

Relinquishing Your National Identity

Scripture reading: Genesis 12:1-5

I am going to read something for you that God said to Abraham, but it is something that is being said to you. It applies in a way differently to you than it did to Abraham, but it is the same word and it has the same meaning. We are going to look for what God meant when He said these things to Abraham. This is what we call “exegesis.” Always look for the exegesis: God said so and so, but what did He mean?

Let us go to Genesis 12:1, “*Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee.*”

The Lord said this to Abraham and we want to know what the meaning of this is. Why did He put this in the Bible? Why should I be interested in what God said to Abraham? Do you follow what I mean?

This is your Bible. God put it in the Bible. Men fought to take it out. Men wanted to destroy the Bible. Men killed and did their best to destroy it and it could not be destroyed. They took some of the scrolls and burned them! Yet, the people who burned them are past and gone and the scrolls remain. Hallelujah! They never did get it.

So, I am asking you, does this word about Abraham mean something to you, or to us? Why did God put it in the Word? Why did God fight so hard that this word could come to us? **God is saying to you here in this verse that you must relinquish your national identity.**

That is hard. That is very, very hard. If you are born a black man, you like being a black man. Some people do not know that. Some of you, brethren, do not know that the people who are black like to be black. If you could give them the choice to be white, they would not want it, because there is a certain feeling that you have inside, that you are something special.

When my brothers and I grew up, we felt that we were made out of iron. We were strong. We were fighters. We were on top of the world. I know the people in Africa feel that way too. But then I found out afterwards that everybody feels that way! You on one side, you are feeling your feeling, and you do not know what the other person is feeling on his side. I know that the Germans feel that way, and the Russians feel that way. Everybody feels that way and nobody is finding out what the other person feels.

So, there will be wars until Jesus comes, because war is in the heart of man and it is the spirit of the antichrist. I want you to take this—do not take it with a grain of salt. Take it and believe it: **it is the spirit of the antichrist that makes men want to reign and rule over one another.** Anywhere you find men who want to rule and reign and be the boss and be tops, it is the spirit of the antichrist. That is, unless it is where you want to be tops in Christ—then you are bottom.

Those who want to be tops in Christ—they are the least. They go around washing everybody’s feet and letting people walk on them. Oh, you do not like that, but that is the way you are tops in Christ. “*Recompense to no man evil for evil...but overcome evil with good*” (Romans 12:17,21). That is being tops in Christ. God worked it out that the spirit of the antichrist is the one that likes to rule and reign over others and the Spirit of Christ is the one that wants to rule and reign with Christ.

Genesis says, “*Get thee out of thy country (thy national identity)...!*” Do not be an American anymore! Do not be a Kenyan anymore. Do not be a Jamaican anymore. Do not be a Polish anymore. Do not be a German anymore. Just belong to the new nation, the royal priesthood, the peculiar people. My God! Isn’t this what God is asking us to do? He approached Abraham with this, and He said, “Get out Abraham! Get out of here and stay out of here!” Abraham knew it was God who spoke to him.

Now, I am not saying that it is easy. It is difficult not to be black, when you are black. God sent me to His people. He did not send me to a color. I have to recognize God’s people regardless of their color. There is something else that we need to recognize and that is that you really do not have any color! Your color is a deception! It is an outward facade that you are wearing to deceive everybody that you are black or white when really you are supposed to be a spirit. A spirit does not have any color! Do you understand? You are not what you seem to be.

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Thought for today: Have you relinquished your national identity yet or are you still holding on to the roots of your inheritance? Bring this matter before the Lord and have Him speak to you so that at the end of the day you are counted among those who have overcome.