

Letter 703
The Ghost of Tom Joad
In Search of Kingdom Justice
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Dear **Jesus**,

Not long ago the Lord Holy Spirit led me to purchase a song from iTunes called The Ghost of Tom Joad. Tom Joad is a fictitious character from the book and movie The Grapes of Wrath.

As I listened, I was reminded of a phrase or two from the book The Veil, by Blake K Healy. Mr. Healy talks about listening to a song on a CD by a rock band called Rage Against The Machine, and how he entered into a vision while he was listening to the song. Then Mr. Healy commented in the book on how the song was about Social Justice. As I listened to his description of this event, the Lord Holy Spirit began to speak to me.

The Lord said that while the World is seeking for Social Justice, the World will only find the satisfaction True Justice in the Kingdom of Heaven, given by the Lamb Jesus, who takes away the sin of the World. This Kingdom is witnessed of and ministered by the Holy Ones of Yahweh, both the Redeemed Saints, and the Faithful Angels.

Some time later, when I was putting together songs for the audio versions of Letters 214-224, I found a song by a band called Rise Against. The song fit Letter 217 Volume 4 perfectly. So I was a little amazed when I later discovered who Rise Against was.

The song I found for this Letter, which is the foundation of this Letter, is called The Ghost of Tom Joad, and was penned and originally sung by Bruce Springsteen.

When we began to do the research for this Letter, I found a YouTube video in which both Rage Against The Machine and Rise Against were performing the song together. Later I purchased this same song from all three artists on iTunes.

Here therefore is our prayer for the Kingdom to come, on Earth as it is in Heaven, and minister True Kingdom Justice of the Lamb Jesus to the whole World.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Please hear our prayer for True Justice, the Justice that only comes from You, to prevail on the Earth, as it is in Heaven, for it is written that:

The Book of Exodus
Chapter 19
Verses 16 Through 25

Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud,

so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the Lord, and many of them perish. Also let the priests who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.”

But Moses said to the Lord, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.’ ”

Then the Lord said to him, “Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest He break out against them.”

So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

The Book of Exodus
Chapter 20
Verses 1 Through 26

And God spoke all these words, saying:

“I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of **the house of bondage**.”

COMMANDMENT ONE

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

COMMANDMENT TWO

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—
any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;
you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children
to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
but showing mercy to thousands,

to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

COMMANDMENT THREE

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

COMMANDMENT FOUR

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.
In it you shall do no work:
you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant,
nor your female servant, nor your cattle,
nor your stranger who is within your gates.
For in six days the Lord made the heavens and
the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and
rested the seventh day.
Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

COMMANDMENT FIVE

“Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long upon the land
which the Lord your God is giving you.

COMMANDMENT SIX

“You shall not murder.

COMMANDMENT SEVEN

“You shall not commit adultery.

COMMANDMENT EIGHT

“You shall not steal.

COMMANDMENT NINE

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

COMMANDMENT TEN

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
nor his male servant,
nor his female servant,
nor his ox, nor his donkey,
nor anything that is your neighbor's.”

Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood

afar off. Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

Then the Lord said to Moses,

“Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make anything to be with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves. An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen.

In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you.

And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it. Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.’

**The Book of Matthew
Chapter 1
Verses 18 Through 23**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife,
for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
And she will bring forth a Son,

and you shall call His name

Jesus,

for He will save His people from their sins.”

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

The Book of Matthew
Chapter 3
Verses 13 Through 17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying,

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The Book of Matthew
Chapter 17
Verses 1 Through 9

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying,

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

The Book of First John
Chapter 3
Verses 1 Through 24

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Amen.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus