

Today, there is so much going on in the United States about racism, protests, violence and chaos. There is not a week that goes by where we don't see something on the news that relates to race, violence and chaos. Lets pray, that we can stop and pause to allow the following to help us frame what we as God's called should believe, and think about racism .



GOD'S CHOSEN

The recent Republican Convention has featured black people, mostly men who have served as character witnesses for President Trump. They have rebutted the President critics who call him a racist for repeated attacks on anti-police, brutality, protesters, defense of the confederate flag, and other statements.

Former national football leagues player Herschel Walker said in his speech last Monday night *"It hurts my soul to hear the names that people call Donald J Trump the worst one, is racist. I take it as a personal insult that people would think I have a 37 year friendship with a racist."*

What is racism? Racism, is judgment based on race. Racism is the judgment of one person that he or she is better than another based on race. What does the Bible have to say about racism? Reading from the New International Bible, Acts 17:verses 24-27. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, Because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps search out for Him and find Him, though He

is not far from each one of us."

We find in these inspired verses, (and there are others) that God Almighty created all people no matter their color or race, and has spread them out over the face of the earth. He did that on purpose. God knows each person He has created and called. And He desires that every person, no matter their color, come to know Him and His laws. Did you notice the words in the verses we just read, "All men"and "every nation."

There are many other verses that informs us on this issue. In John 7:verse 24, "Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment." Romans 2:11, "For God does not show respect of persons [respect of favoritism] these verses together, along with many others paint a perspective for us that judgments, divisions, and favor for one race above another; are opposite of God's will and design.

We must recognize, if this type of racial judgment, are in ourselves, we must root it out. We must confess such favoritism **as sin**. We must not lie to ourselves because 1 John 1: 6 tells us, "If we claim to have fellowship with Christ yet walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not live by the truth."

God choose Abraham and his seed from among all families on earth to carry out certain assigned tasks, certain assigned responsibility. Looking in the first book in the Bible, Genesis chapter 18, there we will

begin to see that it was God's purpose to establish a righteous nation of people. Genesis 18, verse 17, we read of God selecting Abraham and his descendants. "The Lord said to Abraham "shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him." God continued in verse 19 to say "For I know him, (in other words, Abraham could be trusted) for I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him."

God recognized Abraham would not delegate his responsibilities to other custodians or guardians when it came to training up his children. When reading the story of Abraham, we are going to find, God found a man ready to yield with qualified obedience to His divining will. God also recognized Abraham excelled all others in rearing up his children, as well as cultivating a Godly spirit in all his family.

Abraham being a prophet, instructed his family in both the law of the land, and the practice of God's spiritual righteous laws. Abraham's extremely good understanding was not used in a matter of superiority. His special gift and talent was from God.

Notice Isaiah 41, where it shows evidence of how Abraham's seed was being passed on to Isaac and Jacob to fulfil God's will. Keep in mind, Israel was selected and certified to be God's servant people, servant race. "But you, Israel, art My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from the chief men thereof, and said unto you, you art My servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away." (Isa 41: 8-9).

The term "servant" is a Hebrew word e- bed, Strong's # 5650. [in the broad sense it simply means: "one that serves others", "a servant of God one who loves, obeys and serves Him." There are three servants mentioned in the pages of Isaiah. "One, is David", two, "is the Messiah", and the third, "is Israel" the nation.



That involves us collectively and individually. There are those who object to being informed that God selected a specific race to be His servants; and they insist that He shows no favoritism. They eventually will need to come to realize, He made one physical race of people, for His special care. **they are called Israel today! (Spiritual Israel.)**

Israel's Lord of host informs us in Zech 2:8 "For he that touches you touches the apple of His eye." Reading Isaiah 43, we find it clearly states God chose the House of Israel to be His servants. "You are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe Me" (Isa 43: 10).

Looking back to verse 3 of Isa 43, we will find God declares Himself to be "The Holy One of Israel", "For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honorable, and I have loved you: therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life. Fear not: for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west" (Isa 43:3-5). Remember God is addressing physical Israel here. These blessings, that we are reminded of, places Israel above all other people and races.

Why now bring history to our attention? Because it has become spiritual Israel's responsibility to carry out God's will to other peoples and nations today! God selected one man, Abraham and his wife Sarah and their seed together to serve Him and fulfill His purpose. The job and responsibility assigned to Abraham's seed, are for the establishment of national righteousness! And the execution of judgment and justice for all mankind.

We are enlightened in Matt 21:43 of Christ rejecting the Jewish nation of sending His gospel, good news to the world! [? Why ??], because they refused to submit to Christ as their Messiah and their God. "Therefore say Jesus unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, [those who were in the house of Judah] and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." What does this verse from Christ tell us ? It tells us that in the future His plan to save the world would no longer be dependent on the Jewish speaking nation or the Jewish religion, but on the Christian nations that speak God's word in English. English is the most dominate language in the world today.

As we just read, God did not bless the House of Judah for the preaching of His gospel to the world. But

God did bless the House of Israel to preach His gospel truth to the world before the split up of these two households. God selected one man, Abraham and his wife Sarah and their seed to serve Him and fulfill His purpose.

The work and responsibility assigned to Abraham's seed (Israel) was for the establishment of national righteousness, and the execution of judgment and justice for all mankind. The facts in history has shown that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people excelled all other races, and the execution of judgment and justice for all mankind. It is in their desire to establish peace and righteousness, not self righteousness, but God's righteousness. [The United State, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand are all Anglo-Saxon Nations. These nations have been involved in peaceable talks in one way or another. Why is that? Because Israel has been committed through Abraham's seed to strongly emphasize, what God requires of us as His servant people. We today, as Abraham and his descendants were called to fulfill a purpose. In this plan of God.



We today as Abrahams spiritual called descendants and inheritors of the promise and covenants of God, are given the job of carrying out an assigned part in the plans for this age. We do this, not as a superior race, but as God's servant nations charged with a responsibility that cannot be evaded.

Review Genesis 26, where Abraham covenant was confirm to Isaac; we read, breaking into verse 3, "And I will be with you, and will bless you; for unto you, and unto your seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham your father; and I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto your seed all these countries; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."(Gen 26: 3 -5).

The blessings of Abraham were passed on in their entirety to both Isaac and Jacob. In blessing Jacob's family, each son received his individual portion of the covenant blessings, and Jacob's son Joseph inherited the birthright. The material blessings of greatness were not given to Judah, but to Joseph and through him and his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh.

Evidence to this fact is found in 1 Chron. 5:1, "Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, for as much as he defiled his father's bed, **his birthright was given unto the Sons of Joseph the son of Israel.** And the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright." Reuben, as the firstborn should have appeared first in the genealogical list, but that place went to Joseph because of Reuben's sin. So we see the birthright promises went to Joseph and his two sons!

All the material possessions of wealth and this included territorial expansion went to Ephraim and Manasseh. Judah never inherited these same type of blessings nor do the Jews today possess these types of blessings! Our daily news about the state of Israel confirms that. In Gen 48: 8-20, you can read of Israel blessing Joseph's two sons Ephraim and Manasseh.

Following history after that, Jacob and his sons emerged as a great company of people known as Israel under the leadership of Moses. In the 19th and 20th chapters of Exodus, God established His government and His marriage covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai. He delivered to them His commandments, statutes, and judgments to which they agreed to obey and do! "Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. **And all the people answered together, and said, all that the Lord had spoken we will do.** And Moses returned



the words of the people unto the Lord.” (Exo 19:5-8).

This confirmed a marriage covenant with God and His physical people Israel at that time. The



importance of this marriage vow or oath cannot be overlooked! Reading Deut. 23, where instruction are given about vows, said, “When you shalt vow a vow unto the Lord your God, you shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. But if you shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in you. That which is gone out of your lips you shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as you have vowed unto the Lord your God, which you have promised with your mouth.” (Deut 23:21-23).

As the nation Israel made a vow to the Lord their God and as a nation God will require performance of that oath, Psalms 50:14-15 states: “Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay your vows unto the most High: and call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shalt glorify Me.” These words should have a deep penetrating impression on our minds and in our hearts. Israel has failed to perform the oath of their fore fathers and this has caused Israel's national sin!

Today, individuals having God's Holy Spirit, that are now called spiritual Israelites, that have this knowledge will not be held guiltless if they fail to warn those who are breaking God's laws, His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments. They could face death!

Through the prophet Ezekiel, in Ezek 3, God has warned us, you and me of the churches responsibilities and our individual responsibilities as God's ambassadors. “Son of man, I have made you a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. when I say unto the wicked, you shalt surely die; and you give him not warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand. Yet if you warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but His blood

will I require at your hand. Yet if you warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.” (Ezek 3:17-19). This is a life saving warning and responsibility that all of us have before us!

Ezeel's message is national and personal in scope and contains three important clauses. **One**, it warns the Huse of Israel that tribulation and trouble are the results of disobedience and rebellion. **Two**, it declares nationally and personally that man is to turn from their evil ways. **Third**, it summons the nation and its people to repent and make restitution, fulfilling its solemn vow made at Mount Sinai. The preaching of the gospel and the obeying of God's laws for salvation is personal! And the call to righteous administration is national.

We are given another clear warning in the pages of Isaiah. “Thus saith the Lord, keep you judgment, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that does this, and the son of man that lays hold on it; that keeps the Sabbath from polluting it, and keep his hand from doing any evil.” (Isa 56:1-2). God's Sabbath is no less important today than it was then!!

We find in Deu. 30, Moses set two ways before Israel, the way of life and the way of death. “See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command you this day to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply: and the Lord your God shall bless you in the land whither you go to possess it. But if your heart turn away, so that you wilt not hear, but shall be drawn a way, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that you shall surely perish, and that you shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither you pass over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live: that you may love the Lord your God, and that you may obey His voice, and that you may cleave unto Him for He is your life, and the length of your days: that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swear unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” (Deut 30:15 - 20).

The personal responsibility of a watchman is great it has to be in tune with God's truth that can only

happen through prayer, study, fasting, meditating and obeying God's life giving words. Solomon recognized that God in His wisdom conceals many things in His word, said in Prov 25: 2, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter" [prove all things] (1 Thess 5:21).

The mysteries of the Bible which are now beyond our full comprehension, are proofs that it is indeed the word of God. The pity of it all is that today men of scholarly attainment, are more interested in destructive criticism of scriptures than in intensified application in research that they may discover hidden new truth. If we are to be more righteous than the scribes and Pharisees, than we need to search out God's truth with our whole heart and put it into practice.

There are three things that we can do that are important as we confront or, are confronted with racism. **One**, believe and speak correct Godly beliefs. The Bible is not unclear about favoritism, hatred or racism. 'We must believe and speak what the Bible shares with us about those who are different around us.

This starts first within ourselves, that we have correct beliefs and attitudes. This is to continue in our speaking, in our actions, and in our writing's. We are to be correct in Godly perspectives whenever possible. We should never be afraid to stand up and speak about what is righteous, correct, and godly.

Action two, is prayer. There is much to pray about on this race's issue. We must pray that racial attitudes and beliefs are not a part of our heart. We must pray that racial attitudes and beliefs are not a part of God's church or family. We must pray that others who deal with racial beliefs would wake up and understand the truth of God's word. We must pray that the Bible, God's instruction book is not twisted and used wrongly to help support sin. We must pray for wisdom and God's healing. We must be a people who pray for our nation and race relations.

Our **third responsibility** is to love! The first fruit of God's Holy Spirit, love covers a lot of territory. Love God's called and chosen people, love the people in your neighborhood, love the people we work with love the people we encounter each day. We must love, no matter if they are red, yellow, black, or white, because they are each precious in God's sight. We need to show love like Christ because we are living in a world that is aching for it. So with that said we are

to believe and speak God's correct beliefs, when considering racial feelings!

Notice Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 3:15, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing you be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." 📖

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