

## How Christ will rule the World - 6

The prophet foretold the coming reign of Christ in the Kingdom of God - "Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; he will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." - Isaiah 2:3.

This will be a United Nations of a totally different kind from what now exists. There will no longer be a separate set of laws in every country - set according to the differing circumstances in each nation. No longer will men in every nation contrive their laws according to their own wisdom. Instead there will be one law for the whole earth, administered from the capital city of the world.

"Out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" - Micah 4:2. All nations will be in subjection to Christ. Instead of applying their own former national principles in the regulation of life, they will accept the law from Jerusalem as the universal divine jurisprudence - "the coastlands shall wait for His law" - Isaiah 42: 4.

Experiencing life under that law, people will soon see what wisdom produced it. Summarizing the 25 times that Psalm 119 mentions the law of God, he says in v.97, "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me."

What a huge privilege to be governed under a law which has been designed by God! There could be no more worthy administrator of that law than Jesus, the Son of God. His Father made him King, "Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice'" - John 18:37.

The Truth encompasses the purpose of God in His creation of man with the plan to populate the earth with people who have His character ("glory") and nature - "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" - Habakkuk 2:14. The willing offering of the life of Jesus on the cross has provided the means for sinful mankind to be participants in that plan - "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" - John 15:13.

Here is the most worthy person to administer the law of God, who has fully demonstrated his desire and ability to seek the permanent well-being and good of his subjects. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the rule of Christ - "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord... with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked" - Isaiah 11:2 .

Such a character in the coming King shows what blessings will prevail under his rule. Not only is he an able administrator, but he is merciful and compassionate. He is one who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His rule will be for the benefit of those whose wants are neglected and unheeded now. The law of Christ will be one for the poor as well as the rich - for every human being who is so fortunate to live under his reign.