MARK 16:15-20





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GLORY, the MANIFESTED PRESENCE OF GOD

Mark 8:38 (AMP)

For whoever is ashamed [here and now] of Me and My words in this adulterous (unfaithful) and [preeminently] sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory (splendor and majesty) of His Father with the holy angels.

When Jesus comes back (and HE is coming back) He is going to come in glory. The Word says that the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout and there will be a cloud (1 Thessalonians 4:16). What kind of cloud is that talking about? Humidity? No, it's NOT talking about moisture content. It's not talking about that kind of a cloud. It's talking about the GLORY CLOUD. It's talking about the awesome, radiant presence of God. Do you want to be there? Do you want to walk in God's glory? I certainly do, and I hope you do too!

When the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, at one point he taunted the Lord about mankind losing the glory of God because of Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden.

Luke 4:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

The devil was saying to Jesus (who was the Son of God), "You remember Adam and Eve, Your creation? They had the glory! Well, they sinned, and it's been delivered to me! And I'll give their glory (he's talking about OUR glory—the glory of man) to You, if You will fall down and worship me. Because that's my glory and I will give it to whoever I want to give it to."

One thing we always need to remember about the devil—HE'S A LIAR (John 8:44). Also remember, it is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18). Likewise, it is impossible for the devil to tell the truth. The devil did not have our glory. The glory that we have on the earth today, the glory that was restored to us by Jesus, was not given to us by the devil. The devil has never had it. In John 17, Jesus talked about His glory to the Father, He said, "The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one."

In Luke 9, the Word records the transfiguration of Jesus. It involved the glory of God: Luke 9:30-36 (KJV)

- ³⁰ And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
- ³¹ Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
- ³² But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.
- And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
- ³⁴ While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.
- ³⁵ And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.
- ³⁶ And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

When Jesus was transfigured, the Word tell us there was a cloud there. That cloud was His glory. We can find all through the Word where the glory appeared like a cloud. For example,

John 1:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Look at this verse in the Amplified Bible,

John 1:14 (AMP)

¹⁴ And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

Another instance is when Jesus was in Cana and He turned the water into wine: **John 2:11 (KJV)**

¹¹ This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, **and manifested** forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Not only did He turn the water into wine, but HE MANIFESTED HIS GLORY AND His disciples believed in Him. So now, all of a sudden, Jesus' disciples believed in Him after He did His first miracle.

Some might say that they believed in Him because He turned the water into wine. But the Scripture tells us that not only did He turn the water into wine, but He manifested His glory. You may say, "Well that may not mean that they saw His glory." When it said His glory was manifested, that meant they saw something. They say the visible power of God. THE GLORY IS THE MANIFESTED PRESENCE OF GOD! As we allow the GLORY TO MANIFEST IN OUR CHURCHES, PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE WHEN THEY SEE HIS GLORY!

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From "American Minute" by William J. Federer Judge Learned Hand "What then is the spirit of liberty?"

"A conservative among liberals, and a liberal among conservatives," he was not consistently conservative enough for Republican President Warren G. Harding and he was not consistently liberal enough for Democrat President Franklin Roosevelt.

As a result, he was passed over several times to be a nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court. His name was **Learned Hand**, who served as a judge for over 50 years, first on **New York's District Court**, then on the **U.S. Court of Appeals**.

Judge Hand's legal decisions were so respected they were referenced in U.S. Supreme Court Cases. Though a political progressive, he was an advocate of judicial restraint, stating: "(he could not frame any definition that will explain when the Court will assume the role of a third legislative chamber and when it will limit its authority." In 1937, Judge Learned Hand condemned Franklin Roosevelt's attempt to pack the Supreme Court with as many as 15 justices in order to get the Court's approval of his power usurping big government programs. In this, Judge Hand was in agreement with James Madison.

Madison explained to Congress in 1794, that just because something needed to be done, it was not the Federal Governments job to do it: "The government of the United States is a definite government, confined to specified objects. It is not like the state governments, whose powers are more general. Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government."

Regarding taxes, **Judge Hand** wrote in *Gregory v. Helvering (2d Cir. 1934):* "Anyone may arrange his affairs so that his taxes shall be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose that pattern which best pays the treasury." There is **not** even a **patriotic duty** to **increase one's taxes**...nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands."

Similarly, George Orwell warned in a letter to H.J. Willmett, May 18, 1944: "Everywhere the world movement seems to be in the direction of centralized economies which can be made to 'work' in an economic sense but which are not democratically organized and which tend to establish a caste system." George Orwell wrote in *The Observer*, April 9, 1944: "Collectivism leads to concentration camps, leader worship, and war."

Dick Morris made a parallel observation in his article titled "A New Venezuela is Born." (DickMorris.com 6/20/22): "The precedent in **Venezuela** is that **once the left wins an election, there are no more free elections**. The will of Congress and the Judiciary is **ignored**, and the **president governs by decree**, backed by **secret police** imported from Cuba."

A comparable statement was made by the National Endowment for democracy (2/4/16) regarding Turkey's President Erdogan: "Early in his career Mr. Erdogan made a telling remark he was later to regret, *The Economist* notes: "Democracy is like a train," he said, "You get off once you have reached your destination."

Now many of his party's critics fear that Turkey's president may be getting close to that goal...it is not just that Mr. Erdogan wants to rewrite the constitution to award himself executive presidential powers. The trouble is that he hardly needs them. Sometimes overly, but often by stealth and dissimulation, the AK party has spread its tentacles across Turkish society. The courts, the police, the intelligence services, the mosques, the public education and health systems and the media are all, in one way or another, subject to the party's overwhelming influence."

Hand wrote to Justice Felix Frankfurter, March 24, 2945, warning: "I confess it seems to me that we are plainly headed for some fairly comprehensive collectivist ordering of industry; people don't want it...Can you have a collectivist democracy? The future has all sorts of creatures in its womb...there seems to me great obstacles; a society in which the individuals fate is completely in the hands of the government can scarcely manifest itself as a succession of resultants of 'pressure groups'—it won't stand up."

In *Dennis v. United States (183 F.2d 201, 213, 2d Cir. 1950),* a plurality of Supreme Court Justices adopted **Judge Learned Hand's** view that Eugen Dennis, General Secretary of the **Communist Party USA**, did not have a First Amendment right to free speech **if his goal in organizing Antifa-style protestors was to overthrow the Constitution** and set up a government which would not allow free speech.

In agreement, **Dwight Eisenhower** stated in the *Time Magazine* article, "Eisenhower on Communism," October 13, 1952: "The Bill of Rights contains no grant or privilege for a group of people to **destroy the Bill of Rights**. A group—like **the Communist conspiracy**—dedicated to the ultimate destruction of all civil liberties, cannot be allowed to claim civil liberties as its privileged sanctuary from which to **carry on subversion of the Government."**

Judge Leaned Hand commented on the danger of allowing political correctness to intimidate people from voicing their opinions for fear of it being labeled "hate speech": "That community is already in the process of dissolution...where faith in the eventual supremacy of reason has become so timid that we dare not enter our conviction in the open."

German political scientist Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann discovered the "spiral of silence," that people will self-censor their views if they think they are in the minority. This is premised on human pride and people's cowardly fear of being rejected by a group.

(To be continued next month)

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AWAKEN AND ACT!

MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!