



Churches Of God Outreach Ministries
People working together to proclaim the Gospel

"The Churches of God Outreach Ministries provides leadership, information, and biblical teaching in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:19-20"

I-800-611-8080 / www.cgom.org
PO Box 54621, Tulsa, OK 74155-0621

The King's Speech

Jesus Christ is planning a takeover of all human governments.

How will He rule?

by James McBride

Every year in the United Kingdom the Sovereign appears before both Houses of Parliament to outline the Government's plans for the year ahead. (Though the Queen has now abdicated virtually all responsibility for its content) With so much legislation, why is the nation in a mess?

Most politicians want to make a positive difference to their nation's welfare. Sadly, they are like a ship lying storm-tossed, rudderless and without a compass. For them, there is no 'standard' for what is effective legislation.

God's legislation, which is perfectly in tune with man's need and nature, is despised by national leadership. Add 'God-given' to any proposal and it is laughed out of Parliament. 'Hush - don't mention God!' It's an error for which we pay dearly.

Hope

Many Christians look forward to the 'Millennium' - the one-thousand year reign of the returned Messiah. It's a time of worldwide peace and prosperity, and the hope to which we cling. It's the desire of all sane men and women.

However, that sublime state will not happen with the wave of a magic wand. Indeed the preparation for it has been in hand since Creation!

Throughout the ages the LORD has been carefully selecting and preparing his 'government officials'. Most now rest in the sleep of death - but await a glorious resurrection to immortality - to reign with Christ (Revelation 20:5). The Christian Bible even

names some, and defines what their role will be.

The apostles, for example, have been selected by Jesus to be heads of the Judiciary in the restored twelve nations of Israel (Matthew 19:28).

Church and State

There's much ado in religious circles - even in secular Government - about the relationship between 'Church and State'. The concept is much misunderstood. In today's world, the faith of Jesus - Biblical Christianity - is *personal*. It impacts individuals with a message of love for God and love for neighbour. It works a change in human nature, in the heart.

Christianity's influence spreads through example and by the wide dissemination of the Scriptures - often by men and women who don't understand them! Many nations have, through two millennia, benefited from the gentleness of Biblical Christianity through these means - though it has by-passed much of the 'third world'.

But - despite the open invitation God extends to mankind to take part in His Plan, few are willing to pay the heavy personal price.

Until God's Kingdom comes the Bible is clear about the laws by which national governments should rule. All mankind battles with *human nature*. It leads to all kinds of criminal behaviour, suicide bombings, personal and corporate greed, corruption at all levels of society, terrorism, tax-dodging, poverty, pollution and even religion - to name a few of mankind's ills.

The King's Speech

The King's Speech

Let's be clear. The mind of Christ - supposedly present in every true Christian - curbs the excesses of human nature. But that Spirit dwells in only a tiny fraction of humanity. All the rest need *law*!

The King's Speech will contain legislation that will address all human ills - *once and for all!* And these laws are precisely the laws all national Governments, for the peace and prosperity of their citizens, should be applying *now*. They are the true standard which when applied - rigorously but with mercy - will curb the excesses of human nature in the here and now.

True Morality

A culture has evolved, especially in the 'Christian West', which seeks to fuse the teachings of Jesus Christ with carnal, self-seeking humanity. *It doesn't work.*

However desirable the teachings of Jesus are they cannot simply be applied universally, for they demand *a change of heart*. 'Love your neighbour' is a great principle - until he crosses you. That's when you need that change of heart!

Says God through the prophet Jeremiah: "*The heart is deceitful above all things and utterly corrupt. Who can know it?*" (ch 17:9).

So until that day of Christ comes, mankind must be subject to Law. 'Law', said the apostle Paul, '*is for the law-breaker*'. Which implies there is a body of Law, a standard to live by. On this our governments are confused, basing legislation on transient and flawed human imagination.

"*Woe to those who devise iniquity [lawlessness]*", says God - to *all* peoples - through the prophet Micah (2:1). Micah's words are rooted in the state of the two nations of Israel in his time, the eighth century before Christ. But they are a clear reflection of the 'enlightened' world of century twenty-one: corrupt business practice, immorality, idolatry, collusion between Government and its 'cronies', burdensome taxation.

Through His prophets, God - who still has 'hands on' His Creation - warns of the consequences. Change your ways, He says. Live by My Laws. Or I will remove your prosperity and send you national destruction and exile. Ancient Israel had crossed the line - they were beyond redemption without suffering.

Have our Western democracies, too, now passed that point?

The Kingdom of God will ultimately replace every human government. Just what is it? Do you want to be a part of it? Request the free booklet
The Kingdom of God...what does that mean to you?

Under the rule of the Messiah planet Earth will be transformed. In contrast to today's world the world to come is full of hope for all mankind. Request:
A Message of Hope for the World of Tomorrow

Published by:
The Churches of God Outreach Ministries
PO Box 54621
Tulsa, OK 74155-0621
©2004 The Churches of God Outreach Ministries
www.cgom.org

This article may be freely copied and distributed as long as it is done in its entirety, including this notice, and is given away free, without any charge to the recipient.

Write us for a free catalog of other free articles we have to offer.