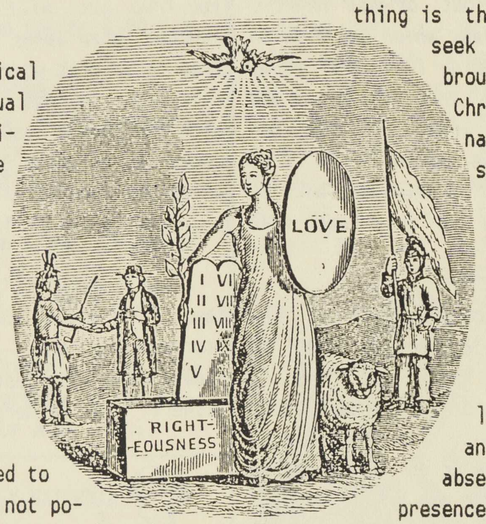
being left alone to do whatever comes into my mind. As society changes, what was wrong yesterday is right today, and so freedom moves upon a sea of relativity. The truth, however, isn't relative. The truth is absolute. The truth is a person, and He makes you free INDEED. To be free indeed, however, there are some things you can't do because they are not of the truth, and are inconsistent for a disciple of the Lord to do. Only the word of God can tell you how to be free. Liberty and Biblical freedom are synonymous. Liberty is a condition of people under law that maximizes all of their potential, keeps them safe, makes them prosperous, and defends them from their enemies. That is Biblical freedom.

Liberty is not a political idea. Liberty is a spiritual revelation. No political scientist ever came up with the doctrine of Liberty. God revealed Liberty to His people through His word because it is the nature of God to be at Liberty! And therefore God wants us to have the ability to be free as He is free -- free INDEED!



Another thing that we need to understand is that Liberty is not politically transmittable. You cannot, through some political process, give Liberty to those who cannot walk in the word of God. It is not something that can be written about, studied about, shipped overseas and learned. Liberty is obedience. Liberty is an exclusive Christian possession. I want to say that again. Those people all across the seas --those people to the south of us, those people to the west of us, those people to the east of us, those people to the north of us --cannot have Liberty without God's word! The idea that you can secularize Liberty is as false as is the doctrine that man is God.

Liberty is in the heart of every man. I want you to understand what is happening today in places like China, Russia and the eastern bloc. Because we are all made in the image of God, there is in the heart of every man and woman the desire for Liberty. And so when the conditions become so oppressive that men see that there must be a better way of life (for life can become so miserable that even without the Bible, one innately knows there is a better way of life), men begin to rebel and stir. They seek Liberty, for Liberty is imprinted within us for we were made in the very image of God. The frightful thing is that without Christ, you can seek it and never find it. It is brought forth into reality by Christ. Therefore if the natural man cannot find it spiritually, he will not have it politically. Every lost man and every lost nation who has ever tried to seize Liberty looses it. She slips between their fingers like sand. When Liberty dies, the only thing that lives is death, for Liberty and life are synonymous. The absence of Liberty is the presence of death.

Civil Liberty, Church, is the product of God's law. Hear me now! Grace saves us as a gift when the law could not. Grace gave us Liberty from the sacrificial system of the Old Testament. It took away the shadow and brought the real. Saving grace brings us eternal salvation, but it is not permission to lawlessness. Saving grace brings eternal salvation. It does not bring lawlessness. Saving grace gives us the power to obey God's law, and God's law is salvation for the social

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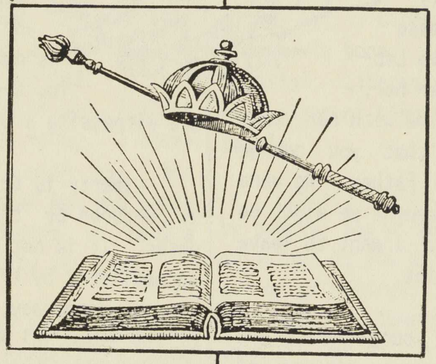
order of men. Without God's law alive within a society, we die. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." For you see, grace that saves our soul is eternal salvation, but grace that allows us to obey God's law on the earth in time brings temporal salvation. You will discover in James 1:25 the term "the law of Liberty." In the context, you will discover that when it says to look into the law of Liberty, you are to look into the word of God, and then you are to be faithful in the work. Please understand that the Biblical idea of the law of Liberty is not lawlessness; it is a life conformed to God's word.



Let me point this out to you so that my meaning is unmistakable out of your own experience. Because the issue that is in the Church today is: What do we do with civil government? In your own personal experience, when God came to you and you began to exercise self-government in your life, you applied the law of God to your personal life and you obtained Liberty. When God's law came to your family --messed up and all out of order -- and as husband and wife you began to apply the word of God to your family, your family came into a condition of Liberty. Liberty is implemented in the Church when the Church applies the law of God to sins that crop up and begin to eat like a canker at the life of the Church. And so the Church begins to apply the law of God to the society of the Church, and the Church gets Liberty. Why are we so willing to admit that and yet think civil government operates any differently? It is only when we apply the word of God to the civil government, and when the word of God becomes the law of the land that we have Liberty.

Democracy is not Liberty. Today in Russia and China, they will never have Liberty -- not until the light of the Gospel shines. Liberty is born in light; she is not a citizen of darkness. Liberty is not a democracy. The voice of the people is not the voice of God. Lost men seize her, and when they grab Liberty, she dies. When Liberty is joined to lost men, they have strange children -- mutant slaves. I grieve for them, but outside of the Gospel, there is no help.

Let me tell you what's happened to Christians in America. Remember the story of Lot while he was in Sodom? The angels came; they were in his house. The men of Sodom came and began to beat at the door and say, "We want those men. We have a burning lust for those men, and we will know them this night." Lot pleaded with them, but they would not listen to Lot. God blinded those men and they groped at the door until they were weary.

We Christians in America have had Liberty living in our houses, and the men of Sodom have come to us over time, and they have shouted and screeched and threatened, and we kept praying, "Oh, God, strike them blind! Oh, God, protect my house! Oh, God, keep them in confusion!" God hasn't, and He won't. Liberty is OURS to defend. Liberty is not God's to defend. It is ours to defend. It is a uniquely Christian inheritance. And we who are weak and unacquainted with the very strength and mercy of God decided the men of Sodom were stronger than we were, and we opened the door, and we cast Liberty out. And we shut the door, and we said, "God do what you can for Liberty, but save us." The men of this age have ripped her robe of righteousness. They have torn off of her the cloak of God's law. Today in

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