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The Kingdom of GOD, which the LORD JESUS CHRIST came into the Earth to manifest, is in direct contrast to the kingdom of this world. HIS Kingdom is one of LIGHT and TRUTH. Yet the scriptures tell us that this world system is in willful darkness and rebellion against that TRUTH.

Every principle and philosophy that appears as right, good, and logical to the natural man is at odds with the principles of the Kingdom of GOD. Solomon noted this in the Proverbs when he said, "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*" This is exactly why the LORD told Nicodemus, "*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*"

When Pilate asked about HIS kingdom, the LORD said, "*My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*" The sons of GOD are never taught in the scriptures to take up arms to fight for political gain or dominance. Rather the LORD taught HIS people in this fashion, "*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.*"

Now some will immediately say, that will never work in this world, and they are exactly right. This is not political advice, but rather, it is the commandment of HIS Kingdom and is alone intended for those who are HIS subjects, who gladly serve HIM night and day. Paul says they are engaged in a different type of warfare, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

The greatest conflict of the sons of GOD is found in denying themselves for the purpose of manifesting the glory of GOD as they love their brethren, "*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*" The flesh will always oppose this concept and seek to exalt itself in one way or another.

Paul said "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other. James has reference to this very battle when he says; "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." All of GOD's children are sure to be defeated on this battlefield <u>except</u> that they have ONE who is in them who is greater than he that is in the world. This is HE of whom Paul writes saying, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

This is the place where the children of GOD do battle, even as Paul told the Ephesians, *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* It is in the armory of GOD wherein HE is pleased to equip HIS saints for battle and it is in HIS strength alone that they are both clothed, prepared, and sent to battle. Carnal men cannot wear this "armor" for they are not fitted for it nor does it suit their taste.

The natural man is content with his own religion, of whatever kind it may be, since he is sure that his service to GOD is a product of his own free will. He considers that he can perform CHRIST's commands whenever he desires just as he mistakenly thinks that he can choose to be saved in the same fashion. In this notion multitudes shall surely perish content with the leeks and onions of Egypt in total darkness as to the glory of CHRIST's kingdom. On the other hand, that man who is born again rejoices in the ONE who is his STRENGTH and declares his intention to follow the KING of Kings. He falls down at the feet of his LORD confessing that he cannot stand or walk in obedience apart from the operation of the SPIRIT of GOD in HIM. *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* Singing "The sovereign will of God alone"

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