



The Earth is the Lord's

And Moses said to him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands to the LORD; and the thunder will cease, neither will there be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is the LORD'S. Exodus 9:29

The just Jehovah could not expect Pharaoh to obey His voice, until He had shown Himself to be not just Lord of heaven, but also of earth. Some believe that heaven is God's domain but the earth was made for man. They see the earth as the place where they freely and independently rule. Others deal with the earth as neutral territory where the battle rages on with Satan until an ultimate future victory and they focus on their departure to heaven. The Bible teaches that the EARTH BELONGS TO GOD NOW and it was made for His glory.

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Psalm 24:1

Adam and Eve were never given the title deed to planet earth making them supreme owner and ruler and they were never created to take dominion independently of God. Neither are we. Because of their desire to rule as gods without God Almighty's oversight, the enemy was able to intrude into the affairs of earth. Satan continues to work through the children of disobedience, but the Lord reigns supreme over both the heavens and the earth.

Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, the spirit that now works (is active) in the children of disobedience: Eph. 2:2

The enemy is called the prince of the powers of the air, but his is a renegade government that was toppled at the cross. The enemy WORKS in the children of disobedience, but God REIGNS. When we fight a battle to dismantle the enemy's apostate rulership, it must be with the knowledge of the Absolute God's supreme dominion over the earth and over all of creation.

Beloved, the earth is the Lord's NOW, not just when He returns. His rulership is a present reality and we must cooperate with His governing power NOW.

There are consequences in our relationship with the Supreme God when we don't see that He rules ON EARTH NOW. Like Pharaoh, there is a lack of the fear of the Lord which leads to disobedience and disorder in our present lives. There are even believers who focus on their preparation for heaven but their present lives are in practical and moral disarray. There can also be a lack of thankfulness for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives when we don't acknowledge His lordship on earth.

Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. I Chron. 16:30

But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. Num. 14:21

The earth was created for the glory of God. The earth will never be earth as it was intended without God. But as we glorify and cooperate with Him as the Lord of heaven AND EARTH, the supreme Being of life and power defends us and is active in our lives here. As it is in heaven, so be it also on earth!

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