

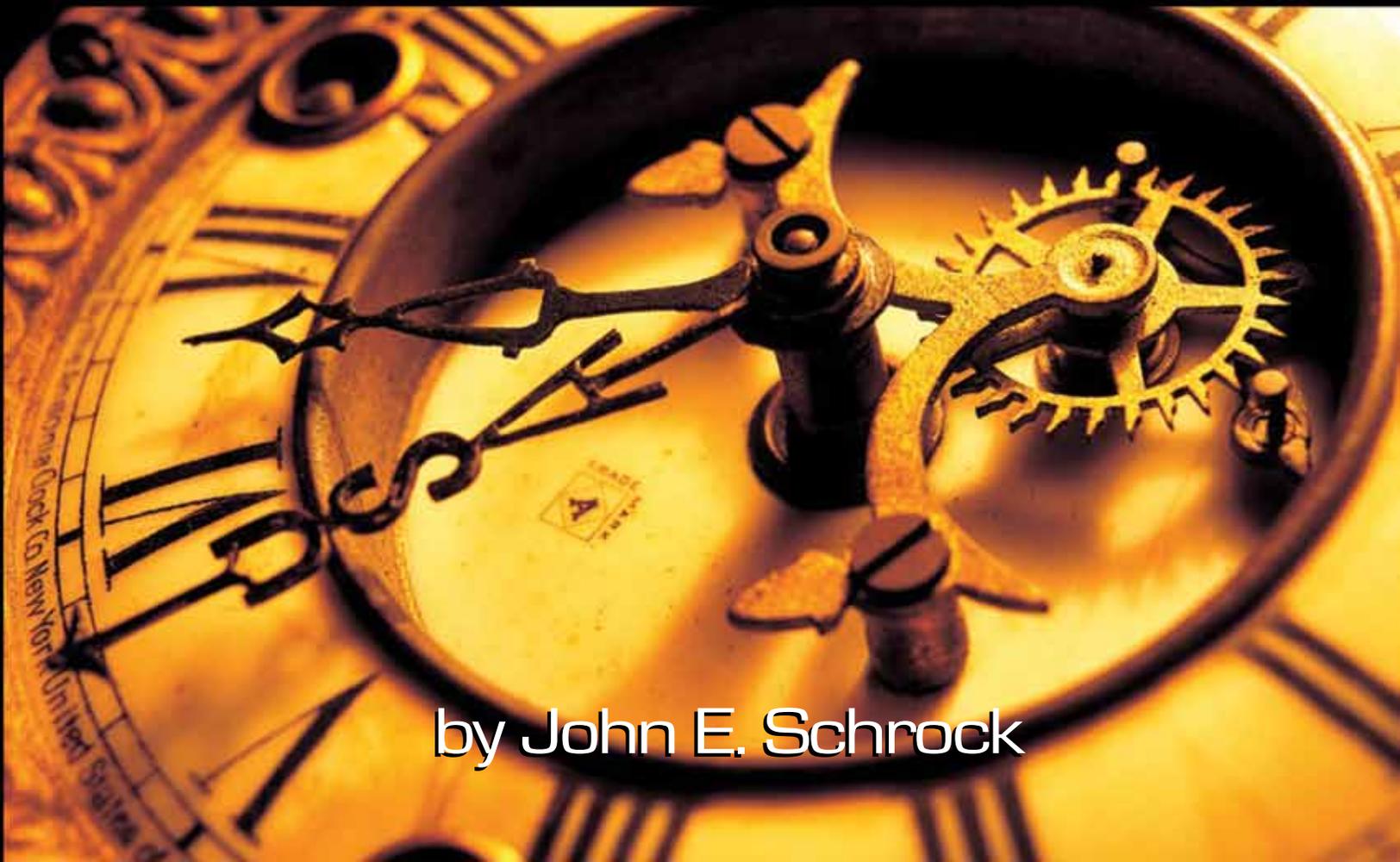
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— A MANDATE —



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MY ENCOUNTER WITH A PROPHET

One night I had a dream. This dream was different from the usual dreams I have. It seemed to possess and drive me. Finally, I couldn't sleep or go about my duties, so I called some of my advisors and people who I felt would be able to help me understand my dream. Once they were all assembled I was about to tell them my dream, but I forgot it. Now I was even more frustrated. I got angry with myself and those around me because I felt the dream meant something.

As a leader with thousands of people working for me and many advisors, none of them could help or even comfort me. I got so angry I became irrational. I was so furious at some of them that I actually felt like killing them.

Then one day someone told me about one of my managers. He said this manager was a nice young man who seemed to have an unusual understanding of such things. "This guy is different," he said, "well-mannered and respected. He claims to know God. I even heard that he has interpreted dreams for some of the other managers."

So, I had him brought to me. When I met him, I noticed that he was different. He was confident, but gentle, so I told him my situation. "I had a dream that I forgot and now it's driving me crazy. I need to know the dream and its meaning."

After a moment of silence the young man said, "I realize you are having a difficult time with this situation, but there is no man on earth who can give you that request ...only God can do that." This

made me even angrier, so I told him if he didn't come back with the dream and its meaning, I was going to kill him. I knew I was wrong, but I was frustrated and desperate for an answer.

To my surprise, the young man returned. He said, "I have asked God, and He gave me your dream and the meaning of it. Your dream was about coming events. God was speaking to you through your dream. He wants you to know what is going to happen."

I almost laughed when I saw the simplicity of this young man. He didn't seem fully cultured enough to fit into our society. Yet, he stood straight and tall, speaking humbly, but with a confidence that made me believe every word he said. "This was your dream," he continued. "You saw a huge, powerful statue of a man, shining brilliantly. It was frightening and terrible. The head of the statue was made of pure gold. Its chest and arms were of silver, and its belly and thighs of brass. Its legs were of iron, and its feet were a mixture of iron and clay."

As he was describing the dream, I could recall it. Goosebumps rose up on me as I heard this young man tell me what no man could possibly know without divine insight.

"As you were watching this terrible statue," he continued, "you saw a huge rock break loose from the nearby mountain. It came tumbling down the mountainside, heading right toward this terrible statue. The forceful rock smashed into the statue's feet with such a powerful impact that it crushed the feet of iron and

clay, toppling the statue into a heap of iron, clay, brass, silver and gold. The rock kept on getting bigger and more powerful, until it became like a mountain that covered the entire earth.

“That was what you saw in your dream,” the young man said, “and this is the meaning of it.”

As I watched the young man give me the meaning of the dream, I saw something in him I had never seen in any man. He knew I had the power to kill him, yet he had no fear. He spoke with such authority and confidence that it made me fear him and his God. As his eyes met mine, I knew that he knew me better than I knew myself. I could see he understood me and was there to help me.

Finally, as his eyes left mine and looked into what seemed the beyond he said, “Sir, you are a leader of leaders, for God has given you your power, strength and glory. You are the leader and ruler over many provinces. You control and are recognized as the leader of much of the world. You represent the head of gold. However, your leadership is ending and someone else will take your place.

His empire will not be as powerful as yours was, and it will fall into the hands of another man who will rule the world, represented by the bronze belly of the statue.

He too will be overthrown by another powerful man. This man will be as strong as iron, and will smash, bruise and conquer. His kingdom will be like the feet you saw, iron mixed with clay. This mixture of iron and clay will show that this man will mix his ideas with those of other

nations. He will form alliances among them and promote intermarriage with their rulers for security.

But, his ideas will not last, because iron and clay do not mix.”

This was incredible! The young man stood before me and was telling me my days were over. Yet, as I listened, I seemed to hear another voice and I began to understand why I had the dream. It was all coming together. I was anxious to hear what he had to say about the rock.

“In the days of these nations and their alliances,” he continued, “God will set up a set of rules for all nations. These rules will become the dominant values for the world. These rules and values are the rock that you saw crushing the terrible statue. The ideas of man will be overshadowed by the new ideas from God. The rock will become the most powerful and influential system for managing the societies of earth.

“As for you, sir,” he said, looking me squarely in the eye, “God has chosen you to reveal what will happen in the future. The dream and the interpretation of it are as sure and certain as I have described them.”

Wow, what an experience! What could I say? Such authority.

The dream became clear, and sure enough, I lived to see a part of it. The young man was Daniel; he served as a governor in one of my provinces.

King of Babylon, 605-562 BC

This testimony of King Nebuchadnezzar is a paraphrased version of Daniel, Chapter 2.

*“ May all good men flourish
in his reign with abundance of
peace to the end of time ”*

Psalms 72:7



I have written this book with the intent of helping us see our destiny.

This world is not here by chance or by evolution, but rather a planned strategy set forth by the God of Creation. We can see this by Nebuchadnezzar's testimony. God told us during the reign of this king from 605-562 BC of situations that we are experiencing today. The New World Order and alliances being formed are only a small part of what God has told us will happen.

The stone brought the destruction of the image, or "evil." Although the stone came when Jesus came, its fulfillment or fullness is yet to come. Not every knee has bowed, nor has every tongue confessed that Jesus is Lord, but amazingly enough, we are seeing the principles of God and His moral values becoming the desire of almost every nation in the world.

Many of us have also wondered how a peace-loving, non-violent Jesus will be able to manage the world. This book should answer this and many more unanswered questions.

This book, however, does not deal with many technical details, but rather, concepts of God's reign and how it will come about through a system designed by God at creation.

I think you will find it interesting, as well as challenging.

A KINGDOM WITH VALUES

Before we can understand the reign of God, we must first understand the concept of a kingdom. A kingdom or reign is a system of management or control over a group of people in a particular area or arena. It could be a nation such as the United Kingdom, or it could be a party within a nation such as Democrats or Republicans.

Everyone and everything lives in or participates in some type of a kingdom. A man rules in his family, a woman rules over her home. It is their domain where they rule and are the authority.

There are two parts of a kingdom. First, it is "what we rule, such as a home, a business, or a jurisdiction. Second, it also involves "how we rule, or the values or code of ethics by which we rule.

When God made man, He gave him dominion over the earth. He is to rule over all "kingdoms", such as the animal kingdom, the fish of the sea, and the fowl of the air. So, the earth is man's kingdom or domain, but within this massive kingdom of man are many smaller kingdoms, where man rules within certain jurisdictions.

Walt Disney, for example, built himself a kingdom (a huge conglomerate) within the United States. It is a kingdom controlled and run according to a set of rules instituted by Walt and his team. When you enter Disney World, you are subject to his rules and policies. You can sense

Disney's world or Disney's kingdom.

A kingdom is never without a leader or king. In Disney, Walt was the king. He built a team by selling his vision and dreams to others. He imparted his ideas into them until they became "Disney-ites"; they thought and acted according to Walt, even though they were Americans and had their own personal identities. Together they built Disney's world (kingdom) as they served and worked in his kingdom.

When you enter into Disney World, you will follow Walt's policies, philosophies, and rules for his domain. Walt rules (reigns) over his kingdom. His managers and employees work in his kingdom and rule with him. He has influenced the entire world, but only rules over his own kingdom. Millions enter into it and enjoy his reign.

The kingdom of God is similar. There was a man who sowed His ideas into twelve men. They became His disciples (managers). He taught them concepts that changed their worldview. These perceptions became a set of values, or formed a constitution of morality, in them. He based His kingdom on God the Creator's eternal values. This formed godly rules of morality, so it is known as the kingdom of God; or we could say "God's World" as we say Disney World.

The difference between the two kingdoms is that Disney has property or "a territory" on earth; but the kingdom of God's territory is the entire earth. The kingdom of God is like a party within a country: it has established its own beliefs

and practices, forming its own code of ethics for its organization here on earth.

ETHICS AND VALUES

Therefore, when we think of God's kingdom, we must think of it as a value system or a code of ethics designed by God for people management. We could really think of it in terms of "rules from God" to govern or manage the Earth. The Earth is what we rule, and the code of ethics is the law by which we rule.

The man who brought this kingdom is Jesus. His teachings formed a constitution for his managers (disciples) that became the code of ethics for His kingdom here on earth. These rules or principles were given as a plumb line for societies to live by.

The forerunner of this man and His kingdom was John the Baptist. He was a voice in the wilderness (confused world) preparing the people for this kingdom. He came announcing that the kingdom of God is at hand. He said it would turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the children to the fathers.

He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." He was announcing a kingdom or a new party platform. He was not necessarily referring to a place or territory (like Disney World), but rather a set of governing principles to follow. He was teaching them how to rule – the style, the method, and the values to use.

When John introduced the kingdom, he said it was "at hand." meaning these principles or rules are now available.

The king has now come to His domain and His kingdom (rules) is now in progress. This kingdom had a purpose. Its mission was to establish righteous rule on the earth. It is to eventually overrule all unrighteous rules.

Like Walt, Jesus now rules and reigns over the people who choose to live in His world. His kingdom is influencing the world, and will eventually govern all nations and societies of the earth. His rules and values will eventually be fully understood and accepted as the finest and fairest in the world, and the earth will be the habitat and territory of His reign, as the stone crushed the image in Daniel.

God's kingdom is still in the building stages. Men and women are learning the value of being under God's rule. Jesus is not expanding the kingdom's borders like Disney's kingdom, but is establishing its principles into the hearts and lives of millions of men and women around the world. God's kingdom will rule over the entire world when men and women of all nations see the value of God's plumb line as the standard by which to manage themselves and their societies.

ABSOLUTES

Most of us can readily accept the thought of God governing us as individuals. We even build and structure our families on principles from God's word.

However, it seems difficult for many of us to think or imagine that a whole nation or world could be structured and managed by these same principles. Our problem is that we have made God and His ways

a religion. The principles He taught are practical and useful, and are meant to become our values for living. These values are not meant to be a religion or religious. They are fixed principles derived from foundational laws of creation and are as absolute and indestructible as the law of gravity. They cannot be broken without consequences and they, without a doubt, will rule the world once we understand the value of them and see how fair and just they really are.

These kingdom principles will bring peace, health, and prosperity to any person or nation. We can use them as individuals, for our families, or in our businesses. If all nations were to use them in governing their societies, it would be "God's kingdom on earth." For if we live under these principles, then we are governed by the kingdom of God." This would then be a fulfillment of our Lord's Prayer when He said, "Pray, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Jesus said, "He that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them is like the wise man that built his house on a rock. When the storms came, it stood firm and it was not destroyed." He was not talking about heaven, but our lives right now. These principles stand the storms of life here on earth.

No person or nation has to wait for the millennium to be under the rule of God; it is a matter of choice now.

There seems to be a misunderstanding of what the kingdom really is. The world brands it as a religion and the church

wants to put it out in the future. The kingdom is here now, but it will also come into its fullness. It is a kingdom advancing as we develop it.

THE GOOD NEWS

The “gospel of the kingdom” referred to in Matthew 24:14 can be better understood as the good news if we understand it to be the management system of God for humanity. When righteous rule is offered to a nation as an alternative to corrupt, unjust, highly taxed, mismanaged government, the people rejoice and say, “Thank God for the good news!”

This management system (or government) would be from God; it is God’s rules for human government. It offers a sound economic and judicial system that is fair and just for all. No waste, no politics, no hidden agendas – just simple, honest and truthful governing that will protect the people from corruption and extortion.

A STANDARD FOR MANAGING

All societies consist of three parts: moral law, civil law and sacrificial law. The moral law is the moral code of ethics by which we measure righteousness. It is the basis of all standards, ideas, and values, and it is what makes us feel good or bad, free or bound, guilty or innocent. Civil law is merely a written interpretation of the moral law, so we can use it as a system of law for justice and fairness in managing a society. Out of this written civil law, we punish offenders. By receiving due punishment, we pay for the wrong

we have done. By receiving the due punishment, we atone for (pay for) the violations. Once atoned for, we are free and forgiven for our violation.

The intent of the civil law is to bring righteous and fair judgment to a nation and its people. Without God’s moral code (standards), we have an inaccurate standard or measuring stick of righteousness. Many nations have tried their own versions of a moral code and have failed, in particular Hitler and Communism.

The message of God’s kingdom was good news indeed, and had great appeal to the Jewish nations who were under the reign and rule of Rome’s plumb line. The people wanted change. They were tired of the rules, taxes, and the authority of Rome’s reign. They wanted to be ruled and governed by a righteous and fair king. They wanted God’s moral code of ethics to set the rules and plumb line for their lives and nation. Like many of us, they were waiting for the kingdom.

The people were looking for a Messiah that would deliver them from their enemies. To them, this was the Promised One. He would once again establish the kingdom of Israel. They were right; Jesus was the Messiah. He did restore the kingdom, but they did not understand two things about Jesus and His kingdom.

A KINGDOM FOR THE WORLD

The first thing was that John was speaking of the kingdom of God, not the kingdom of Israel. God’s kingdom was to be a civil government designed by God for the people and nations of the world,

not just for Israel. It was a kingdom *for* Israel, but not *of* Israel. God's kingdom could be used by Israel, and by any nation. Even Babylon under King Darius was brought under the rule of God's kingdom after Daniel survived the lions' den. King Darius declared God as the king of all kings, and structured his kingdom under Daniel. Daniel's God and God's values became a part of the rules of Babylon. It also happened in Egypt under Joseph's rule.

Jesus said His kingdom was like leaven – a little was placed in the dough, and it leavened the whole lump. It was not just for a certain class or nationality, but for all humanity. It can happen within any nation. It is not a particular style of government, but a value system that controls the behavior of mankind. The little leaven that seemed so insignificant was going to influence the whole nation and world, not just part of it. Jesus' followers never really understood God's goal for the world.

After Jesus was resurrected and ready to ascend, He appeared to the disciples to give some final instructions on how He was going to empower them for the mission of establishing His kingdom on earth (Acts 1:5).

They immediately questioned Him about the kingdom (verse 6), "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" They still were hung up on Israel.

Yes, God did indeed restore the kingdom to Israel, not exclusively to Israel, but to whosoever chooses to enlist in this kingdom. Since the kingdom is not just a

nation, but a value system based on God's righteousness, it is a matter of choice for individuals as well as nations.

This was the beginning of a non-violent worldwide revolution. It was going to affect the behavior of every nation in the world.

The kingdom was first offered to Israel. Some of them believed and entered into it, but God was offering it to others as well. They were commanded to go to Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

After all, the earth is already the habitat of the kingdom. It was the principles by which we manage it that He was promoting.

God was not bypassing Israel, but rather extending it to the world through them. God's strategy for world conquest was not by using one nation to conquer all other nations by expanding its borders, but to use men and women from every nation to represent His kingdom and values within their own nation.

Today God is pouring out His Spirit on all the nations. Sons and daughters are born in all these lands to work and present the kingdom of God in their own nations.

These people within the nations are to promote the principles of the kingdom of God. They are to multiply and win the hearts of the people by presenting the good news of the kingdom. As ambassadors, they are to present a better way – a better life with better principles and a platform of fairness and justice for all. As this better way is accepted and principles are taught and followed, lifestyles

change. God begins to reign in lives, and soon the nation will restructure under God's plumb line of righteousness. As God reigns, their nations will prosper and will be healed. This is God's will for our nations today.

We have preached the gospel of salvation, which is good, but that is only the "joining" or enlisting part of it. The kingdom also has a platform and principles that are to govern us personally, as well as our nations.

We are to present a kingdom with a value system far greater and better than corrupt, mismanaged and greedily run governments. We can promise the people peace and prosperity.

As we accept and follow the principles of God's kingdom, "God's will" is being done on earth. This is then God's rule on earth (our inheritance). The kingdom of God is not a place called heaven, but a bringing of heaven's principles and values to earth.

THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGDOM

The second misunderstanding of the people was that they wanted to be delivered from Rome's reign. They hated Rome and its policies. They did not understand that the kingdom of God was going to take a change of heart. This new kingdom was to start with a new vision within them. It was to give them a new heart of love and understanding.

They considered themselves "the righteous." They proclaimed, "We are God's people, from the seed of Abraham," but they were really filled with anger and

hatred.

This kingdom was not a reign by force out of a heart of anger and hatred. It was going to be fair and just – a government that was motivated by love and understanding. It was for all nations and races. It was a new way with a new heart.

It was also a kingdom of choice rather than race, nationalism, or heritage. People were not a part of the kingdom because they were Jewish. It was going to be like a revolution -they had to choose whose values to follow.

God was setting up a kingdom (a new set of values for governing) one person at a time. It was not a kingdom with territorial boundaries, but a set of values established in the heart. It took a change of heart, motivated by a new set of values; Jesus was in the process of changing their values and worldview.

Jesus told the people that in order to see or to be a part of this kingdom, they had to be born again and have a change of heart. This kingdom, He said, was of God and the spirit. It was going to be a set of spiritual laws and principles that would manage and rule the flesh.

The Jews were not going to be delivered from Rome by over-throwing the empire, but by first getting the hatred out of themselves and by having a new worldview.

When men and women obey God's rulership and follow His authority and principles, then His kingdom has come, not to the whole world, but to those who have decided to follow and live in His reign or rule. It could be anyone within any nation. It is for "whosoever will."

Eventually there will be so many men and women who want God's values for ruling their governments that politicians will have to accept them in order to be elected. People dictate what government does. This will change nations and the world. Corrupt and unrighteous governments will not be able to survive.

At the time of John's preaching, the hearers of the good news had a better understanding of what a kingdom was like. They had no problem in comprehending the message. However, they understood it to be for Israel alone, and their thought was to overthrow the Roman Empire by force. They wanted to be delivered from them rather than to conquer them by occupying and managing in a better way.

A REVOLUTION

When they heard that the kingdom of God was at hand, they knew it meant God was setting up shop, and that He was going to restore a righteous law and order on the earth according to His plan.

This worldwide revolution was going to take time. Corrupt kingdoms have to run their course and discover that violating God's laws brings destruction. This world conquest by God is not by tanks and planes, but by law, love and understanding. This will bring solutions to the needs of societies and the world. The kingdom of God will be known for its non-violent, solution-oriented message.

They understood the old law of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" and wanted to take it by force, but John was proclaiming a new kingdom.

This was a new vision and a different concept for them -God's kingdom brought deliverance from their enemies by first eliminating hatred from their hearts. Our worldview and opinions of people will change dramatically when God puts His love and understanding in our hearts.

John was recruiting men and women for this kingdom. He knew that Jesus was the king of the kingdom. "Repent!" He said to change kingdoms and follow a different set of rules and values. He was saying that there is a better way.

He knew that violation of God's laws or rules brings disease, bondage, and poverty. Get a new heart and a new vision and save yourself from these plagues.

John's message was: follow God's government and live in freedom. Those who believed the message were baptized. They were believers in the new way.

God gave them a new heart – a heart that understood justice, and was tempered with love and mercy. He wrote His laws in their new hearts rather than on tablets of stone (Hebrews 8:10).

John was preaching a message that would cause the greatest revolution in the history of mankind. This kingdom would present and establish principles of value that would grow and eventually rule the world.

THE KINGDOM "AT HAND"

John was not preaching some great day yonder. He said this kingdom is "at hand," right now, join up and enjoy it now! The kingdom of God was preached as an "at-hand reality." The kingdom brought hope

for present blessings by changing camps and following God's kingdom.

Failure to preach the kingdom of God and the fact that it is "at hand" is the cause of our lack of Christian influence in the world today. Heaven is being taught as the escape from our problems. Satan wants to rob us of our inheritance by getting us to believe that heaven is our goal rather than the establishment of His kingdom on earth.

Heaven is a destiny, not a solution, for "the meek shall inherit the earth."

The principles of the kingdom are a solution for us "now" here in our world. Sick and frustrated societies can only be healed and cured by proclaiming the principles of God's kingdom when people work hard and are honest and fair. They will bring healing to sick economies. Honest, hard-working people create wealth, causing a nation to prosper.

When countries operate by wrong principles, its people become corrupt and selfish. They form special interest groups and lobby for their own interests. This creates unfairness, and other people start getting mean and angry. People lose hope, and then become unproductive and unfulfilled, which destroys economies.

Jesus told us to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these other things will be given unto us. The "things" such as good economies are given unto us here and now as current benefits for following God's rule and ways.

God's ways work! He wants to show us that it pays to follow Him. Jesus had a message that brought blessing with it. It

was "at hand." His kingdom was not presented as a distant place and some great event of the future, but a "here and now" reality.

His kingdom is a solution for mankind. It was designed with humanity's best interest in mind. It is still at hand, and the best news anyone can hear. It will bear fruit in our lives – righteousness and peace will come to our families, governments, and world if we dare to believe and practice it.

Without a good understanding of the kingdom, we cannot understand its good news.

A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Once we understand the kingdom, it will become our highest priority and value. It will become our greatest asset for living today.

Jesus said the kingdom is like a man who was looking for beautiful pearls. When he found a pearl of great price, he sold everything he owned and bought the one pearl.

So is the kingdom – when we find it, it becomes the greatest asset we have. It will be our treasure; all other things will become secondary. Every decision in life will be made in the light of His kingdom, because we understand its value.

Our entire value system will change when we really understand the kingdom and follow it. God will make sure that the "other things" will come our way as benefits for following His kingdom.

Any people or nation under God's rule or kingdom will enjoy Deuteronomy 28:1-13. He said, "I will command my bless-

ings on you until they overtake you.” “I will set you on high above all nations,” was His promise. “I will make you the head, and not the tail. You will lend, not borrow. I will make sure you have the upper hand.” He promised all of this to those who will follow the kingdom of God and its principles.

This kingdom, Jesus said, was to be received “like a little child” (Mark 10:15). In other words, we must receive the government or standard of God over our lives in childlike faith and trust, knowing that He cares and knows what will work for us.

It has already come to many, and will eventually fill the earth. This government of God is “at hand” and ready to be used in business, families, and nations. God’s Kingdom can change any current government that is corrupt and motivated by greed, bringing hardship and failure because it is the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13).

PRINCIPLES OF VALUE

Jesus said (in Matthew 5:13), “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.” (NIV)

The thought is that if the people of God lose God and His values, they will be rejected and discarded by government, and by people in general, because anything that has value will be used, preserved, and protected. If Christianity has no value to offer, such as quality leaders with creative, solution-oriented ideas, they will not have

any influence on a society.

God’s laws and principles were meant to be practical and useable. They were to influence and be solutions. However, we have taken God and His word to church, and have left societies to find their own way. Christianity is now branded as just one of the many religions. We have made heaven our goal and view the rapture as a way out of our situation.

Our way of thinking is now rejected and put under the feet of men, as Jesus said it would be. Jesus was saying, “follow my ways and I will make you a valuable resource; and you won’t be rejected.” Good apples are not thrown away; they are used.

All through the Bible, we can find the principles of value. God always resolved problems by finding men and women of valor. For every need, He found a man, and in this man, He placed a vision of “the right way to rule” which became solutions. Men and women of valor (value) are respected and used. They offer good advice and solutions.

This is also true as the light of the world. Who would reject light (insight that brings solutions) when things seem hopeless? One of our problems is that our light and salt are perceived as religious and impractical. We might ask ourselves the question: Who is responsible for this perception, and how can it be changed?

THE CHALLENGE

Things can and will change, because it is in God's plan. It is all a part of His master plan. We can change our personal outcome, but not God's eternal plan. We can only choose to participate in His plan or reject it.

You and I were created in God's image. We are like God in that we can reason, imagine, create, and make choices. This gives us many options.

God created life with a purpose and goal in mind. He knew the outcome before He started. He is in control of earth's destiny. His plan and purposes will be fulfilled.

We (mankind) are the only part of His creation that has the ability to choose, to change, and to create.

Birds have built their nests the same way for thousands of years – no change in styles, no trends to follow, and without creative competition or even imagination.

All living things are created after their own kind. Man, however, can take that which God has made and by crossbreeding, create hybrids. However, when left alone, it will revert to its own kind.

God has created us in His likeness and image. It was a dangerous thing to do. We have the ability to forsake God and His ways. We can choose to do our own thing, our own way – we have the power to form our own rules and ethics. We can even denounce and rebel against God.

God created His own potential competition. However, He also created a system

of laws (natural and spiritual) that would protect His plan and end those who would rebel against it.

He knows that in the end His laws will accomplish what they were designed to do.

So, in His kingdom He has given us an opportunity to live and enjoy living. There is nothing greater or better.

God the Father was creating family not only for us, but for Himself as well. He made us like unto Himself. He has feelings. He can be sad. He can be glad. He can be hurt. He is jealous over us as His children. He is loving and caring, but also just. He is fair, honest and righteous. He is a good Father and God.

He has created us with the same feelings and emotions. He has given us an opportunity to be like Him. He enjoys us as we can enjoy each other. Life was not meant to be difficult. But we have made it difficult because of our own choices. We may have done things out of ignorance, but the laws of God's creation don't know the difference. Gravity will not argue with you, you can't explain that you didn't understand it. Gravity just does what it was created to do.

Similarly, it is important to learn about God and His laws. Knowing the truth will make us free, because we respect and work within the framework of God's fixed laws.

We can get away from God's planned life by the use of our creative gift of choice that God has given us. We can decide to do things our own way. We can follow our imagination and lift ourselves up,

make our own rules, and try to re-invent life. We may think we know best, "We can do it our way." It will turn out to be a learning experience, to say the least. God's principles will break us; we cannot break them, they are fixed.

Sooner or later, we will discover that our ways will become hard and difficult. The point is we will not change God's plan and destiny. It will happen just the way He planned it. His kingdom will come in its fullness shortly, because the world is going to become so messed up under the rule of humanistic thinking that it will collapse. We will go bankrupt. Taxes will become unbearable. Special interest groups will fragment our societies to the point that societies will become unmanageable. Civil wars will break out. There will be hell on earth until we learn, and turn to the principles of God's kingdom.

We can choose to participate or not to participate. If we do participate, we will rule with Him and enjoy life the way He designed it. If we don't participate, we will be ruled by those who do.

There are no other options. God's code of ethics will be the rule. His standard of righteousness will become the standard of law and justice throughout the world.

I can't change it. You can't change it. America can't change it. The United Nations can't change it. And no religious groups can stop it. Just as Jesus came in His appointed time to bring us the kingdom, so there is an appointed time for its fullness to come. Some will hate it and be destroyed, but no one will change the plan. The plan is fixed.

Others will love it and participate. They will be blessed and have a great time. They will watch the unrighteous rule fail and collapse, and will be there to restructure it under the laws of God's kingdom.

The time will come when most of us will have to eat and live on a diet of unrighteousness until we are sick and tired of being sick and tired. We will then participate and call for God's kingdom of righteousness to come to earth to deliver us from the judgment of unrighteousness.

Even so, my Lord and King, we welcome Thy kingdom to come and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

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