



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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As for my enemies who did not want me for their king, bring them here and execute them in my presence. — Luke 19:27

Wisdom Begins with Fear ... of God

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Probably most people who pay attention to the media would think first of Greta Thunberg if I brought up the subject of fear. She is the latest spokesperson for governments of the world bent on using climate alarmism to gain more power. At just sixteen years of age, suffering from severe spiritual trauma, Greta is qualified to predict that the world will end in twelve years unless the United Nations is empowered to micromanage everything, even the air we breathe.

While we do need to be concerned about the pollution our overly materialistic and carnal societies create, CO2 is the least of our worries. We don't need to fear the miniscule rise in CO2 or temperatures. We do need to develop more of a stewardship relationship with nature.

God gave us the duty to *CARE* for nature, not worship or fear it. He also gave us the unique capacity in nature to organize socially and scientifically to confront looming threats. Our existence is not threatened in twelve years if we don't make Al Gore King of the World.

We are dirtying up the beautiful garden God made for us to inhabit and steward. We must put aside the fear, and choose to beautify it instead. We all must do our part. Governments have a part to play. But they need us.

A good place to begin would be the parable of Jesus Christ that ends with the thought above ... "bring them here and execute them in my presence."

Execute who?

Jesus begins the parable observing, "His compatriots detested him and sent a delegation to follow him with this message, 'We do not want this man to be our king.'" The nobleman in the parable was travelling to a distant country to be appointed king.

The parable ends with this frightful declaration by the King, "execute them (the compatriots) in my presence."

That's in the Bible. That's Jesus. He isn't being all that nice and tolerant, now is He? The men who worked to undermine the power of the King are singled out for execution. The servants who were given stewardship over small portions of the King's wealth in his absence were rewarded according to their success in trading.

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The servant who did nothing with the wealth entrusted to him lost it. It was taken from him and given to the man who had earned the most in trading.

Based on the examples of the servants Jesus teaches, “I tell you, to everyone who has will be given more; but anyone who has not will be deprived even of what he has.” The United States of America was given much by God, the Creator of everything. The English speaking people who created the nation stewarded the impressive natural and human resources of their portion of North America well. For four hundred years God rewarded the United States with great wealth, enabling the emergence of the most materially prosperous population the world has ever seen.

America started with a political and justice system designed to protect trading — the free market. The most robust protections for intellectual property in the world developed in the West. Through neglect of God — fearing God — it appears America is beginning her decline.

The Pope claims that it’s long past time. America is a swaggering drunk on the world stage. He has a point. But we’re worse than a swaggering drunk — we’re a swaggering sodomite. We’ve been so successful promoting sexual immorality that even the Pope and his priests seem to have drunk the kool aid.

We can step back from the brink of our own destruction. It isn’t complicated. We simply must decide to move ahead with the principles that brought the reward in the first place. We learned them from Christianity. Kanye West is the latest popular preacher of that old, old story.

We can go on undermining the power of the King, Jesus Christ, in the world. But if we do we shouldn’t be surprised when He finally gets fed up enough to say to U.S. “Bring them here and execute them in my presence.”

Selah.