

The Covenant Church In Contemporary Times

Text - Matt - 16: 18, 19

Intro

1. In his book, The Coming Renewal, Bill Bright, founder + director of Campus Crusade For Christ, includes a chapter entitled - America Under Judgment...
2. In this chapter he outlines both the good news + the bad news about our present state in the contemporary world.
 - 1) Good news:-
 - (1) Unyielding testimony with God - Chart our history → Christian colonization, pilgrims, founders, fathers, talked about Christian homes, schools, churches + national institutions based on 10 commandments → Christian values.
 - (2) Renewal → blessed super abundantly by God.
 - ① Only 6% world's population → enjoy 54% of world's wealth
 - ② Opened hearts to the poor, - helped feed the hungry in the world - times of emergency gives generously to our enemies - show a 65 billion contribution to annual charities - 130 million people attend church each Sunday

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2) Bad news → according to Beyl → America has become a nation without a soul.

- (4) Four main
signs of shows:
- (1) Aliveness has led to greed - gone corrupt
 - (2) Freedom has ~~led~~ become license to sin.
 - (3) Religious heritage is being forgotten + replaced as material + old fashions.
 - (4) As a result:

- (1) Secularized public life.
- (2) Social problems have become pandemics.
- (3) Crime has become a national obsession.
- (4) The traditional family has disintegrated.
- (5) Spirit of selfishness sets our norms.
- (6) God is a word we use in a blasphemous language.
- (7) Natural government played with scandals.

3. When we review the contemporary scene → this is the only ~~of~~ world we have → as a church, given a world that has led to such this world with the good + prepare the people for the coming of Christ.

4. Intel thrust of God's revelation in the Bible → establish a covenant church in contemporary times.

5. Bel "What is God doing in the world?"

6. Covenant → fulfills His covenant (promises)

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1) Confusing covenant with Eve → crushing the head of Satan.

2) " " " Noah → maintaining a rainbow in the sky.

3) " " " Abraham → saving a remnant of Israel.

4) " " " Moses → fulfilling his great + precious promise.

5) " " " David → establishing his throne forever.

6) Culminating his covenant with Christ → established a church.

(1) Church is → ~~holiest~~ church, holy nation, royal priesthood → people belonging to God.

(2) Ephraim owned it.

(3) All we can say about the church →

(1) Church is the Covenant / Head of the Church.

(2) Church is most → etc.

6. Seeds powerful → How ~~hard~~ but out the church → hard to see it from a personal perspective.

1) Ill → Have I ever seen a Christian?

2) Ill → Telling the Truth → just preaching

3) Ill → Peter's Poetic Moral story.

7. Church as Cerebral Philosophy

8. Formulas → ~~theology~~ Keylor's people

I. Function in Faith

1. Rock : → ~~the~~ Petros/Petra / → word of prom.
- 1) Abrahama → rabbi's refered as rock → rock to stand on → natural purpose of rock.
- 2) God
 - (1) Deut. 32: 4 → He is the rock; His work is perfect.
 - (2) I Sam. 2: 2 → There is no rock like our God.
 - (3) II Sam. 22: 2 → The Lord is my rock, my fortress + my deliverer.

2. Review the covenant → faith → Heb. 11.

Noah's man →

3. Ill' ~~Jim Stovel~~ story

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II. Focus on the Foeder

1. Devil based → only one with authority / power.
2. Col. 1: 15 ff //
3. See in family role → better than Moses/Joshua (Cousin)

6:50 Revelation

8:6 → Better

8:8 → New

8:10 → Spiritual

8:12 → Jesus

8:14 → ~~Revelation~~

13:20 → Everlasting

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1) Heb. 6: 20 - Multiples → Revelation

2) Heb. 8: 8 → New Covenant → absolute.

3) Heb 8: 10 → Law is rules / wait on bonds. / Spiritual

4) Heb 8: 12 → Grace → forgiveness / not under rules.

5) ~~8: 15~~

5) Heb. 9: 15 → Inheritance → Called to receive God's promise.

Revelation

4. Ill' Identities with us → Ill' 8 years old "Cry" (B)

5. Ill' Mercy → showing pain.

III. Fight the Fight

1. Spiritual Warfare.
2. Satan alive → Isa. 14:13 ff
3. Names of Satan →
4. Work of Satan.
5. Not omnipotent → intricate evil.
6. ~~Ill. 10 finger project.~~ Murmur → boy

IV. Fulfill the formula

1. Keys
2. Impact of message.
3. Covenant Chart. (C)
4. Ill. 10 finger project. (Telephone Call)