

God's People Are Everywhere

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Matthew 8:5-10 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.** The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

Acts 18:9-10 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, **Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.**

John 10:16 **And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.**

- I. People of God can be found everywhere on this earth, and it has always been that way.
 - A. No matter where Jesus went He encountered both Jews and Gentiles who believed and worshipped God.
 1. We could turn to a number of New Testament Scriptures that show clearly people coming to Him who had no right or place but still found mercy and compassion and help, forgiveness, and salvation.
 - B. No matter where we go on this earth now we can still find people of God there.
 - C. We can go to the darkest places on earth and there will some there that still love and worship God.
 1. Whether their government allows it or not.
 2. Whether they can worship in the open freely or have to hide and do it in secret.
 3. Whether it is a Muslim country or Buddhist or pagan or godless country.
 - D. We find people of God in the highest and in the lowest places on earth.
 1. Kings' palaces, government headquarters, rich people's houses.
 2. The factories and fields and mines and fishing boats.
 3. The prisons and the nursing homes and the hospitals.
 4. Among the homeless that live under bridges and on the streets, and in the offices of doctors and businessmen.
 5. They are found among the policemen, the soldiers, the truck drivers, the delivery men.
 6. I am old enough to remember hearing the King James Bible read by one of the first astronauts to go to the moon as he came around the moon on Christmas Day and the whole world listened and watched on TV.
 - E. No dispensation changes this fact.
 1. The Gentiles came to Jesus and found mercy, forgiveness, healing, and salvation, even though He came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
 2. Naaman came to Elisha under the Old Covenant and found healing and help from God.

3. The Queen of the South came to Solomon and was welcomed in to see what God had done.
- F. And so this fact should be something foundational to us in this generation as we preach the Gospel in the last generation before Jesus comes.
 - G. Wherever we go we it should be in our minds to look for those people of God.
 1. Faith will cause us to look for them whether they have been saved yet or not.
 2. We should realize that we are never alone, but always have some brother or sister near.
- II. Another point to consider here is that circumstances do not prevent us from being a Christian, no matter what.
- A. We can claim no excuse for failing to worship and serve God that has to do with where we live, where we work, where we go to school, where we go to church, who our family is, what kind of government we live under, or how hard our life is.
 - B. God's people are found everywhere and in every situation, so there is no excuse.
 - C. We can be a faithful and true Christian no matter what our circumstances.
 1. That is what we are called to be in this world.
 - D. There are Christians in this world who worship and serve God without a church building to meet in, while they are chased and hunted like animals by the devils in the high places of their country.
 - E. There are Christians who sit in prisons and hospitals and nursing homes with no way to attend church services or get out and go anywhere, but yet they still find a way to read their Bible, pray, worship God, and tell others of His blessings.
 - F. There are Christians who work alongside the most ungodly people in factories, schools, stores, and other places of business, but keep themselves pure and unspotted from the world.
 - G. There are Christians who are in positions where they have some influence with those who sit in the high places of the world who take the opportunities they are given to speak for God and truth.
 - H. There are Christians on the airplanes in the sky, and on ships in the sea, and in submarines beneath the sea, riding on trains, and driving on the highways in cars and trucks.
 - I. Wherever there are people there will be some who will seek after the true God of Heaven and his righteousness, and will worship Him.
 - J. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:22

All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

- K. Even being in a lukewarm apostate church is not an excuse for not being a true Christian.
 1. You can be faithful to God even if you are in such a situation as that.
 2. You simply must read and study your Bible and let it be your guide instead of the false teachers you are forced to sit under.
- L. We will all be surprised in the end by who ends up being one of God's children.

Matthew 8:11-12 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.