

KINGS, QUEENS & CHRISTIANITY
& THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION CHAPTER 28 – PART 1
The Lord's Day 25th September 2022

Scripture Readings: *1 Samuel 15, Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Peter 2:13-25, Ecclesiastes 12:10-14, Psalm 33.12.*

By God's grace, I want to briefly cover this subject of Kings, Queens, & Christianity, at this present time, because of the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II after a record reign of 70 years, and because of the soon to occur, swearing in and crowning of her son and heir, Charles III, God willing.

This occasion, and the issues surrounding it, are so momentous, they beggar description, and partly also because it confronts us with such a case of contradictions, which also beggars both belief and description, therefore I look to the Lord, for special grace, to do justice to all aspects of the matter. Amen.

FIRSTLY, GOD WANTS HIS CHURCH TO BE FAITHFUL, AS SAMUEL WAS, IN THE DAYS OF ISRAEL'S FIRST KING, SAUL: *Samuel was Israel's prophet, but the people cried out to God continually, because they wanted a king like the nations round about, and were tired of Samuel's faithful rule as Prophet and Judge of Israel, so, in obedience to the Lord's direction, Samuel anointed Saul King of Israel, and faithfully gave him counsel and direction. But Saul took it upon himself to make light of the Lord's instruction through Samuel, and instead of destroying all the enemy Amalekites and all their cattle, Saul kept the king Agag alive and saved some of the flock for sacrifice to God (See: There's the religious pretence: "I'm doing this for God") – Saul was king, but in this act, he usurped the dual role of Samuel as God's Prophet and Priest (can you see Saul was a pragmatic ruler, a proud politician, a man of expediency, who was quick to forget the absolutes and details of his requirements before God? Saul was exactly like Cain (**Genesis 4**), he reserved the right to personally alter the commandments of God, and to worship God in his own way, contrary to the way God had specified!).*

SAMUEL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO KING SAUL WERE CLEAR AND DETAILED, SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD:

1 Samuel 15, 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

****But while Samuel was away, the Lord saw all that Saul did, and all that he failed to do:***

10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

**Note the deluded mind and deceitful nature of Saul, boasting that he had obeyed the Lord, when clearly, he hadn't:*

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

**Then note the Lord's response:*

14 And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

(Saul was a 'politician' – he pandered to the will of the people, and obeyed God a little bit, here and there! His oath was ceremonial, just words! Their detail was not important to him, in any strict, literal sense.)

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

(Saul then blamed the people. But he was King! He could have overruled the people! There is a great lesson here! All the religion in the world does not excuse the disobedience of a King from his duty, which he sore to perform.)

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, **pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.**

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, **I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.**

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.

29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, **I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel,** and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. **And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.**

SAMUEL'S CONCLUSION OF THIS MATTER WAS SO DECISIVE, AND GOD'S WILL AND NATURE IN THIS MATTER ARE MADE SO CRYSTAL-CLEAR, THAT THIS STORY IS ONE OF THE MOST AWESOME THINGS YOU CAN POSSIBLY READ.

May the Lord bring upon us all, in this careless generation, the same overwhelming, inescapable presence and fear of God – the same Almighty God of Samuel and Saul, the same Almighty God of our founding fathers – so that we and the whole world cannot go forward from this day, without carrying with us, the blood spatters of Agag's execution in our mind's eye, and the unchanging, unbending Words of the Lord imprinted in our hearts!

We had a taste of this fear and presence of God in the Queen's funeral, as the true Word of God was read (the Authorised / King James Bible), and God will vindicate His own Words.

We are told, of this same Samuel, in 1 Samuel 3:19, And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. Let us pray for the same result! Why did not one of Samuel's Words fall to the ground?

Because they were God's Words that he spoke! And we have the same Almighty God and the same Words today, if people will only hear Him and believe His Words – not the words of men. Like Saul, modern churches have set aside God's Words, and think they are clever, but God only blesses by His own Words, not men's manipulations of them! It seems that in most churches today, Christ is standing at the door, knocking, asking if any man will hear Him, and let Him in (Revelation 3:20)!

The Bible doctrines relevant to Saul and Samuel, and to all Rulers and the Church today, are set down in the Westminster Confession of Faith:

CHAPTER XXIII

Of the Civil Magistrate

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under Him, over the people, for His own glory, and the public good; and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defence and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil doers.

Rom. xiii. 1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Peter ii. 13, 14.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE TODAY, WHO THINK THEY HAVE NATURAL 'RIGHTS' AS NATURAL HUMAN BEINGS. THESE PEOPLE ARE DELUDED – even if there was no earthly authority, we cannot escape the fact that Almighty God rules over all His creation. Sometimes this is called the 'Sovereign Citizens' movement. They also appeal to so-called 'International Law', when they think their freedoms have been overruled, but there is no such thing as 'Sovereign Citizens', nor is there any such thing as 'International Law' – if there was, it would all be found in the Word of God, for God is the one Who created it all, and rules it all, just as He sees fit, and men in general, do not have any rights, they only have responsibilities, both to God and man – and these responsibilities to God and man are summarised in the Law of God, called, "The Ten Commandments", which are found in Exodus 20, not in the ungodly confusion of nations, and this is as simple as 'ABC'.

IF MEN WANT TO ADDRESS THE WRONGS IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE TO GO, TO APPEAL TO, AND THAT IS ALMIGHTY GOD AND HIS WORDS. It is sad and ironic, that 99 % of all the so-called 'Freedom-fighters' have no idea about this fundamental truth, and have no humility before Almighty God, Who just happens to be the Judge of all men! Therefore, all their freedom-fighting is doomed to failure, because it is all just more rebellion against God. Even professing Christians are deceived by this – it doesn't seem to occur to them, that they need God's blessing daily, but some of them are so busy kicking against the

pricks and poking the bear, that they are continually in conflict with God, and are suffering for their own foolishness and rebellion. It hasn't occurred to them, that only obedience to God's Word makes way for His blessing. There is no blessing of God for those who despise and reject His commandments!

But here is the wonderful thing: 'The Westminster System', so-called, the British system of government and justice, is based squarely on the worship of Jesus Christ as Almighty God, and on His inspired and preserved Words (the Authorised / King James Bible)! And how unspeakably wonderful is it, that those Divine Words were read to all the world at the Queen's funeral service!

SECONDLY, THE WESTMINSTER CONFSSION ON KINGS & QUEENS: IN THIS FIRST PARAGRAPH OF CHAPTER XXVIII OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFSSION, FIVE GREAT FOUNDATIONS ARE LAID DOWN, CONCERNING THE RULE OF 'MAGISTRATES' OR 'KINGS':

- 1. Almighty God is King over all His creation;*
- 2. He has ordained men to be rulers over various parts of His world;*
- 3. Their God-appointed rule is for the good of all the people – not for the destruction or abuse of the people, and for the glory of God – not of man;*
- 4. God has given His appointed rulers the sword of state to enforce that rule;*
- 5. God requires rulers to reward good and punish evil – not to reward evil and punish good.*

There is a wealth of instruction in these points alone, but for today, let us simply note them as the absolutes, the foundational points of doctrine about authority and rule in the earth, which are all based on God's Words – one Scripture will suffice: 1 Peter 2:13-25,

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Here is one for the freedom people: There is only one kind of freedom in this world – i.e. in the service of God! Everything else is a form of bondage. How wonderful is the wisdom and power of the Word of God! This exposes the utter foolishness and futility of fighting for 'rights', and waving rebel flags, as so many are doing, without giving a thought to Almighty God! Most men worship

themselves, not God, they have no interest in Him at all! Even in religion, most men's religion is all about themselves, not about Almighty God – this is the error of Cain. Therefore, all their do-gooding is only evil-doing, and they will be made to account for it in due time. Peter goes on:

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

*This is the attitude of those who love God, who fear God, and keep His commandments! An attitude of **humility and surrender** to Almighty God in all things, because He is ruler over all things, which is the opposite of **pride**.*

And this, the Scripture says, is the whole duty of man!

(Ecclesiastes 12, 10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.)

***DO WE FEAR GOD? THIS IS THE QUESTION!** And in one sense, it is the only question, or at least, the first question.*

***Much is said about so-called 'witnessing'** – but if we would be true witnesses to Christ, we would exhort men to fear God and worship God, and then, if they are at all convicted by this exhortation, we can go on to explain that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh for us (but all witness must be from the Scriptures!).*

And if we do heed this exhortation, we will see that fearing God, necessarily includes fearing His appointed rulers in the earth! Now there's a novel concept for some!

***I'll mention again, the classic example currently before all the world – the war in Ukraine.** Do the people involved fear God at all? Apparently, it hasn't even occurred to them, that it is Almighty God Who has put Vladimir Putin in charge of such vast wealth and military power, so they take it upon themselves to be his judge, jury, and executioner, all without the slightest reference to God, and all in complete and utter presumption and humanistic pride! What a recipe for disaster, and for their own ruin! Read Jeremiah and the other prophets, and see how they were hated by their own people, because they preached this same message to them, that God was sending the Assyrians and the Babylonians against His own people, because of their sins – but these are so presumptuous (as are Australians today), that they think they cannot possibly be wrong. All the hype I hear seems to be about*

*how evil Putin is, and how many Russians they vow to kill, and how the whole world ought to be fighting the Russians for them – as I say, no humility! No fear of God! No recognition that “the powers that be are ordained of God” (Romans 13:1). **These people are so-emptyheaded and so brainwashed by the media, that it never occurs to them that, what God calls “the powers that be” includes powers like Russia and China!** They live in ‘Disneyland’, a world of American make-believe, which they THINK is Christianity! But hey! It isn’t surprising – they have forsaken the Word of God – they call the King James Bible ‘Old Hat’! It IS going to get worse for these people, as they continue to avoid the Word of God and “kick against the pricks” of it.*

***Then there is our own Monarchy:** people think they can just throw tantrums and get their own way – they have never grown to adulthood, let alone to any Christian maturity! They say, the Queen was no good and cost us so much money, and Charles will be worse. Let’s get rid of him and have a president! Well, even if they get the president they desire, if he does the right thing, he will punish evildoers, and these whingers and rebels have no idea what is coming to them, just as Ukraine (should have known) but had no idea, what Russia would unleash against them if they kept poking the proverbial bear, which God sent.*

***Then we have the gentlemanly Monarchists in Australia, who have Roman Catholic ‘Monarchists’ as their guest speakers** – they too, have NO FEAR of God! Can’t they read? Have they not read the Coronation Oath or the Act of Settlement, or even our own Constitution? Can they not simply read, that our Monarchy is absolutely opposed to Rome’s rule and its false religion. Do they know nothing at all, or are they just such habitual liars, they cannot speak the truth, even when they know it is written in black and white?*

***I don’t need to preach a sermon today explaining what Protestant means** – if you don’t know the simple fact that British rule = Protestant = Bible-based, whereas by contrast, Roman Catholicism = Pagan world-wide tradition, headed by a false Christ, with just a thin veneer of Christianity over it for disguise, then you don’t know much about Christianity, but that is a study for another day, and a study you must look at, or run the risk of perishing with the unbelievers!*

***Let me just illustrate this point before I go on:** when I was a baby Christian, of no more than two or three weeks in the faith, I was approached by a local Freemason, and canvassed for membership in the Lodge. At the time, I had almost no Bible knowledge, nor did I know anything about Freemasonry, but the Lord showed me, as I read his Masonic magazine, that you could be admitted into the Lodge if you just acknowledged some form of ‘Supreme Being’. Then immediately, I knew that this was of the Devil, because I had just become a Christian by believing in the one True and Living God, and His Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that He is the Creator and Judge of all men, and that He will not tolerate*

other gods! Similarly with Catholicism, read the Ten Commandments – even the First & Second Commandments, and Catholicism is exposed for worshipping other gods and graven images! You don't have to know much, you just have to be born again, and know Who Jesus is and what Christianity is, to know the difference!

Please don't make this matter, of Christian empires and anti-Christian empires, complicated. This is the simple, 'A,B,C's' of Christianity. It is what Christians have all known for 2,000 years. There is only one "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS", and His name is 'Jesus Christ'! Christianity is named after Him, not Buddha or Confucius!

I was greatly blessed to view the funeral service of our late Queen Elizabeth II last week, to hear them read from the King James Bible, to hear them sing hymns and quote Scriptures which say plainly that Christ is on heaven's throne and ruling all creation! The Church of England has backslidden terribly, in various ways, but that service would teach all the Evangelicals in the world a thing or two about basic Christianity! It was glorious! This is the great power of Christian tradition (Not Roman Catholic or Pagan tradition, NO! Christian tradition! Biblical tradition!), if God's Truth is enshrined in centuries-old traditions in worship, as only the Church of England has done (the Church of Scotland even more so), then all the world hears the Gospel trumpet blast at every gathering. I have no doubt that thousands of heads of state and officials, adulterers and blasphemers, Atheists and perverts of every kind, met with God that day, and were shaken to the very core by the hearing of God's Words! I have no doubt, that the King himself saw the glory of God as he had never done before, and that a multitude of careless unbelievers, for a moment in time, actually worshipped God and confessed their sins!

I won't take time to go further into Peter's exhortation, but he urges us all to humility and fear of the Lord, in every practical thing in daily life, which is the example of Christ's humility and suffering, which our Queen also exemplified, during her 70 year reign,

21 For even hereunto were ye called: **because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:** **22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: **24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. **AMEN!** *God willing, we'll continue next week.*

KINGS, QUEENS & CHRISTIANITY PART 2 – THE CORONATION OATH ***The Lord’s Day 2nd October 2022***

Scripture Readings: Romans 13:1-8, Psalm 33.12, Isaiah 5:20, 2 Timothy 2:19, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 24:24, Romans 8:9.

*We have begun by observing the need to be faithful in all things, as Samuel the Prophet and Judge of Israel was, in the days of King Saul, and that God has set powers in place (“the powers that be are ordained of God” **Romans 13:1**), and that the fear of God includes the fear of His appointed authorities.*

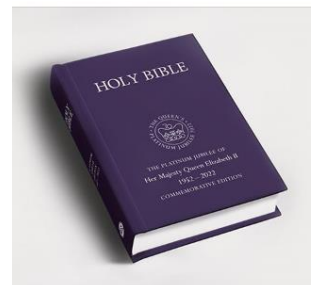
Incidentally, that is why some of us can look back on our upbringing, and though it may not have been perfect, we see that discipline and tough times made us better equipped for life, far better than if we had been brought up to focus on ourselves, rather than the ‘Golden Rule’ of thinking of others first. Fear of authority was pounded into us, and this was not a bad thing.

So, last week’s introduction was partly, a tribute to our departed Queen, while this week’s follow-on will be more of a question about her faith and reign.

So, let us look more closely at our own Christian Monarchy:

THIRDLY, THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND ETC: THE WORD OF GOD VIA A PROTESTANT THRONE & MONARCHY: THE CORONATION OATH OF ELIZABETH I IN 1953 SPEAKS FOR ITSELF:

- ***FIRSTLY, THE OATH IS FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD, I.E., THE AUTHORISED / KING JAMES BIBLE, as the Trinitarian Bible Society recently reminded us:*** It was deeply saddening to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her Platinum Jubilee year.



At her coronation in 1953, the Queen was presented with an Authorised Version (King James) Bible to these accompanying words:

Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God.

We give thanks to Almighty God for preserving Her Majesty throughout the seventy years of her reign. As such, the Society produced a commemorative edition to mark Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee and the Queen recently conveyed her gratitude for having received a gift of this commemorative Bible from the Society.

The Society extends its condolences to King Charles III and his family during this difficult time and **prays that his reign will be one of obedience to the most high God** — and that it may be a time when the nation once again receives the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

‘Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.’ *Psalm 33.12*

A good word from TBS! And how wonderful that Australia’s founding fathers, in keeping with their own founding fathers of Great Britain, penned the Constitution, “Humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God” (Commonwealth of Australia Constitution 1901)! Blessed indeed, is such a nation! But only until we sell our birthright, & follow Esau, instead of Jacob!!!

- ***SECONDLY, THE OATH IS DISTINCTLY PROTESTANT AND REFORMED: England has been Christian and Protestant, (i.e. Bible-based), from the beginning, even from the time of Christ, but by the 4th century, Rome was flexing her muscles and forcing her dominion. There were bright spots in England’s Christian history, with unshakable foundations laid by the likes of Patrick, Columba, and Alfred the Great, but she was decidedly, and legally Protestant, from Henry VIII, in 1533 – just 7 years after Tyndale’s Bible was printed in English, 1 year before Martin Luther produced the Bible in German, and also, just 1 year before the Jesuit Order was founded by Ignatius de Loyola for Rome’s Counter-Reformation against the Protestants. So, the stand Henry VIII made in 1533 was England’s permanent break with Rome, and England’s repudiation of Rome’s authority over the realm, (and Rome has hated England with a vengeance ever since, and done all in her power to destroy England), but the laws cementing that Protestantism permanently into the realm have been most firmly established since William III (William of Orange, or King Billy) in 1688, who also gave us the Bill of Rights 1688, and the Act of Settlement in 1701, which required that the Monarch could not be Roman Catholic, nor even marry a Roman Catholic.***

By the way, the Act of Settlement was changed in March 2015 (after 3 ¼ centuries!!!), to allow Charlie to be King, as he had already married a Roman Catholic and divorcee, Camilla Parker-Bowles, after previously divorcing his own wife, Diana, knowing full well all the implications of his errors!

That is the basic story of England’s and/or Great Britain’s Protestantism’s being established in law (“England”, at various times in history, was called Britannia, England, Great Britain, or the United Kingdom, as different parts of the isles were excluded or added and names changed – London is almost as old as Christianity, but although it was not always the capital of the entire British Isles, it has long been the centre of what we generally call “England”).

- ***THIRDLY, THIS PROTESTANT HISTORY IS WHAT LED TO THE CORONATION OATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II – SHE WAS CROWNED A PROTESTANT QUEEN: HERE IS THE OATH SHE TOOK IN 1952:***

The Queen having returned to her Chair, (her Majesty having already on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1952, in the presence of the two Houses of Parliament, made and signed the Declaration prescribed by Act of Parliament),
the Archbishop standing before her shall administer the Coronation Oath, first asking the Queen, Madam, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?

And the Queen answering, I am willing.

The Archbishop shall minister these questions; and the Queen, having a book in her hands, shall answer each question severally as follows:

Archbishop. Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the Peoples of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon, and of your Possessions and the other Territories to any of them belonging or pertaining, according to their respective laws and customs?

Queen. I solemnly promise so to do.

(Note: “your Possessions” – Enemies of the Crown & The Westminster System of law & government hate the idea of ‘Crown land’ – but here it is in the Coronation Oath! Australia was founded on this reality!)

Archbishop. Will you to your power cause Law and Justice, in Mercy, to be executed in all your judgements?

Queen. I Will.

Archbishop. Will you to the your utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them or any of them?

Queen. All this I promise to do.

(Note: This is the most powerful part of the Queen’s Oath, which she personally swore in 1953! Most Australians today would not even know what “the Protestant Reformed Religion” was, much less, that it was “established by law”! How is it that the only “religion” that is established by law, is the only religion outlawed today, with the modern, globalizing trends? The blame lies squarely at the feet of the people who, as I say, don’t even know what it is! The people have welcomed the Satanic changes.)

Then the Queen arising out of her Chair, supported as before, the Sword of State being carried before her, shall go to the Altar, and make her solemn Oath in the sight of all the people to observe the premises: **laying her right hand upon the**

Holy Gospel in the great Bible (which was before carried in the procession and is now brought from the Altar by the Archbishop (The Bible to be brought) and tendered to her as she kneels upon the steps), and be brought saying these words: **The things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God.**

Somebody will say, “I don’t know about this “Protestant Reformed Religion”, nor do I care, so long as I have beer and football. Well, let me say to those people, “Your beer and football are about to run out! And nor do you deserve to have beer and football, while you despise the very foundation this nation has been built on since 1788! You have despised the “Almighty God” of your own founding fathers, and He is beginning already to show you the consequences of your madness.”

THERE IS NO ESCAPING ELIZABETH’S PROTESTANT RESPONSIBILITIES: They are written in black and white, and in that written form, they go all the way back to William III (1688 & 1701)! For Elizabeth to ‘do nothing’ in the face of the grievous heresy and infidelity that has taken place during her reign, makes a mockery of her position and profession as titular ‘Head of the Church’, even if such things are allowed by the Church. Even as a members of the Church, we all have a responsibility for the whole body – if we see evil going on, we are required, by conscience and the Word of God, to address it in whatever way we can that is appropriate – how much more the Queen, who is the figurehead of the Church, and a pictorial representation of Christ and His rule, who literally swore to rule in Christ’s name.

It is a good thing, that the Queen did not see herself as a Pope, a tyrant, to rule with a rod of iron, but she has not ruled at all! She swore to rule according to God’s Word, and even to maintain God’s Word, and the Protestant Reformed Religion, and the order of the Church etc. She did NOT swear to ‘do nothing except look pretty’! I’m sorry! She’s a beautiful lady, and I have genuinely honoured her as Queen, but I cannot lie about her grievous errors. Today, I am not seeking to make a glowing tribute to her life and reign, but to address her Coronation Oath, and what that means, spiritually, politically, and socially, for her, and for all the people of her realm.

What would a businessman think of his wife if, after she had vowed before God, to be faithful only to him all her life, she began to entertain other men, on the pretence that it was helping her husband’s business, and his standing in the community amongst all the important people? No man would be so foolish as to think she was a good and faithful wife, or that she was fulfilling her marriage vows!

Then why does the whole world, especially the Church, accept the same treachery from a queen? Why do they not see that spiritual and political adultery is at least as bad as physical adultery, if not worse, because it has eternal

consequences? She has literally smiled as she committed perjury in 2000, welcoming the Pope, whom her Church calls, “The Antichrist”! (I have a picture, on the cover of the Protestant Alliance’s magazine showing this very matter, and God willing, you’ll see it in next week’s Bulletin.)

Yet I still honour her as our Queen! I am deeply moved, even to tears, when I see her pictures, and remember what a beautiful lady she was, and the great measure of solid values that were extolled and exemplified by her during her lifetime and long reign. But I cannot lie about her, or anyone else! If I lie, I deny the Lord, I deny my faith! But many, these days, seem to prefer to deny their faith, in order to be seen to be acceptable among men.

*Isaiah encountered the same hypocrisy during his very difficult and challenging ministry – He said of Israel (Isaiah 5:20), **Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil!***

Isaiah the prophet was not a ‘yes-man’! He did not lie about the sins of his king and his people.

John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, was not a ‘yes-man’! He did not lie about the sins of Scotland and its Queen. In fact, he openly rebuked the Queen, even telling her that it was not the place of a woman to rule the nation. Knox did not hate the Queen. He just didn’t renege on preaching God’s Truth. And probably, for that very reason, for the faithfulness of John Knox, Scotland was more reformed than England – Scotland still holds The Westminster Confession of Faith as the Church’s standard, and you may have noticed, that the new King, Charles III, swore just the other day, to maintain that standard for Scotland – so Knox’s faithful labours still bear fruit for Scotland after 4 ½ centuries! Not so, England!

THE CHURCH IS REQUIRED TO KEEP RULERS IN LINE, JUST AS IT IS REQUIRED TO KEEP ITS OWN MEMBERS IN LINE, & HOPEFULLY, THE LORD KEEPS US ALL IN LINE – and the Queen is both a ruler and a member of the Church. We don’t have the luxury of allowing tantrum-throwers to rule, either in the Church or the kingdom! Both the Queen and the Church had a duty to confront Prince Charles, and declare him disqualified and unfit to be king, require him to repent, and stop his childish, rebellious nonsense! The Church of Scotland would not have allowed Elizabeth, or Charles, to remain a member of the Church and commit treason and blasphemy as they have done. When I say, “treason”, I refer to the fact that the Queen has welcomed the Pope on English soil, and in addition, over the years, she has signed off on legislation which has basically all but overthrown Protestantism, contrary to her oath. But what can you do, with a backslidden Church, a backslidden Queen, and a backslidden population in general? All you can do is continue to pray and preach, and hope for a mighty purging fire of God-given

repentance to fall – but to be silent is not an option, or we perjure ourselves, as the Queen has done. God help us to be more like John Knox!

THERE'S A PICTURE HERE (OF KING GEORGE VI IN HIS MASONIC REGALIA). IT



PROBABLY GOES A FAIR WAY TOWARDS EXPLAINING THE STRANGE INCONSISTENCIES IN BOTH ELIZABETH'S FAITH AND HER REIGN. Elizabeth's father, George VI, was a Freemason. She was definitely her father's daughter, and was groomed by him for the task that lay ahead. While there was much good in that, there were also seeds of error sown.

Whether she was aware of how she was being deceived (into the supposedly noble task of 'doing nothing' rather than actually being "Defender of the Faith") we cannot tell, but she did have a personal responsibility to live according to her oath.

Let us face it, the idea of being forbidden to interfere in politics and Church government may well be a long-accepted tradition in England, but it is not of God, and it is contrary to the Coronation Oath and the very Law of England itself! The Queen claims her ancestry goes all the way back to David, King of Israel – but David fort tooth and nail, at the risk of life and limb, to keep Israel safe; he did NOT merely sit on a throne and sign off on every Satanic piece of legislation put before him!

FREEMASONRY IS AN EVIL SATANIC CURSE, A BLIGHT ON ANY FORM OF CHRISTIANITY OR ANY FAMILY IT TOUCHES. *Some Freemasons, especially those in the lower ranks, believe they are part of a benevolent society which only does good to mankind, and they are unaware of the Satanic basis of this cult. Some think they are being good Protestants because, in theory, Freemasonry is Protestant, not Catholic – however this is another cunning lie, because **Freemasonry is Pagan to the core (encompassing all gods), and it has been under the control of Rome ever since Adam Weishaupt, a trained Jesuit, who became chair of Canon Law after Pope Clement XIV dissolved the Jesuit Order in 1773. Weishaupt established, in 1776, a secret society called the Illuminati, based on Jesuit principles. He joined Freemasonry in 1777 and brought his influence into it – hence, the Jesuit-Freemasonry connection – Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism are not opponents, they are two horns of the same 'beast', just like the 'two-party' system in our politics, nor is Freemasonry Protestant – it is not Christian at all!** Therefore, the king's involvement in Freemasonry, whether he was of high or low rank, cannot be seen to be merely something benign and benevolent, nor are the Satanic rituals harmless; all evil has its effect; all evil must be opposed and forsaken by God's people – Freemasonry is an evil, Satanic cult,*

and that is no secret, and the Jesuits control it. It is only those who are not willing to look at the facts who see it otherwise.

WAS THE KING A CHRISTIAN? *He certainly showed some good aspects of Christian character, as did Elizabeth, his daughter – e.g., he was apparently a far better man than his brother, who gave up the Crown of England for a woman who had been twice divorced, a man like Esau, who sold his birthright and went the way of the unbelieving world. But Bertie (George VI), whatever he was, was a better man than his brother, and he brought up his daughter Elizabeth under the same unbending principles. As for his salvation, who can say? Likewise with Elizabeth. We can only echo the Word of God: “The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity” (2 Timothy 2:19).*

SALVATION DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON BELIEVING ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, NOT ON WORKS (Ephesians 2:8-9 – 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.) BUT SALVATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PERSON AND PRESENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST, GOD’S GIFT TO EVERY BELIEVER (Romans 8:9 – Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his) – hence, all Christians ought to have a degree of spiritual discernment, to know right from wrong, but this discernment also depends on the regular instruction of “sound doctrine” from the Scriptures, something the Anglican Church has been sadly lacking for a long time.

It is not for us to judge where every individual stands before God, but it is our duty to maintain sound doctrine in the Church of God, because Christ did warn about false teachers, and that even the elect may be deceived (Matthew 24:24). Let us never cease to pray for God’s Church and our Monarchs, that Christ would have all the glory! Amen.

I have not dealt with great amounts of Scripture today, but I have underlined some of the most important Truths – let us prayerfully maintain them as our foundation – God help us never to forget: The United Kingdom is founded on the very Word of God (The King James Bible, which is still the only ‘Authorised Version’); The Coronation Oath itself is founded on the Word of God; that Elizabeth did swear a Protestant Oath, and that the long Protestant & Reformed history of a kingdom entirely separated from Rome and dedicated to Christ and Scripture alone, is what led to that momentous event in 1953! Amen.

KINGS, QUEENS & CHRISTIANITY Part 3
CREATION AND PROVIDENCE ARE OUR FOUNDATION
The Lord's Day 9th October 2022

Scripture Readings: *Romans 8:27-34, Genesis 1:24-2:3, Exodus 20:11, 2 Corinthians 12:2, Romans 5:12-15, Genesis 2:17, Matthew 28:19-20.*

*With the Queen's passing recently, and the soon crowning of a new King (I think it's to be in June next year), it behoves us to prayerfully consider what is going on, how we should view these matters in the light of Scripture, what our duty to Almighty God is in relation to them, and how we fit into the whole scheme of things, under Christ, Crown, Constitution, and Commonwealth of Australia, in our home country. **In other words, this is a lesson in practical, everyday Christianity.***

Today's lesson is a sort of interlude, as an introduction to the main subject, which we have begun already with two previous sessions, and God willing, will be completed next week. So this is our interim subject for today:

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE ARE OUR FOUNDATION

MY HOPE IS THAT WE MIGHT SEE MORE CLEARLY, THE GLORY OF GOD IN HIS PROVIDENCE FOR US AS A PEOPLE, AS WE COMPARE AND CONSIDER ASPECTS OF OUR OWN HISTORY AND NATIONAL STANDING WHICH, LIKE ALL CREATION, NEITHER SPRING FROM AN ACCIDENTAL 'BIG BANG' NOR AN ENDLESS PROCESS OF 'EVOLUTION', *but are the very works of God, and the gifts of God, to us who are completely unworthy of them, so that we might together, sit and marvel, and give all glory to Almighty God, "the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob", the "Almighty God" of the founding fathers of this Commonwealth of Australia.*

This is the very purpose of God for all His creation – that all should worship Him – and the poignant truth of it is, that we are not in some sort of chaotic, uncertain struggle for life and existence (as is falsely claimed by an evolutionary-minded generation), but that we are an integral part of a grand, eternal plan of God our Creator, which He is working out in every jot and tittle, until all is accomplished, and all the while, the acid test of God is being put to all creation, even as His redeeming work is proven upon those He has chosen to receive it, and eventually, all evil, and all that opposes Him shall be cast into everlasting fire, so that all creation literally, from that last day and for ever, shall worship Him unrestrained! Hence,

OUR COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT REST ON CREATION ITSELF: *This is why creation is such a vital, foundational doctrine. If we can grasp more fully, the*

*stupendous, undeniable fact, that literally “all things”, “visible and invisible”, were created, by Almighty God, “in six days”, then we are better equipped with the full assurance, that His ongoing providence and rule over all things visible and invisible, is equally stupendous, and secure, even from creation to this day and beyond. The truth of creation is stated in Scripture, so plainly, and in so many places, that nobody can deny it, yet we can appear to know this fact, and at the same time, scarcely begin to grasp the power of all its practical implications. Paul puts it wonderfully in **Romans 8**,*

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

28 And **we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, **how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

“IF GOD BE FOR US”, *If He Who created and controls every atom, and every invisible thing as well, including the Devil and his followers, if He is for us, who can be against us? Here is the cure to every fear, every anxiety, and the great majority of so-called ‘mental illnesses’, especially the escalation of it today, when people are departing from God and turning to drugs, hypnosis, other forms of mind control, and all sorts of humanistic and black arts, as a substitute, a magic fix – but there is no magic fix for people who turn away from God! I am not knocking genuine medicine and surgery (which I have benefitted from myself just recently), but if you haven’t yet woken up to the fact that modern pharmaceutical companies are more interested in making obscene amounts of money out of your sickness than in curing it, then it’s time you did wake up – whom do you trust, God or ungodly men? We must always remember Israel’s first king, Saul, who seemed like a great and godly man while all things were going well for him, but as he drifted from following God closely, was blinded, lost the blessing of God, and because of that awful emptiness and feeling of being powerless, turned to witchcraft for help. Saul’s delusion was such, that he wasn’t even fully conscious of his own pitiful*

state. But this is exactly the case with our present generation of Australians. When, on the 31st October, all Australians, with their unequalled spiritual heritage, ought to be remembering the Protestant Reformation, instead they are excited about the showy, Satanic and senseless celebration of Halloween. If you said they worship Satan, they'd laugh. Likewise the religious people who honour Satan at the Pagan, seasonal festivals of Christmas and Easter. Hence, each generation goes deeper into the darkness, and total blindness is the result.

Even Christians are affected by this worldly wisdom. Why do we not appropriate the Scriptures, like Romans 8? Because we either don't believe it, or we believe it with our heads and not our hearts, and so we 'play God', we try to do what only God can do, we try to control all creation, so that we can feel better, when Almighty God is already in control of it. What a futile exercise it is, for us to try to control what God already controls – as if we could elbow the Almighty out of the driver's seat, and say, "I'm driving!" He is not handing the wheel over to anybody, ever! You know how you hear people say, "I've got this!" Well, no, they haven't! God's got it – Nobody else has! He's got it all! That is why we should cultivate the habit of saying, "God willing", and mean it, so that every step we take is bathed in genuine prayer and humility. The Scriptures are not merely words to stir up our emotions and make us feel good. They'll do that, but their purpose is to give us understanding and wisdom, chiefly by instruction on what we must do and what we must not do, but firstly, they lead us to Christ, that we might stand in awe and worship Him, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, reigns over all things.

*But, coming back to this foundational fact of creation, the proof that we are not muddling along in some evolutionary process is in the creation itself: **From Genesis Ch. 1 & 2 alone**, we see that God created everything visible and invisible, in six days (each day consisting of "evening and morning"), and **when He finished, He declared it all to be "very good"!***

Genesis 1:31,

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1,

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WE READ THE SCRIPTURES CAREFULLY: Note in Genesis 1:1, we read that "In the beginning God created the heaven (SINGULAR) and the earth" ("heaven" here is singular, not plural!).

Then in Genesis 2:1, summing up, we see, "Thus the heavens (PLURAL) and the earth were finished, and all the host of them" (This time, "heavens" is plural! This is not a mistake or a translation error, as the half-smart, modernistic

preachers might claim! *It tells us that, in those six days, God created both the spiritual and physical realms of “the heavens and the earth” – “and all the host of them” – or, as it is put in Exodus 20:11, “and all that in them is”! This includes the “third heaven” (2 Corinthians 12:2) and the angels in the third heaven – literally everything – in six days!*

YOU WON’T FIND THIS TRUTH IN MODERN BIBLE (PER)VERSIONS! *The New King James (per)Version changes the word “heaven” (singular) in Genesis 1:1, to “heavens” (plural) – hence the Vatican-based, half-smart experts have robbed the people of this all-important Truth! God’s Word is consistent, and proves itself to be true, but the modern (per)versions make a butchery of it and even destroy the Gospel itself.) You need to read all of Genesis 1 carefully, in order to grasp this: In 1:1 the spiritual, or third heaven (including the angels) & the material earth; then in 1:6-8 & 14-18 the material, or first & second heavens, what we commonly call the ‘atmosphere’ and ‘space’. Altogether, this is, “the heavens and the earth...and all the host of them”, exactly as the real Bible says!*

AND IF ALL CREATION (VISIBLE & INVISIBLE) WAS “VERY GOOD” WHEN IT WAS FINISHED, THEN REBELLION DID NOT YET EXIST IN HEAVEN, & DEATH DID NOT YET EXIST ON EARTH! Death only came after Adam sinned: Romans 5,
12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

DEATH DID NOT COME BEFORE ADAM, IT CAME BY ADAM, AND BECAUSE OF HIS SIN – DEATH ITSELF IS THE PUNISHMENT OF ADAM! If Adam had NOT sinned, death could not have occurred, because God set the conditions beforehand – He said, “In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:17)!

BUT THANK GOD, DEATH DID OCCUR! *Death facilitated the workings of God’s perfect plan for us, because now we have redemption from death, for sinners like you and I! We need to study the Scriptures carefully, on Christ’s atoning death – many people think it was just an heroic deed, a matchless personal sacrifice, an example for others to follow – it was certainly that, but it was infinitely more! It was not based on sentimentality, but a divinely planned, infinitely ingenious, calculated, legal, (even mathematical!) transaction, which is mindboggling in its simplicity, unchallengeable and irrefutable to all God’s enemies, and absolutely effectual and final, for all redeemed sinners! When you consider that, if God had not set Adam as the head and representative of all mankind, then when Adam sinned, and each one of his children sinned, all would be justly condemned for*

ever, for their own sins, without hope or possibility of redemption – after all, death was the stated penalty for rebellion.

BUT GOD, IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM, MADE ADAM OUR NATURAL, EARTHLY HEAD, AND WE ALL FELL IN ADAM, SO THAT ALL THE REDEEMED COULD BE RAISED UP IN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR SPIRITUAL, ETERNAL HEAD. *The average person today is so shallow and ignorant, he is his own worst enemy! He thinks, “We want equality! Out with all this outdated, patriarchal nonsense! Down with white, male supremacy, especially if it is British! Everybody must be brown and genderless!” I even saw a comment this morning, about our departed Queen, which turned her unequalled, 70-year reign into an example of feminism! The Queen was anything BUT feminist! She stood, for 70 years, as the figurehead of a system, founded entirely on the Bible, on God’s creation and God’s order of creation, on the principle of patriarchal headship, with Adam and Christ as our heads. They don’t even realize, that if there had been a male heir before her, Elizabeth would not have reigned at all – and that even to this day, The Westminster System still recognises the Biblical foundation of male headship. This is the sickening, shallow mentality of this generation!*

THE UNBELIEVING WORLD HAS NO PLACE FOR ANY CONCEPT OF HEADSHIP, no idea what the Scripture means, “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”, ***and no idea what a gross sin their cry for equality is. How can they possibly understand the gospel, which is based on the headship of Adam and Christ?***

BUT HEADSHIP IS ALL EXPLAINED CLEARLY BY PAUL IN ROMANS 5. *When you understand that this is how Christ redeemed us from inevitable condemnation by a just God, then you know that our redemption is not just a possibility, but a certainty, an eternal reality in Christ our Head – the bottom line being that, if Christ paid the penalty of your sins, then nobody can require you to pay it again!*

REDEMPTION IS A LEGAL AND FINANCIAL TERM: IT MEANS ‘TO BUY BACK’ OR TO ‘PAY IN FULL’, AS YOU WOULD A LOAN OR DEBT. *I would love to go on, but this is just an introduction to a broader subject – I suggest you read prayerfully Romans 5, and feed on it, it will strengthen and uphold you and make your faith in God unshakable!*

JUST THINK ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS, AS CHRIST’S AMBASSADORS AND WITNESSES IN THIS WORLD – He did not send His disciples forth, saying, “Have a go, boys, just see what you can do, and when the world falls apart and there is

*nothing more you can do, I'll come back and rescue you, and examine you to see how well you have done", NO! He said, in effect, "Go forth in my name and triumph over all evil!" – Literally in these words, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations.... And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world!" (Matthew 28:19-20). **Christian preaching is a bold, dogmatic declaration of eternal Truth in Christ The Lord, not an apology for what we believe.***

BUT THE EVOLUTIONISTS REST THEIR FALSE THEORY ON THE BASIS OF THE FANTASY, OF MILLIONS OF YEARS OF LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE, which somehow improved, and advanced all things, and made multitudes of new species along the way!

But how can life come out of death? It's impossible! If everything is dying, how can it improve? It simply cannot!

THEREFORE, ANY MAN WHO SAYS HE BELIEVES IN EVOLUTION, IS FLATLY DENYING THE MOST BASIC TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE – even in the very first Book, Genesis Chapter 1! A man who denies this is not a Christian – he doesn't give God the glory as the Creator of life! Don't make excuses for unbelievers and liars, especially those preachers who are so filled with pride and presumption, that they change the very Words of God! They are not Christians (CHRISTIANS ARE DEFINED AS BELIEVERS OF GOD'S WORDS, NOT CRITICS OF THEM – IF YOU DON'T HAVE, FROM THE DAY YOU FIRST BELIEVED IN CHRIST, AN INHERENT SENSE OF AWE, AND CONVICTION THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORDS OF GOD, THEN YOU OUGHT TO DOUBT YOUR OWN SALVATION!). I don't say you have to understand and believe every word of Scripture before you can be called a Christian – I simply say that, if you hear and understand these most basic things, these foundational truths, and reject them, then you are not a Christian. This is how the churches have been filled, for many years, with unbelievers who thought they were Christians: Ignorance has been taught instead of God's Truth.

SO, LEAVING ASIDE THE MADNESS OF THE UNBELIEVERS AND GAINSAYERS, WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO CHEER UP! By God's grace, we, who really do believe in Jesus Christ the Lord, really are engaged in the glorious work of Almighty God, building His Church and eternal kingdom, and every atom, and every non-material thing, is all working for Christ, and by Christ, and to His glory, and we who believe on His name are part of this! So that, literally, "All things work together for good", for us! (Romans 8:28).

AND IF CREATION IS TRUE, HOW MUCH MORE IS PROVIDENCE! When I speak of seeing God's glory in His providence for us, as a people and nation, I am confessing before you, that this temporal, earthly Commonwealth of Australia,

somehow, miraculously, by the very finger of God, has been set up as a most amazing replica and figure of the eternal kingdom of God. May God give us all eyes to see this wonder He has created, and worship Him accordingly!

FOR STRIKING, TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THIS MIRACLE OF BOTH CREATION AND PROVIDENCE, WE NEED ONLY TO LOOK AT OUR NATIONAL FLAG: Where in the world, except Australia, do you find a flag so full of the witness of Christ in symbol? The Union Jack itself stands out as miraculous, among the flags of the world, for its threefold witness to Christ, in the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick (so-called).

BUT IN AUSTRALIA’S CASE, UNIQUELY, THE SOUTHERN CROSS (CREATED IN THE SECOND HEAVEN BY CHRIST HIMSELF) WAS ADDED TO THE OTHER THREE CROSSES, WONDERFULLY DEPICTING ALL HIS WOUNDS, IN HIS HEAD, HANDS, FEET, AND SIDE. Nowhere on earth has there ever been such a heavenly spectacle, in a flag raised, not by any other nation!

As I always do, let me urge you again, “Context, context, context! Read the Scriptures, prayerfully, and in context, and the Truth really will make you free!” And then, and only then, will you know what our founding fathers meant, when they framed the Constitution, “humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God” – this Almighty God must be viewed in the context of His own sacred Words, not reinterpreted by the feminists and perverts! Today, every ‘man and his dog’ wants the right to interpret everything according to his own, tiny, self-centred mind, having no idea what is meant by ‘Creation’ or ‘Providence’, and who can deny creation and providence, by the very hand of Almighty God, when you look at our own history, and the Southern Cross in heaven, that Christ created, and see all the wounds of Christ in the created heaven, depicted in exact detail? Well might we rejoice with Paul, and shout, “If God be for us, who can be against us?!”

KINGS, QUEENS & CHRISTIANITY Part 4
QUALIFICATION & DISQUALIFICATION
The Lord's Day 16th October 2022

Scripture Readings: *Jude 1:21, Romans 8:17, Revelation 1:5-6, Romans 13:1,4, Mark 15:1-15, 2 Samuel 6, Matthew 22:11-13, 1 Timothy 5:8, Luke 1:33, John 1:29, Luke 16:16, Luke 23:39-43, Matthew 16:18, 11:7-10.*

*Last week, in our introduction to this, on Creation & Providence, we concluded by observing that our own Australian Flag is a striking and unique miracle of God's providence for us, as a sign and a witness to a Christian heritage going all the way back to the beginning of Christianity: The Union Jack with its three crosses of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick (so-called) – **plus the Southern Cross, wonderfully depicting all Christ's wounds in head, hands, feet, and side, which ought to cause us to rejoice with Paul, and say, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"***

But today, let us examine briefly the very structure of our nation as a pattern of the kingdom of God.

FIRSTLY, THE EARTHLY REPLICIA – THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:

*Let us note the governing or ruling body of the Commonwealth of Australia is, "a **Federal Parliament, which shall consist of the Queen, a Senate, and a House of Representatives**" (Ch. 1 – The Parliament, part 1 – General – 1.). **And this threefold head of power, with the Queen/Crown representing Christ, is a replica of the kingdom of God, because all who are "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 1:21), are partakers of His eternal kingdom, and "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). As the apostle John confesses, in Revelation 1:5-6, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God.*****

Let us underline this: all believers are washed in the blood of Christ, and all are kings and priests unto God, for ever ruling in the kingdom of God with Christ, our Head! So, The Westminster System, including the democratic involvement of ordinary citizens in government, as a parallel to the kingdom of heaven, is breathtaking, to say the least!

You and I, in Christ, ruling and reigning with Him in His eternal kingdom, are the reality of which the Commonwealth of Australia and the Queen/King of England are a mere earthly replica, and yet, real working examples, if we obey Him! And all Kings and Queens, or Parliaments must fear God, because they are mere

*figures of the real power of Christ and His kingdom! Nevertheless, they are **real**, and they do have **real power** in the earth, but only as God has ordained, and as He allows: “the powers that be are ordained of God” (Romans 13:1), & V. 4, “He beareth not the sword in vain”!*

This shows the vanity & foolishness of most ‘freedom-fighters’ (so-called) – they deny this Scripture, and usurp the power of God’s appointed rulers! This is anarchy! This is of Barabbas, not of Christ! (Remember, the Jews cried out for the crucifixion of Christ and the release of Barabbas, the freedom-fighter – Mark 15:1-15 – Barabbas’ crime was “insurrection”. If you look at getting involved with ‘freedom-fighters’ today, be careful not to join yourself with insurrection! Our calling, as the Church of God and witnesses to Christ, is teaching and preaching, not fighting governments! There is a time and place for legal action and even military defence of a nation, but this is not our calling as the Church of God. We should note, that Christ did not lead a rebellion against the Roman Empire – not because He was a pacifist, but because He knew God had sent the Romans to chastise backslidden Israel; previously Jeremiah warned Israel against fighting Babylon, for the same reason: **Babylon was a God-sent scourge**: Unger comments, that Jeremiah warned Judah and Jerusalem “to abandon idolatry and apostasy to escape the inevitable consequence of the seventy-year Babylonian captivity. (His) sermons met with intense opposition from a society fanatically addicted to idolatry.” The same idolatry & apostasy we warn against today! Don’t think “the powers that be” are not real powers! They are as real as the Ark of God in the Old Testament times, when if men touched it in any way contrary to the divine order, they were instantly struck down, like Uzzah (2 Samuel 6). Those who wave rebel flags and say, “Down with the Monarchy! Out with the royal family! Let’s set up our own system!”, are ignorantly inviting untold grief and destruction to themselves and their families. Such people have no understanding, and no fear of God, they operate as brute beasts, lusting for power.

So, let us consider the Commonwealth of Australia, and the United Kingdom, with The Westminster System, as a God-given replica or pattern of the kingdom of God:

QUALIFICATION – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO PARLIAMENT:

Briefly, a candidate must be:** “a subject of the Queen”, either here or in the United Kingdom. Here, it is now called, ‘Australian citizenship’. So, anyone who is either a born, or naturalised subject of the Queen/King is eligible to stand for parliament, and on election by the voters, that candidate is admitted into parliament. They must also be at least 21 years of age, on the electoral role, and a resident of the Commonwealth for at least 3 years etc. **So, only those, who appear to belong in the Commonwealth, and be subjects of the Queen or King, are eligible.

But, although the candidate is apparently eligible and voted in by the people, he is required to swear the oath. (S. 42 Commonwealth Constitution).

It is interesting that right now, the new Prime Minister has asked the Senate to look at ways to include non-citizens (i.e. foreigners) as voters in elections. George Christensen reported this, and circulated a petition against it, which I have signed, and my comments on the petition were as follows:

This idea is outrageous. It is contrary to the Commonwealth Constitution S.8 & S.24, which state that electors must be as, "prescribed by this Constitution" and, "the people of the Commonwealth". Since when did "people of the Commonwealth" include foreigners?

To search about for ways to include foreigners is mischievous and treasonous and unconstitutional, before it even gets started, and it needs to be immediately referred to the Federal police!

So, we see there is just no end to the treachery and lies! This is the work of our new Prime Minister! But how many Australians will notice or even care? How many have even read the Constitution? How many care, that it is based squarely on the Word of God? We even have Christians waving rebel flags, shouting, "Power to the people!", not knowing they fly in the face of Almighty God and His appointed rulers, no different from the Jews who cried out for Barabbas instead of Christ. So, there is such a thing as qualification for parliament – there is also,

DISQUALIFICATION – CONDITIONS FOR DISCHARGE FROM PARLIAMENT:

Disqualification is interesting: You can seem to meet all the qualifications listed, but then, before you are allowed to sit in parliament, you are examined to see whether you are the real thing:

REMEMBER THE MAN AT THE WEDDING FEAST, JESUS SPOKE OF, WHO WAS FOUND, NOT HAVING A WEDDING GARMENT ON – Matthew 22,

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, **he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:**

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, **how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and **cast him into outer darkness;** there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

EVEN IN THE PARLIAMENT, YOU CAN BE CAST OUT: IF YOU FAIL TO SWEAR OR AFFIRM THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE QUEEN OR KING, or if you are found to have committed treason or certain other crimes, or if you are found to be under allegiance or obedience to any foreign power (S. 44 - Constitution). Recently, the rebel politician, Lydia Thorpe, mocked the oath of allegiance – she should have been cast out – she "had not on a wedding garment"! She is not the real thing. She is, unashamedly, a traitor to Crown and Constitution. Why is her treason not

punished? Simply because the whole parliament is guilty of the same treason – they have no allegiance to the Crown, they refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Foundation of our Constitution and true Sovereign to Whom all allegiance is to be sworn – they falsely promote ‘Multiculturalism’ (which is Paganism) instead of Christ, and they lie like Ananias, calling our system a ‘Secular Democracy’, not the Protestant Constitutional Monarchy it is. Even the so-called ‘Christians’ among them do not confess this. They are fake Christians! There may be one or two exceptions, but I doubt it, because if they were faithful in their oath and confession, they would be hated like Jeremiah & Christ.

WE ALL OUGHT TO BE AWARE, THAT ALLEGIANCE TO A FOREIGN POWER IS NOT ALLEGIANCE TO THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND, AS OUR CROOKED POLITICIANS AND COURTS HAVE DEEMED IT TO BE: – The Queen is NOT a “foreign power” – she is an integral part of our own parliament, and we are Her subjects!

(Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Section 1. The legislative power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a Federal Parliament, which shall consist of the Queen, a Senate, and a House of Representatives, and which is hereinafter called **The Parliament, or The Parliament of the Commonwealth.) (*Commonwealth of Australia, that is!*)**

TO SAY THE QUEEN IS A FOREIGNER, AND GREAT BRITAIN IS A “FOREIGN POWER”, IS TO DENY AND CONTRADICT THE VERY FIRST SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION!!! It is like saying your own mother is not part of your family! But wicked men have schemed against the people and Constitution and Crown, and passed unconstitutional laws (which, by the way, are null and void – not that anybody seems to care, not even the Queen, as she has signed off on them, or, the Governor-General has, and all appeals to the Queen over many years have fallen on deaf ears!), but traitors have manipulated the interpretation of the Constitution to illegitimately remove some of their opponents from the parliament – the classic case was Heather Hill, One Nation Party’s leader in Queensland, in 1999. Wicked men conspired, to remove her from parliament, and the courts approved their treason, declaring the United Kingdom a “foreign power”!

WE MIGHT WELL OBSERVE, THAT SIMILARLY, WICKED MEN AMONG THE CHURCHES ALSO USE DEVIOUS, SERPENTINE TACTICS, PLAYING POLITICS TO GAIN POWER IN THE CHURCH. Common examples of this are false teachers who gain popularity in the church, or Freemasons or Jesuits who weasel their way into leading positions in the church. They are the ones who ought to be removed and cast into outer darkness, they “have not on a wedding garment”! They are not the real deal! They are fake Christians, just as the Tony Abbots, Gough Whitlams, John Howards etc. of our parliaments, are fake parliamentarians, working against

the Commonwealth and the Crown, not to mention, against Christ. They are weighed in the balances and found wanting – they have disqualified themselves, and their lies and treason are obvious to all who care to take notice.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, CHARLES, PRINCE OF WALES, NOW KING CHARLES III, DISQUALIFIED HIMSELF LONG AGO, by divorcing his wife, marrying another man's wife, and in doing so, marrying a Roman Catholic. All this was forbidden by law, (by the Act of Settlement, all the way back to William III, William of Orange, in 1701!) and forbidden by the Church as well (If a member of Christ's Church flouts God's Law against adultery, and refuses to repent but justifies his sin, his Church membership is cancelled, he "has not on a wedding garment"! Read 1 Corinthians!), but Charlie was going to be King, come hell or high water, and the backslidden Church agreed with his treachery. He is just like the serpentine politicians we've all become used to over the past few decades. But if the Church was real, not a façade, it would have excommunicated Charles, and cast him out as an unbeliever, as he blatantly flouted the law of both God and man. Such a man could never be King, legitimately, as well as (figurative) Head of the Church and 'Defender of the Faith'. The idea is preposterous! But here we are. Tyndale, who was murdered for the Word of God, prayed, "Lord open the King of England's eyes!", and God answered. It's time for us to pray that prayer again!

BUT ALL THIS DOES NOT MEAN THERE IS ANYTHING WRONG WITH THE WESTMINSTER SYSTEM. Criticising the Westminster System makes about as much sense as criticising the Southern Cross, which the Lord Himself made! It is as near to perfect as anything you could find on earth, but it is the people, the usurpers, the hijackers of the system for their own ends, who are crooked and broken, not the system! (Just as the Bible is not defective; the Bible doesn't need to be cast out – it is the usurpers and traitors changing the Bible, or daring to disagree with it, who need to be cast out of the Church!)

When you look at the plain facts of the Constitution, it is easy to see that most of our members of parliament have disqualified themselves.

Likewise, when we look into the Word of God, "the perfect law of liberty", it is easy to see that most professing Christians today, and most 'churches', have also disqualified themselves as unbelievers, unfit to stand with Christ and His saints.

SOMEBODY WILL SAY, "BUT THIS IS JUST POLITICS! THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE INTO POLITICS!" – NO, THIS IS NOT POLITICS! IT IS CHRISTIAN DUTY! Your Christian duty and mine! It is as basic as "Love thy neighbour!" What about 1 Timothy 5:8, "If any man provide not for his own, and specially those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel"? Sadly, with the influence of Quakers and other pacifists and spiritualists, the Christian Church

*at large, for many decades now, has denied its responsibility of caring for its own families and nations, and expects somebody else to fight its wars (both physical and spiritual), while it sits in its ivory towers, trying to defeat the Devil in its own mind! This is not historic Christianity. **Abraham** trained his own household in warfare, and went to war when he had to, and **Biblical Christianity** preaches God's Truth in the face of every evil and error, and every bloodthirsty and vicious enemy of God, and lives daily in contradiction of this world and its perverted values, at great personal cost, taking up our cross and following Jesus.*

But why is it so hard for people to simply look at the facts, to simply read the book – whether it is the Constitution of our Commonwealth or the Constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven (The Bible – Authorised, King James, that is)? Why do feelings and personal opinions so routinely overrule the plain, undeniable facts, in the minds of most people?

What would you think of a builder who said, “The architect's plans show your house foundations 6 metres deep, but I don't agree. Let's forget the blueprint, and make the foundations 6 centimetres deep, instead of 6 metres!”? You would sack that builder on the spot, if you had any sense!

THEN, WHY DO WE ALLOW DODGY BUILDERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, WHO COMPLETELY DISREGARD, AND DISCARD, THE CONSTITUTION & THE BIBLE ON WHICH IT IS FOUNDED? *They trash our Constitution and tread it underfoot! They will not be ruled by it! They despise the Law of God on which the Constitution is based – they are determined to kill babies and old people, they are determined to legalise every evil under the sun, including adultery and witchcraft and lies and perjury. Why do we allow dodgy builders to destroy, while falsely pretending to build, our nation? Do we realize, that we have allowed the crooked, criminal leaders of our nation, to trash our nation and turn it into a dunghill, while pretending to renovate and improve it! I have seen men do this to their own houses, and I've seen governments do this to an entire nation! They are demon-possessed, godless devils; they belong in jail, and the fires of hell are kindled ready for them!*

WORSE STILL – WHY DO WE ALLOW DODGY BUILDERS IN GOD'S CHURCH, WHO COMPLETELY DISREGARD, AND EVEN DISCARD, THE VERY WORD OF GOD? *The pulpits of this land are occupied, generally-speaking, by those who have already discarded the Authorised Bible – the King James Bible! And those who haven't altogether discarded the Bible, have treated with equal contempt, the doctrines taught by it. In the majority of churches, Satanic, Pagan cults and practices are more welcome, than those who love the King James Bible as the Word of God, and are unashamed of Christ and what He stood for.*

So, firstly, we have looked at the replica of God's kingdom: our Protestant Commonwealth & The Westminster System.

SECONDLY, THE ETERNAL REALITY – THE KINGDOM OF GOD: *I have covered this partly along the way, but let us underline the fact that there is something infinitely greater than the best of the kingdoms of men – i.e., the eternal kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of our eternal King, Christ the Lord. “Of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:33). And daily, since the time of John the Baptist, who first began to openly preach Jesus Christ, “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), men have been pressing in to that eternal kingdom: Luke 16:16, The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. It is a kingdom far above and beyond this world, and you are not elected into it by men, but by Almighty God Himself!*

QUALIFICATION – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO GOD’S CHURCH: *There are two:*

- 1. That you are a sinner and admit it.*
- 2. That you believe that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, literally, “the Lord from heaven” (1 Corinthians 15:47).*

You don’t have to do a single good work to commend yourself to God – you are a sinner: but you must be honest enough to admit it; all the good works under the sun cannot hide the fact that you have already broken God’s Law, and justice requires that you be cast into hell. But thank God, you don’t have to strive to be accepted by Him – He has provided a way, and all you must do is believe Him! The thief dying on the cross beside Jesus is an eternal testimony to this fact.

Luke 23,

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

This thief knew he was a sinner – many refuse to admit they are guilty, but what could a crucified thief say? Well, he could have stubbornly maintained his right to do evil, as did the other crucified thief, but something made a difference – the mercy of God intervened, and this thief spoke the truth: he called Jesus, “Lord”, and that confession of faith in Jesus Christ the Lord, was sufficient to justify and save him instantly, because Jesus declared to him, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise! (Luke 23:43).

So, the qualifications for entry into the kingdom of heaven are very simple, but then there is disqualification as well.

DISQUALIFICATION – CONDITIONS FOR DISCHARGE FROM GOD’S CHURCH:

*As with kings and politicians, so with professing Christians, the confession of some is just shallow words, not from the heart, so they must be examined to see if they have a wedding garment on. They may seem acceptable, but their words may be just a cloak for treason; their plans to build and renovate may seem good, but if all they do is destroy and tear down, they disqualify themselves – like Prince Charles, like our treasonous members of parliament, like the Jews who preferred to follow Barabbas than Christ. The Lord will expose their fraud and destroy them, if they don’t repent – He will not allow them to destroy His kingdom or His children. He is building His Church on Christ the Solid Rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (We have Jesus’ own promise of this in **Matthew 16:18**).*

May the Lord give you great joy in knowing this! And I trust that this study is able to strengthened your faith in Him Who is invisible, Who created all things visible and invisible, Who reigns over all His creation even now, and Who has done so through all the days of our forefathers, notwithstanding all their sins and errors, and has maintained to this day, such a pattern and replica of the kingdom of God in our own Flag and Constitution – The Westminster System – that we will never cease to confess, “If God be for us, who can be against us?” But will we be a generation that “provides for its own”, or be judged as “worse than infidels”? Will we engage in the real battle for God’s Truth? Will we be unashamed to acknowledge and publish abroad all that God has done for our nation, and all the Truth of His Words, or will we sit back and hope somebody else does it for us? ***Will we choose Barabbas or Christ? Jesus rebuked the Jews, and highly commended John the Baptist: Matthew 11***, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? 8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses. 9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

John wore ordinary clothes, ate basic food, preached in the wilderness not in palaces, he didn’t speak in the smooth platitudes of the rich and famous. He spoke plainly, the Word of God, and for his honesty and love of his own people, they cut off his head, but Jesus said there was no greater prophet than John, because he faithfully preached Jesus – the Almighty God our forefathers believed in, the God of both creation and providence! God help us to be more like him! Amen.