

THE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM #22

The 7 Ideological Signs of Socialism

I. Introduction

A. Review

1. I want to continue with kind of a Part 2 to last week's message, "Ideas Have Consequences". To review:

Ideas are *thoughts*. Our lives consist of the consequences that have resulted from the quality of our thought life.

2. The biblical support comes from Solomon...

Proverbs 23:7

For as a man thinks in his heart so is he.

a. Christian author Eric Metaxas warns us...

Eric Metaxas

"Ideas have far-reaching consequences, and one must be ever so careful about what one allows to lodge in his brain."

3. The same principle applies to a nation; for example, the greatness of America is a consequence of the ideology of our Founding Fathers as set forth in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. What is an ideology?

Ideology

A system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy

- a. An idea is one thought; but an ideology is a "system of ideas"
- b. An ideology is very similar to a worldview
- c. Christianity is an ideology; so is socialism
- d. Your ideology, how you think about things is deterministic.
For example...

Theme

4. America's prosperity is a consequence of an ideology that made us the greatest nation on the planet. But **today, there's a new ideology stalking the land; it is an evil ideology that will carry evil consequences**; it is the ideology of National Socialism that has now taken over the Democrat political party.

5. Remember; our enemy is NOT 'flesh and blood'; it is an ideology; and I want to teach on...

"The 7 Ideological Signs of Socialism"

7 Evil Ideas With 7 Evil Consequences

(We will only be able to cover the first 4 of these tonight)

- 1. Socialism is atheistic by nature**
- 2. Socialism is antichrist by nature**
- 3. The principles of Socialistic ideology violate God's Law**
- 4. Socialism comes at the cost of personal liberty**
- 5. Socialism undermines personal responsibility**
- 6. Socialism always trends toward totalitarianism**
- 7. Socialism simply doesn't work!**

II. The 7 Ideological Signs of Socialism

A. Socialism is Atheistic By Nature

1. You can never understand the true ideology, (the system of ideas) in socialism until you know that only an atheist can fully embrace it.

a. Karl Marx, the 'father' of socialism and communism said...

Karl Marx

"My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism."

2. Many Americans are unaware that...

Larry Alex Taunton

"Socialism is much more than an economic or political question. It is a *spiritual* question, if only because it denies the very existence of the spiritual. That is why upon his conversion to Christianity Dostoevsky renounced socialism, because it was, in his view, *atheism masquerading as political philosophy*."

3. David Horowitz is an orthodox Jew who wrote a book called “Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America”, tells the tragic tale of his break with his parents over socialist ideology:

David Horowitz, “Dark Agenda”

“I came to understand that my parents and their friends referred to themselves as ‘progressives’ to hide their true faith, which was Communism. For them, Communism was the vision of a future in which the long history of social injustice would finally come to an end.”

He continues...

David Horowitz

“When I eventually rejected this illusion, I realized that their atheistic creed was itself a form of religious faith. Like the religionists they looked down on, my parents and their leftist friends believed in a redemption, but they thought of *themselves* as the redeemers, not God.”

David Horowitz

“A destructive fantasy had seduced them into supporting an empire whose rulers had murdered millions. Today, they no longer call their earthly redemption ‘Communism’. They call it ‘social justice’. Like Communism, social justice is an impossible future in which the inequalities and oppressions that have afflicted human beings for millennia will miraculously vanish and social harmony will rule.”

4. The new Democrat Socialists of our day have ideas are as old as the idolaters who tried to build the tower of Babel, those who imagines they could build a Utopia without God. As British Journalist Walter Duranty points out..

Walter Duranty

“You see, they *really think* that a society based on this atheist utopian philosophy (Marxism) is an original idea. Perhaps they don’t know any better. Someone should tell them.”

5. So Socialism is not only atheistic by nature, it is antichrist in nature.

B. Socialism is Antichrist By Nature

1. The term ‘antichrist’ can mean ‘against Christ’ or ‘in place of Christ’.

2. Christian ideology sees Christ as Savior; but socialist ideology sees the State as the Savior.

3. Socialism offers itself in place of Christ as the savior of the world.

David Chilton

Socialism is the religion of man. It is the product of humanism. It is nothing but state-worship, seeing the State as Lord and Savior. The socialist has a vision of reality completely determined by his adoration of the omnipotent state. He is hypnotized by power.

C. The 3rd Ideological Sign of Socialism: Its Principles Violate the Law of God

1. The same socialistic ideology that denies God would logically see itself as free from God's commandments.

Francis Schaeffer

"Socialists exalt the state in the place of God. And by making the state the means and the end, violates the very first commandments, 'You shall have no other gods before me'. It then proceeds to violate the other nine with wild abandon."

(Let's look at how socialism breaks the 8th, 9th, and 10th commandment)

The 8th Commandment

"Thou shalt not steal".

Exodus 20:15

2. Christian ideology embraces our right to private property; much of the Old Testament is the story of how God gave the Israelites a "Promised Land" for themselves; but Socialist ideology does not recognize your right to private property, per Karl Marx.

Karl Marx

"The right to hold private property is a crime against the state."

3. Socialists see themselves as having a right to your property and your money; this is why Socialistic strategies always call for increased taxation.

Karl Marx

There is only one way to kill capitalism. By taxes, taxes, and more taxes.

4. Socialism breaks the 8th Commandment by stealing your money through exorbitant taxation, especially of the wealthy:

Thomas Sowell

“What do you call it when someone takes someone else’s money openly by force? ROBBERY. What do you call it when a politician takes someone else’s money in taxes and gives it to someone who is more likely to vote for him? SOCIAL JUSTICE.”

5. This is why socialist ideology seeks to establish a welfare state; taking the tax money of the worker and giving it to those who refuse to work. Our founding fathers warned us about this!

Thomas Jefferson

“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those willing to work and give to those who will not.”

6. Socialist political ideology seeks to gain power by promising people so many goodies and freebies that they are willing to vote for a bigger, more powerful government that will give it to them. Our founding fathers warned us about the dangers of ‘big government’!

Thomas Jefferson

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take away everything you have.”

7. Socialism, by definition, requires the idea that it is the government’s responsibility to *redistribute wealth* by forcing increased taxation of the rich in the name of cleaning up the environment or helping the poor. Socialists come right out and say so!

a. Our previous President was socialist who sounded like Karl Marx:

Barack Obama

“I think when you spread the wealth around, it’s good for everybody.”

b. The socialist candidate for President in the last election was a devoted disciple of Marxist community organizer Saul Alinsky. At least she was honest when she said this during the campaign:

Hillary Clinton

“We’re going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good.”

c. Analyze this! “We”-the socialists; ‘are going to take things away from you’-the Bible calls it stealing; ‘on behalf of the common good’-meaning all the people who will vote for us when we do it.

8. Socialists gain power making promises of more ‘free stuff’. Ask them how they’re going to pay for all their promises?

“Tax the rich. It’s just the simple”

Socialist Activist Maura Quint

“Taxing the rich isn’t just good policy—it’s good politics. Raising taxes on corporations and the wealthy is wildly popular with a majority of both Democratic and Republican voters.”

(This is true; a survey of likely 2020 voters shows that 75% of likely voters, including 60% of Republicans, support raising taxes on the wealthy! Have these people never read the Bible?)

a. Socialists see no sin in robbing from the rich; Senator Bernie Sanders, a self-proclaimed communist, never stops whining on this one thing...

Senator Bernie Sanders

“The rich do not pay their fair share.”

(This from a millionaire who pays only 13.5% of his own personal income in taxes; less than the average fast food restaurant manager)

b. Thomas Sowell gives us a great question to ask socialist Senators:

Thomas Sowell

“What is your ‘fair share’ of what someone else has worked for?”

9. My question for Christians is, “Do you recognize that exorbitant taxation of the rich is a violation of God’s this breaks God’s commandment in...

Leviticus 19:15 NIV

Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

10. Socialist ideology breaks the 8th commandment against stealing, then goes on to break the 9th commandment:

The 9th Commandment

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Exodus 20:16

a. God forbids us to lie about others; Christian politicians lie too; but socialist ideology makes it an art form:

Dennis Prager

“The real roots of the division today in America is commitment to truth. From Lenin to today’s left, lying, especially about opponents, is morally acceptable as long as it serves the left’s goals of defeating opponents and attaining more power.”

Dennis Prager

“When the socialists cannot stifle their opponents, it smears them. Every prominent opponent of the left has been smeared—lied about—as being sexist, intolerant, xenophobic, homophobic, Islamophobic, racist, bigoted, misogynistic, or white supremacist.”

b. The socialist candidate for President in 2016 said this:

Hillary Clinton

“You could put half of Trump’s supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. They’re racists, sexists, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic—you name it. Now some of those folks are irredeemable—but thankfully, they are not America.”

(Remember 60 million Americans voted for Trump; so 30 million Americans are ‘deplorable’?)

c. Socialists practice ‘identity politics’. If you: Justly criticize a female socialist politician and you’re a sexist; expose a lie from a socialist African-American politician and you’re a racist; point out the Marxist nature of the “Black Lives Matter” movement and you’re a white supremacist.

d. And if you don't agree with them they will accuse you of having no compassion!

Thomas Sowell

‘Socialists seem to assume that, if you don’t believe in their particular political solutions, then you don’t really care about the people that they claim they want to help.’

e. Socialists have no compunction about breaking the 9th commandment; ‘thou shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor’.

11. Then the ideology of socialism breaks the 10th commandment:

The 10th Commandment

**“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s goods.”
Exodus 20:17**

Covet

**To desire wrongfully or without regard to the rights of others; for example, to covet the property of others
Dictionary.com**

a. American sculptor John Chamberlain defines it:

John Chamberlain

“Thou shalt not covet means that it is sinful even to contemplate the seizure of another man’s goods—which is something the Socialists have never managed to explain away.”

b. Socialist ideology turns people to covetousness; it seeks to gain power by enflaming those who have less against those who have more.

c. Thomas Sowell has a word of warning to all those who vote for socialists without realizing the day will come when they will be stealing from you!

Thomas Sowell

“If you have been voting for politicians who promise to give you goodies at someone else’s expense, then you will have no right to complain when they take your money and give it to someone else, including themselves.”

d. The great British Prime minister summed it up:

Winston Churchill

“Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.”

D. The 4th Ideological Sign of Socialism: The Cost of Personal Liberty

Thomas Sowell

“What socialism, fascism, and other ideologies of the left have in common is the assumption that some very wise people (like themselves) need to take decisions out of the hands of lesser people (like the rest of us) and impose their decisions by government fiat.”

1. This is exactly what we have witnessed in America in the past 6 months!

- Someone in government decided to shut down schools, businesses, churches
- Someone in government decided which business are ‘essential’ and which are not
- Now they are mandating face masks to keep us safe; but remember...

Gary DeMar

Without a proper understanding of civil government's biblical function and limited jurisdiction, Christians can be trapped into believing that civil government should promote policies beyond its designed purpose as long as they are for "the good of the people." This reasoning can lead many to choose security no matter what the cost to liberty.

a. The mask mandate requires us to give up our freedom to not wear a mask in the name of safety. But one of our founding fathers had a warning for us:

Benjamin Franklin

“Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

b. Also back in the early days of the American Republic, the French historian Alexis de Tocqueville compared Democracy with Socialism:

“Democracy and socialism have but one thing in common—equality. But note well the difference. Democracy aims at equality in liberty. Socialism desires equality in constraint and in servitude.”

2. History itself clearly shows us that the citizens of any nation that comes under socialistic government suffer the loss of individual freedom under government regulation.

David Chilton

“Even when socialists call for ‘non-violent revolution’, socialist policies require violent intrusions upon personal liberty. Statist planning means nothing other than the concentration of power, which is forbidden by the law of God. It is therefore doomed to failure.”

3. Notice the words, “Doomed to failure”; that is God’s epitaph for the ideology of socialism everywhere it’s ever been tried.

Thomas Sowell

“Socialism in general has a record of failure so blatant that only an intellectual can ignore or evade it.”

a. The current crop of socialists in our government capitals see themselves as smarter than the rest of us; they scoff at history lessons on the failures of socialism saying, “Those who tried it before didn’t do it right”. And there’s no arguing with them.

Australian Historian Shela Fitzpatrick

“Socialists are intolerant of disagreement; incapable of compromise; mesmerized by big, distant goals; violent, suspicious, destructive....They have the intoxicating illusion of personifying the will of the people, which means they assume the people is monolithic.”

b. Many of our young people have been brainwashed into socialism by the pseudo-intellectuals; to you I would quote former President...

Ronald Reagan

“A socialist is someone who has *read* Lenin and Marx. An anti-socialist is someone who *understands* Lenin and Marx.”

4. The ideology of God-centered Christianity is totally incompatible with the ideology of National Socialism; no informed Christian can possibly be a socialist.

5. Why? Let me review as we close:

III. Close

A. Review

1. Ideas have consequences; ideas are thoughts that determine our quality of life.

2. An 'ideology' is a 'system of thoughts'; a worldview; which also has consequences.

3. America is in a war of 2 worldviews; God-centered Christianity versus Atheistic Socialism; an evil ideology that will have evil consequences;

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4. The bottom line: Our nation is at a tipping point like the one facing England under the administration of...

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

"The choice facing the nation is between two totally different ways of life. And what a prize we have to fight for: no less than the chance to banish from our land the dark, divisive clouds of Marxist socialism and bring together men and women from all walks of life who share a belief in freedom."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ESV

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.