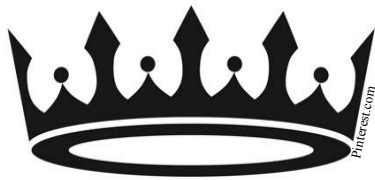


AWAKE, **Aware** and *Active*

God has ordained two different yet complimentary offices that rule over His kingdom. These offices are national and religious leadership. One wears a crown and the other wears the sacred ephod.



The two leadership positions are the core to law and love. They are of equal value in God's government and equally powerfully. God intended these two offices to be married, so that national leaders listen and adhere to the words of the righteous priests to ensure: servitude to God—their Creator and Life Giver, obedience to their Saviour—their Facilitator, caring to the people—protectors against Wickedness. Each office needs to be awake to the actions of the other, aware of the ways that correct wrong doing and active in returning leadership to follow God's law of love.

God never intended that national leadership be separate from religious leadership. This break has created a cesspool for Wickedness to breed, resulting in intense suffering for the people especially the most vulnerable. The ministry of God into the 21st century turns a blind eye to the corrupt national leaders. Most are not awake, aware or active.

During ancient times, before David was anointed King over Israel after the death of King Saul, warriors and leaders from all of the twelve tribes of Israel joined him during times of crisis and intense opposition (I Chronicles 12). They were awake to the political times; they were aware of what to do and they acted.

“The men of Issachar, who **understood the times** and knew what Israel should do...” (I Chronicles 12:32) (NIV, ESV). This verse is also translated, “All these men **understood the signs of the times** and knew the best course for Israel to take” (New Living Version).

Today, we live in politically charged times. Riots and rebels are springing up and causing discord and chaos, during a time when national leadership is finally, in the United States of America, turning to protect the people instead of abusing them. Wrong doing is being exposed to the

public. Human trafficking and paedophilia are being addressed and many rescued from torture and shame. But, the complimentary office—the religious leadership still remains aloof to their responsibilities of exercising pure religion.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world” (James 1:27).

God declares that pure religion is to first protect the most vulnerable on the face of the earth. The missing children born into prostitution caused by human trafficking, kidnapping or a purchase are the most vulnerable people on earth, yet, hunting down Wickedness to rescue these children and women is a task that religious leaders ignore. God is the Great Judge. He knows how and what should be done and He will hold both national and religious leaders accountable for the inhumane treatment, the suffering and death of millions because nobody took responsibility. Some, in their self defense, may say that organizations have been set up to protect these vulnerable, but they are ignorant. These organizations are the perpetrators of these types of crimes against humanity. Ignorance is not an excuse. Pure religion ensures that the most vulnerable are protected. It entails being active to investigate, strength to participate in regulating and monitoring established organizations to ensure that Wickedness never gets a foot in the door.

When Jesus Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, all these crimes will be exposed. Those who were active in rescuing and saving the lives of the most vulnerable on earth will be honoured and glorified, others will be ashamed that they were not awake, aware and hence, did not act.

Isaiah wrote, “Learn to do good. Seek justice. **Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows**” (Isaiah 1:17). Every woman stolen and forced into the business of human trafficking is a widow because no man is protecting her. At times, it is her father who sold her or through brute force she has lost all of her human rights and the men who should be protecting her have walked away. These women are widows.

On December 21, 2017, President Trump signed an “Executive Order Blocking the Property of Persons Involved in Serious Human Rights Abuse or Corruption.” He wrote, “By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) (NEA), the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (Public Law 114-328) (the “Act”), section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)) (INA), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code,

I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, find that the prevalence and severity of human rights abuse and corruption that have their source, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, such as those committed or directed by persons listed in the Annex to this order, have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of

international political and economic systems. Human rights abuse and corruption undermine the values that form an essential foundation of stable, secure, and functioning societies; have devastating impacts on individuals; weaken democratic institutions; degrade the rule of law; perpetuate violent conflicts; facilitate the activities of dangerous persons; and undermine economic markets. The United States seeks to impose tangible and significant consequences on those who commit serious human rights abuse or engage in corruption, as well as to protect the financial system of the United States from abuse by these same persons. I therefore determine that serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, and I hereby declare a national emergency to deal with that threat.”

One man is standing up to exercise pure religion. Who is awake to his efforts? Who is aware of what they should do? Who will act?

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