

“The Righteousness Of God” Part 8

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Last week we talked about how important it was for the kings and priests to have integrity. We need each other to work together in order to increase the Kingdom of God. The area we studied last week was our mouths - how and what say - it's important to God. It's important to the unbeliever as being a witness and to the one who are saved as part of the discipleship - ever changing and growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Esther 4:14 AMP

14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise for the Jews from elsewhere, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion?

In order for others (dark culture, dark knowledge people) to hear and believe the “End Times” message that we are living in, we have to live like Christ. We can't do that (be witnesses) if we don't have integrity or have a bad reputation or character.

There are promises in God's Word for us when we do what we are supposed to do - be righteous. While we are making sure our message can be received, seeking the Kingdom first, everything else shall be added unto us or taken care of.

So, we do our part...

Matthew 6:33 KJV

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 AMP

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

God does His part...

Proverbs 20:7 KJV

*7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his **children are blessed** after him.*

Proverbs 14:32 GNT

*32 Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, but good people are **protected** by their integrity.*

Proverbs 2:7 AMP

He (God) is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,

Remember, God develops in us integrity, man promotes off of skill, but God waits until you develop integrity and then He promotes.

God is not bringing you up somewhere so you can fail. God is making it so you will prevail. So character and integrity must be developed inside of us.

The church (the body of Christ) should be operating at a level that the world is not familiar with.

We will have influence (because of our integrity and character) on them because they will be asking us how do we do it. Why are we different than the rest? That's the open door to lead them to Christ.

Why are we different??? Because we are obedient to God's Word or His Commands...

1 Timothy 6:11-16 AMP

*11 But as for you, O man of God, **flee from all these things; aim at and pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness** (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart.*

*12 **Fight the good fight of the faith;***

In order to do what He has commanded, God has set up a system, the Church. There is an order to how He wants the Kingdom of God run.

Revelation 1:5-6 KJV

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

*6 **And hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

A couple of weeks ago we read this story in Daniel chapter 6 and briefly spoke about it. Tonight I want to continue with the breakdown of this passage.

Daniel 6:1-5 GNT

1 Darius decided to appoint a hundred and twenty governors to hold office throughout his empire.

2 In addition, he chose Daniel and two others to supervise the governors and to look after the king's interests.

3 Daniel soon showed that he could do better work than the other supervisors or the governors. Because he was so outstanding, the king considered putting him in charge of the whole empire.

4 Then the other supervisors and the governors tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel administered the empire, but they couldn't, because Daniel was reliable and did not do anything wrong or dishonest.

5 They said to each other, "We are not going to find anything of which to accuse Daniel unless it is something in connection with his religion."

Daniel 6:6-7 KJV

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute (that's a law), and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

Today we call that capital punishment – so here was a law that if you break it, you get executed. That's BIG!

*8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, **which altereth not.***

King, sign this – because if you do, you can't ever change it. This is a complete revelation of the Kingdom. God has laws, signed, that He can't change. Well Pastor, God can do anything... but He won't change those laws.

Luke 6:38 KJV

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

When God says something.... “give and it shall be given unto you”. He can't change it. He obligated Himself and He did it on purpose.

Malachi 3:6 KJV

6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6 AMP

6 For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

We serve a God of integrity – He doesn't change! The laws are the same from the Garden of Eden and they will be the same until Jesus comes. Those are the laws, they are established and they will stay there. Many Christians are whining, crying and complaining and trying to get Him to change the laws but He won't violate the law that He's already written.

He said you and I are going to have to live by faith, so you and I will have to live by faith. Because, God isn't moving (changing HIS laws) because you're crying and He's not moving because you're needy. He's moving by faith!

He's not being hard He is being final. **Because He wants you to have something you can count on.** That's a revelation of the law of God! You sow a seed and you will reap a harvest, and it won't change. Now just don't read over this – you need to get it and understand it - everything is a revelation with Jesus Christ. Everything in God's Word.

God's Word tells you and I how the Kingdom of God or the government of God operates. It operates on the commands, laws, and the promises of God - we can always count on that.

So they made (in verse 8) the law of the medes which altereth not. So what did Daniel do? He violated that law. Well why did he violate that law? Because it violated God's law.

Remember we are talking about our character and integrity. Revealing by our word and deeds who we are. The world is waiting for us to show them something...

Colossians 3:17 KJV

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

James 1:22 KJV

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Romans 8:19 AMP

19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].

Romans 8:19 NLT

19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

This country, this culture, this world, is waiting for us, the children of God to manifest themselves in word and deed.

This country is what? One nation **Under God!** The 3 branches of government: executive, legislative, and judicial were based on something... Father, Son and Holy Ghost. All of this is taken from a model. From the number of original states that were established, to prayer before the congressional sessions, - the Word is the foundation for our great country.

So what is the enemy trying to do? Cover up the revelation of the foundation of this country. Why? So when he takes Bibles out of schools – you won't say a word. He did it and we, the Church said nothing – **and that was a violation of the rights of HIS people.**

The church said nothing, we lacked integrity and character. This is why the culture needs the priests and the kings to come back. I'm talking about we as priests and you as kings need to have the revelation about what God really said about who we are suppose to be and what our rights are as a child of God. We are to be apart of everything - nothing is hands off.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 KJV

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

*28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, **governments,***

God doesn't want us to stay out of any facet of life. From our schools, government, businesses, sports, entertainment etc. He has anointed us and commanded us to go everywhere.

We must, in order to affect this culture for Christ, we need to be involved in all areas, everything does matter.

What happened is, these government men set it up so if Daniel didn't go along with it, he was going to be executed. The lions back then, the electric chair now.

In these **Last Days** or **Time Of The End**, something interesting is happening. God is shaking things up. People are looking for answers because their broker doesn't have the answers, their boss doesn't have the answers. You and I need to have our lives at home, at work and with your friends lined up with the Word. That means our character and integrity cannot be questioned.

People are looking, looking for hope they can count on. Because they are finding that at every level there are liars, cheaters and fraud. People are saying it's getting to the point that you can't trust your money in the banks anymore. They are are crying out for something to believe in!

IT'S TIME FOR THE SAINTS TO RISE UP – we need to reach as many for the Kingdom as we can. It's not His will that any should perish!

2 Peter 3:9 AMP

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

Let's look and see what happened to Daniel. They told him, don't pray...

Daniel 6:9-10 KJV

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Now isn't that something, Daniel was threatened by capital punishment and that didn't even move him. He was thrown in the lions den and nothing happened and the king wanted to know why nothing happened so let's skip down to verse 21.

Daniel 6:21-22 AMP

21 Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever!

22 My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent and blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, [as you very well know] I have done no harm or wrong.

This is why Daniel wasn't moved!

Psalms 34:17, 19 KJV

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

What I'm saying is the Church needs more influence than what we've had. The way we are going to get it, is by standing on the Word of God because the enemy is going to contest us, or challenge us. He is struggling for control. We need to have some character in these last days.

Psalms 15:1-4 GNT

What God Requires

1 Lord, who may enter your Temple? Who may worship on Zion, your sacred hill?

2 Those who obey God in everything and always do what is right, whose words are true and sincere,

3 and who do not slander others. They do no wrong to their friends nor spread rumors about their neighbors.

4 They despise those whom God rejects, but honor those who obey the Lord. They always do what they promise, no matter how much it may cost.

We need to despise the vile man's ungodly ways – the wicked man's way of thinking and acting. Why?

Proverbs 25:19 KJV

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

Proverbs 25:19 GNT

19 Depending on an unreliable person (bad character, one who lacks integrity) in a crisis is like trying to chew with a loose tooth or walk with a crippled foot.

By being righteous, right before God, by being obedient to His commands we are developing integrity. Tonight, we are getting some training - God is telling us how to live.

1 Corinthians 15:33 KJV

33 Be not deceived: evil communications (companions) corrupt good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33 AMP

33 Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.

1 Corinthians 15:33 GNT

33 Do not be fooled. "Bad companions ruin good character."

Daniel didn't hang out with the other guys – His character separated him. When Daniel was obedient (trusted, relied upon) to God's Word by what he said and what he did, he got deliverance like he did. What happened to all those people who accused him?

Daniel 6:23-28 AMP

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel should be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken

up out of the den, and no hurt of any kind was found on him because he believed in (relied on, adhered to, and trusted in) his God.

24 And the king commanded, and those men who had accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions, they, their children, and their wives; and before they ever reached the bottom of the den, the lions had overpowered them and had broken their bones in pieces.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all peoples, nations, and languages [in his realm] that dwelt in all the earth: May peace be multiplied to you!

26 I make a decree that in all my royal dominion men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring and steadfast forever, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed and His dominion shall be even to the end [of the world].

27 He is a Savior and Deliverer, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth—He Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 So this [man] Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

They were thrown into the lions den! **But they changed the Laws!** It's amazing how people think that man's laws can't change. If God could get someone to stand on **His law** then we could see the laws of the states and this nation changed – AMEN!!!!!!!

Proverbs 11:3-6 KJV

3 The integrity of the upright (righteous) shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness (integrity of the upright) of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness (integrity) of the upright shall deliver them: