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BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP FOR MISSIONARIES.

INTRODUCTION:

As students, missionaries, ministers, and church members, we come to the Bible as a religious book. So, we called ourselves Christians and even attached denominations within Christianity to ourselves. The million-dollar question is. IS IT TRULY WHAT OUR CREATOR INTENDED? This course will uncover many hidden truths that the Morden religious world is in error about in relating to Biblical Leadership regarding missions. Open your heart of understanding to the true intent of God and get a complete view of how the ancient people understood God and the Bible. In so doing, we will be able to propagate the message of the text and learn to live it out. God bless you as we travel through this joyful journey through the Holy texts.

Leadership in Biblical Missions:

Before we get into our discussion, we first need to know the meaning and functions of a Biblical Leader and the role of a Leader in God's missions. We will then further discuss what biblical missions are. Isaiah 9:6 talks about the leader the Lord commissioned into his service. *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be*

called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (NIV). Taking a closer look at the given text from its ancient cultural and concrete perspectives, we will have a perfect understanding of the message it is teaching us regarding Leadership.

Cultural insight:

In ancient Israeli marriage traditions, the bride's veil was placed on her husband's shoulder, symbolizing that he now carries her full responsibilities; therefore, the meaning of the phrase "the government shall be upon his shoulder." Implies the traditions of the ancient people's marriage life. Suppose this text refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as it is primarily interpreted among the wide population of Christianity and Churches. In that case, that may imply that the Church's responsibilities as the wife of the Lord Jesus Christ are fully upon his shoulders. However, as relating to Leadership, this means that we, as Leaders of the Church of God, carry the full responsibilities of the people of God. To be clear, I am not speaking of monetary responsibilities; though they might be included, they are not the focus of the matter here. The full message of the given text speaks about the role of a leader whom the Lord God, his creator has commissioned into service.

Ancient Leadership defined:

Ancient Biblical Leadership method is often understood from a shepherd and his flocks' illustrations. That story line carries a lot of insight of to how God our creator view Leadership then and now.

Madeleine S. and J. Lane Miller in their book Harper's Encyclopedia of Bible Life; defined Biblical Shepherd in this manner. Quote: A shepherd is better understood as a man responsible for the care and safety of sheep and goats while grazing away from the nomadic camp of the village, and capable by himself of moving a large flock without loss from one pasture to another, often many miles apart. End quote. There definition speaks directly to the core of Spiritual Leadership or shepherding. ***Joshua 1:2 My servant Moses is dead. Now you and all these people must go across the Jordan River. You must go into the land I am giving to the Israelites. (NIV)*** in this text we see with the eyes of wisdom, that is in our forehead, the true definition of a shepherd. Leadership is defined from our modern Christian theology: J Oswald Sanders defined *Leadership* as quote:

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Leadership is the influence, the ability of one person to influence others to follow his or her lead. End quote. God called men into service in order for his influence to become dominant upon them. In so doing, they, in return, can likewise influence their fellow man. Therefore, it all centers around influencing another individual for a character change. That is the intent of God's method of true and righteous Leadership. It was his intent then, and it is now and will be tomorrow. God is still asking the question that he once asked the prophet Isaiah. *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8. When we heed the call to Leadership, we must consider the influence we carry. Are we bringing our own behaviors and beliefs about God, or are we carrying with us the divine character that has been instilled in us through rigorous discipline and training from God? Because God is still asking the human family, WHO SHALL I SENT?

Who was a Shepherd? (The Individual or the Leader whom God called.)

- What was Shepherding? (the work or responsibilities)
- What was the shepherd's folks contained? (the recipients)