

A Walk on the Spiritual Side

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Recently, I had someone say something I felt was rather odd. I was sharing something I felt the Lord had said to me many years ago, and reminded me about concerning a recent event (see the first footnote). They felt it couldn't have been the Lord because I couldn't do anything about the particular situation and the Lord wouldn't share something with me I couldn't do anything about. I shared with this individual how odd I thought that kind of thinking. Could the Apostle Paul save the entire known world at the time he lived by sharing the Gospel? Not for lack of Paul trying, but it was an impossible task for one man to share Jesus with every single man, woman and child at that time by traveling. Didn't he share the Gospel with whomever the Lord put in his path as he went wherever the Lord sent him, and they in turn shared Jesus with whomever they could?

We can't change everything that ails the world, but if the Lord asks us to pray or speak about a situation, and we are faithful in doing so, He takes our obedience as sacrifice or worship and does with it what His purposes are. If you are sharing and praying as the Lord asks, you are receiving His word here on earth and doing with it as Jesus wishes. This is what Isaiah says: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

This is spiritual advancement and this is the heart of the Easter story. Adam was created as sovereign for the planet. He was to represent the Lord's Council to Earth and the Earth back to the Council in heaven. He did that by sharing words— yes— even words to the animal kingdom. They could talk and understand Adam at that time. When Adam refused to use his sovereign ability the way the Lord instructed him, he fell. By doing so, he allowed an evil creature to steal what belonged to Adam. To redeem mankind, fallen because of Adam's sin, Father God sent the Word, Incarnate, made flesh to do all that was in the heart of God to do. Jesus, the Word made flesh, died, was buried and rose again. This is the heart of Resurrection Sunday.

It is the heart of all we do on this planet. This is why we have freedom of speech in this country. It is not firstly for the press or the political class. It

was first and foremost seen in America as the means to be able to share Jesus as the Scriptures share Him because it is how Jesus shares Himself with us. How this is done is called the media and how we govern ourselves in Christ is called politics. Media and politics under tyranny take that biblical right—that God-given right or inalienable right—for themselves and then try to tell the Church or the religious how they should share the Gospel, what they should or should not say. This is what socialism does. This is what communism, fascism, Sharia Law and so many other tyrannical political forums do.

When corporations like Facebook tell us, a Christian organization, that we aren't allowed to share political speech, and refuse us the right to share that speech—not because we haven't already proven through state records who and where we are—but because they don't like the speech, this is tyranny. Let's take this to a national level, where supposedly government resides. I say supposedly because government is never to be seen as first on a national level. Government, done the way our founders saw government done was on an individual and local level first. It was called responsibility and it was called self-government. We have been groomed—yes, abused; because that's what abusers do, they groom—to believe a lie. The lie is that government governs. The truth is that individuals govern and then come together as a community and uphold each others God-given right to self-govern. We protect each other in our rights and thereby protection is given to the larger community.

This self-government is spiritual first. When it is not, an individual is off-balance. While many balanced individuals who choose personal responsibility and self-government can override a lesser amount of imbalanced ones, there comes a time when a tipping point occurs in a region or country and those who refuse self-government and personal responsibility now drain resources away from a community. The first resource they drain is a spiritual one. It is called peace, harmony and a feeling of wellbeing. They then drain financial resources. I am not talking about the choices we make to help the infirm and homeless, but resources for criminality and drug abuse, et cetera.

Let's see how insanely off balance we have become. The only two countries on the planet who were started by a covenant with the God of the Bible are

Israel and America, which became the United States. By the way, that covenant is seen in the Declaration of Independence and that document is compacted with both the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. So we are still in covenantal relationship with the God of the Bible. It is true that people who do not wish to be in such a covenant do not have to be. Nevertheless, they cannot take that desire away from those who wish to remain in covenant with that God. They are also in a covenant, one with another. They cannot remove that covenantal right from each other as citizens.

They cannot remove God-given rights from each other. If a citizen wishes to murder, steal or physically harm another citizen, that is not a right. If a citizen wishes to remove a religious right from another citizen that is not a right. These are all breaches of the covenant they have one, with another. That covenant is non-denominational or, as the framers may have seen it, not based on religion, but firmly settled by the rights God gives to free citizens.

So let's take this to a national level from one country to another. When one country tries to force another country to take its citizens, this is tyranny. We are seeing this on our southern border right now. When one country demands another country live next door to those who are trying to kill them, this is tyranny. This is the crux of the two-state solution which has been an attempt at peace in the Middle East.¹ There can be no peace with neighbors who wish to steal what you have by sending their own citizens as invaders into your country. It matters very little whether these people are escaping 'something,' are rich or poor. The result is still tyranny. There can be no peace by forcing a country to live next door to another who wishes to annihilate you simply because you are Jewish. There can be no peace with those who continually send spies to steal your wealth or technology. This is what both Russia and China do. These are all forms of tyranny. This is what socialism, communism, fascism and many other tyranny-based ideologies do. This is why our spiritual peace becomes disrupted with all of those ideologies.

¹ In 2007 the Lord gave me Isaiah 17. I wrote an article about it then. It was the feature article on our website from December 2007 to December 2011, due to circumstances I could not control. You can read it by going to the Archives Tab on the Home Page. Click on it and then click on December 2001-2011. I also wrote an article recently concerning Israel and what was at that time a crisis, which has now become an emergency of those invading our southern border. Once in the Archive, click on Sept2018.pdf

People are being groomed in this country to believe a lie. That lie is that socialism is about making us equal and peaceful. It can never make you peaceful while it steals peace away from another individual. Social Security and Medicare are not socialism. They are decisions we make, through our compact and our capitalistic economy to put money away for a time when we are older. If your politicians have “borrowed” that money and not paid it back — also known as stealing— that is criminal and they should be held accountable for it. ObamaCare stole \$700 billion from Medicare and Congress has been stealing so much from Social Security over the years that it may become insolvent by 2034.² The science surrounding socialism— which very few proponents will tell you— proves it will always make the masses equally poor, while robbing from the institutions socialism claims to help.³

All these ideologies are forms of tyranny.** They always disrupt the spiritual side of our lives first. We copy these systems when we try to force another country into a peace plan that God does not desire. When we do these things we reap the disruption of peace we have sown. This is why I find any American administration who wishes to force Israel into a plan for “peace” that God does not want Israel in, to be dangerous to our own national peace. (Please see the footnote or head over to the Archives page and view the article in which the Lord gave me Isaiah 17 in 2007 and showed me how the peace plans at that time were going to cause a great upheaval in America. This was before the financial crash in 2008 and all the other calamities since.)

² < https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2012/08/14/romneys-right-obamacare-cuts-medicare-by-716-billion-heres-how/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.326f7df34365 >< <https://www.forbes.com/sites/merrillmatthews/2011/07/13/what-happened-to-the-2-6-trillion-social-security-trust-fund/#1d394a494947> > <<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/retirement/2018/11/18/social-security-how-much-congress-owes-interest-over-next-decade/38532839/> >

³ Look at England’s medical system < <https://www.express.co.uk/finance/city/662052/Britain-set-for-BANKRUPTCY-amid-1-85-TRILLION-of-HIDDEN-debt> >< <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/nhs-uk-now-has-one-of-the-worst-healthcare-systems-in-the-developed-world-according-to-oecd-report-a6721401.html> > <<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/european-debt-crisis-not-just-greece-drowning-debt/> > And the countries of Denmark, Sweden, etc., are not socialist. They are capitalist, with economic systems based on capitalism. Like our system of Social Security and Medicare, citizens pay dearly for their “perks.” <<https://www.thelocal.dk/20151101/danish-pm-in-us-denmark-is-not-socialist> > < https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=514242 > The last link only records privatization to 2004, the previous statements by the president of Denmark to Sanders would indicate they have become more capitalistic.

Recently, I heard that President Trump's son-in-law was concocting a peace plan for Israel. I pray our President is wise enough to have learned not to force Israel into anything. Suggesting something is not wrong. Forcing a country to do what God does not view as peace will bring devastation upon the Trump Administration and America as well.***

How does the God of the Bible view peace? He sends the Prince of Peace. How does He rescue and give people back their rights for self-government? He sends His word. When we receive that word and we humble ourselves before Him and do as He shows us, we are saved. This is what many miss when they view people or politicians. You can have a guy like Trump, who seems to be less than humble, humble himself before God and do what God says. This individual will be protected and kept by the Lord. But if he, or some other individual thinks they are the reason for a blessing or they are able to save themselves without Jesus, they enter into pride, and this always precedes a fall (Proverbs 16:18).

Even something ancient like the Old Testament prophet Isaiah can show you this. This season of springtime, Lent, Passover and Resurrection Sunday (Easter) remember these words from Isaiah:

“ ‘Hey, all who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come! Buy and eat! Come! Buy wine and milk without money and without cost! Why pay money for something that will not nourish you? Why spend your hard-earned money on something that will not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is nourishing! Enjoy fine food! Pay attention and come to me! Listen, so you can live! Then I will make an unconditional covenantal promise to you, just like the reliable covenantal promises I made to David. Look, I made him a witness to nations, a ruler and commander of nations.’ Look, you will summon nations you did not previously know; nations that did not previously know you will run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he bestows honor on you. Seek the Lord while he makes himself available; call to him while he is nearby!

“ The wicked need to abandon their lifestyle and sinful people their plans. They should return to the Lord, and he will show mercy to them, and to their God, for he will freely forgive them. ‘Indeed, my plans are not like your

plans, and my deeds are not like your deeds, for just as the sky is higher than the earth, so my deeds are superior to your deeds and my plans superior to your plans. The rain and snow fall from the sky and do not return, but instead water the earth and make it produce and yield crops, and provide seed for the planter and food for those who must eat. In the same way, the promise that I make does not return to me, having accomplished nothing. No, it is realized as I desire and is fulfilled as I intend.’ Indeed you will go out with joy; you will be led along in peace; the mountains and hills will give a joyful shout before you, and all the trees in the field will clap their hands. Evergreens will grow in place of thorn bushes, firs will grow in place of nettles; they will be a monument to the Lord, a permanent reminder that will remain.

“ This is what the Lord says, ‘Promote justice! Do what is right! For I am ready to deliver you; I am ready to vindicate you openly.’ The people who do this will be blessed, the people who commit themselves to obedience, who observe the Sabbath and do not defile it, who refrain from doing anything that is wrong. No foreigner who becomes a follower of the Lord should say, ‘The Lord will certainly exclude me from his people.’ The eunuch should not say, ‘Look, I am like a dried-up tree.’ For this is what the Lord says: ‘For the eunuchs who observe my Sabbaths and choose what pleases me and are faithful to my covenant, I will set up within my temple and my walls a monument that will be better than sons and daughters. I will set up a permanent monument for them that will remain. As for foreigners who become followers of the Lord and serve him, who love the name of the Lord and want to be his servants— all who observe the Sabbath and do not defile it, and who are faithful to my covenant— I will bring them to my holy mountain; I will make them happy in the temple where people pray to me. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my temple will be known as a temple where all nations may pray.’ The sovereign Lord says this, the one who gathers the dispersed of Israel: ‘I will still gather them up’ ” (Isaiah 55:1- 56:8; NET Bible®).

What is this saying? God’s word is multi-faceted. This was written for Israel and it was written for a people to come. It is written for anyone who feels they are inferior, a stranger, alienated from God. When we come back to Him, we are restored and given a place among the saints. When we repent, we are made whole again. A new sense and order of peace is placed in our hearts. This is spiritual change. This is the story of Easter (Resurrection Sunday).

We've been shown this through Passover and we are shown this with every new springtime and harvest. If you are far from Jesus, now is the time to come home. He is as close as a prayer: "I repent, I believe that you died, were buried and rose again. Come into my heart, Jesus and make me new."

** For those who do not know the science surrounding socialism, I wrote a book. There are also excellent sources available Online. We also have a place on this website where you may view the science in a truncated form. Here is the list for these resources: < <https://www.ccm4worldwideworship.org/ministry-materials.html> > Scroll down and see the Amazon link under the image of the book. You can get a very reasonably priced ebook or a hardcover copy on their secure site as well. If you would like a paperback, you can contact the ministry. We have a limited number of free paperbacks available. You will have to give us a snail mail address.

For this website < <https://www.ccm4worldwideworship.org/page-2.html> > This is page two, scroll down to the titles "Economics and the Bible" and "The Lie" to read a concise reason why socialism cannot succeed from both natural science as well as the biblical record.

Other Online resources < <https://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/y2018/HorwitzSocialism.html> > < <https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/mises-selected-writings-of-ludwig-von-mises-vol-1-monetary-and-economic-problems-before-during-and-after-the-great-war> >

*** If you decide to go to the Archives Tab and read the article from 2007 you will learn that the Lord woke me one morning with a loud voice telling me not to forget Isaiah 17. This concerns Israel and you can read the article. He also gave another minister Obadiah. This man did quite a bit of research to prove that whenever someone tries to force Israel to do what God does not want her to do, they will reap the same destruction. I cannot vouch for his theology or eschatology, since I do not know him or it. But his research concerning Israel and America is excellent. The ministry that hosts him has a long track record of faithful service to the Lord. It can be viewed here < <https://sidroth.org/america-has-done-israel-update/> >