

The Bible Does Not Teach Communism
(A timely study lesson for High School and College students)

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The false "Christian" Communalism theory and the Communist State

Acts 2:44 reads: *"And all that believed were together, and had all things common".*

Is the above verse a sanction of Communism? No, it is not and the Scriptures clearly teach why. Godly sharing is not a state forced redistribution of wealth!

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain (symbolic for 'nation') of the house of Yahweh shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it,

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yahweh of hosts hath spoken it."

(Micah 4:1-4) ['Yahweh' is God's Hebrew name from 'Havah' – to breathe, exist. Sometimes we see it as the letters YHVH or YHWH. It can be translated into English as "The Everliving". This ministry is not hung up over the 'Sacred Name' debate as there are different ideas concerning this matter held by various good brethren. However for this article I have used the standard common name of Yahweh as most Christian Israel folks know what is meant by that usage in referring to God]

The above Scripture verses are from the book of Micah and contain a prophecy declaring that at the end of this age God's nation would provide a place where each man would have his own private property and not live in fear of government tyrants. It will be a time of peace where "spears become pruning hooks" and there will be no more wars. Totalitarian governments, such as Communism/Socialism and its nullification of private property rights by the state, will have become a thing of the past, and each man will be "king of his castle" enjoying the fruit of his own labor. Needless to say, we haven't fully arrived at this point in time, and this particular Bible promise has yet to be completed. Before Yahweh establishes the fullness of His Kingdom on Earth the Scriptures teach that a time of severe judgment for the nations must pass.

An erroneous supposition exists in some theological circles that Acts 2:44 teaches "Christian Communism". It does not. Acts 2:44 reads: *"And all that believed were together, and had all things common".* Relegating this verse to "state communism"

denies the fact that the rest of the Bible explicitly tells us that God's faithful people owned their own private lands, homes, goods, etc. in the spirit of responsible accountability. Acts 2:44 simply teaches the virtue of sharing and the proper perspective that Christians should have toward material things. Christians during the time and place of old Jerusalem were persecuted, however they realized the dire need to spread the Gospel. It was indeed a true state of emergency. Certain possessions were sold and shared in order to advance the Kingdom principles of Jesus Christ.

Professor A.T. Robertson, 1933, in his *Word Pictures in the New Testament* volume 3, page 39 discussing the Greek text of Acts 2:44 stated:

"It was not actual communism, but they held all their property ready for use for the common good as it was needed (#4:32). This situation appears nowhere else except in Jerusalem and was evidently due to special conditions there which did not survive permanently. Later Paul will take a special collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem."

A careful reading of Acts 4:32-35 explains the situation in Jerusalem at the time.

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. (32)

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Master Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. (33)

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, (34)

And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." v35 (Acts 4:32-35)

Let's appreciate some critical points about the above verses. First, in verse 32 the believers did privately possess "things". It was the USE of "certain" things that was in common, not the possession, since a "need" had to arise first (v.35). Communism orders its captives by dictating "What's yours is mine, I'll take it.". What the Christians were saying here is, "What's mine is yours, I'll share it!" And there is a world of difference between the two. Secondly, they "were selling" lands and houses and the price obtained was used for distribution to those who had need. The King James Version makes this verse sound like they all went out and "sold" their homes all at once, which premise is incorrect. The Greek text uses a "present active" verb form of "selling" (piprasko) in an ongoing sense. The believers in this verse were from time to time selling their lands if a serious need was brought before their attention. It was a great act of love for the brethren which they were all in agreement with, but they did not immediately divest themselves of all their lands in a fashion likened to wayward people joining a cult.

Also, Roman and Jewish authorities were persecuting and dispossessing these first century Christians of their lands and homes anyway. It was much better to get rid of these possessions while they could and apply the money to where it could do some good ... in the hands of those furthering the Kingdom of God. It was all a matter of seeing a need and giving voluntarily with a loving heart, not communalism, that

prompted their actions. In fact Christ said to those who gave up their possessions, that they would get it all back eventually:

"And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." (Mark 10:29).

The point being Christians must be ready to part with material things if need be for the Gospel's sake. They can expect to get it back into their private possession in God's time, but with persecutions, which means we must be ready to lose it again for the Faith if the need arises. *"Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Yahweh gave, and Yahweh hath taken away; blessed be the name of Yahweh." (Job 1:21)*

The Scriptures do not teach Communism or communal holding of property as either a lifestyle or a political option. God's Word teaches that ALL THINGS ARE YAHWEH's and that He let's us have certain goods during this short life on Earth.

" The earth is Yahweh's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalms 24:1) (The world does not belong to the state)

"But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, for I know that ye have much cattle, shall abide in your cities which I have given you; Until Yahweh have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which Yahweh your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you." (Deut.3:19,20)

"And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance , and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit." (Numbers 33:54)

"And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land" (Judges 2:6)

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth". (Ephesians 4:28)

"For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good (charity giving from your possessions) but me ye have not always." (Mark 14:7)

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17)

"And Yahweh thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for Yahweh will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers." (Deut.30:9)

We may observe from these and many more Scripture passages that Yahweh's laws recognize the possession of private property rights which is the opposite of Communism where the State owns all. America was founded upon the Christian principles of cherishing "God given rights" for private possession of goods, and the government was created for one purpose only to protect those rights. Somewhere along the way America has forgotten its lawful origins. In fact the chart below shows how the present administration of U.S. government and State governments in America have shifted away from the Divine precepts of private ownership recognized in 1776.

In Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto there are listed "10 planks" necessary to "Communize" a nation of free people, making them slaves to the elite few who run the state. America has presently adopted all 10 planks as the method of enforcing public policy, a public by the way which has strayed from God's laws. Upon reading the comparison below it will be obvious that Communism is not dead as we are led to believe, but rather the West has now itself become nearly Communist, and has merely changed the name of Communism to "world democracy". The Berlin Wall was not demolished because Communism had been destroyed. On the contrary, the Berlin Wall was removed because the West has made the regressive steps into Marxism to the point that Western nations are no longer a threat to Eastern pagan political reforms.. In effect we have been Communized.

CM= Plank Number in The Communist Manifesto. US= United States Federal & State Laws passed

CM 1. Abolition of property (rights) in land. Application of all rents (taxes) of lands to public purposes.

US 1. 14th Amend. US Const. 1868 federal control of property; Zoning regulations; School & property taxes; Title 17 health/safety code.

CM 2. Heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

US 2. Misapplication of 16th Amend. Income Tax 1913 (excise); IRS code; SS Act 1936; JHR 192 1933; State Income Taxes of private individuals.

CM 3.. Abolition of rights of inheritance.

US 3. Federal & State Estate Tax (1916); Reformed Probate Laws; Limited inheritance via arbitrary inheritance tax statutes.

CM 4. Confiscation of property of all emigrants and rebels.

US 4. Public Law 99-570 (1986); Executive Order #11490 sec.1205,2002 gives private land to Dept. of Urban Develop; 1997 Crime/Terrorist Bill, Patriot Act, targets people as state enemies; IRS confiscation of property without due process first.

CM 5. Centralization of credit in hands of the state by means of a national bank with state capitol and exclusive monopoly.

US 5. Credit/debt system nationally organized by the Federal Reserve Act 1913. All local banks are members of the Fed system, and regulated by the Fed. Dep. Ins. Co. (FDIC)

CM 6. Centralization of the means of communication and transportation in the hands of the state.

US 6. ICC Act 1887; Commissions Act 1934; ICC established 1938; FAA; FCC; Ex.Orders 11490, 10999; State mandated drivers license, D.O.T. regulations.

CM 7. Factories and instruments of production controlled and owned by the state; communal control of wastelands by state dictates.

US 7. Dept. of Commerce & Labor; Dept. of Agriculture; Dept. of Interior; EPA; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation, etc, etc.; IRS control of corporations through regulations.

CM 8. Equal liability of all to labor [pay the common debt to the central bank, ed.]; Establishment of industrial armies.

US 8. Inflation caused by national bank has caused the need for two incomes in a family; Women in work place 1920's; 19th Amend; Civil Rights Act 1964; Socialist Unions; Affirmative Action; Fed. Work Programs; Ex. Order # 11000

CM 9.. Gradual abolition of distinction between town and country, combining agriculture and

manufacturing industries under one commission for common good.

US 9. Govt. encouraged corporate farms. Zoning Title 17 (1910-90's); Reorganization Act 1949; Ex. Order 11747, 11731 (10 regions); Public law 89-136.

CM 10. State educates all children; combination of education with industrialization.

US 10. People taxed to support state schools; children trained to work for the communal (socialist national) debt credit interest system.

Not only is the government implementation of the above non Scriptural and antiChristian, it is downright self destructive to our stability, national security, and our preservation as an American society. With the advent of forced communalism within our borders, America has gone from the industrious inventive leader of the world to a nation of consumers feeding off the products of backward lands. Our store shelves are cram packed with items made anywhere but in our own country, while American industry is leaving from our shores to set up shops in heathen lands. This, of course, is the punishment America receives for listening to preachers who have socialized the

Scriptures for internationalism, and for rejecting God's laws in favor of doing so called "good humanitarian works" in Christ's Name. The social Gospel foolishly attempts to upend Yahweh's order which teaches that all things must be in its order and in its place. *"The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his owner."* (Mat. 10:24).

In 1776 - 1787 Christian Americans, who were not communalists, created a servant called the Federal Government. This servant was created by them TO SERVE THEM by existing only to protect their God given rights, as quoted from the Declaration of Independence, "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted by men." Any function beyond that, our original law says is a government acting unlawfully. The social Gospel and Communism both violate the Word of our Eternal King by placing that which is created above that which created it.

Communists are atheists who place the creation called "Man" above Yahweh the Creator. Communists are law breakers in that they place "government", a created servant, above God fearing men who created it in the first place. This is why Americans live in virtual fear of their own government today. The servant has become master over the people. Of course Yahweh has allowed this for several reasons. Those who are arrogant enough to think they are above God Almighty are permitted to condemn themselves by their actions.

Also since America was not vigilant in cherishing its Christian foundations, the nation must now pay the price of having the ungodly rule over it. In the end Yahweh's Kingdom will prevail as promised by His Word. The Almighty has spoken, and Communism, Socialism, Nazism, Dictatorships, Democracy, and all the other governments not found within Yahweh's righteous standards will pass on into oblivion.

"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. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6,7)

Communism is not taught within the Holy Scriptures!!

The government of the Holy Scriptures is the Kingdom of Yahweh (The Everliving)!!
"No King but Jesus!"

Blessings to the Remnant in Christ.