

“WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?”

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INTRO: We are facing in our world the overlapping of two serious pandemics, which I’m going to refer to as the Covid-19 pandemic and the racism pandemic. Which side are you on? Which side is God on? God is on His own side! To what degree are you on God’s side?

I. AN ANGEL ANSWERS THE QUESTION (Josh. 5:13-15).

- A. Whose side are you on? Are you for us or for our adversaries? No 3rd alternative is considered.
- B. Which side was the angel on? The angel was on God’s side! This humbled Joshua.
- C. God’s side is holy ground and must be revered!
- D. Will you get on God’s side regardless of the cost?
- E. What is God’s side of how He wants us to see, process and respond to the various issues we face in life?

II. LIVE OUT OF A KINGDOM CULTURE ORIENTATION OVER AN EARTHLY CULTURAL ORIENTATION (Rom. 9:6-12).

- A. Your human parents don’t determine your true identity (vv. 6-7)!
- B. Becoming children of God is not a matter of your racial lineage, but your spiritual lineage (v. 8)!
- C. God reversed the natural order and called for the older natural person to serve the younger spiritual person.
- D. Are you living primarily out of your kingdom culture orientation or your earthly cultural orientation – the one that determines your skin color or the one that determines your eternity?
- E. We will never overcome racial and other issues by living out of our natural identity!

III. YOUR YOUNGER CULTURE WHICH IS TO RULE OVER YOUR OLDER CULTURE.

- A. There’s true racial equality in kingdom culture (Gal. 3:26, 28)!
- B. In the family of God, you become a part of a new nationality (1Pet. 2:9-10)!
- C. In the family of God, we are one new humanity regardless of our earthly culture (Eph. 2:13-22; Ps. 133:1, 3)!