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THE PARABLE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC (UNIVERSAL) CHURCH

"WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS (SPIRITUAL ISRAEL), AND ARE NOT, BUT DO LIE." (REV. 3:9)

By Gordon F. Nelson

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? (even spoke in unknown tongues?) and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work INIQUITY (Gk.-lawlessness)." Matt. 7:21-23.

"And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it." Mk. 4:33.

The British Israel doctrine declares the Anglo Saxon are the ten lost tribes; the Mormons have the twelve apostles; the Seventh Day Adventists avoid the "mark" by their Sabbath worship; the Jehovah's Witnesses through their theocratic government; both the Church of God and the Church of Christ obtain their name from scripture; Dallas Theological Seminary "once saved always saved and can never be lost" doctrine; the Pentecostals due to tongues as an authority--these all believe they are Jews, (spiritual Israel). But, Roman Catholicism far exceeds all of the above, because they have long held that they are the Israel of God on the earth, and Jerusalem, not Rome, should be its capital. In reality, Catholicism is a copy of the only true religion on earth; Judaism. This is the main reason the Vatican is the longest hold out in the recognition of Israel as a nation.

"But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples." Mk. 4:34. What is a parable? According to Webster's, "a comparison, simile; (specifically) a short narrative making a moral or religious point by comparison with natural or homely things." The homely things, of course, is this 20th century "tongue talkers," all followers of one man.

I followed Dr. Bebe H. Patten of Oakland, California for five years! Jesus warned about these blind leaders. *"Let them alone (if a husband-wife team own the church--stay out of it): they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Matt. 15:14.

"And God hath set some in the church...governments." 1 Cor. 12:28. What kind of government hath God set in the church?

#1 - Hath God set the "hireling" form of government (democracy) in the church? Jn. 10:12-13.

#2 - Hath God set the “lords over God’s heritage” form of government in the church? 1 Pet. 5:3. Do you have a “king” or “little god” as your pastor?

What kind of government hath God set in the church? Have you ever asked yourself THAT question?

“For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed (man-made) them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” Jer. 2:13. The “hireling cistern” and the “lord cistern” are broken cisterns that cannot hold water. Aren’t you glad you live in a land where the President is not above the law, and can be impeached? Do you attend a church that places your pastor “above the law?” You cannot get rid of Jimmy Swaggart or Kenneth Copeland. They own their church by virtue of a “three name, non-profit incorporation,” issued by the Secretary of State.

In this issue, Texe Marrs tells of his experience with the IRS by virtue of one of these same “three-name, non-profit religious incorporations.” The state recognizes these “man-controlled” dictatorships as churches. Should we be influenced by what the Secretary of State recognizes as a church? or what the Bible recognizes? Texe Marrs tells you how the state gives nothing; only takes!

We have separation of church and state--not by our Constitution--but by these state-controlled “religious non-profit corporations.” The IRS moves in if the preacher doesn’t adhere to the “government line”; abortion on demand, confiscation of guns, being for capital punishment, free condoms, sex education with both genders present.

The pulpits of America, for fear of losing their tax exemption, are silenced. *“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant* (the prosperity gospel, based on “seed” sown in the preacher’s field).” Isa. 56:10-12.

Texe Marrs is out on the front lines fighting the battle that the state rages against the church. The KGB was to Communist Russia what the IRS is in our own country. We need to vote for candidates like Dan Quayle or Steve Forbes whose platform is to destroy the IRS.

According to the IRS, churches are expressly prohibited from favoring or endorsing political parties or candidates. Neither can churches actively lobby for or against legislation. The IRS, not our Constitution, legalizes “separation of church and state” by their own bias.

Texe Marrs is doing what we cannot do in exposing all those secret societies dedicated to the overthrow of our republic. Don't allow this man of God to hang alone. We must cling together or we will hang separately. We need to pray and continue to support Texe Marrs, regardless of tax benefits. Prove the IRS is wrong, and purchase Texe Marrs' exposure of the Illuminati, the Bilderbergers, the Freemasons, Skull & Bones and the ten men who presently rule the world. You need to know this. The IRS is going after this one man so that you won't know the truth. Pray for him.

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"And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." (Revelation 2:26)

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New Ministry Launched – Praise God!

We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

For over ten months now, Living Truth Ministries has been victimized by an unfair, politically-directed attack by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).



Texe Marrs

We have especially been advised to shut up and remain silent about conspiracies, the United Nations, the Vatican, the New World Order, and the New Age Movement.

We also have been warned that it may be a violation to identify threats to Christianity or to American freedoms.

We knew it was coming. Our outspokenness in telling the truth had put us at the top of the government's "enemies list." Months before the IRS launched its campaign against us, we were warned by reliable sources that Living Truth Ministries, along with a number of other pro-Bible churches and conservative organizations, was going to be hit.

An Unprecedented Campaign

What the IRS is trying to do to us and to others is unprecedented. Free exercise of religion, free speech, freedom of the press, and the right to petition our government for grievances--these are all denied IRS-approved churches and ministries. Of course, this is outrageous, and it violates the entire, 200-year history of religious freedom in America.

No Exposures Allowed

Unbelievable as it may seem, the IRS made it plain to us that, as a 501(c)3 organization, Living Truth Ministries will not be allowed to even publicly express an "opinion" unless acceptable to them. They alone will judge if what we say is "factual information." They *literally* told us that in writing.

The IRS says that we cannot expose or disparage New Age cults and occult religions. The IRS rules also prohibit us from teaching the whole counsel of Bible prophecy for the end-times. That, says the IRS, is "sensationalism" and is forbidden of churches and Christian ministries.

We have been warned we cannot comment on the immorality of politicians, including President Clinton.

The IRS has told us in writing that, henceforth, we must use a "reasoned approach." We must, the agency writes, also allow the haters and enemies of Christ equal time to express their dissenting viewpoints in our publications and in our broadcasts!

The IRS contends that it has the power to make Living Truth Ministries (LTM) do all this because, as an officially registered 501(c)3, tax exempt organization, LTM is a government-regulated entity and must answer to the IRS

The IRS is now telling churches what to preach and how to preach. Astonishingly, the IRS maintains that because Christian churches and ministries are granted section 501(c)3 tax exempt status, they do not enjoy the normal guarantees and protections of the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

for its "daily activities." Please keep in mind that the IRS has no law to back up these demands. Instead, the IRS

refers to its own "policies" as sole authority.

Similarity to Nazi and Communist Oppression

Frankly, during these past eight months of suffering the injustice of IRS tyranny, I often felt I was in Soviet Russia, in Castro's Cuba, or in Hitler's Nazi Germany. What the IRS, in it's new "policies," intends for America's churches and ministries is remarkably the same as happened to Christians churches and pastors under the brutal regimes of Communist and Nazi/Fascist dictators.

Some might say, "But my church hasn't been harassed or threatened yet." Well, then maybe your church doesn't stand for anything. Living Truth Ministries has been targeted because of our high visibility, because we tell the truth even when it hurts, and because *we are effective in doing so!*

However, since these are undoubtedly the prophesied last days, Living Truth Ministries will not be the last Christian group to be subjected to this oppression. We are already hearing from other conservative churches and groups being audited and harassed by the IRS. True Bible-teaching churches and pastors will soon be sorely tested. Regrettably, many will cowardly give in and compromise the faith in their ardor to please the State.

What to Do?

Friends, in light of this staggering development, what would you have me do? As a Christian leader, I am anointed by God to preach the Gospel, and to always speak the truth. Should I cowardly give in to the unconstitutionality of the federal authorities and turn a cold shoulder to Jesus and to the truth? Would your choice be that Texe Marrs bridle his pro-God, pro-America views, and just close his Bible and put it on the shelf? Or, would you prefer that I keep doing just what I have always been doing--standing for righteousness, exposing darkness, unmasking the plotters against freedom, and earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints? Should I continue preaching the prophetic message for the last days, or give in to government blackmail?

Actually, I know the answer. I know that you want me to *continue* faithfully serving God. I know that you want me to courageously refuse to worship at the government trough. You do not want Texe Marrs and this vital ministry to bow down to the ecumenical, federally approved idols of the IRS.

In fact, God has put in my heart a consuming and burning desire to move straight ahead--to never bend or bow to the evil forces that now confront the true, blood-bought Church of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A New Ministry

To that end, the Lord has called Wanda and me to found and establish a new ministry, ***Power of Prophecy***, totally free of IRS and Big Brother government control, a ministry

not tied to the IRS's controlled 501(c)3 status. Our Father in Heaven has even given us a fresh new name for this ministry. It is called ***Power of Prophecy***, because, truly, the Scriptures record that Jesus is the very "Spirit of Prophecy." What's more, in the name of Jesus is *All Power and Glory and Majesty, Forever and Ever. Amen.*

In spite of IRS and government oppression, with your help this work will continue. Together, *we will* succeed beyond the world's wildest dreams in this God-anointed mission of prophetic service. Together, we will warn the world of the dire and foreboding things to come, we will unmask the foul, secret goings-on of evil doers, and *we will* always uplift Jesus and His Holy Word.

Ours is a life-giving commission. Will you continue to stand by me and Wanda in this great cause?

You know that I have never written you a fund-raising letter. Unlike many other ministries, we do not use high-powered PR and advertising firms to send you slick appeals for money. But I ask you now to please make a sacrificial gift of as much as you can to this inspirational new ministry.

I am sorry, but your love gifts and offerings to ***Power of Prophecy*** may not be tax-deductible. ***Power of Prophecy*** is not a government-registered and approved mouthpiece, and it never will be. We will neither seek nor accept the IRS's 501(c)3 status. We will not be under their control. While we dearly love our great country, America, and believe strongly in our nation's Constitution and its Bill of Rights, we do not ask for and will not accept government favors with strings attached. That is why we need your help to get the ministry up and going strong. Please, may I hear from you today?

I promise you I will work tirelessly on your behalf and wholly serve God in this exciting new ministry. Through ***Power of Prophecy*** we'll continue to publish a dynamic, documented monthly newsletter of truth; we'll publish more books, and produce more tapes and videos than ever before. We'll be on the radio with power-packed truth and facts. Not one word will ever be edited out or censored by the IRS or the feds. I guarantee it.

Christians Compelled by Love

The arrogant leaders of the IRS and other federal bureaucrats think that Christians will not give except to get.
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They imagine that a Church or ministry will beg the IRS for 501(c)3 tax exempt status because Christian men and women are greedy and won't give unless they receive a tax break in return. *They are wrong!* With your prayers and your love gifts, together, you and I will send a message to the masters of the IRS and the White House--and to the entire world. The Church and Ministry of Christ Jesus is not for sale. We will not selfishly and greedily grab for government handouts. We do not give to God's work just

to get a tax break. It is the Love of God in us that compels us to give. Our Lord never fails us, and we, His faithful servants, will not fail Him. No, no, never!

If you are led by the Holy Spirit of God to help in this victorious cause of truth and righteousness, please make your check or money order out to "***Power of Prophecy.***" Our address and phone number remain the same. Also, please pray for us. Prayer is powerful. It changes things and makes all things possible. And if you have the time, drop us a card or letter with a few lines of encouragement. Your thoughts and comments mean so much to me and to Wanda

"The Glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former... saith the Lord of hosts."

God Bless you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Texe Marrs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the right of the signature is a vertical line.

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Doing Us A Favor

Finally, it strikes me that in their audacious attempt to intimidate and control America's Bible-believing churches and ministries, the overlords of the IRS do not realize they are doing us a great favor. What they meant for evil shall be turned by God into good. I just came across this inspiring passage of scripture in *Haggai* 2:9. Friends, do you think it applies to our new ministry, ***Power of Prophecy?***--