

God Hates Nicolaitanism

Scripture reading: Matthew 20:20-28

Revelation 2:6 says, *"But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."*

Consider this: God, the Almighty God, the Father of us all is saying that there is a thing called Nicolaitanism, which He hates. This has nothing to do with anyone named Nicolas. The word "nicolaitans" comes from "nico" meaning "rule, ruler, conqueror" and "laos" meaning "people." Put the two words together and you get the "rulers over the people" or "conquerors of the people" (*Strong's #3531-Destroyer of the people*). God is against those that rule and have dominion over His people.

He has said in Matthew 20:20-28 that *"it shall not be so among you."* Notice the word "minister" in this passage. The Latin word "minister" is inserted for "servant." *"Let him be your servant,"* is the true rendering of this verse. When Jesus said *"your servant,"* He meant servant, He did not mean boss. Verse 27, *"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."* (This word "servant" should be translated "slave.") If Jesus Christ is saying, *"it shall NOT be so among"* us, then we shall NOT reign and rule over each other. We should understand that THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD.

Our Bible was translated many, many years ago. In order to understand the true meaning, we need to look at what the ORIGINAL thought was. God uses words to express thoughts to us. If the words have changed their meaning, then we need to go back to see what thought God had in His mind that we might have the mind of Christ. The thought God had in His mind was that we should be servants and not ministers as we know the word today. Minister of government is a big shot who goes to Washington, D.C. The minister of a church is the leader, the head of the church. When God said minister, He meant servant. Because the word minister has undergone a change, we think it means an important person, but it really means a servant. God hates a ruling pastor to be over a church. He hates a ruling bishop or a ruling elder to be over a church. God has another order, which I am going to share with you shortly.

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Thought for today: If you are finding yourself in a position of ruling over people or being ruled over, deliver yourself from that place and become a true servant (slave) to all.