

### **Babel vs Disciple Nations 4**

Mat 7<sup>24</sup> “[W]hoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:  
<sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.  
<sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:  
<sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

Mat 28<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

\* **A disciple nation is built on the foundation of a \_\_\_\_\_ with the triune God.**

– **A nation** itself cannot be baptized, but that doesn’t mean ...

– **“House”** is used how in Scripture?

– **A relationship** with Christ automatically means a relationship with whom?

Jn 17<sup>3</sup> “[T]his is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”

Jn 14<sup>16</sup> “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth ... <sup>26</sup> [T]he Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

– **Relationship** with God is foundational to \_\_\_\_\_

Deut 30<sup>19</sup> “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days”

Prov 8<sup>12</sup> “I, wisdom ... <sup>22</sup> The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way ... <sup>23</sup> I have been established from everlasting ... <sup>30</sup> Then [i.e. during creation] I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, <sup>31</sup> ... and My delight was with the sons of men ... <sup>34</sup> Blessed is the man who listens to me ... <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord; <sup>36</sup> But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death.”

– **When a nation** does not rest on the foundation of a relationship to the one true triune God, it will lose its ability to preserve the sacredness and worth of the \_\_\_\_\_

“The chief characteristic of the mass man is ... his isolation and lack of normal social relationships. ... Totalitarian government ... could not exist without ... isolating men ... [T]otalitarian domination ... bases itself on loneliness.” (Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*).

– **Totalitarianism** & radical individualism at the same \_\_\_\_\_

“Where will it end? ... In each man’s absolute freedom from every family and social authority, a freedom the price of which is complete submission to the state. In the complete equality ... of all citizens, paid for by their equal abasement before the power of their absolute master—the state. ... [I]n the rupture of every private tie linking man and man, whose only bond is now their common bondage to the state.” (Bertrand De Jouvenel, *On Power: The Natural History of Its Growth*)

“Our macro-politics have become a mania about identity because our micro-politics are no longer familial ... Up until the middle of the twentieth century ... human expectations ... [were] that one would grow up to have children and a family; that parents and siblings and extended family would remain one’s primal community; and that, conversely, it was a tragedy not to be part of a family. The post-1960s order of sexual consumerism has upended ... these expectations ... Over half a century after the

embrace of the sexual revolution, the paradox emerges that the materially better-off countries of the planet are also the most emotionally impoverished ... This loneliness is a unique form of human poverty, abounding in societies awash in material wealth —places where, by the 1970s, divorce rates were rising, marriage rates were falling, and cradles were rapidly emptying.” (Mary Eberstadt, “The Great Scattering: How Identity Panic Took Root in the Void Once Occupied by Family Life,” *Quillette.com*)

– **With God** and his word, we see a completely contrary

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– Relationship bonds

– Governments

*We believe that God, for the establishment and advancement of His Kingdom, has ordained three basic covenantal units among men—the family, the church, and the community or civil society— each with its own government. The family is foundational to and is the basic unit of church and society. All three governments are essential components of the Kingdom of God, and all are subordinate to the Word of God which assigns to each differing, yet interrelated and [mutually] dependent, spheres of responsibility. The Scriptures and history record the harm and confusion caused when any of the three governments fails to fulfill its God-given responsibilities or asserts an unbiblical independence of or superiority over the others. To fulfill their proper function, all of these governments are dependent on the grace of God, common or special, working in individuals to bring about biblical self-government. Without such self-government or self-control, no other government can function according to the Word of God. The overarching duty of every individual, family, congregation, and society is to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. (The King’s Congregation Confession of Faith, para. 34)*

– This is possible only because the one true God is \_\_\_\_\_

– The three great unifiers are that each and every person is:

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(3)

– Other than those three, everyone is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If you cannot achieve equal outcomes with children born of the same parents and raised in the same home, how can you expect to achieve equal outcomes in a world of billions of people?” (Thomas Sewell, UCLA economist)*

– Wealth and private property are not \_\_\_\_\_

*Micah 4<sup>4</sup> But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid*

*Zech 3<sup>10</sup> “In that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “Everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.”*

*Deut 8<sup>13</sup> [W]hen your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied ...<sup>18</sup> you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers*

*Deut 5<sup>19</sup> “You shall not steal ...<sup>21</sup> You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”*