

1. Removing wicked Leaders from positions of Authority

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Sub-title: We have spiritual Authority beyond most of our Comprehension

Today's message is a medley of truths concerning the Authority of the Believer, Prayer & Proclamations, Politics & Positions of Authority

We are in a season of tremendous world-wide awakening, both concerning spiritual things and also secular things.

Masses of people are waking up to the fact that all is not as it seems:

- Many things that we were told in the past are not true
- Many people & institutions that we trusted in are in fact completely untrustworthy
- The cloak of deception is being lifted, and the dark lies beneath are being exposed & revealed

As God's people, we are called to be:

- Salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)
- Light of the world (Matthew 5:14)
- Watchmen on the wall (Nehemiah 7:3 Ampl.)
- Co-labourers together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9)

1. Righteous leaders and wicked leaders

Proverbs 29:2 (NKJV) *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.*

- Proverbs contrasts between leaders who are righteous & leaders who are wicked
- Here, we are told the outcome of when righteous people are in authority, or when wicked people are in authority
- When the righteous are in authority, people are glad and rejoice
- When the wicked rule, people groan and sigh (in pain or grief)

Definition of the word "Righteous":

- just, lawful, righteous (as justified and vindicated by God)

Definition of the word “Wicked”:

- ungodly, hostile to God
- pertaining to being evil, with a focus on the guilt of violating a standard

Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV) *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach (disgrace) to any people.*

- For a nation to excel and flourish, standards of righteousness must be promoted, expected and applied, especially by those in leadership
- Leaders of nations don't necessarily need to be Christians, but they must operate by, and promote godly standards
- The Gold Standard is: Judeo-Christian Values & Principles

Proverbs 29:12 (NASB95) *If a ruler pays attention to falsehood, all his ministers become wicked.*

- If there is falsehood at the top of a nation's leadership, all the ministers (officials) will become wicked
- Falsehood, NKJV - lies

(GNB) *If a ruler pays attention to false information, all his officials will be liars.*

- What is falsehood, lies, false information (standards)?
- Think:
 - Covid, mandates, lockdowns, masks, needles etc.
 - Climate change, Green Agenda, race preferences, etc.
 - Overpopulation, limited resources,
 - Marxism, communism, socialism, and other “isms”

Proverbs 29:16 (AMP) *When the wicked are in authority, transgression increases, but **the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall see the fall of the wicked.***

- Transgression (law-breaking) increases when wicked leaders are in authority
- Transgression = what is contrary to a standard, human or divine
- (In time), the righteous will see the fall of the wicked

2. Remove the wicked from leadership

Proverbs 25:4–5 (MSG) *Remove impurities from the silver and the silversmith can craft a fine chalice; 5 Remove the wicked from leadership and authority will be credible and God-honoring.*

- Authority & Leadership positions are ordained by God (Romans 13:1-6)
- But leadership positions must be reserved for righteous leaders
- All wicked leaders must be removed from leadership
- Then, and only then, authority will be credible and God-honouring

3. God removes (wicked) kings and raises up others in their place

Daniel 2:20–22 (NKJV) *Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. 21 And He changes the times and the seasons; **He removes kings and raises up kings**; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. 22 He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.*

- As co-labourers together with God, He expects us to work with Him in removing wicked leaders

Ezekiel 29:3 (NKJV) *Speak, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, ‘My River is my own; I have made it for myself.’*

- If God is against wicked leaders, we should not be for them

4. God has given us authority to bind & loose, to allow & to disallow

- **We are called to intercede** for the **nation** and for our **leaders**
- We pray that people **come to know & accept Jesus Christ** as their personal Lord & Saviour
- But our responsibility goes beyond that
- We are not only intercessors – we are also ambassadors for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT) **So we are Christ’s ambassadors; ...**

- As ambassadors, we represents another government, another kingdom, another King

- **Philippians 3:20 tells us that we are citizens of heaven**
- As citizens of heaven we represent the government of heaven
- We pray for earthly governments, but we represent a spiritual government
- Isaiah 9:6 speaks about Jesus Christ, and it says:
 - "... *The government shall be upon His shoulders ...*"
- We are representatives of the government of Jesus Christ
 - He is the Lord of lords
 - He is the King of kings
- So to recap:
 - We are intercessors
 - We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ
 - And we represent the government of Jesus Christ
- This is a responsibility that is not understood very well

Matthew 16:19 (NKJV) *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*"

- Jesus said: I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven
- Keys have to do with authority
- He said: **whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven**
- **whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**"
- We call this the prayer of:
 - binding and loosing
 - of allowing and of dis-allowing
- We have allowed waaay too many things
- The body of Christ has yet to come into a full understanding of how much authority Jesus Christ has actually given us
- Lets be strengthened in our task:
 - as **intercessors**
 - as **ambassadors** of Jesus Christ , and
 - as **representatives** of the Kingdom of heaven
- Let's take our God-given position and pray out wicked leaders from positions of leadership and authority
- Dis-allow wicked leaders from continuing in positions of authority