

Socialism, is it political or spiritual?

In the midst of everything that is going on in this world both politically and spiritually, it is a time for us to press in more than ever in the things of God. Today is not a time to be silent or politically correct, it is not a time to draw back but it is a time to boldly proclaim God's truth from the rooftop...yes even about politics as did preachers and pastors during the great awakening, and for those of you who might think the two are not related, then i would like to share with you a perspective I believe the Lord has given me.

I know of many nations such as France, England or Germany that once had a reverential fear of God, they knew great revivals and spiritual awakenings, but are now opposing the very God they once embraced. Churches are transformed into night clubs or fancy cafés, God is not even a thought in people's mind, much less part of their conversation, people are even forbidden to talk about God lest they offend. What could have erased God from these nations and transform them into anti Christ, atheist nations with often less than 1% of true believers? An important key is found in Jesus' sermon on the mount: "*Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God!*" Being poor meant to realize your total helplessness and need for God. To be totally dependent upon God for your every need whether spiritual, physical and financial. Jesus reveals to us here that our needs are what motivates us to find God and His rule in our life.

So why and how have people lost sight of God and these nations become Godless? The strategy of the devil is simple. What if someone takes His place and offers to meet all your basic needs? What if now, there is no longer a need that would motivate you to turn your heart and voice to God? Soon or later you would no longer need God, soon or later you wouldn't even remember God. From the beginning of time, the enemy's strategy has been to convince men to build a new world order, a society where God was no longer needed, a society where every need could be met apart from God, a society with its own god. The verse in *Genesis 11* is still true. "*Let us build a tower whose top is in the heavens, let us make a name for ourselves.*" It is interesting to note that the tower was built with bricks all made from the same mold... all the same, not one different from the other.

Today it would be called SOCIALISM! A social system overthrowing capitalism and free enterprise, a system in which the government owns and controls the means of production and distribution of goods... a government powerful enough to meet all basic needs. When Socialism entered Europe with social reforms to supposedly help the poor, the government became the one meeting people's needs. Are you sick? Let us give you healthcare! Don't have or don't want a job? No problem! We will give you welfare, food stamps, better yet we will give you government housing, even a free cell phone! Do you have addictions, emotional or relational problems? We'll send you to the psychiatrist for free! After all, who needs God, who needs the church, when everything is within your reach?

You might say, this is good... they are really helping the poor! Are they really? These so called "freebees" come with a price: "freedom", self-governing ability, individuality, motivation to rise above poverty and mediocrity, One that becomes dependent upon the government can no longer be what God has called him to be... a free individual called to excel, to prosper, to dream big, to see big, to do big things. He becomes now one of those bricks that has lost its individuality, he is kept in poverty, not allowed to rise, to prosper lest he loses all his benefits. I like what Thomas Jefferson once said: "A government that gives you everything is a government that can take everything from you."

We have a stark reminder... Germany, once divided by a great wall. The west was a capitalist nation, where people were free and prosperous, while the east was under socialism, where people were like animals in a zoo, their basic needs met but yet without freedom, and ability to go and do as they pleased. God was allowed behind the west part of the wall, while was forbidden on the other side.

The truth be known, this is nothing but a spirit of anti Christ at work. Its ultimate goal is to erase God from people's hearts, making them even hostile towards the gospel, little by little. This ideology of socialism can transform a God seeking people, into a godless people who no longer think they need Him, and no longer want Him. Have you ever wondered why we see more miracles, more healings and revivals in some of the poorest nations? It is because they have nothing else but God! I would dare say that God is not a socialist but a capitalist. Free enterprise is a bible concept as seen in the parable of the talents. To one is given 5, the other 3, the last one 1... At the end, God took from the one who refused to work and invest, to give to the one who worked hard and smart. Surely, this would make any socialist cringe!

But the moral of the story, is that socialism is more than a political concept, it is spiritual at its root because it seeks to replace God, the one who is to meet all our needs, it seeks to make us independent from God and His Word... the source of all true blessings and ultimately, it seeks to control us and rob us of our God given liberties. Warning... The serpent has come into the garden again...

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AS A STRICT POLICY AGAINST FEEDING ANIMAL IN THE WILD, BECAUSE ANIMAL WILL GROW DEPENDENT ON HANDOUTS AND (WILL NOT)... LEARN TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

