

Illegal Immigration

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Have we forgotten?

Illegal immigrants from England who had no citizenship papers from the Indian Nations formed America. Our forefathers fled from England taking safe-haven in this land. Now, people from Mexico without American citizenship papers are flooding across our southern border into this same land seeking safe-haven and employment. We took the land from the Indians. Now we claim it as our land and we pass laws to make sure other people don't do the same thing to us that we did to the Indians. Isn't this hypocrisy?

Might makes right

In the kingdoms of the world might-makes-right, the big dogs rule. They form governments and make laws. God is in control of governments, gives them power, and sets nation against nation to fulfill His purposes. He has purpose in this case too. The Apostle Paul says we are to obey the laws of the land. (Rom 13). Maybe the Indians blew it by not having Immigration laws, but that probably would not have prevented us from taking over. At any rate, all have to obey the immigration laws, even though the laws are hypocritical.

How should we feel about the immigrants?

But how should we feel about those who are entering this country in the same way that our forefathers did? Is our desire to show them grace, compassion and mercy? Or are our hearts so hardened by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches that we see illegal immigrants as enemies to be suppressed. Do we want to live by the law and have the immigration laws enforced to protect our lifestyles, jobs, and properties? Jesus says not to be concerned with such things. If we claim to be Christians, citizens of the Kingdom of God, then our minds and hearts will be different than those of the world. We will live according to the New Testament and will be led by the Spirit and not by the flesh.

Scriptures for discussion:

Love the stranger: "Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt." Exodus 22:21

If we are Christians, dead to the world, what rights do we have to defend? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: Matt 6:32 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3.

Live after the Spirit, not the flesh:" For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom 8:13,14



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