

Introduction: Last week we saw how science itself has once again confirmed the Bible: There is scientifically and biologically no such thing as "race" as we think of it. But there is certainly such a thing as "culture". But as a believer, who is supposed to *"treat others as you want to be treated"* – Luke 6:31 NASB. And as a Child of God, adopted as His very own sons and daughters... who are any of us to think we are better than ANYONE! It is unthinkable within the scope of the Kingdom of God: There is only one Heaven! There is only One God, There is only One Holy Spirit, and there is only one way to go – Through Jesus – the ONE Savior!
"There is therefore no male or female, Jew or Greek, bond or free, for we are all ONE in Christ Jesus." – **Galatians 3:28** NASB

We Came from Adam. So from him we received that human genome, DNA that strands through all of us, regardless of skin color or hair texture, we learned last Sunday it all comes down to proteins and where the bulk of our ancestors lived, that ultimately determined that. But the Bible tells us a deeper truth concerning the Spirit realm: **Romans 5:12**

"Therefore, Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

1 Corinthians 15:45 "The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit."

Text: **Acts 17:24-27**

Outline:

II. Kingdom Culture:

→ There is only ONE way to be, in the Kingdom of God. It is not going to be an American way, or a German way, or a Chinese way, or a Baptist way, or a Methodist way, or a Pentecostal way, or a white way or a black way or a Hispanic way... It is going to be GOD'S way! And Jesus Outlined that in God's word through **Parables about the Kingdom** of God and a very detailed sermon about Kingdom Culture and thinking: Matthew chapters 5-7 the **"Sermon on the Mount"**. **"On Earth as it is in Heaven"**.

→ But that leads us to another very important question and issue:
Why does bad things happen to good people?

- **Heaven is going to be full of people who got there by way of a hard road!** Bad things happen to good people all the time. Cancer, car accidents, heart attacks, persecution for being a Christian, martyrs for Christ sake, aneurisms... the list goes on and on... Let's look at a very good example:
- **Story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50):** Joseph had dreams that one day he would rule from a place of importance, even over his father and brothers.
- Brothers were jealous of Joseph and how their father treated him as special, even giving him a coat of many colors.
 - Brothers one day sold Joseph to a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, to take goods to Egypt.
 - Over and over the Bibles says "the LORD was with Joseph" 39:2,3,21,23, Gen.41:38,
 - Many bad things happen to this good young man!
 - Made a slave to Potiphar, thrown into Jail, falsely accused.
 - Then Pharaoh has a dream and learns that God is with a young man named Joseph. Pharaoh sends for him hoping he can interpret his dream. Joseph tells Pharaoh that if it is God's will, God will show him the interpretation of the dream, whether favorable or not.
 - Pharaoh recognizes that the Spirit of God is in Joseph. (Gen. 41:38)
 - At 30 yrs. Old, Joseph became second in command over all of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh.
 - Joseph saves all of Egypt, Goshen and the surrounding regions from the 7 years of famine, because he saved grain during the 7 years of plenty.
 - Joseph's brothers come to Egypt from Canaan, hoping to buy some grain from there because they are starving.
 - Joseph has his chance now to get back at his brothers: But look at what a young man, who is Aware of God on his side, and who has the Spirit of God inside of him says to these brothers who meant EVIL toward him: **Genesis 50:20-21**

→ **Who will make it to God's Kingdom?**

- Good People.
- Bad People.
- Very bad Sinners.
- Very good saints.
- Blacks
- Whites
- Hispanics
- Asians

- People from every Nation & Culture
 - People from many Denominations and "Churches"
- All those who surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ! (**Doodly video**)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus states, concerning the earth, and those who will make it into His Father's Kingdom:

Matthew 5:45 *"In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike."*

Many Cultures have been mistreated, done unfairly, even atrocities committed against them. The Jews, Africans, Polish, Natives to America, Blacks within America etc...

People can choose to be victims. For the rest of their lives and even pass down to their children a "victim" culture.

OR

We can become apart of God's KINGDOM Culture! And pray: "Father, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Isn't that where we are all trying to go?