12/31/23 Welcome / Pray for nation

Eclectic corner - from watchman to lover of God

What do you think about borders, do you believe borders are of God? When God judged Israel, how did it usually happen? God established borders for Israel, who was to defend them In judgment, He sent in foreigners Isaiah 28: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

God even foretold Babylon's fall, Isaiah 13, Jeremiah 51, that foreigners would invade

Two articles that affect your life here

First

https://www.zerohedge.com/political/what-great-replacement-theory-musk-exposes-immense-growing-size-illegalimmigration

Musk exposes "Immense & Growing Size" Of Illegal Immigration Invasion

- Official numbers more illegals per month than there are births in the U.S.
- Vivek Ramaswamy just stated the Great Replacement is NOT a conspiracy theory, but government policy
- 2023 saw roughly 3x the average # at southern border
- Set record in Dec 2023 with 276,000
- Washington (Mayorkas) continues to lie
- Karine echoes the lies
- understand * this is NOT just the U.S., it's happening globally (Think WEF)
- Lists several distribution routes from Central Am. to the border
 - o Red cross
 - Docs w/out borders
 - The UN Int'l Org of Migration
 - o Other NGOs
 - Maps coincide with cartel areas & trafficking routes

Second

https://www.brighteon.com/2fb52146-115e-4182-a115-e0fc18dbf8d9

Interview with a transport security team whistleblower and Mike Adams

- Abbott's goal get them out of Texas
- 50/bus from TX to e.g. Chicago / sanctuary cities only 2 arrive in Chicago i.e. the rest are scattered in between, anywhere!
- TDEM (Tx dept emer.mgmt) to trans company
 - \$5k/head = \$250k/bus at 50 heads/bus.
 - Min 23 buses a day = ~1,200 criminals/day = \$60M / day to the trans companies
- Each person given \$1,200 and a phone Fed uses to track them.
- Most of the transports (general southern TX region) are men released from central American prisons. Families are rare. Mostly prisoners.
 - He heard all their conversations
 - drugs & trafficking
 - A woman escaped from a rape house, they found/busted it, found an executive of one of the transport companies
 - About ¼ of the kids on the bus clearly didn't belong to the adults who brought them
 - When in el-paso, has friend in charge of 3 ports of entry in el paso said ALL Russians in all 3 ports of entry,
 - \circ all military age fighting men
 - AZ chinese men

- Being strategically placed into certain areas in the country
- \$ is behind this entire thing. Whistleblower claims 'roundup' will be the next phase under Trump.
- Contractors are preparing for this very thing.

Point of all this – are we in Mayberry still?

We left off with how the 'mind set' is foundational to the direction you will take regarding anything esp. habits

Had the 'jolly green giant' slide – "don't look at that" and yet everyone looks at it. just disciplining yourself to not touch or taste, or do this or that will not help

 $\frac{1}{1}$ 2: 20 If you have died with Christ [y]to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 21"Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" 22(which all refer to things destined to perish [z] with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of man? 23These are matters which do have the [aa]appearance of wisdom in [ab]self-made religion and humility and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

We showed My Fair Lady clip where the young cockney girl was totally reformed outwardly

- she didn't handle
- she didn't taste •
- she didn't touch

but her (old nature) soul came out when she was cheering for that horse!

That doesn't fix the inside. So what does? It's the difference between experiencing the peace of God and the God of Peace

Going through this serially but read the whole slide to start off, then move on Here is a model of what we just defined (experiencing the peace of God vs God of the peace)

The disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He gave them the Lord's Prayer – so we just say that every time we pray? That's our prayer life?

Explain - no it's a model.

Psalm 37 is in part, a model for how to approach God with ANY issue, leave it there, and walk away satisfied as if it were 'all better'.

Psalm 37: Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

"Fret" - to glow or grow warm; figuratively (usually) to blaze up, of anger, zeal, jealousy:—be angry, burn, be displeased, × earnestly, fret self, grieve, be (wax) hot, be incensed, kindle, × very, be wroth

Story is told of the woman fretting over her son-in-law. He was a fret to her. She was told to re-read this passage and realized it said *thyself* ie YOU stop inflaming *yourself*!

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

"Trust": Heb. BATACH = to be careless because of security, (like when you played as a kid in your house, but you wouldn't play that way around a bunch of other kids you didn't know),

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon: this is a semitic word that carries the idea of leaning i.e. lean on

- There are varying degrees of 'lean' e.g.
- to lean lightly on a rotted fence maybe to take a rock out of your shoe VS

- to lean on a crooked funhouse wall so you can get out of there
- This use means 'all the way'

Prov. 3:5 contrasts this & says to "trust" in the Lord w/ all your heart and LEAN NOT on what you are able to understand.

Do you realize the freedom that you can experience when you finally realize that God doesn't want you to put your trust or lean on what you are able to understand?

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. anag - to make merry over, make sport of; "have a big time!", have a party

In other words, once you decide you're going to

1) stop fretting yourself so God can deal with the issue

2) Trust/Lean all the way on God for His victory in our lives,

Then we are FREE to enjoy God's presence; even make sport of Him!

Illustration: Portia's financial aid – teaching her to deal with the world (I could cover the \$, but what does that teach her?)

- Said you're on your own, better figure out how to write scholarships.
- Stressed out over this for months, then finally started seeing some fruit.
- Then a huge scholarship worth more than her associates degree came in along with a truckload of stress-relief!
- Now that she knew that this particular scholarship "had it", she was free to make merry over that while she gave herself over undistracted to her scholastic efforts.