

Session #6 Conquest, Social Failure, and Longing for the Ideal Leader vs. Libertarianism & Tyranny

1. Review & Introduction

Romans 12:1–2; Colossians 2:8–9

2. The Conquest and Kingdom Failure

Joshua 1:1–6 Note continuity with Abrahamic Covenant and Mosaic Covenant

- a. Potential of the conquest and establishment of a localized version of the Kingdom of God: Only nation in history with a written contract with God; freed from pagan tyranny with opportunity to establish a nation with true liberty; would totally replace a competing, un-savable culture; had true private property with absolute title; economically could have dominated the world; and had God ruling all three branches of government (Isaiah 33:22)
- b. Historical lesson for all time for all mankind: this was the ultimate opportunity to bring in a true global Kingdom of God on earth IF the descendants of Abraham would have met the heart requirements for it.
- c. Kingdom failure
Judges 2:7–13; 21:2: Lost their liberty; absorbed pagan culture instead of conquering it; lost ownership of private property; economically enslaved to other nations—never met the heart conditions for the rest of history all the way to the coming of Jesus Christ.

3. Need for Leadership

Fallen mankind even with supernatural help in designing a righteous and just society can not attain to it even when provided with gracious salvation to overcome its guilt and with post-salvation enablement

- a. Concentration of power in a leader does not fix the problem.
1 Samuel 8:1–5 Borrowing from pagan notions of leadership compounds the problem
8:6–8 It doesn't solve the primary heart problem of the people BUT Samuel reacts correctly by prayerful refocusing upon the Lord. He stops what he is doing and looks to the Lord—true leadership!! (ASAP = Always Stop And Pray)
- b. For the rest of the Old Testament there will gradually develop a sense of what kind of leader can lead a people into Kingdom-of-God-conditions: see the trend in 2 Samuel 23:3–4.
- c. “Answered prayer” to experience a bad request: 1 Samuel 8:9–17
- d. Bad leadership compounds bad decision-making because it doesn't break out from the “mold” of this age: it doesn't break out, because it doesn't humble itself before the Lord.

4. False Hopes of the World

Ephesians 2:2–3 the power of evil in the world should provoke us to use the spiritual tools God has given us (Word, prayer, fellow believers, forgiveness, enablement)

- a. The hopes are all built on a fictionalized view of the cosmos—impersonal, meaningless, random
- b. God-consciousness systematically suppressed and replaced throughout the educational system and the media

- c. Ignores the 2,000 years of lessons in trying to bring in “utopia” even with divine help that FAILED
- d. Modern hopes bring nothing to the table that hasn’t been tried before

Conclusion

1. Only a Perfect Leader can redeem mankind who submits to God—He must be absolutely incorruptible and in perfect harmony with God’s righteousness and justice and so must be resurrected AND HE EXISTS ALREADY!
2. Only a perfected people can participate in the coming Kingdom—must be incorruptible (and therefore resurrected unto life)
3. Where are you and I in regard to keeping the faith in an increasingly hostile culture?
4. In the meantime follow Romans 12:1–2 with the interlocking truths of Scripture.
5. Stand confidently on the Word of God as a total framework for every area of life to have your mind transformed.