sovereign" and during the discussion, there was a definition of what a state was - and then this was said, quote:

https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/2/419/

By a "state," I mean a complete body of free persons united together for their common benefit to enjoy peaceably what is their own and to do justice to others. It is an artificial person. It has its affairs and its interests; it has its rules; it has its rights; and it has its obligations. It may acquire property distinct from that of its members. It may incur debts to be discharged out of the public stock, not out of the private fortunes of individuals. It may be bound by contracts, and for damages arising from the breach of those contracts. In all our contemplations, however, concerning this feigned and artificial person, we should never forget that, in truth and nature, those who think and speak and act are men.

Is the foregoing description of a state a true description? It will not be questioned but it is. Is there any part of this description, which intimates in the remotest manner that a state, any more than the men who compose it, ought not to do justice and fulfil engagements? It will not be pretended that there is. If justice is not done; if engagements are not fulfilled, is it, upon general principles of right, less proper in the case of a great number than in the case of an individual to secure by compulsion that which will not be voluntarily performed? Less proper it surely cannot be.

Listen now. He just said - a "u.s. supreme court justice" said - it is improper for a man to be forced to join a "state" - it is improper for a man to be forced to join with a collection

of men - you can't do this by compulsion, you can't do it by force -

The only reason, I believe, why a free man is bound by human laws is that he binds himself.

So men bind themselves. First of all, note that it says men - man - not children. A man binds himself to the "laws" of the state. He volunteers. He signs up. He votes. He goes in and asks for benefits. He goes in and asks for licenses, for permissions - a man binds himself. The man is not bound to the state simply because he was born. And, let me say this, a baby is not bound to the state if the babies parents register the baby.

Registering babies with the state is a terrible thing to do. But the 99.9% does it. And this leads to the idea of implied consent - and typically ends up that way - because of "government education / indoctrination" young people are just trained to believe they are obligated "citizens" - even before they are 20 year adults. They are just trained to go on and make the jump from implied consent to informed consent - even though that never happened to them.

The social security number. When my grandmother was born - they didn't have a social security number. When my mother was born - it had just been in existence for a few years. But then, babies were not automatically assigned that number. Most people then, didn't get that number until they started working. Even for people at my age - the number was not assigned at birth. It was assigned sometime in the teenage years. From the internet, quote:

The Social Security Administration (SSA) began issuing Social Security numbers (SSNs) to babies in 1987 with the development of the enumeration-at-birth process: 1987: The SSA developed the enumeration-at-birth process. 1988: The Family Support Act required states to obtain the SSNs of parents when issuing birth certificates. 1989: The program was expanded nationwide. 1990: The threshold for requiring an SSN was lowered to one year old. Today, all 50 states, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico participate in the program.

That's interesting. I wonder why it singled out New York City, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. I think I can understand Washington DC and Puerto Rico, but I wonder why it included New York City? It continues. Parents can indicate on the birth certificate form whether they want a Social Security number assigned to their newborn child. Before 1986, people often didn't obtain a Social Security number until they were about 14 years old.

Listen to this:

This was because the numbers were used for income tracking purposes, and those under that age rarely had substantial income.

The numbers were used for income tracking purposes. Were used. But we know - or should know - there was something much more sinister. It's a number of a man - it's just like the mark of the beast in the Revelation 13. It is designed to make it very difficult for people to live - unless they have that number. If there was one shred of Bible knowledge among the "preachers" in this country in 1937 - they should have been screaming bloody murder when the whole plan was instituted. The enemies of Christ and the Government of God are cunning. My guess is they may have thought that if that number was assigned at birth in 1937, they might have had some resistance. So, it wasn't until 50 years later that phase two began.

In the 1980s, there was a war declared on midwives in America. At the time, I had no idea why. It was a known fact then that home-birth was far safer than hospital birth. The statistics were plain to see.

It was my intention to read an article this morning entitled, The Criminalization of the American Midwife, but the article became a little too graphic for mixed company so I'm going to pass. I do have the link in the notes, though, if you want to read it.

https://longreads.com/2020/03/10/criminalization-of-the-american-midwife/

The article goes into a lot of detail regarding the arrest of a midwife in New York and makes mention of a midwife that I once knew in Indiana - but it is my belief that the reason why midwifery came under such an attack in this country in the 1980s - is because there were too many births that were not registered - and babies who would be assigned a social security number were falling through the cracks. Now, pretty much every one of their "states" requires midwives to be licensed - and as per the licensing agreement - they are required to register the births of all the babies.

Alright, back to a man binds himself. Either through implied consent - or assumed consent - or by informed consent - 99.9% of people in the u.s. have bound themselves to the "laws of the state." It is my belief that informed consent is the only consent that should be considered - but of course that's not the case. I believe that if every man was fully informed about his decision to bind himself to the state - very few men in their right minds would do it. Either way, for the 99.9% - it's done. It happened. The 99.9% of men in the u.s. and around the world, have done everything they felt was either required, or was their "civic duty" - and now, thank God - some have realized they made the wrong decision. What's the remedy? We are seeing it right here. It's II Corinthians 5:17.

[**17**] Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

It's about being born again. It's exactly what Jesus explained to Nicodemus in John chapter 3. It's not about getting back into mama's womb - that's of the flesh - that's no longer in the equation. It is about the old man dying - not fleshly - that's no longer part of the equation - it is about spiritually becoming a new creature - where old things are passed away - and behold - and that is as miraculous as a virgin conceiving - all things are become new. Yes. It's a spiritual occurrence. It's a spiritual experience. But the spiritual experience affects the physical world.

Listen friends, if you want to send a letter to the social security administration and give them back their number, their card - I would never tell you no, not a good idea. In fact, it might be a good idea. But I'll also tell you it's not necessary. Embrace II Corinthians 5:17 and let that number die with the old man. Let it go. That number is tied to the old man - don't use it again from this point on. But again, if you want to send it back - if you feel led of God to do so - then by all means send it back. If you want to send them a notice - my best thought would be to the "secretary of state" - and let them know that you have become a new creature - a brand new created being by God Himself - and that new creation is not bound to the state any longer, that new creation is no longer bound to oaths made by the dead in Christ man - then by all means - I would never discourage such things.

I do want you to know that in the past, I have seen other people do those things, only to receive a notice back saying, "We don't recognize this." Okay. Well, it doesn't matter whether they recognize II Corinthians 5:17 or not - God does. And, let me add this, if someone sent you a notice saying they did not recognize II Corinthians 5:17 - then

that's proof right there you are not dealing with a minister of God - but rather - the "rulers of the darkness of this world" - something that followers of Christ are not to be a part of. Now verse 18 of II Corinthians 5:

[18] And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;[19] To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

To wit. More law words. And in this regard, we are seeing the Laws of God implemented in the lives of those who are in Christ.

[20] Now then

Now then. More Law words.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

[21] For he hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

An ambassador is an official envoy, especially a high-ranking diplomat who represents a state and is usually accredited to another sovereign state or to an international organization as the resident representative of their own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment.[1] The word is also used informally for people who are known, without national appointment, to represent certain professions, activities, and fields of endeavor, such as sales.

An ambassador is the ranking government representative stationed in a foreign capital or country. The host country typically allows the ambassador control of specific territory called an embassy (which may include an official residence and an office, chancery, located together or separately, generally in the host nation's capital), whose territory, staff, and vehicles are generally afforded diplomatic immunity in the host country. Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, an ambassador has the highest diplomatic rank. Countries may choose to maintain diplomatic relations at a lower level by appointing a chargé d'affaires in place of an ambassador. When we are in Christ, as in what does it mean to be a Christian? As in, what next? As in what are we supposed to be doing since all Bible prophecy has been fulfilled, since the Government of God has been established - what are we supposed to be doing?

We are newly created beings. Everything in our lives are passed away - and all things have become new. We are no longer citizens of the world - but instead - Citizens of the Government of God - and we are ambassadors for His Government. We've seen this model over and over again throughout Scripture.

In one of the greatest Books explaining the New Covenant - the Book of Hebrews affirms that what Paul had - that which was real, New Covenant Christianity - was actually shown in the lives of Old Covenant saints. Turn to Hebrews chapter 11. Read beginning with verse 1.

[1] Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[2] For by it the elders obtained a good report.

[3] Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Friends, that is so important. By faith - by belief - we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. The Old Covenant world - and the New Covenant World - framed by God. Made by God. He is the Owner of the worlds and everything that is in them.

[4] By faith Abel

To understand the plan of God, the Will of God, to understand what it is that we are supposed to be doing now - we go all the way back to Creation. We go all the way back to the beginnings of story of man. You'll see this here. We go back to Genesis, then progress our way through. We can't possibly understand what we are supposed to be doing now - if we do not know the Scriptures and the principles from them - from the lives of the people in this chapter.

[4] By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

And again, we saw this a few weeks ago. What was righteous in the Book of Genesis - in the story about Abel? Living according to the Law of God.

[5] By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

[6] But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

[7] By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Noah built an ark for the saving of his house. Noah condemned the world and became an heir of righteousness. Most people today, the 99.9% have absolutely no problem whatsoever living according to the ways of the world. Oh I'm not talking about drinking and cussing and going to the movies - I'm talking about living according to the "laws of men" and not living according to the Laws of God. I'm talking about embracing the little g "governments" of the world with their "laws, their statutes, their treaties and all that is the 'law of the land'" instead of embracing the God of the Bible and living exclusively according to His Government. Turn to Genesis chapter 6 and read beginning with verse 1. When I read this chapter, I see very little difference between Noah's world and the present world in which we live. Verse 1.

[1] And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

[2] That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

[3] And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

[4] There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

[5] And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

[6] And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart.

[7] And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of

the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them.

[8] But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord because Noah was just going right along with the rest of the world and living contrary to the Law of God? Did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord just because God chose Him and said, "It doesn't matter how Noah lives or believes, I'm picking Noah just because I want to pick Noah. Or just because Noah has the right skin color." Verse 9.

[9] These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

The whole world had turned its back on God. The whole world had turned its back on righteousness. But in spite of the whole world doing wrong - Noah walked with God.

[10] And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[**11**] The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

[**12**] And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

[**13**] And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

[14] Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

[**15**] And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

[16] A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

[**17**] And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

[**18**] But with thee will I establish My covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

[19] And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into

the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. [20] Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep

them alive.

[21] And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

[22] Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Regardless of what the rest of the world did, Noah walked with God. Here's an example. Now, we move on to Abraham. Now of Abraham, it was said, in Genesis chapter 26 verse 5:

Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Laws.

So many people just take this for granted, never really considering, in my opinion, what is so important about this. Abraham obeyed God's Laws - as opposed to what? The same thing that goes on today. Man's "laws." Abraham was singled out because in the world - the world obeys man's "laws." But Abraham obeyed God's voice. Kept God's charge, God's Commandments, God's Laws. This is what followers of God do. This is what Christians do. Do we really think that Abraham could have obeyed man's "laws?" Of course he could have. But he didn't. He obeyed God's Laws. Verse 8.

[8] By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Don't misunderstand me, now, I'm not saying we should all go out and rip out the GPS on our cars as if the GPS is sin - in and of itself. But today, man's little g "governments" are so far off the deep end, so far advanced in their control of men - it would be pretty difficult today to go somewhere - "not knowing whither he went." The little g "governments" of the world are so obsessed with tracking every movement - but not so for Abraham.

[9] By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:[10] For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

A city whose builder and maker is God has foundations that are built on the Laws of God. It's not a city, or a county or a state and definitely not an empire - that is built on "our laws, our treaties, our statutes, our rules and regulations, our ordinances, shall be the supreme law of the land." Christians - the examples found in our Bibles - are people who are looking for a city whose builder and maker is God.

Now to a great woman of belief, of faith, in our Bibles.

[**11**] Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful Who had promised.

[12] Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

[**13**] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Yes. Strangers and pilgrims on the earth because their brothers and sisters, moms and dads, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors decided it was better to live by their definitions of good and evil, right and wrong - instead of remaining faithful to the God of the Bible. The follower of Christ, the one who has figured out what he is supposed to be doing in the New Covenant age in which we live - has concluded that he is a stranger and a pilgrim on this earth. The occupants of the land - through their own free will choice - chose things other than the Creator - for their government, for their life, for their movement, for their being. And because the majority has made the same decision - it has caused men and women of faith, of belief in the God of the Bible - to become strangers and pilgrims - even on the land of their birth.

Now I've said this many times before and we need to hear this again, I need to hear it again. Being born on this land that people call America - means that I have every bit as much "right" to live according to the way I believe is right - according to the way I believe the Bible commands - as anyone else who claims their "rights" because they were physically born here, too. And the same applies everywhere else on the world that God created. Joan, you and your family that were born in what the world calls the Philippines - well - God owns the Philippines, too. And you have a command to obey God - exclusively - just like Abel did, just like Enoch did, and Abraham and Sara. And just because the majority of the people there don't get it, they don't understand the Bible,

that doesn't mean they can force you to submit to their ways just because you were born.

Even the world has condemned "involuntary servitude." You can't be forced against your will to disobey your conscience. You aren't violating the few Laws of God and according to the Word of God - you are living a life - against such there is no law. And that's the same whether you are in America, Canada, the Philippines, Panama - or wherever you are trying to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. It is the world that has made Christians strangers and pilgrims. And they do not own this world. God owns the world. And He gave it to those who will exclusively follow His Kingship. We must stand on this faith, this belief. This is the foundation of what every Bible character stood for. Verse 14.

[14] For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.[15] And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.[16] But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is

not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city.

This can only be accomplished among a people who make the choice to live their lives according to the exclusive Laws of God. This cannot, will not, it's impossible for this to be a country, a state, a collection of men and women - who choose to live by their definitions of right and wrong, good and evil. And today, that's what the 99.9% ers have chosen for themselves. And we must stand on these Bible principles. A heavenly country does not mean that it's a country only found in the heavens, in the sky, in or above God's firmament. It is a country that is built on heavenly principles. It is a country that is built on the exclusive Laws of God. It's available today. It was established in the first century and is available - by choice - to whosoever will. It is a country where God is not ashamed to be called their God - for He is the One Who prepared the city and called men and women, boys and girls, into it.

[17] By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

[18] Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

[**19**] Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

[20] By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

[21] By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and

worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

[22] By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

[23] By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

I'm telling you today that we need more men and women who are not afraid of the "king's commandment." Principally speaking. In the New World in which we live "kings" are not even supposed to exist. But they do so because of the rebellion of man. It is rebellious men and women who advocate for that thing called "church" who continue to keep the spirit of satan alive by not only saying that it is God that raises up "kings" into positions of "government" today. That was true in the Old World - but not true in the New World. In the New World He has raised up One King and One King Only - and that is His Son, Jesus Christ. The "church" has deceived people into believing that God ordains men's little g "governments" today. And nothing, could be further from the truth. Yet, even in the days where God did allow men's kingdoms - we find men and women of God standing against the "kings of the earth." Today, because of the "churchmen" - the "kings of the earth" are rarely opposed - instead - are obeyed without question and the people are told that if they disobey the "kings of the earth" they are disobeying God Himself. What a lie. What a despicable lie. Moses had Godly parents who started him out the right way. And when Moses became of age - Moses made the correct choice in which Government he would be a Citizen of. Oh how I wish more people would see this today.

[24] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

[25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

[**26**] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

"I couldn't make a living unless I used u.s. citizenship. I couldn't make a living unless I used a social security number. I couldn't make a living unless I got a driver's license." That's a cop-out and it isn't true. And the reality is - it is claiming to be a "christian" but living exactly the opposite of one of the greatest examples of what it means to be a Christian that the world has ever had - yet - being totally deceived into thinking someone can have it both ways. You can't claim the reproach of Christ while claiming the treasures of Egypt at the same time. And if you think you can - then you are an island. People all over the world are asking what does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to be a follower of Christ, a follower of God. And here are answers to those questions straight from the Word of God and people won't hear it because they love the treasures of Egypt.

[27] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.

Friends, wherever you live today. On whatever part of God's earth a man has named. Egypt, Syria, America, the Philippines, Canada, Panama - just fill in the blank. The Bible, the Old Covenant Scriptures are theoretical, they are principles, it is the Will of God for how people are supposed to live in the New Covenant World -

[27] By faith he forsook Egypt,
[27] By faith he forsook America,
[27] By faith he forsook the Philippines,
[27] By faith he forsook Canada,
[27] By faith he forsook Panama,

not fearing the wrath of men's little g "governments" who exist out of men's rebellion to the One True King and His One True Government.

The principle today is as real as it was in Bible times. In fact, it's even more real today because of the fact that we live in a whosoever will world. The things that were written in the foreordained world, the predestined world - those things were written for a future time - for a future world - for a future age - just like Isaiah 9:6 says - and that age is the Government Age, the Kingdom Age of Jesus Christ - which has no end - and we have free will to choose whether we will embrace the Government of Christ or the little g "governments" of men. Which then will determine how "doth we live?"

[**28**] Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

They embraced symbols that represented the coming Messiah.

[**29**] By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

They embraced the promises of protection and provision from God for obedience.

[**30**] By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

[**31**] By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

We have gone from Abel, to Enoch, to Abraham, to Moses, to Joshua, to Rahab, to the faithful kings, now to the prophets.

[**32**] And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

[**33**] Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

[**34**] Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

[**35**] Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

[**36**] And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

[**37**] They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

[**38**] (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Yet somehow, of all these great examples of living a life of obedience to the God of the Bible - somehow none of this is applicable for today. Well, for those who would dare say that, my question is, why is it even in the Book? The Book of Hebrews, which nearly everyone says - even the "churchmen" tells us about the New Covenant world - why is all of this even in here? Does this just make for great stories around the campfire? Look what these men and women of old went through. It's certainly not for today. Those people turned their back on the world. Those people refused to go along to get along. Today, we live in a world where God demands that we obey the very ones that these people were persecuted by. When we hear stories today of Christians being persecuted by men's little g "governments" most people look down on the Christian. Incredible. In my life, whenever I heard of someone who claimed Christ being attacked by men's little g "government" I was instantly on their side. I am never on the side of men's little g "govenment." Now don't misunderstand me - there are people out there who claim Christ - but are accused of murder, theft, or one of the other very few Laws of God. Now in that instance, I am far more careful to make sure I have enough information to make sure I am not siding with a real evil doer.

I'm just saying that in the world in which we live today, if the things that were written in Hebrews 11 were happening to real believers - it is my opinion that the 99.9% would be siding with the little g "governments" of men - and the Abels and Enochs, and Moses and Abrahams would be ridiculed because only people who disobey men's little g "governments" get attacked. Yet,

[**39**] And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

[**40**] God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Hebrews chapter 11 is a really good place to look for examples, to look for instruction on what's next? What does it mean to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ. It may not be what most people want to hear - but there it is. Pretty clear.