

Currently the eyes of Christians have become so cluttered with building a kingdom for themselves right now on earth, and clouded by the popular preachers of popularity with their versions of the Gospel of Prosperity with promises in 2 years of a gold mine or oil well in every yard, that it is impossible to see or remember the original "Gospel of the Kingdom" that Jesus preached and taught.

Why should our Gospel today be any different from what Jesus taught and preached. After all, if we are indeed Christians--another way to say followers of Christ--then we have some time in the past become a part of this kingdom that Christ established during His life on earth. Granted it is synonymous with the church that is written in heaven (Hebrews 12:1), the only assembly that really matters for membership that will live eternally on the new earth; and while some churches right now that meet each Sunday here in American can easily have some members in that eternal assembly written in heaven, that does not justify the current false sense of security in local church membership, especially among the Church of Christ denomination and the fundamentalists denominations.

You can see it what you will find in common among Church of Christ, fundamentalists that now control the SBC, and pentecostals and other Gospel of Prosperity practitioners, is the old fashioned Gospel of wealth and the corrolary of success. The businessmen, and other members of the world, love this substitution of the Gospel of Prosperity for the Gospel of the Kingdom: it is a substitution of domi-

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nant community values for dominant Bible values. It is a transparent violation of the original teaching of Jesus on the Sermon on the Mount, to "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." The new trend of the Gospel of Prosperity, and of dominant community values, is "Seek first your own kingdom of things and status, and all of God's kingdom and righteousness will be added to you."

Never forget that "the world knows its own", meaning the masses of America love the Gospel of Prosperity because overwhelming the world is in the churches and denominations of America; never forget "to be a friend of the world is to be a friend of God" {although we wishfully believe that the world of the US and in this time is not like the world of Christ's day, it is even more so in the control of Satan, the prince of this world, than 2000 years ago, even though more socialable acceptable, and the leaders of the US world who are much more influenced by Satan and their own personal desires than they are by Christ and the requirements for kingdom membership}; never forget that "the children of the world are wiser than the children of light", they stick together, having the controlling majority opinion, and in this time of the Falling Away have like God's own people of Jeremiah, voluntarily consented to A CONSPIRACY AGAINST GOD.

6-1: How Do You Stay Positive in Months of Study on the book of Jeremiah?

Let's face it as you realize from Jeremiah that all of God's people, all of the government leaders, all of the prophets and priests had forsaken God in favor of cisterns that could not hold water, there just is no way to remain positive without the simultaneous consideration of the positive sides of the messages of God in Jeremiah and Prophecy about THE NEW AND EVERLASTING KINGDOM. Hence in the monthly emails and online, we will simulatenously look at: (1) Bible Studies in Jeremiah and Prophecy; and (2) "The Golden Nugget and the Mocking Bird, which like CUP OF WATER, is much on the kingdom of God from the Bible. Obviously, where this two Bible subjects overlap most is on the subject of this NEW KINGDOM OF GOD UNDER THE NEW KING, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The world, and the world in the church today, just can not get their head out of "materialism". It is where they live; it is what dominates their thoughts and goals; and is so deeply embedded in their life style, that they do not even realize the extend of the influence it has on them: so that when a popular preacher of prosperity comes along with his smiles and good jokes, and a worldly philosophy that runs back in American history to "how to win friends

and influence people"--even though the message leaves out Bible since these seldom have any Bible knowledge or Bible training--the world rapidly recognizes one of their own, recognizes a philosophy consistent with their materialistic commitments {and never forget that "the desire to be rich" is as much a sin in the Bible--basically it comes down to greed, as it is to be rich and dominated by things}, so they join and naturally continue with this positive reinforced of what they want from these popular preachers of prosperity.

Even as popularity is a bad sign in this time of the Falling Away, it is directly proportional that Americans will not face up to the realities of the Falling Way for now and to them, practicing the self denials of: (1) the Falling Away is of the people of God in the churches and denominations more than the rest of the world; and (2) that the false prophets and teachers that inevitably go with the Falling Away are the very popular preachers of their own congregations. It is never easy to point the finger at self or "my church"!

6-2: "Conspiracy" in Jeremiah and other Books of Prophecy.

Few times in the Bible is the word "conspiracy" found: the best known perhaps is when 40 Jews during the life of the Apostle Paul, banded together with a oath not to eat until they killed Paul in Acts 21:13 {I wonder if they died of hunger}; the conspiracy of King Hoshea of Israel (II Kings 17:4) against the King of Assyria after he was his vassal and refused to pay tribute; and then the least known "conspiracy", primary because it is part of the truth American churches and preachers turn away from as part of the Falling Away:

"And the LORD said to me, 'A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.'" (Jeremiah 11:9)

1. God told Jeremiah, not the other way around, that there was a Conspiracy among the people of God in the nation of Judah and particularly Jerusalem.
2. Surely like today in America, the people of God did not recognize this as a Conspiracy, and on their own would never have used those words just as in the Temple Message it was an observed conclusion from God, not the people, "we are delivered to do all these abominations" as part of Temple worship (Jeremiah 7:11).
3. This Conspiracy was so wide spread as to be a democratic majority among the people of God. So much for foolish church members who foolishly justify bad habits of doctrine in terms of "the church majority would not vote to do if it

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wasn't God's will", and most generally this is a foolish excuse to run off a preacher who is a faithful preacher of the Word of God but who does not cater to their desires. {see the definition of Falling Away in II Timothy 4:3,4, in particular the way church run off and select pastors, called "heaping up" which demands heaping out and heaping in: (1) out of the personal desires, and (2) with itching ears.}

NOTE: This is just another community value, democratically accepted to the popular majority, but not to God. A community value for which the popular preachers of the fundamentalists movement are famous for, the same fundamentalists that took over and now control the SBC.

6-3: Depend on the Word of God, not Popular Preachers of Prosperity.

If you can not depend on the prophets and priests, today and in the day of Jeremiah, then what are you going to do? The answer is simple, depend on the Word of God as to what God considered to be the conspiracy against Him, then decided for yourself if you, your church, and your community are guilty of the same conspiracy.

"They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers." (Jeremiah 11:10)

1. Their forefathers as children of God went all the way back to the founding of this nation that belonged to God at Mount Sinai and the giving of the Covenant of God, primarily in the 10 commandments. Yes, you remember the Conspiracy at Mount Sinai, even while Moses was up on the Mount getting the Covenant, the vast majority of people conspired to get Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship, like was done in Egypt, violating the first few commandments of the Covenant as it was being given.

2. Summary of the Conspiracy: (1) not continuing year after to year to listen to and heed the Words of God in the Bible and from the Bible; (2) going after other gods, some of them also greed and materialism, to serve them in the place of the LORD God of the Universe; (3) both of the divided kingdoms, Judah and Israel broke the Covenant with God.¹

6-4: Intense Series of Calamities on America Since 9/11 Proof.

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What more proof of the current Falling Away of God's people in the churches and the denominations, muchless in the world, do you need that the undeniable evidence that you have experienced since 9/11 of intense calamities? Did you ever expect another economic recession, almost history making depression, like in recent years? Did you expect the city of New Orleans to be wiped out? Did you expect Houston and Galveston to be invaded by a hurricane and tornadoes? Mainly, did you ever expect what happened on 9/11, the first real attack on native America since Pearl Harbor.

Well, you may not expect the Falling Away under the leadership of your most popular preachers of prosperity; but believe it, like you have come to recognize the intense calamities from God since 9/11 in order to get your attention toward the kingdom and His righteousness. When God observes a Conspiracy among His people, He rewards it accordingly like He did in Jeremiah.

"Therefore thus saith the LORD: 'Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them which they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to me, I will not listen to them.'" (Jeremiah 11:11)

NOTE: Can you take time to read some of this Bible for yourself; and so many of these churches of the Falling Away in America who think the main contribution that they are making to the community is prayer, should be aware that God to the extent they are like God's people in Jeremiah, will not listen to their prayers. (Jeremiah 11:14)

{See "Calamities Since 9/11."}

6-5: You Don't Get the Kingdom without His righteousness.

No, it is not that easy! You do not get the kingdom of Christ and of God without the corresponding righteous demands of kingdom membership. The forefathers thought they could at Mount Sinai; they could still be the blessed people of God without calamities if they would only remember how special they were as the called and elect of God, forgetting that like with any covenant, their comes demands.

1. Here church members today may try to claim innocency of any conspiracy against God because they are under the New Covenant of the New Testament, but it is no less of a covenant as a Christian, to God and to Christ, than the covenant God's people made with God at Mount Sinai.

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Perhaps you have been reading the Sermon on the Mount from Jesus and in particular the fool proof way to which to get the kingdom of God and Christ, as "Seek first...", thinking you could eternally and now have that kingdom membership without the corresponding righteousness of God, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness".

6-6: "Gospel of the Kingdom" from Jesus.

A corollary to "why should we have a different kingdom today from the one that Christ set up in the first century" is the parallel question of "why should we preach and teach and practice a Gospel of Jesus without the kingdom, in other words why do so many popular preachers of prosperity, other than the popularity among the world, think they are justified to substitute a Gospel of Prosperity {in 2 years} for the Gospel of the Kingdom. Primary, when have you heard recently from church or on the TV, the word kingdom even mentioned, muchless the phrase "Gospel of the Kingdom". Admit it, you have not even heard it; and really will not hear it! In every Gospel, talking about the teaching and preaching of Jesus Himself, there is a similar "gospel of the kingdom" statement as in Mark 1:14,15.

"Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'" (Mark 1:14,15)

Current popular preachers of prosperity will replay, "We are justified in ignoring the kingdom in favor of self-centeredness on our local churches, because Christ had not yet set up the church." NOT SO! Christ had long ago set up the church of the firstborn written in heaven, the my assembly, and the only church providing salvation, when after His ascension He appeared to the first disciples. What did He preach and teach then?

"...to whom He also presented Himself alive after His sufferings by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things PERTAINING TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD." (Acts 1:3)