

## 2025 - Rendering Unto God Pt-2

Prayer Of Invocation - Dec Moore

MS - Dec Mack - **Ps 107:1** O give thanks unto the Lord, for *he is* good: For his mercy *endureth* for ever. **2** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

The Word; Pastor White

**Lu 20:25** And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

Last week we made a what I believe is a very compelling case for why everyone ought to consider giving God his just do.

God created all things and everything in this world belongs to him. His hand of authorship is undeniable even though many men have tried and had to face the consequences of their rejection of the truth.

God's divine order is evidence in all of creation and whether you believe it or not does not change that fact.

Our rejection of God's truth does not change who He is.

He is the only omnipotent, omniscient, Holy and Righteous Sovereign of the universe.

For anyone to deny that is to deny ones own existence for we are all kept by the same power of the one who created all things for His good pleasure.

**Colossians 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

This morning we're going to look at a few powerful men and the kingdoms they ruled and see why even they had to bow down to the power and the majesty and the glory of God.

Pharaoh - King of Egypt

Now in Egypt the pharaohs were to the people as Gods, but the lord our God had to show Pharaoh what real power, what real authority was all about. God's authority was not just displayed in his ability to command men. Gods authority and sovereignty was displayed in the element of creation. The land, the water, the animals, insects, hail, sun, moon, and stars God used to display His omnipotence.

Look at what God told Moses;

**Exodus 4:21** And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

**Exodus 7:3** And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 7:13** And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

### The 10 plagues of Egypt

- **Blood:** The Nile River, a vital source of life for Egypt, turned to blood.
- **Frogs:** Frogs left the water in large numbers to escape the contaminated river.
- **Boils:** Ashes were thrown into the air, causing painful boils to appear on Egyptians and their livestock.
- **Hail:** Huge balls of ice pelted down on Egypt, leaving no living thing unharmed.
- **Locusts:** A plague of locusts struck Egypt.
- **Flies:** Swarms of flies descended on Egypt.
- **Darkness:** A thick darkness descended on Egypt for three days, making it impossible for people to see one another.
- **Livestock pestilence:** A pestilence struck Egypt's livestock.
- **Lice:** A plague of lice struck Egypt.
- **Firstborn:** Yahweh decreed that all firstborn sons be killed.

God ultimately destroyed all the Egyptian army that pursued Israel through the Red Sea;

**Exo 14:27** And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

**28** And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

Nebuchadnezzar - king of Babylon

Was a fearsome King who ruled with an iron fist.

**Da 1:1** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

But the king had a dream that greatly concerned him and none of his wisemen, magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers could interpret.

It was only after Daniel interpreted his dream that he gave God the glory.

**Daniel 2:46** Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

**47** The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

But even after that acknowledgement, God had to teach him who was truly God. Nebuchadnezzar had another dream that troubled him. But once again no one but Daniel could interpret the dream.

**Dan 4:24** This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

**25** That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

Needless to say that the the interpretation Daniel made was exactly what happened.

*\*Some of you may be worried about whats going on here now in this country, but I assure you today that God is still in control..*

Cyrus - king of Persia

Cyrus was not an Israelite, but a Persian; he was a gentile; he was a pagan, he was a worshippinger of false deities. BUT . . . he was anointed and chosen by God to be the one who would free the Jews from Babylonian captivity and permit them to return to Jerusalem. It was Cyrus who was responsible for sending back with them the sacred vessels that had been taken from Solomon's Temple during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, along with a considerable sum of money with which to buy building materials. His efforts culminated in the construction of the second temple. this is what God says of Cyrus.

**Isa 44: 28** That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, And shall perform all my pleasure: Even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; And to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

**45:1** Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, Whose right hand I have holden, To subdue nations before him; And I will loose the loins of kings, To open before him the two leaved gates; And the gates shall not be shut;

**2** I will go before thee, And make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, And cut in sunder the bars of iron:

**3** And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, And hidden riches of secret places, That thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

**4** For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

**5** I *am* the Lord, and *there is* none else, *There is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

**6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, That *there is* none beside me. I *am* the Lord, and *there is* none else.

**7** I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these *things*.

**8** Drop down, ye heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness: Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

**9** Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? Or thy work, He hath no hands?

**10** Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begetteth thou? Or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

**11** Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, And concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

**12** I have made the earth, And created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, And all their host have I commanded.

**13** I have raised him up in righteousness, And I will direct all his ways: He shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, Not for price nor reward, Saith the Lord of hosts.