

QUO VADIS SOUTH AFRICA?

Quo Vadis South Africa?

Many roads led to Rome , the centre of the Roman Empire, but do all roads lead to happiness and prosperity?

The book of James in the Christian Bible describes two situations, one of want and another of not sharing greed. It also describes how both of these situations lead to destruction. Both are based on selfishness, me , myself and I. To this added that I regard as mine, that what I want and that what I want to keep at all costs.

Go and read James 4 :1-3 and James 5 :1 - 6 .

Selfish behaviour is also described in the Christian Bible

Read it, in Galatians 5: 19 -21.

. Some of the acts of the flesh would be regarded as non existing and superstition in some communities(especially Western civilization) like idolatry and witchcraft. But beware, whatever you regard as more important than your health and relationships , like all kind of addictions, can be regarded as idolatry. Witchcraft is also still practiced in many communities and usually due to selfish reasons. Some religious activities are also based on types of witchcraft again for selfish gain. All of these works are the result of selfishness.

THE WORKS OF THE FLESH LEAD TO DESTRUCTION.

James 4 :1-3 is the root cause of revolutions, but check the history to see what usually follows a revolution.. All revolutions end in chaos and destructing and all that changes after a revolution, are the faces of the meat eaters and champagne drinkers (the new elite) . The rest of the population are still eating pap, bread , and potatoes . Also no champagne for them, only water and often dirty water.

The situations described in the introductory verses of James 4 and 5 are still the same in the aftermath of a revolution. Only the faces of the elite (rich) described in chapter 5 change with the adding of more faces to wanting desirers mention in chapter 4 . All, because of infrastructure destruction.

What is the solution? To whom does the wealth of the world belong? Again there is an answer in the Christian Bible. A lot depend on whom and what you worship.

Haggai 2:8 states the following : “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Luke 4: 4 and 5 Reveals the following : “And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

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. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine “

From which source do you want to partake in the gold and silver?

Is the Kingdoms of the world , the works of the flesh kingdoms, corporations, companies, political parties, etc guided by the works of the flesh (CONFLICTS) or by love and sharing.

Is the one speaking in Luke 4 verses 4 and 5 , sharing or selfish.

Matthew 5:45 states that one speaking in Haggai 2 , casts his blessing over the righteous (the just) and the unrighteous (the unjust).

His is the creator of love and the fruit of love is describe in Galatians 5:22 and 23.

Contrast it with the works of the flesh. The works of the flesh follow and worship the temporary owner of all the kingdoms of the earth (check the word, only temporary)..Galatians 5 “:19 and 21.

The fruit of the spirit is produced by the worshipers of the One to whom all the wealth belongs and who is sharing it and who is setting the captives free.

Who are you worshipping ? The kingdoms of the world which include celebrities, sport stars, human leaders (spiritual leaders included) , all of whom are belonging without knowing it, to the one speaking in Luke 4 :4 and 5?

OR

The one speaking in Haggai 2:8, the one that will help you to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

He that hates the works of the flesh but who’s love is so great , as describe in John 3:16, that He will ultimately shares all his wealth with those who recognize His authority and follow Him.

SOUTH AFRICA : QUO VADIS. WHICH ROAD ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW?

James 4 :1-3 (KJ) (compare with other trnslations)

1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

James 5 :1-6

1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and

shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

Matt 5:45

for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

John 3:16

for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Galatians 5 :19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:

Galatians 5 : 22 and 23

23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The meaning of the scriptures according to the Message translation)

James 4

1-2 Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.

2-3 You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

James 5

1-3 And a final word to you arrogant rich: Take some lessons in lament. You'll need buckets for the tears when the crash comes upon you. Your money is corrupt and your fine clothes stink. Your greedy luxuries are a cancer in your gut, destroying your life from within. You thought you were piling up wealth. What you've piled up is judgment.

4-6 All the workers you've exploited and cheated cry out for judgment. The groans of the workers you used and abused are a roar in the ears of the Master Avenger. You've looted the earth and lived it up. But all you'll have to show for it is a fatter than usual corpse. In fact, what you've done is condemn and murder perfectly good persons, who stand there and take it.

Haggai 2

'I own the silver,

I own the gold.'

Decree of God-of-the-Angel-Armies.

Luke 4

led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works."

Matthew 5:45

for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

John 3:16

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life."

Galatians 5 19-21 The works of the flesh

19-21 It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.

Galatians 5: 22-24 Fruit of the Spirit

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Legalism is helpless in bringing this about;