

**The New Testament Church**  
***The Great Reset #1 – Responsibility***  
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I Introduction.... – some observations on Covid as Charlene and I are just now recovering...

- A. One of the things we observed together is its spiritual nature in addition to being a natural virus
- B. We felt **attacked spiritually** as if a part of the enemy's global plan (but which will fail of course)
  - 1. We were totally exhausted, ready to sleep all day and night
  - 2. We had no motivation to do anything – all passion seemed gone
  - 3. I personally had a desire to just go with the flow – no fight – which is not like me at all
- C. We are fully aware not everyone will experience the same things – this is a unique virus for sure!

II “The Great Reset” intended internationally is no surprise to God; for His purposes are greater / deeper...

- A. The “deep state” as we know it today began in earnest in 1946 after World War II
  - 1. Today, the phrase “great reset” has been boldly declared due to the crisis the entire world faces Klaus Schwab's book *Covid-19: The Great Reset* – World Economic Forum, UN, Council on Foreign Relations, Royal Institute for International Affairs – “*the great reset initiative*”
    - a. Covid-19 has caused the normal 10-15 year transition to be squeezed into 18 months
    - b. The enemy of globalization is small business – 80% or more of all jobs (choice)
    - c. Debt – usual ratio can't have debt higher than 70% of your income; US is now at 140%+!
    - d. World-wide, among all nations, Japan has the worst ratio at 248% debt in relation to GDP
  - 2. The ratio of individual to national debt illustrates that *our choices have great consequences!*
  - 3. **God wants to reset the *attitude* of His people toward their responsibility!**

B. It is best to get back to the Word of God to see this, like all things, in perspective

- 1. God set the “default setting” originally as the Garden of Eden before the Fall – Genesis 2:15-25
  - a. Individual choice, teamwork, productivity, creativity, liberty all dominated without sin
  - b. There was no racism, sexism, or phobias of any kind....
- 2. The enemy (the serpent), desired a great reset to gain control through sin – Genesis 3:1-6
  - a. He couldn't “reset” the human race without the cooperation of Adam and Eve...
    - 1. But Adam, when confronted by God, blamed Eve – *the whom you gave to me* (Ge. 3:12)
    - 2. Eve, when confronted, blamed the serpent – *the serpent deceived me* (Ge. 3:13)
  - b. God knew all this of course and pre-planned a reset to advance His Kingdom – Ge. 3:15
    - 1. He would send the “seed of the woman” who would be bruised, but crush him  
*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*”
    - 2. He would do this through the *transformation of the individual* in overcoming sin

C. The **COMING OF CHRIST** was God's greatest **RESET**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*” –

Luke 4:18-19 (quoting Isaiah 61:1-2)

III God's current “great reset” of **responsibility** (will we embrace our responsibility for the earth?)

- A. The Bible declares that we, God's people, are responsible for the earth
  - 1. Ps. 115:16 – *The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth He has given to the children of men.*
  - 2. Psalm 33:12 – *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; the people He has chosen as His own inheritance*

- a. How do you know if a nation has God as its Lord? By the condition of His chosen!
- b. Are we playing the blame game, focusing on what “others” have done to us?

B. But how could we be held responsible for what goes on in the culture around us?

1. Proverbs 4:23 – *out of the heart flow the issues of life... (it’s downstream so to speak)*
2. We are to take responsibility in the spirit, stand in the gap; and refuse to play the blame game  
*“Is this not the fast that I have chosen; to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, the let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you... if you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness...you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the Restorer of the Streets to dwell in.... – Isaiah 58:6-13*
3. It is *not* devil, global government, covid, or secret societies that are the root of the problem....
4. We are the problem and have a *responsibility* to tend our own garden and be broken before God
  - a. **Pray** - Matthew 6:10 – *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*
  - b. **Be Salt** - Matthew 5:13 – *an attitude to serve, not us-them; love our enemies; active locally*
  - c. **Walk as Light** – Mt. 5:14-16 – *to light our lives, homes, cities – bottom up with good works*
  - d. **Walk in forgiveness** – 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7-9 – *walk in the light, confess our sin, faithful to forgive*
5. We are called to **restore all things** - Acts 3:19-21 – *repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. (we are not to just hope Christ comes or straightens out everything)*
6. A primary example of our proper posture is Daniel - Daniel 9:2-18

<sup>2</sup> *in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

<sup>3</sup> *Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. <sup>4</sup> And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. <sup>6</sup> Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.*

<sup>8</sup> *“O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. <sup>10</sup> We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> Yes, all Israel has transgressed*

*Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. <sup>12</sup> And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.*

<sup>13</sup> *“As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. <sup>14</sup> Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. <sup>15</sup> And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly!*

<sup>16</sup> *“O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. <sup>17</sup> Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake <sup>[a]</sup> cause Your face to shine on <sup>[b]</sup> Your sanctuary, which is desolate. <sup>18</sup> O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”*

IV Let us allow God to reset our perspective – *we must take responsibility in the spirit*

A. Culture is downstream from the condition of the heart of God’s people

1. What we see today is a result of believer’s attitudes of shirking responsibility 50-60 years ago
2. How we perceive today’s challenges, and whether we take spiritual responsibility through confession of sin (we have sinned) and a posture of brokenness will an effect on the future

B. We must realize:

1. It is not that Christ and the Church have been analyzed and found wanting in the court of public opinion, ***it is that the world (and America specifically) has not yet had a chance to see what Christ can do through a surrendered and broken people!***
2. ***God is working out a plan to strengthen His Church in this nation to take responsibility for the compromises of our past and manifest Christ’s attitude and character to our nation!***