

Transformation of structures

(Micah 6:6-8, Ep 4; 25-32, Mat 12:15-12)

Our Society is made up of many structures. Of those the main structures are social, economic, political and judiciary. In the beginning after making everything when God looked at what he had made He found everything very good (Gen 1:31). By the time we come to Gen 6:12 we discover God finding everything corrupted because the people on the earth had corrupted their ways. Moses wrote that God was grieved in His heart for making man on earth (Gen 6:6). But there was at least one Noah in every generation to make God change His heart and fulfill His eternal plan for His creation. The Bible is that book which reveals God's eternal plan of salvation. His plan is making everything new in Christ Jesus (Rev 21:5, 2 Cor 5:15).

We found that the one reason for the earth to be corrupted was that every inclination of the thoughts of men's hearts was only evil all the time (Gen 6:5). The reason for any structure to be spoiled is man thinking himself as god and declaring his independence. What Adam and Eve had done was only this. Craving for freedom they became slaves to Satan who was the destroyer of everything that is good from the beginning.

If we want to transform structures we have to acknowledge God as the creator of everything good and that we have spoiled everything by sinning against Him. This is today's epistle lesson. What God requires from us is that we join hands with Him in making every thing new. This is today's Old Testament lesson. Jesus left a perfect model of one that walked with the God always. This is today's Gospel lesson. God is ready to walk with us; the question to day is are we ready? If we are ready in no time our structures will be transformed.

Epistle lesson: Ephesians 4:25-32 It is the sin that deforms everything

From the beginning it is Satan who has been deforming everything God has created. But God has an eternal plan of transforming everything to make everything new in Christ Jesus and bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. For any structure to be transformed the people in it should be

transformed. Very few who claim to be doing the work of God are teaching how this transformation can come. Some only teach that we have to repent for our sins and accept Jesus as our savior and Lord. Some teach only healing as the work of the Holy Spirit. In this way people are preaching a different Gospel other than what Lord Jesus and other disciples preached. We see them making the people fall on the stage in the name of the Holy Spirit. I don't know how many are building the lives of those people who fall. Repentance or transformation is not a one day affair. It is a lifelong process. When God raised us who were dead in our trespasses and transgressions in Christ Jesus, it was only the first step. Satan always tries to pull down all those who are raised. Therefore we have to teach people how to fight the devil and defeat him. The modern trick of Satan is to make people think that the power of the Holy Spirit means only healing or speaking in tongues and nothing else. In this way he is making all weak in their spiritual lives though they claim to be strong. Satan is preventing people from joining the army of God by his lies. He is tricking people making them think that they are defeating him.

Christian life is a battle ever since we are redeemed from sin. It is a battle against our flesh, the devil and the world. The cross is our powerful weapon in this battle. That is why we need to follow Jesus Christ daily carrying our cross (Lk 9:23). It means putting to death all the works of the flesh like lying always, unforgiving attitude, laziness towards spiritual things, bad language from the mouth, bitterness, slander, stealing, rage, anger and every form of malice. To kill any thing we need a weapon. In this case that weapon is the cross. We need to put to death all that is old and build with Christ all that is new. To day God is calling to build that new society of peace, righteousness and joy which is His kingdom. This is today's Old Testament lesson.

The Old Testament lesson: Micah 6;6-8 God's plan is o make everything new

God is our Life. The things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law so that we and our children are blessed (Deut 29:29,30:20). Therefore we need to choose to please God always. Micah is an eighth century prophet .His name means "where is God like the Lord". The word Godliness has come from the word meaning "like God". To be like God, that is godliness is the theme of both the books of Micah and Ephesians. If we read these books side by side we discover many

truths for our spiritual lives. Micah showed the sins of God's people which they were committing claiming to be God's people. In that society which was full of lawlessness, oppression and cruelty Micah told them about the coming wrath of God on them if they continued in their sin. He also told them if they repented the merciful God would forgive them. He told that the human society would be transformed when every one walk with God humbly, justly loving mercy. Jesus is our perfect example and model in walking with God in building the kingdom of God.

The Gospel lesson: Mathew 12:15-21 Let us join hands with Jesus and transform the society

Jesus came into the world as a king and Lord to build the kingdom of God which is a new society. But he didn't come as dictator with power and force. He came as humble meek servant to die on the cross. By His death He disarmed the principalities and the evil powers of the world and established God's justice and peace. What Mathew quoted here is from Isaiah 42:1-7. We call this as the first servant song.

For any structure may it be a family or a church or a society to be transformed the subjects in them should be humble and meek. Jesus came to teach us those two attitudes (Mat 11:28, 29). If we have humility, heaven is ours. If we have meekness the earth is ours. What more do we need? God is calling us today to join hands with Him in building a new society, His kingdom on earth. May God help us to do that, Amen.

Life Application:

1. God's plan for his cosmos is to make everything new in Christ Jesus.
2. Let us join hand with him in this