

The Power of Systems Pt. 1!

KJV Matthew 4:8-9 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

- The word **kingdom** is translated *Basileia* and is a **system of government** where a sovereign dictates the processes and procedures that control the people's lives.

A **system** by definition is: a combination of things that form a complex unified whole; a coordinated body of methods, plans of procedures.

Systems have many parts connected in such a way they create a chain of mutually dependent parts.

The key to understanding **systems** is realizing they are designed for each part of the system to be **dependent** on another part of the system!

- ❖ Not all systems are escapable!

For example in the **ecosystem** God has **Scavengers** that eat dead things!

When an animal dies they consume it excrete it and what remains goes back into the earth and become food for other plants and animals.

This system is necessary for life to continue on earth—without scavengers every dead animal would still be lying on the ground where it died and the nutrients the plants get from them would never return to the earth that other animals eat that we in turn use for food.

God, Satan and man have all create systems:

If we work God's system everyone gets blessed, if we work man's system only certain men get blessed; if we work Satan's system nobody benefits.

- God's system is The Kingdom **works by faith**.
- Satan's system **works by fear** and is designed for our destruction to keep us bound, diseased and controlled.
- Man's systems (**works by finance**) are governments, corporations and religion designed to keep us weak, distracted and confused.

You can tell which system you're in by who you're cooperating with!

Certain systems are designed to drain people of their resources while it grows stronger and the people get weaker!

❖ **Systems need participants to continue to exist: once people stop participating in a system—the system collapses! (remember)**

NIV Acts 16:16-19 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

17 This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.

18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "**In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!**" At that moment the spirit left her.

19 When the owners of the slave girl realized that **their hope of making money was gone**, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.

The power of God snatched this young girl out of a demonic system and brought her into The Kingdom of God!

Now her masters who were **controlling her destiny** have lost their ability to **make money (they disrupted a financial system)** so they have Paul & Silas beaten and **thrown into the inner prison**.

Now Paul and Silas and thrown into another system—the Penial System!

Even though Paul & Silas were thrust into a demonic system surrounded by darkness—there was no darkness in them.

They began to **pray and sing praises** to God—they refused to participate in the demonic system they were surrounded by!

They weren't labeled EX-CONS, enemies of the state and a danger to the public because of God's presence and power!

But **what of the slave girl, what would become of her now that she had been snatched by the power of God out of the worlds system (kingdom).**

The Bible tells us that Paul and Silas had just gotten a wealthy woman of that city named **Lydia** saved.

Lydia was a **seller of purple** and her house became a meeting place for the church in Philippi—she was the first European saved.

So it only makes sense that after this **demon possessed slave girl** is delivered and taken out of this system that she was brought to Lydia's house and given a **new start and new career**.

But this could only happen because **Lydia was wealthy she wasn't poor!**

Too often we **get people delivered** but they don't use their faith to plug into The Kingdom system so they end up back out on the street and 7 worse demons enter their lives.

Then the last state of the man is worse than the first!

KJV Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

The Word won't profit anyone unless they mix it with faith!

So I have a question for you: ***"Whose profiting off your faith?"***

➤ Is it The Kingdom of God, man's system or The World?

Which systems are we enriching with our faith?

KJV Proverbs 22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

Notice it's because they're **rich!** Not because they're *smarter, wiser* or *more qualified*—but because they have more money!

Make no mistake about it one of the ways (systems) Satan uses to control the lives of people is the economic system!

❖ **We see this playing out in greater measure today as here in America the top 1% control 38% of the wealth while the bottom 90% hold 73% of all debt.**

There's roughly 400M people in the US and just 400 people out of 400M control 38% of the wealth.

**The top 400 people own more wealth than the bottom 150 million!
That's half of the country—so how can democracy work?**

Don't be fooled we don't live in a **democratic society**—we live in a **capitalist society**—where **cash in king!**

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So again since the rich control the system somebody needs some more money to impact that system!

No wonder people feel hopeless, helpless and that their lives are out of control—**because they are** because a demonic system is in control!

Here are a few systems created by man that oppress the people:

Colonialism is a system in which another government controls the systems that govern another country.

Dictatorship a form of government where one person has complete control of the system.

Socialism a system of government where there is no private property and the state controls all the goods & services in that system.

Capitalism is a system in which capital or money controls the goods and services in the system—the more money you have the better you live.

Remember systems are designed to keep people dependent on them for the system to continue.

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:20 But now are they many members (systems), yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

NIV 1 Corinthians 12:25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

He goes on to say that “*one system of the body cannot say to another I don't need you!*”

Every part of a system whether visible or invisible, small or great is just as important as the other parts!

The power and success of every system is the efficiency of the smallest parts.

But the smaller less visible parts MUST DO THEIR PART and not fight the larger more visible parts!

KJV Matthew 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

Jesus gives us the basic elements of every system:

➤ **They are house, city and kingdom!**

Each house has a system of management, support and sustainability.

The stronger the systems the stronger the house—what makes a house sustainable is the **management of the parents and support of the children.**

In a **house system** the parents are the management—if either parent is weakened or compromised it becomes difficult to sustain the house.

❖ **Systems are organized parts working together forming a complex unified whole!**

If the children are weakened and compromised the system could fail!

A house is divided against itself when some of its resources go to **sustain other systems** (The Penal System, The Health Care System and The World System) **that put no money, resources or empowerment back into your house!**

In order for this to happen we have to be taken out of these demonic systems brought into the Kingdom (God's System) and work it!

The American Penal System is estimated to make over \$74B in 2016!

Blacks make up just 12% of the American population but 38% of the prison population.

Americans spent almost \$10K on Health Care in 2013, more than every other developed country, yet our life expectancy is 4 years less.

35 million Americans (26%) make minimum wage which comes to less than 16K a year.

How can someone escape poverty when they're in the system where over half your income goes to health care and half is caught up in the Penal System, Gambling System, Party System or any other system?

This is why people have no control over their lives!

Whether we call it:

Dictatorship a form of government or management in one person has complete control of the system.

Big Government is a system where it seems the government controls the smaller systems that the people live in.

Capitalism is system in which capital or money controls the lesser systems that control the lives of the people.

KJV John 8:36 *If the Son therefore shall **make you free**, ye shall be **free indeed**.*

Freedom is the state that emerges after God has acted to remove all hindrances—spiritual (sin and death), social, economic, and institutional—that block our creational purpose.

Whatever hinders us from loving, serving and enjoying God and creation are **the systems of this world!**

The word *liberty* comes from the Latin word *liber!* In Greek the same word is *biblos*—where Bible comes from.

Liber or biblos is the inner bark of a tree used to make books—so liberty came from books (education) and specifically The Book called The Holy Bible!

In the beginning was The Word—The Word created everything we see and don't see!