

“The Righteousness Of God” Part 2

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2 Peter 1:1-4 King James Version

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Righteousness is: a right standing with God or doing what is right in the sight of God according to HIS WORD. This is speaking about divine nature, a nature change. Having the nature of God and doing what He said we can do take a hold of us and be us. Righteousness will give us the ability to stand before God without guilt, shame, condemnation or any sense of unworthiness.

The word of God tells us in Proverbs chapter 28...

Proverbs 28:1 King James Version

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Why are they bold?

2 Peter 1:1 King James Version

I...they have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

Let's turn to 2 Kings 6:15 ...

We become more righteous through the knowledge of God and before we even read the Word of God this evening, I'm not trying to appeal to someone's natural knowledge. I don't want you to go through your intellectual reasoning to see if God's Word might be correct.

I want you to stay with the Bible, the uncompromising Word of God. Because, if you don't have the Word of God, you have dark knowledge and you won't even be able to identify with what I'm saying and won't even be able to evaluate what I'm saying or even start to think if I'm telling you the truth or not because you won't know what the truth is.

In this passage, the Syrian Army is coming after Elisha. Why? They were coming after him because he was telling secrets to Israel's army about how the Syrian army was going to attack them. This was a tremendous advantage. So the king found out it was the prophet down in the valley that was getting knowledge from God – advanced information and he sent his army to capture Elisha. Now, he must've sent quite a few soldiers because it says they surrounded the whole city where Elisha was. He wanted to make sure Elisha didn't escape and bring him back to his palace and do whatever with him.

The Bible says they came down by night, thinking they were being sneaky and tricky which is really dumb. Because if Elisha knew which way they were coming to get Israel don't you think he knew when and which way they were coming for him?

Scripture states they surrounded the city and Elisha's servant got up that morning and went into town. So let's pick this up at verse 15...

2 Kings 6:15-17 KJV

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

Now that's a panic-filled, anxiety driven statement. Sound familiar to anyone hear? Fear has taken him over!

2 Kings 6:15-17 KJV

16 And he (Elisha) answered, Fear not: why? Because if you don't cut the fear out you ain't going anywhere – you are frozen, you won't think straight, look straight or talk straight. You won't be able to reason anymore like God wants you to. You have to cut the fear off first.

16 And Elisha answered, Fear not for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. Now, this was a statement based on the knowledge of who? God – are you with me on this? This was based on the knowledge of God not based on the knowledge in the class room (dark knowledge). Because the classroom will tell you that statement doesn't make any sense. So you have to couple the knowledge of the classroom with the knowledge of God.

You can have knowledge but it will be dark knowledge, it will be knowledge with ignorance in it. It's designed to keep you in bondage, it's designed to keep you on the Titanic (partying and carrying on thinking everything is fine because in the flesh it all makes sense) without a life boat. That's what you need is a life boat when you're on the Titanic. With this economy, and with governments getting away from God's laws, you better get your life boat ready. Because I'm going to stay afloat – how about you?

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

This is interesting because here is this idea of angels. This is a part that you and I are going to have to deal with.

Let me say this first, when Elisha prayed to the Lord to open the servant's eyes, as soon as the servant saw the angels what do you think happened to his fear? It left. So the way to get fear out of your life is knowledge. Knowledge will get you back in right standing with God.

Let me also tell you another way to cast fear out of your life – perfect love.

1 John 4:18 KJV

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.

We have all kinds of fears and I told you last week that another type is a fear of rejection. Fear that you won't be accepted. Rejection is not based on inferiority it is based on superiority.

Turn to Ephesians 1...

Ephesians 1:3-4 KJV

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

When were you chosen? **Before the foundation of the world!**

Because you are chosen, the world or the people of this world who don't know Christ will try and reject you. They want to reject you not because of inferiority as most think, that is a deception, their rejection is based on superiority. That's the key, it is superiority and what happens is that you and I have something in us that God will use to keep them from going to hell. So the devil wants you out so he makes them reject you and persecute you. But it's not based on your inferiority, it based on your superiority. Who's going to heaven? If you got something that I ain't got – I'm going to go after you.

Joseph was rejected by his brothers but notice what happened when he finally reunited with them, he was one of the richest men in the world. What did he say?

Genesis 50:20 KJV

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

How about Jesus, they rejected Him didn't they? But what does He say in Mark 12...

Mark 12:10 KJV

The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

Mark 12:10-11 TLB

The Rock the builders threw away became the cornerstone, the most honored stone in the building!

Even though they might reject you, look what it says down here in verse 6 of....

Ephesians 1:6 KJV

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (his son Jesus)

Even though they rejected you, God accepted you. Why? Because He has chosen you, when? Before the foundations of the world.

He didn't choose you to say look what I got, HE chose you so you won't let your family go to hell.

HE chose you so that you would keep your city from going to hell.

He chose you so that you would keep this nation from going to hell.

He chose you so that you would go to Africa or send someone there so they wouldn't go to hell.

He chose you to go to (*name a place where you go*) so that they won't go to hell – that's why you were chosen. To bring the Blessing!

You have something in you that will keep every man, woman, and child from going to hell. Now I know that the principalities and powers and the natural knowledge might seem powerful but it's no match for a Kingdom minded ambassador.

Everyone is chosen, but will they, will you and I choose HIM?

We need to get the revelation of this. You and I were in a group, a group of friends, a place in life that was not right, living in a way that was dark and HE saw something in you and chose you and you said yes.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 KJV

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants or slaves upon the earth.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 Good News Translation

5 Here is an injustice I have seen in the world—an injustice caused by rulers.

6 Stupid people are given positions of authority while the rich are ignored.

7 I have seen slaves on horseback while noblemen go on foot like slaves.

What's HE talking about here? HE is talking about the Church. HE's talking about people like you and me. He's saying the one that is supposed to be the head is acting like the tail and those who are supposed to be the tail are acting like the head.

From this day forward I want you to receive an aristocratic mindset. What am I saying? Having the manners, values, or qualities associated with the King. When you are born again, you are born a child of God. In other words, you are born into a royal family, you are royalty. It's a family of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Understand you have been given the Holy Spirit who is your tutor, who is your teacher, who is the one who gives you proof. He's the one who gives you understanding, so He will teach you how to walk in royalty and what royalty means.

So the first thing HE will tell you is who you are, He's not only going to tell you that but...

- o He's going to tell you that you're not a chicken you're an eagle.
- o He's going to tell you that you're not underneath but your above.
- o He's going to tell you that you have the nature of your heavenly father, and that the DNA you have is a DNA of the supernatural.

- o He's going to tell you how to act and how to sit, to get your shoulders back and how to behave, how to speak and how to say things to people and speak the truth in love.
- o He's going to tell you to speak faith, to speak life.
- o He's going to tell you how to act around people.
- o He's going to tell you what's expected of you as a royal child.

This does not develop automatically this is taught. He is going to teach you how to be an aristocrat. I'm not talking about someone who is snooty, stuck up and won't speak to anybody. I'm talking about servant leadership, I'm talking about someone who can be a king yet who can help someone up who is poor – poor in all areas of life.

God has said something about you, and I need to tell you what HE said.

Ecclesiastes 8:4 KJV

4 Where the word of a king is, there is Power.

Job 22:28 KJV

*28 Thou shalt also decree a **thing**, and it shall be established unto thee:*

We forget or we don't even know, but we have angels with us that are traveling with us right now that are making things happen for us. Many times the saints of God didn't know who they were in Him so they didn't use the resources that God has for them so they are conforming to the world.

But, this is a new day! From now on, envision an entourage traveling with you. I'm talking about a host from heaven that will secure you and go before you just like the secret service goes before the President of the United States. They will secure the area from when you walk in there so nothing will hurt you.

Turn to Micah chapter 4 verse 9...

This is a new day – aristocratic mindset – you are royalty – God said this, not me, God did.

Micah 4:9 KJV

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee?

Micah 4:9 GNT

9 Why do you cry out so loudly? Why are you suffering like a woman in labor? Is it because you have no king,

1 John 4:4 KJV

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

There are so many people who are not able to reason things because there is no king in them. See, there's things royalty can receive that poor people, dark knowledge people can't receive – it's too high for them. They can't digest it, can't process it. But you, YOU are royalty! It's time to start acting like it.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Proverbs 28:1 KJV

1 ...the righteous are bold as a lion.