

Kingdoms of Man

Part Six

(Attitude)

Before we can move further in our mastery of dominion--from the type of behavior that was expressed by Adam and Noah--we must have a portfolio of tools that we can use to move forward. These tools must be ones that have been provided by the LORD. In the Old Testament time, these tools are being released to the nations of the world; for later absorption by each individual of the world. As we move ahead, we will look at some of the tools that were released to the nation; some of which we will absorb into our own purpose for existence. Moses summarized the reason that the tools of the LORD were provided for the nation of Israel.

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

(Deuteronomy 4:5-10)

The Law of God is a transferable tool, which was given to the children of Israel. However, in the time of Moses and the prophets, this tool was not pressed into the other peoples of the world. You can imagine that the LORD could have commanded everyone to follow the rule of the Law; but God did not do that. This is another part of the progressive development of the kingdom of man, as set in motion by God. The apostle Paul describes the state of the kingdom of man, in that day. This is a state that definitely had to change.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he

giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of 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.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

(Acts 17:24-31)

The control point for the development of the kingdom of man, in that day, was the nation. By God's design, the first portion of the kingdom of man that entered into preparation for service to the LORD is the corporate level. This is understandable, when one recalls another of the revelations of Moses; one that facilitated the development of the corporate portion of the kingdom of man.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

(Exodus 25:1-9)

The apostle Paul spoke of the relationship of the things of the kingdom of man, to the things of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the

heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.

(Hebrews 8:1-5)

In the Kingdom of Heaven, there is a wealth of corporate activity. Among the corporate activities that occur in the Kingdom of Heaven, is the specification of angelic support roles.

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

(Ezekiel 1:1-11)

In the Kingdom of Heaven, there is a kind of executive board. I am sure that it is not

an advisory board to God, since He does not need advice.

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

(Revelation 4:1-4)

I must tell you that the support staff of angels in the Kingdom of Heaven is rather large. Though, there are other portions of Scripture, which we will not present here, wherein is described some forms of delegation. Indeed, one level of delegation, *the Lamb*, is listed here.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

(Revelation 5:11-12)

One can understand the need for such a large support staff when one considers the, shall we say, target market, for the blessed productions of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first portion is the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

(Revelation 6:9-11)

The next portion of the target market for the blessings of Heaven seems to be geometrically larger than the one above.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest.

And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

(Revelation 7:9-14)

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Since the Kingdom of Heaven is the pattern for the kingdom of man, then the kingdom of man must have been established on the basis of the concept of the collective. In fact, this is the state to which the kingdom of man is heading. As we grow more and more in the LORD, we will discover that the collective is the source of our power. This was expressed at the day of Pentecost, in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. At the day of Pentecost, even though there were only certain individuals that received the Holy Ghost; still, it was the collective that had the greatest impact on the people that were witnesses to this blessed dispensation of grace, from God.

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

*Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

*Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

*And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?*

(Acts 2:1-12)

Even when the apostle Peter stood up in front of the international audience, and presented the message from the LORD, there was a community nature to his message. Peter did not invent words or concepts to present to his audience. Indeed, what Peter presented consisted of extracts from the events of the recent past, along with some recollections of the messages of God that came through the prophets. There was no need for originality; the power of the introduction of the Holy Ghost, was the, shall we say, star of that day.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost was beginning our process of understanding the, joined, scope of the kingdom of man. The nations were being collected into a group; one that would come to see itself as being responsible to each section of that group, in the fashion of an overseer. This has spawned some of the international organizations of this day.

The journey to new understanding of the nature of the kingdom of man started with a single piece of information. This piece of information was expressed by the Lord Jesus Christ as he prepared for his crucifixion: *draw all men unto me.*

*Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.*

*Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.*

*The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.*

*Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

*This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

(John 12:27-33)

The reason we needed to receive the gift of propitiation from the LORD, is that the kingdom of man was a flawed entity. There is a passage of Scripture in which David seems to be referring to himself, as he makes a particularly derogatory statement about himself, and about his mother.

*To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

*Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*

*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

*Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.*

(Psalm 51:1-6)

This seemingly individual statement is actually the way that the kingdom of man was spawned, at the hand of Adam. In a search for what he thought was wisdom; instead, Adam produced a system of behavior that was conceived in sin. This system is the kingdom of man. God described the birth of this kingdom, into reality.

*And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

(Genesis 3:17-19)

In the latter day, when the mystery of God's longsuffering tolerance was being resolved, as it was expressed in the kingdom of man; the apostle Paul expanded our reservoir of available knowledge about the equipping of the kingdom of man in the world of Adam. Also, in the same passage, the apostle Paul tells us how the matter has been resolved.

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet*

*sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

*And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

*Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

(Romans 5:8-19)

The wisdom that we thought we would receive, and the wisdom that we did receive, are a far distance from one another. In the preparation of the kingdom of man for its place in reality, the LORD moved us into the knowledge of our great need for His constant intervention in our lives, and in the life of our communities, and in the life of the world. This knowledge brought the kingdom of man to the point where another piece could be laid upon it, in preparation for its full participation in the worlds that God would release on the earth. This was the start of the empowerment of the kingdom of man.

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.*



*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

(Jeremiah 31:27-34)

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