



Spickard on...

***"Be ye not as ...
...the Gentiles ..."***

"..How the Greatest should be the Least...How does this effect us Today ?"

"And there was strife among the Disciples, which of them should be accounted the Greatest. And Jesus said unto them, The Kings of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called 'benefactors' (speaking with irony here... or "friends of the people" NLT).

But it will not be so with you ! He that is greatest among you, let him be the least ; he that is chief, as one that serves....I am among you as he that serves." - Luke 22:25-27.

"There arose an argument among the disciples, which of them should be the Greatest." - Luke 9:46.

" May God expand the domain (territory in which Dominion is exercised) of Japheth." - Genesis 9:27, Noah's Prophecy to his sons.

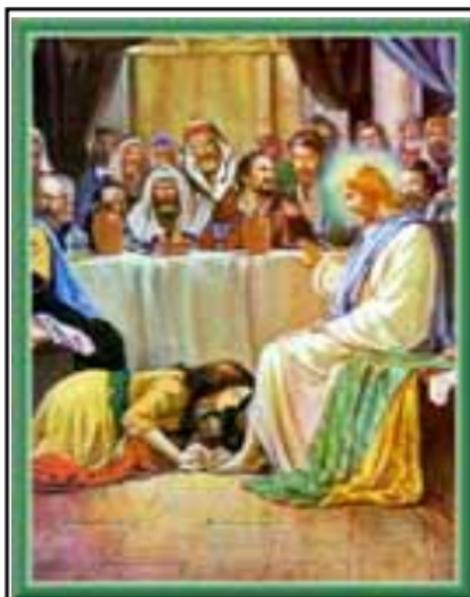


The Disciples brought it up twice, who was greatest...

<PUTTING OUT FIRES: In addition, to His ministry, Jesus settled differences among the disciples. Jesus had to reprove, correct, rebuke particularly in regard to their unbelief. The disciples were not chosen for their compliant natures. Indeed,...they were tempestuous !

Is There a Gentile Problem ?

In all three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke), Jesus was recorded in addressing the Disciples, comparing them to the Gentiles. The issue that forced this comparison was that the Disciples wanted to have some structure or control about the pecking order of themselves. Naturally, there were some rivalries among the disciples. Peter, John, and his brother, James, were considered favorites, as they witnessed the Vision of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17: 1-9), as they were invited by Christ to do so. Judas Iscariot, considered himself to be of some import, as he carried the money bag, or was the treasurer, and had some control over donated monies and expenses going out. Indeed, he bitterly protested the act of Mary anointing



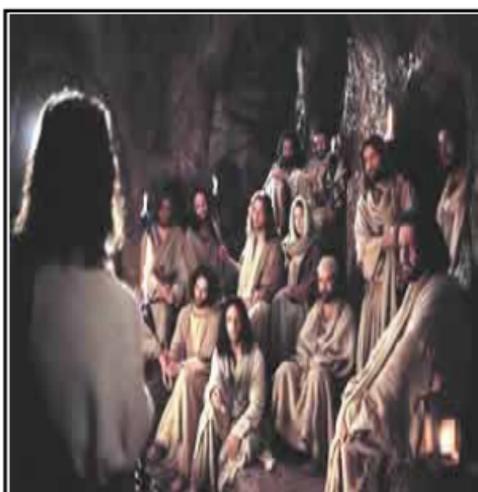
< JESUS having his feet washed as a prelude to his Passion. Judas protested loudly that this was a waste of expensive ointments and perfumes and should have been sold and the proceeds given to the poor. After Christ's rebuke, Judas went to the High Priests to conspire and deliver Christ to them.

the feet of Christ in preparation of his passion and burial. Salome, the mother of James and John, who was also Christ's aunt (she was His mother Mary's sister... hence James and John were His first cousins), asked Jesus that her sons be able to have the status of sitting on His right and left in the Kingdom of God. This caused immense grumbling and complaining, not to mention jealousy. It was at this juncture that Jesus addressed this issue by comparing this wish with the desire of control and influ-

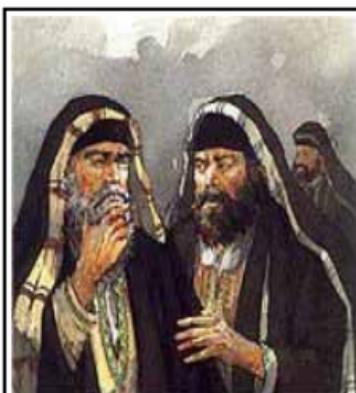
ence that the Kings of the Gentiles, or Gentiles, use in exercising their authority and dominion, and extending their domain over the peoples subject to them. This final comparison and reproof must have been effective, as the Disciples never again desired authority and have leadership over one another.

Yet it remains that the Gentiles have a inclination and nature to tend to rule over others. This is a quality that Jesus noted when he applied this tendency to that of His Disciples hoping to dissuade them by comparing them to the Gentiles. It was an effective affront to Jews to be labeled as a Gentile in some excess or fault, and errant behavior was quickly amended at such

comparisons. But why is there such a tendency with Gentiles to wish to have authority over each other, yet disguise in such a way that it supposed to seem benevolent. Jesus said that these rulers called themselves "benefactors" or "friends of the people."



^ ONE OF the reasons of the rivalry among the disciples was that half of them were related to Him. Indeed, six of them were His first cousins as Alfred Edersheim shows in his classic work, *The Life & Times of Jesus the Messiah*. John, James, as already mentioned, plus the sons of Alphaeus : James, Simon the tax rebel, Thaddeus, and Matthew, the tax collector. There may have well been a natural antipathy as noted between the two brothers, Simon and Matthew. One was a tax rebel, the other was a tax collector. Their father, Alphaeus, called Clopas also, was the brother of Joseph, husband of Mary, father of Jesus.



< A COMMON APHORISM in Jesus' day among the Jewish people, is still accurate today. It was said "that where there are two Jews, there are three opinions." This describes the free thought and exchange of ideas with the Jewish People. They did not try to control each other's minds. They did not have to agree with each other to get along in harmony. Try this in a Gentile Church : it would be split and divided.

Why Are Japhetic Gentiles Controlling ?

Gentiles, are by definition, anyone that is non-Jewish, or those born particularly to Abraham, the Grand Patriarch and Founder of the Jewish Nation. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Abraham came out of the lineage and heritage of Shem. All other Semitic, Hamitic, and Japhetic peoples are Gentiles. When Noah prophesied over his sons in the ninth chapter of Genesis, he predicted that "*God would expand the domain of Japheth.*" A domain, by definition, is a territory in which dominion is exercised. This has been dramatically fulfilled. For instance, of the four World Kingdoms predicted by the



^ OF THE FOUR WORLD KINGDOMS, Persia was Semitic. The other three were Japhetic with Babylon, Greece and Rome, having Dominion as consistent with Noah 's prophecy about Japheth.

Prophet Daniel, they were pre-dominantly Japhetic. The Great Empires that followed the Roman World Kingdom: the Holy Roman, Spanish, French, English, German, and American, are all Japhetic. The next world Empire will be Japhetic also, as Russia. The reins of power will switch back from West to the East in accordance with Bible Prophecy in the last days. Thus, historically, this is sufficient evidence and verifiable fact that Japheth has had Dominion or expansion in regard to Empires, Kingdoms, and Rule. Indeed, the root word of *Japheth*, means "*to deceive, allure, entice, flatter and persuade, to gain room or force expansion*" (Strong's Hebrew Dictionary).

Is this so? Just ask any of the Hamitic peoples who have been victimized the most by colonial and imperialist expansion... for example, the American Indian. The American Indian, could have very well been exterminated entirely by other civilizations. Instead, the Japhethetic United States played their role in *deceiving, alluring, enticing, and finally forcing their quest for expansion, calling it "manifest destiny."* Deceiving them, with the allurements of peace with the white man, enticing them with safety and welfare for their people...finally locating them in areas wherein they are managed and controlled...with little vision or future unless they are assimilated with the prevailing culture.

The Gentile Problem in the Church

It should come to no surprise then as Paul said, *"as it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual."* As soon as Jewish influence of the early Church was lost after the fall of Jerusalem, Gentile control sprang into effect, more than enough of it Japhethetic. True, they preserved the Church from what they perceived to be oblivion, but never fully trusted God to lead otherwise. Just as the Gentiles built kingdoms and empires, they did the same with the Church. It became more and more institutional or systemized... or controlled by men, not God. Finally, political power was achieved and even more control and authority was exercised. The voices of dissent and freedom of thought and speech were suppressed. Church councils were organized to regulate conformity to the uniformity of accepted Church teachings. Individuals who did not conform, labeled heretics, were persecuted, were subject to property confiscation, their rights violated, banished to other regions, and finally victimized by violence and murder. Then, as the Church consolidated its control over its adherents, it became the supreme power of the land, as the Holy Roman Empire. The Church, under Gentile dominion, sought to exercise this same dominion over the known world. It was

not enough to have the domain of Europe and the British Isles... they started Crusades to "expand" their dominion to the Holy Land. All the wars since the Holy Roman Empire have been "blessed" and the name of God invoked to kill and subjugate their enemies. The Gentile pattern of conquest, rule, and dominion has continued under the guise of modern and Gentilic Japethetic versions of Christianity.

The Gentile Church Problem Today...

This is just an overview of the history and nature of the world political Church. What is like on the local level? Well...much the same. There is institutionalized worship controlled by man. There is little room for dissent. Indeed, whole denominations promote their systems of belief in unBiblical statements of faith that is nothing short of mind control. Thus, a Baptist is recognized by the accepted principles of their recorded statements of doctrine and practice. If a Baptist no longer totally subscribes to this prescribed authority...they are rejected and excommunicated by the fellowship. There is no freedom to question, debate, or to offer opinions. This kind of control has long been the staple of popular Christendom. Yet, today, it is increasingly viewed as archaic, dictatorial, obsolete, outmoded, and outdated. God has never moved by the Holy Spirit in such "strait-jacketed" conditions. A study of revivals in church history will find that God has *always* moved outside the controlled Church.

Now, that the Gentile Age is over with Jewish control of Jerusalem, a new paradigm is working to bring God's Order back into the earth. No more will man's control and Gentile dominion characterize

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the emerging new order that God is planning for a Church "*without spot, wrinkle or any such thing.*" Does your Church still have a Gentile problem? Do you? Obey Christ's words and be free.