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Prophetic Insight for the Last Days

“THE GOVERNMENTS OF MAN ARE DECREASING AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IS INCREASING, PART 2”

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In our natural world in the United States, our government has 3 branches:

- Legislative** --- Makes laws {Congress, comprised of the House of Representatives and Senate}
- Executive** --- Carries out laws {President, Vice President, Cabinet, most federal agencies}
- Judicial** --- Evaluates laws {Supreme Court and other courts}

Although right now in our country, this structure is being challenged on a daily basis. This is how the Constitution of the United States intended for this country to be governed. The three levels of government in the US are federal government, state government, and local government. This is just a simple breakdown of how the natural government is supposed to function in our country.

While the Kingdom Remnant Seed is waiting for the visible Kingdom of God to manifest in our midst, in actuality the Kingdom of God is already here in the Spirit:

“And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! For Behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” {Luke 17:20-21}

So let us ask this question and answer it: How is the Kingdom of God governed that is on the earth right now? There are 5 branches of Governmental authority that have been ordained by God to carry out His will, purpose, and plans on the earth, and they are:

“ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” {Ephesians 4:11-16}

Jesus gave 5 Governmental Gifts to rule and lead the Body of Christ in the earth today, and I’m going to give you a simple breakdown of these Governmental Gifts:

The Apostle: Comes from the Greek word “Apostello”, meaning one who is sent; one called to build, organize, and administrate churches; one commissioned under the authority of Jesus; one who had a personal encounter with Jesus; one who had confirmed miraculous signs that followed his ministry. Paul declared that the church is “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.” {Ephesians 2:20} Scriptures that confirm these facts are: Acts 1:22, 10:39-41, I Corinthians 9:1, I

Corinthians 15:7-8, Acts 1:2, Acts 10:41, Acts 1:5-8, Acts 8:14, II Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 2:3-4.

The Prophet: Comes from the Greek word “Propheteia”, meaning one who is a seer: a person chosen to speak for God and to guide the people of God; one who flows with a prophetic message that causes God’s people to submit and follow Him; one who receives divine revelation from God and speaks it with boldness and authority. Scriptures that confirm these facts are: Deuteronomy 18:18, Numbers 12:6, II Peter 1:20-21, Jeremiah 1:4-10, I Peter 1:10-12, Jeremiah 23:16, Deuteronomy 13:1-3, Amos 3:7, Jeremiah 28:9, Deuteronomy 18:21-22.

The Evangelist: Comes from the Greek word “Euaggelistes”, meaning one who has an undeniable value for the lost; has great joy in sharing their testimony to others; has the ability to connect with others; the Gospel excites them so much that they can’t keep it to themselves; they are continually leading lost people to the Lord; they spend a lot of time with people who don’t know Jesus. Scriptures that confirm these facts are: Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 10:15, Ezekiel 38:23, Malachi 1:11, Matthew 5:15-16, Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 12:8, John 3:16-17, John 14:6, Acts 1:8, Acts 20:24.

The Pastor: Comes from the Greek word “Poimen” meaning one who is a shepherd, one who is a feeder, protector, and ruler of a flock of men. Someone who the Lord raises up to care for the total well-being of His flock {the people of the Lord}. Some of his duties are: Counseling, Teaching and Proclaiming the Word of God; Directing the vision of the church; Visitation to those who are sick and shut-in; Performing funerals, weddings, and ministering to the overall needs of the congregation. Scriptures that confirm these facts are: Titus 1:6, I Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:7, Jeremiah 3:15, Hebrews 13:17, I Peter 5:1-5, Acts 20:28, I Thessalonians 5:12-13, I Timothy 5:17.

The Teacher: Comes from the Greek word “Didaskalos” meaning one who is an instructor, one who teaches concerning the things of God, one who imparts knowledge and revelation, one who speaks the truth in love. Scriptures that confirm these facts are: Deuteronomy 32:2, Deuteronomy 11:18-19, Luke 6:40, Proverbs 1:2-4, II Timothy 2:15, I Corinthians 15:58, I Peter 3:15, Matthew 10:24, Romans 12:6-7, Romans 15:4, Colossians 3:16, Romans 2:18-23, Titus 2:7-8, James 3:1-2, Galatians 6:6.

One last point that I want to make is that because most of organized religion stopped recognizing the governmental leadership of the Apostle and Prophet, the foundation of the Church has been weakened. The restoration of these 2 gifts are now being restored and great power is flowing in the midst of the Kingdom Remnant Church. During this year of 2020, especially in the American churches, we have witnessed great fear, torment, a pulling back from carrying out their visions, and no longer being a bright light in their communities. However, the people who knew their God remained strong and did exploits. {Daniel 11:32} We are now seeing The Government of the Kingdom of God increasing and arising while the governments of man are decreasing and collapsing all around us. Jesus is coming soon, so we live by: NO RETREAT, NO SURRENDER, AND NO TURNING BACK.