

## **“THE DIVINE COMMAND TO LABOR IN THE VINYARD OF THE LORD”**

**Matthew 28: 18 20**

**And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Now the text before us contains what is known to many Christians as the “**Great Commission.**” However, it is rarely thought of as being a divine directive given by our Lord and Savior-Jesus Christ, who now lives triumphantly over the grave, death, and hell; and is seated on the right hand of the Father in eternity.

Yes, what Jesus commanded his disciples to do and followers to come is to obey a “**divine directive**” that all believer and followers of Christ must carry out, if we are to make disciples of men. You see, a “**divine directive**” is an official or authoritative command with instruction, which happen to be given by Jesus Christ in the case. Yes, a “**divine directive**” is something God tells us to do.

So is we pay attention to what God says, and do what He tells us to do, we can be absolutely certain that we are doing the right thing. Now there would be a lot less uncertainty in our lives, if we paid more attention to what God desire of us to do, for His Glory and our good (**Reader, Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 9**).

**1 - THE DIVINE COMMAND TO LABOR IN THE VINYARD OF THE LORD.** Is a command from the Lord our Master, who provide His Church and each individual Christians with a mandate to make disciples of man? It is a personal obligation for each of us, to carry out the divine directive and an urgency as far as the world need to know, that salvation has come and can only be received through repentance and confession of Christ.

**(A). God’s eternal purpose for the salvation of mankind is verbalized in (John 3: 16) for whosoever will believe in his Son.** Our world, speaking of those who are ignorant of the wrath of God to come, are in desperate need of our making disciples

of men and a personal response of those, like me and you who have received the divine directives to tell somebody about the goodness of the Lord (**Reader, Acts 1: 4 – 8**). Now, as we have just heard what was read into our hearing and that how they were given power to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth, so have we been charged to carry the message of the Gospel into the world.

**B. God's eternal purpose for the salvation of mankind has also been revealed throughout the ages.** The Prophet Isaiah, who spoke about a suffering servant in (**Isaiah 53**), who gave his life for our sins. A message that we should forever be so grateful to tell someone, in hope that one soul will believe and live to tell someone else.

1. **The Prophet Jeremiah** spoke of God's plan to save Israel when he spoke about providing us with an eternal king that will sit on his throne forever in (**Reader, Jeremiah 33: 15 – 22**).

2. **The Prophet Daniel**, who spoke about God's plan to save Israel when he spoke about "seventy week are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy (Daniel 9: 24) and;

**3. The Prophet John the Baptist, just to name a few who carried their witness with them to the grave.** John declared that there was one greater than him and that he was preferred before him, and that he only Baptized with water, but the one coming after him will Baptize with the Holy Ghost (**John 1: 30 – 34**).

These were just a few true witnesses that counted the cost to carry out the divine directives given to them by God. We are living in a world today wherein the distractions of the world are more influencing than the Church and the people of God who represent the Church.

However, regardless of what is happening in the world around us, we must stick to the "**divine directive**" and labor together to fulfill "**The Great Commission**" spoken to the disciples of old and all followers of Christ, therefore;

1. **God's purpose is that the Gospel be proclaimed to everyone until the end of the world.** And so, that should be the focal point of every Child of God and the

Church, that they attend.

**2. God's plan for every Church to succeed and its success is dependent upon their ability to obey and follow his divine instructions to make disciples of men or it will cease to be a Church of Christ.** We must never forget that Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the savior of the body, and that Christ also loved the Church gave his life for it (**Ephesians 5: 23, 25**).

**2. God has promised us that His personal presence will be with us as we labor together to fulfill His will.** God has never back out of keep his promises. We are living in a time of fulfilling the greatest opportunity known to mankind, and that is to work hand and hand with Christ through the power of the Holy Ghost, to lead lost souls to saving faith.

### **INCONCLUSION**

If each Church and disciple of Jesus Christ [**speaking of us**] were seriously committed to obeying the "**divine directive**" of Christ, we will see a significant change of signs and wonders taking place in our very own lives as well as others.

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