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Read the assigned chapter before working through each lesson. Write responses before group discussion.

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LESSON 1

The Stonewall of the West Gen. Cleburne

June 15, 2003

Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 7-19 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

The Primacy of Duty

Duty is the foremost obligation of man, to be performed consistently regardless of outcome or recognition.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) and emphasizes that duty is a constant daily exercise.

Duty Over Personal Gain

Cleburne exemplified placing duty and cause above personal advancement, even when it cost him promotion.

Lecture support: Cleburne said, 'I'm for the Southern cause. I'm not for personal gain,' and was willing to return as a private if cashiered.

Resistance to Tyranny

Cleburne believed it was his duty to resist what he saw as Northern tyranny and violation of constitutional government.

Lecture support: Cleburne wrote that the North was waging 'a brutal and unholy war… in violation of the Constitution and the fundamental principles of government.'

The Cost of Defeat and Historical Revisionism

Cleburne predicted that if the South lost, its history would be written by the enemy, its heroes regarded as traitors, and its manhood crushed.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Cleburne's memorial: 'It means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy… to regard our gallant dead as traitors.'

Learning from Ancestors

Modern Christians must learn from the sacrifices and principles of their forefathers to regain a sense of duty and courage.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'What an insult it is... to forget or to never know what they suffered and went through in order to protect us and give us our freedom.'

Standing for Truth

It is the duty of believers to teach and emphasize truth continually, as truth ultimately sets people free.

Lecture support: Weaver cites John 8:32 and says, 'If you tell the truth long enough and often enough, whether they like it or not, they're going to absorb some of it.'

Key Arguments

Duty is the whole obligation of man before God

Ecclesiastes 12:13 defines the entirety of human duty as fearing God and keeping His commandments, applicable to all areas of life.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'I submit to you it's the whole duty of man theologically, it's the whole duty of man ecclesiastically, it's the whole duty of man familially, it's the whole duty of man civilly, and it's certainly the whole duty of man personally.'

Duty must be performed daily and consistently

Scripture shows that duty is not occasional but a daily requirement, as seen in the Levites' service.

Lecture support: Weaver references 2 Chronicles 8:14 and Ezra 3:4, saying the Levites 'were to do their duty as every day requires.'

Fulfilling duty merits no special praise

Jesus taught that even when we do all commanded, we are unprofitable servants who have only done our duty.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Luke 17:10: 'So likewise you, when you shall have done all these things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants. We have done only that which was our duty to do.'

Cleburne fought for duty and principle, not slavery

Cleburne explicitly stated he never owned a slave and cared nothing for them, but fought out of loyalty to his friends and resistance to unconstitutional aggression.

Lecture support: Cleburne said, 'I have never owned a Negro and care nothing for them, but these people, the Southerners, have been my friends and have stood up to me on all occasions.'

Cleburne's proposal to arm slaves was suppressed due to political fears

Cleburne's memorial advocating emancipation and enlistment of slaves was suppressed by Jefferson Davis, likely costing him promotion.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'Davis finally got a copy of it and he returned it to Cleburne with a request that it should be suppressed because of possible public outrage.'

The Battle of Franklin was a needless slaughter caused by Hood's rashness

Hood ordered a frontal assault against fortified positions against the advice of his officers, resulting in massive Confederate casualties including Cleburne.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Hood was adamant... He ordered a frontal attack immediately... Cleburne knew that it was going to be a suicidal attack.'

Modern society has reversed priorities, placing play before duty

Weaver argues that contemporary culture, even among Christians, prioritizes recreation over responsibility, contrary to biblical and historical examples.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'The average adult, as well as the average child, desires and wishes and does to play and recreate before they ever do their duty.'

Knowing the truth about our ancestors' sacrifices is essential to resist modern cultural attacks

Understanding what forefathers endured provides backbone to stand against political correctness and revisionist history.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'There's something about our ancestors that will put steel in your backbone. Those men and women knew how to stand, and they knew how to fight.'

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Weaver opens the sermon with this verse, stating it as the foundational text for the whole duty of man.

2 Chronicles 8:14

Cited to show that the Levites were to do their duty as every day requires, illustrating the daily nature of duty.

Ezra 3:4

Mentioned alongside 2 Chronicles 8:14 as another example of daily duty.

Luke 17:10

Quoted to emphasize that even when we do all commanded, we are unprofitable servants who have only done our duty.

1 Corinthians 4:16

Paul's exhortation to be followers of him, used to support the idea of following godly examples.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Paul says to follow him as he follows Christ, reinforcing the principle of following godly examples.

John 8:32

Quoted to support the application that knowing the truth sets people free, and thus truth must be taught.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Ecclesiastes 12:13 define the whole duty of man, and in what ways does this apply to our daily lives?

Consider: Weaver opens with this verse and applies it to all spheres of life.

2. In what ways did General Cleburne exemplify the principle of duty over personal gain or safety?

Consider: Cleburne's life and statements show his commitment to duty regardless of cost.

3. What does Luke 17:10 teach us about our attitude after fulfilling our duties?

Consider: Weaver uses this verse to show that duty merits no special praise.

4. How did Cleburne's view of the Civil War differ from the common narrative that it was solely about slavery?

Consider: Cleburne stated he never owned a slave and fought for duty and states' rights.

5. What were the consequences of Cleburne's Memorial, and what does this teach us about standing for principle even when it costs us?

Consider: Cleburne's proposal likely cost him promotion, yet he remained committed.

6. How does the Battle of Franklin illustrate the dangers of leadership that refuses wise counsel?

Consider: Hood ignored his officers' advice and ordered a suicidal frontal assault.

7. In what ways have modern priorities reversed the biblical order of duty before recreation?

Consider: Weaver contrasts his upbringing with contemporary attitudes toward work and play.

8. What is our responsibility to learn and teach the truth about our ancestors' sacrifices and principles?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes the duty to expose truth and stand against revisionist history.

Applications

Put duty first in all areas of life

We must learn from Cleburne and Scripture to prioritize duty over recreation and personal desires.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We need to learn from our ancestors. To put duty first. We need to learn the importance of duty.'

Appreciate and learn from the sacrifices of forefathers

It is an insult to forget what our ancestors suffered to secure our freedom; we should study their examples.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'What an insult it is... to forget or to never know what they suffered and went through in order to protect us and give us our freedom.'

Recognize the ongoing cultural war against Southern and Christian heritage

Cleburne's prediction about history being written by the enemy is fulfilled in modern attacks by groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'I hope you understand, folks, why the politically correct crowd wants to put us down.'

Stand for truth persistently

It is our duty to teach and emphasize truth continually, trusting that it will have an impact.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'It is our duty to teach and to expose and to emphasize the truth over and over to all who will listen.'

Follow godly examples

As Paul urged believers to follow him as he followed Christ, we should follow those who follow biblical principles.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Corinthians 11:1 and says, 'If someone is following Christ, if he's following biblical principle, he's a good example to follow.'

Teach children the priority of work and duty over play

Weaver's personal story illustrates the importance of instilling a work ethic before recreation.

Lecture support: Weaver recounts his father saying, 'You've got to learn to work before you can ever learn to play.'

Personal Response and Notes

Student notes after reading the assigned chapter

LESSON 2

Community Peace and Personal Responsibility

July 08, 2012

Read Chapter 2 in the companion book, pages 21-34 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

Resurrection of Biblical Community

True community has died and must be resurrected on God's terms by rebuilding according to His law.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'If our communities are to be resurrected and live, we must rebuild according to God's law and learn to live according to God's law by applying it and obeying it in every area of our life.'

Personal Responsibility and Self-Government

Individuals must govern themselves by God's Word to avoid external control and conflict.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Robert Winthrop: 'The less they may have of stringent state government, the more they must have of individual self-government.'

Avoiding Unnecessary Conflict

Believers should avoid places, people, and actions that lead to trouble, including controlling their speech.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Don't go to stupid places with stupid people and do stupid things.'

Biblical Dispute Resolution

Christians must not sue each other in secular courts but resolve conflicts within the church.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, emphasizing that going to law before unbelievers is a fault.

Separation from Secular Jurisdiction

Once believers submit to secular legal systems, they come under their control and forfeit biblical autonomy.

Lecture support: Weaver recounts the Hollis vs. Edmonds case: 'Once the church... determined to enter the realm of Caesar by forming a corporation, it is required to abide by the rules of Caesar.'

Community Defense and the Right to Bear Arms

Biblical communities must be prepared to defend themselves physically, and the right to keep arms is a safeguard against tyranny.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes George Washington: 'Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth.'

The Necessity of Unity in Crisis

In societal collapse, individuals must stand together; isolated individuals are easy prey.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'One man alone will not last very long. That's why we need communities.'

Key Arguments

Communities are built on individuals and families

A resurrected community requires resurrected individuals and families living by God's law.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'It is impossible to have a resurrected community if that community is filled with unresurrected individuals and families.'

America was founded as a Christian nation

The founders intended a Christian commonwealth based on biblical morality, and departure from this has led to societal decay.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Robert Winthrop: 'They established a Christian commonwealth. They wrote upon its walls salvation and upon its gates praise.'

Self-control of speech prevents trouble

Keeping one's mouth and tongue is a key to avoiding conflicts and preserving one's soul from trouble.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Proverbs 21:23: 'Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles.'

Secular courts are forbidden for Christian disputes

1 Corinthians 6 commands believers to settle disputes within the church, not before unbelievers.

Lecture support: Weaver reads 1 Corinthians 6:1-6, emphasizing the shame of going to law before the unjust.

Incorporation places churches under state control

The Hollis vs. Edmonds case demonstrates that incorporating subjects a church to secular jurisdiction.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes the court: 'Once the church... determined to enter the realm of Caesar by forming a corporation, it is required to abide by the rules of Caesar.'

Self-defense is a biblical duty

Scripture and U.S. law affirm the right and duty to defend oneself, family, and community.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Nehemiah 4:13-18, where the people worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other.

The militia is composed of ordinary citizens

U.S. law defines all able-bodied males 17-45 as the unorganized militia, and founders saw an armed populace as essential to liberty.

Lecture support: Weaver reads Title 10, U.S. Code, defining the militia, and quotes Tench Coxe on the birthright of arms.

Scripture References

Psalm 127:1

Opening verse: 'Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.'

Jeremiah 12:5

If you can't run with footmen, how will you contend with horses? If in a land of peace you are wearied, how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

Joshua 6:26

Cursed be the man before the Lord that rises up and builds Jericho; he shall lay its foundation in his firstborn.

Psalm 39:1

I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me.

Proverbs 21:23

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

1 Peter 3:10

He that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.

Psalm 37:8

Cease from anger and forsake wrath, fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

1 Corinthians 6:1-10

Dare any of you go to law before the unjust? The saints shall judge the world; set the least esteemed to judge. It is a fault to go to law before unbelievers.

1 Samuel 8

When we refuse to be governed by God, we will be ruled by tyrants, as confirmed in 1 Samuel 8.

Psalm 144:1

Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight.

Nehemiah 4:11-18

Nehemiah armed the people by families with swords, spears, and bows; half worked while half stood guard; builders had swords girded by their sides.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean for a community to be 'resurrected' on God's terms, and how does that differ from rebuilding on man's law?

Consider: Weaver contrasts rebuilding Jericho under a curse with rebuilding according to God's law.

2. How can we practice individual self-government in our daily lives to reduce the need for external control?

Consider: Weaver quotes Robert Winthrop on the balance between state government and personal moral restraint.

3. In what practical ways can we 'keep our mouth with a bridle' when we are around people with whom we disagree?

Consider: Weaver cites Psalm 39:1 and Proverbs 21:23 about controlling speech.

4. Why does Paul forbid Christians from taking disputes to secular courts, and how should the church handle such conflicts today?

Consider: Weaver expounds 1 Corinthians 6:1-8.

5. What are the dangers of a church incorporating or otherwise submitting to secular legal structures?

Consider: Weaver discusses the Hollis vs. Edmonds case.

6. How does Nehemiah 4 provide a biblical model for community defense, and what principles can we apply today?

Consider: Weaver reads Nehemiah 4:11-18 about arming the people while rebuilding the wall.

7. What is the biblical and historical basis for the right to keep and bear arms, and how does it relate to resisting tyranny?

Consider: Weaver quotes Washington, Jefferson, and the founders on the militia and firearms.

8. How can we cultivate the kind of unity and mutual defense described in the message without letting personal irritations divide us?

Consider: Weaver acknowledges that no one is perfect and that living closely will cause friction.

Applications

Rebuild personal and family life on God's law

Examine whether your life and family are governed by biblical principles, and commit to obeying God's law in every area.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'If our communities are to be resurrected and live, we must rebuild according to God's law and learn to live according to God's law.'

Practice self-control in speech

Deliberately refrain from saying everything that comes to mind, especially around those with whom you disagree, to avoid unnecessary conflict.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'You do not have to say everything that comes into your mind.'

Avoid unnecessary conflicts

Stay away from places and situations where trouble is likely, and do not engage in foolish behavior.

Lecture support: Weaver advises, 'Don't go to stupid places with stupid people and do stupid things.'

Resolve disputes within the church

If you have a conflict with another believer, seek resolution through biblical counsel and church leadership rather than secular courts.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Corinthians 6 and says, 'We ought to be able to settle our differences among ourselves.'

Be prepared to defend your community

Acquire defensive skills and be willing to protect your family and neighbors, following the example of Nehemiah.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'If we're going to defend ourselves, if we're going to defend anyone else, then obviously we must be trained in defensive techniques.'

Cultivate unity and forbearance

Recognize that no one is perfect, and work through irritations now so that you can stand together in times of crisis.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'There are no perfect people... That's why all of these things have to be worked out.'

Personal Response and Notes

Student notes after reading the assigned chapter

LESSON 3

Theology and Culture

August 17, 2014

Read Chapter 3 in the companion book, pages 35-51 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

Theology precedes culture

A change in theology always comes before a change in culture; you cannot transform a society without first transforming its beliefs about God.

Lecture support: Weaver repeatedly states, 'A theological change must precede a cultural change' and 'You cannot have a change in culture unless you have a change in theology.'

Spiritual warfare

Christians are engaged in a constant war against forces that seek to undermine God's Word and Christian faith, and there is no discharge from this conflict.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We are at war... there is no discharge in that war' and cites 2 Timothy 2:3-4 about enduring hardness as a good soldier.

The necessity of sound doctrine

Only a godly people with sound theology can produce a godly culture; the command to teach no other doctrine is foundational.

Lecture support: He expounds 1 Timothy 1:3-5, emphasizing the command to teach only sound doctrine, and states, 'It is only a godly people that can produce a godly culture.'

The Reformation's cultural impact

The Reformation, especially Calvin's theology, transformed Western culture by teaching that all of life is sacred and to be lived for God's glory.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'It was the doctrines of justification by faith, the priesthood of all believers, the sovereignty of God, and the final authority of the Word of God that created what you and I would call a cultural reformation.'

Theological roots of the Civil War

The War of Northern Aggression was fundamentally a conflict between Northern humanism and Southern biblical Christianity, leading to national division.

Lecture support: He quotes Thornwell: 'The parties involved in this conflict are not merely abolitionists and slaveholders. They are atheists, socialists, communists... on the one side, and the friends of order and regulated freedom on the other.'

The failure of force and aid without the gospel

Cultures cannot be changed by military force, foreign aid, or politics; only the gospel of Jesus Christ can bring lasting transformation.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'The only way that you can change a culture is by the gospel of Jesus Christ. If there is not a change in theology, there is not going to be a change in culture.'

The love of death in a godless culture

Those who reject Christ and His wisdom inevitably produce a culture of death, as seen in abortion, euthanasia, and societal decay.

Lecture support: He cites Proverbs 8:35-36: 'All they that hate me love death,' and applies it to modern society's embrace of death.

The need for applied theology

Truth must be applied to all areas of life; mere intellectual assent to doctrine is worthless without obedience and action.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Truth unapplied is worthless. Our Lord said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." We must do the truth.'

Key Arguments

Cultural change is impossible without theological change

Weaver argues that every significant cultural shift, for better or worse, is the result of a prior change in what people believe about God and His Word.

Lecture support: He states, 'It is impossible to have a change in culture without having a corresponding change and a preceding change in theology.'

America's decline is due to abandoning biblical theology

The loss of Christian culture, morality, and constitutional government in America is directly traceable to the rejection of sound doctrine and the adoption of humanistic ideas.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Our culture, our society has changed because our theology has changed.'

The Reformation demonstrates theology's power to transform culture

The Reformation shows that when biblical doctrine is recovered and applied, it revolutionizes every aspect of society, from work to government.

Lecture support: He explains that Calvin's theology 'created the patterns of thought that would dominate Western culture throughout the modern period.'

The Civil War was a theological war

The division between North and South was rooted in conflicting theologies - Northern Unitarianism and rationalism versus Southern biblical orthodoxy - which led to denominational splits and national rupture.

Lecture support: He quotes C. Gregg Singer: 'After 1830, there was a growing philosophical and theological cleavage between the North and the South.'

Pagan theology produces poverty and death

Using India as an example, Weaver argues that false beliefs about God (e.g., reincarnation, worship of rats and cows) directly cause material poverty and suffering, which no amount of aid can fix.

Lecture support: He says, 'You will never change any country, any nation, any culture without a change in theology.'

The church must be reclaimed before the culture can be

Calls to reclaim America are futile unless the church first repents and lives out its theology; a revived church will inevitably impact culture.

Lecture support: He quotes Tom Ascol: 'Our real need is to reclaim the church for Christ.'

Ideas have consequences

Alien ideas lead to cultural decay; virtue and faith in God's Word are essential for a republic, and their absence leads to tyranny.

Lecture support: He states, 'Ideas have consequences. When one begins to have an idea that is alien to the Word of God... there's going to be a cultural change.'

Christians must engage in spiritual warfare

Believers are called to fight for the faith and not be entangled with worldly pursuits, recognizing that the battle is theological and cultural.

Lecture support: He cites 2 Timothy 2:4 and says, 'We are at war, and as Solomon said, there is no discharge in that war.'

Scripture References

2 Timothy 2:1-5

Weaver reads this passage to introduce the theme of spiritual warfare and the call to endure hardness as a good soldier, not entangling oneself with worldly affairs.

Ecclesiastes 8:8

Cited to support the claim that there is no discharge in the spiritual war Christians are engaged in.

1 Timothy 1:3-5

Used to show that Paul commanded Timothy to charge some to teach no other doctrine, and that the end of this commandment is love from a pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith.

Psalm 11:3

Quoted to illustrate the question of what the righteous can do when foundations are destroyed, applied to America's moral and spiritual decline.

Isaiah 58:12

Cited as the answer to Psalm 11:3, promising restoration and rebuilding if there is repentance and return to God.

Proverbs 23:7

Used to support the idea that a person's actions flow from their inner beliefs: 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.'

Psalm 116:10

Quoted to show that belief leads to speech and action: 'I believed, therefore have I spoken.'

Genesis 1:28

Referred to as the cultural mandate or First Great Commission, whose abandonment has led to abortion, euthanasia, and a despising of large families.

Psalm 127:3-5

Quoted to affirm that children are a heritage and reward from the Lord, contrary to the modern view of children as an inconvenience.

Romans 1:21-32

Referenced as the biblical condemnation of homosexuality, showing that such perversion requires first leaving the Word of God.

Proverbs 8:35-36

Quoted to demonstrate that those who hate wisdom (Christ) love death, explaining why a godless culture produces death.

1 Timothy 6:5

Alluded to in a quote by William S. Plumer, who said that if the assembly declared slaveholding a sin, southern churches would withdraw according to this verse.

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways have you observed a change in culture during your lifetime, and how might those changes be connected to shifts in theology?

Consider: Weaver asks those over 60 to reflect on how society has changed and implies that these changes are due to theological shifts.

2. How does the command in 1 Timothy 1:3-5 to teach no other doctrine relate to the health of a culture?

Consider: Weaver expounds this passage to show that sound doctrine produces godly character, which in turn produces a godly culture.

3. Why do you think many Christians are unaware of or have deserted the spiritual war Weaver describes?

Consider: He states that most Christians are AWOL, distracted by entertainment and comfort, and challenges listeners to consider their own engagement.

4. How does the example of India's poverty illustrate the principle that theology shapes culture?

Consider: Weaver uses India's worship of rats and cows and the caste system to show how false beliefs lead to material and social degradation.

5. In what ways did the Reformation change Western culture, and what can we learn from that for today?

Consider: Weaver explains how doctrines like the priesthood of all believers transformed work and society, suggesting a model for cultural reformation.

6. Do you agree with Weaver's interpretation of the Civil War as primarily a theological conflict? Why or why not?

Consider: He presents the war as a battle between Northern humanism and Southern biblical Christianity, citing historical figures.

7. What does it mean to 'apply' theology to every area of life, and what areas might you need to examine?

Consider: Weaver insists that truth unapplied is worthless and that believers must do the truth, not just know it.

8. How can the church reclaim its role in shaping culture without falling into political idolatry or retreat?

Consider: He quotes Tom Ascol that reclaiming America requires reclaiming the church, and emphasizes the gospel as the only means of lasting change.

Applications

Recognize the spiritual war

Believers must wake up to the reality that they are in a constant spiritual and cultural war, and refuse to be entangled with worldly distractions.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We are at war... most Christians are absolutely AWOL... they've deserted the ranks of the Lord Jesus Christ.'

Guard sound doctrine

Christians must be vigilant to teach and uphold only sound doctrine, understanding that theological error leads to cultural decay.

Lecture support: He expounds 1 Timothy 1:3-5, emphasizing the command to charge some that they teach no other doctrine.

Apply theology to all of life

Truth must be lived out in every area - family, work, government - not just intellectually affirmed; obedience is essential.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'Truth unapplied is worthless... We must do the truth.'

Value children as blessings

Reject the cultural view of children as inconveniences and embrace the biblical teaching that children are a heritage and reward from the Lord.

Lecture support: He quotes Psalm 127:3-5 and contrasts it with the modern despising of large families.

Reclaim the church for Christ

Cultural reformation begins with the church repenting and living out its theology; a revived church will inevitably impact society.

Lecture support: He quotes Tom Ascol: 'Our real need is to reclaim the church for Christ.'

Use the gospel, not force, to change culture

Recognize that military, political, or financial means cannot transform a culture; only the gospel of Jesus Christ can bring lasting change.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'The only way that you can change a culture is by the gospel of Jesus Christ.'

Repent and return to biblical foundations

Individuals and the nation must repent and return to God's Word to see restoration, as promised in Isaiah 58:12.

Lecture support: He cites Isaiah 58:12 and says, 'If we repent and come back, we shall build upon the old waste places.'

Fight for the faith

Believers are called to actively contend for the faith once delivered, engaging in the cultural and spiritual battle without retreat.

Lecture support: He asks, 'Will we fight for the faith once delivered unto the saints to restore our culture and our nation?'

Personal Response and Notes

Student notes after reading the assigned chapter

LESSON 4

Southern Community in the Old South

September 01, 2019

Read Chapter 4 in the companion book, pages 53-72 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

True Community Requires Common Faith and Culture

Genuine community cannot exist without shared biblical faith, cultural heritage, and common values; mere geographic proximity or shared government is insufficient.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'You cannot have a real community without a common culture and without a heritage and without the same faith.'

Rebuilding Society on God's Law

Communities must be rebuilt according to God's law, not man's, and this begins with resurrected individuals and families living by biblical principles.

Lecture support: He says, 'If our communities are going to be resurrected, we must rebuild according to God's law and learn to live according to God's law.'

The Four Pillars of Southern Community

The Old South was held together by Southern hope (biblical faith), honor, heritage, and hospitality, which are essential for any true community.

Lecture support: Weaver introduces these as 'the glue that held together what you and I would call those Southern communities.'

Theological Nature of the Civil War

The War of Northern Aggression was fundamentally a theological conflict between Christianity (South) and atheism/humanism (North), not merely a political dispute.

Lecture support: He quotes Thornwell: 'The parties in this conflict are not merely abolitionists and slaveholders. They are atheists, socialists, communists... on the one side, and friends of order and regulated freedom on the other.'

Honor as a Social Glue

A code of honor emphasizing integrity, courage, self-sufficiency, and defense of rights bound Southern men and women, fostering strong families and communities.

Lecture support: Weaver reads the code of honor for Southern men, including 'a reputation for honesty and integrity' and 'a willingness to use violence to defend any perceived threat.'

Heritage as Birthright and Identity

Southern heritage is an inherited birthright that shapes identity and loyalty, rooted in the godly legacy of ancestors who fought for righteous principles.

Lecture support: He says, 'Your heritage is your birthright. We are born with a heritage. Everything that we have we have inherited from our ancestors as being sons of the South.'

Hospitality as a Mark of Christian Community

Southern hospitality, characterized by generosity, fellowship, and care for neighbors, reflects biblical commands and was a defining feature of Southern life.

Lecture support: Weaver shares personal stories and cites Romans 12:13, 'Distributing to the necessity of the saints, given to hospitality.'

The Necessity of a Common Language

A shared language is crucial for community, as illustrated by the shibboleth incident in Judges 12 and the Sitting Bull anecdote.

Lecture support: He states, 'If you want community, you need hope, you need honor, you need heritage, you need hospitality, and you need the same language.'

Key Arguments

Modern Society Lacks True Community

Today's multicultural, ideologically diverse society cannot form genuine community because there is no common faith, culture, or heritage.

Lecture support: Weaver argues, 'There cannot possibly be any real genuine community with these distinctions and these divisions.'

Community Resurrection Requires Individual Resurrection

A community cannot be spiritually healthy unless the individuals and families within it are first transformed by God's grace.

Lecture support: He states, 'It is impossible to have a resurrected community with unresurrected people.'

The Civil War Was a Defense of Christian Civilization

The South fought to preserve a Christian social order against the humanistic, rationalistic ideologies of the North, and losing the war led to ongoing cultural decay.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'I really believe like Henry Grady that the South was fighting to prevent everything that we have today, which is a humanistic, totalitarian, out-of-control, gargantuan government.'

Honor Requires Courage and Self-Government

A society without honor loses courage and relies on external force; true honor comes from internal moral restraint based on God's Word.

Lecture support: He quotes Robert Winthrop: 'Men in a word must necessarily be controlled either by a power without them or by a power within them, either by the Word of God or the strong arm of man, either by the Bible or the bayonet.'

Heritage Must Be Preserved, Not Buried

The principles and memories of the past, especially the godly examples of Southern leaders, must be retained to guide future generations.

Lecture support: He quotes Dabney: 'Take care that you do not bury too much. While burying the dead past, that you do not bury the inspiring memories of the great patriots.'

Hospitality Is a Biblical Mandate for Community

Christians are commanded to practice hospitality, which fosters mutual care and strengthens community bonds, as exemplified in the Old South.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Peter 4:9, 'Use hospitality one to another without grudging,' and gives examples of Southern hospitality.

Political Correctness Is Modern Reconstruction

Efforts to reshape language and thought, like political correctness, are a continuation of Reconstruction's aim to force Southerners to conform to Northern ideology.

Lecture support: He says, 'Political correctness is nothing more than Reconstruction. It's me trying to teach you to think the way I think.'

A Common Language Prevents Division

Linguistic unity is essential for community; without it, misunderstanding and conflict arise, as seen in biblical and historical examples.

Lecture support: He references Judges 12 where 42,000 were killed over the word 'shibboleth' and the Sitting Bull story.

Scripture References

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Read at the opening as the primary text, emphasizing comfort and edification within the community.

Joshua 6:26

Cited to show that rebuilding on man's terms brings a curse, as with Jericho.

Romans 12:18

Quoted to support the idea that living peaceably is not always possible, justifying the Southern willingness to fight for honor.

Proverbs 11:16

Used to affirm the honor of a gracious woman, paralleling Varina Davis's description of a lady.

Psalm 16:6

Quoted to express the goodness of Southern heritage: 'The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places. I have a goodly heritage.'

Psalm 61:5

Cited to connect heritage with the fear of God: 'Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.'

Romans 12:13

Quoted to command hospitality: 'Distributing to the necessity of the saints, given to hospitality.'

1 Peter 4:9

Cited to reinforce hospitality without grudging.

1 Timothy 3:2

Mentioned to show that pastors must be examples of hospitality.

Titus 1:8

Cited alongside 1 Timothy 3:2 to emphasize hospitality as a qualification for church leaders.

2 Kings 4:8-10

Referenced as the possible origin of traveler's rooms, where the Shunammite woman provided a room for Elisha.

Judges 12

Used to illustrate the deadly consequences of lacking a common language, with 42,000 killed over 'shibboleth.'

Discussion Questions

1. When is the last time you comforted or edified someone in your community, and what practical steps can you take to do so more intentionally?

Consider: Weaver opens by asking when we last comforted or edified others, based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

2. How does the lack of a common faith and culture in modern society hinder the formation of genuine Christian community?

Consider: Weaver argues that multiculturalism and diverse ideologies prevent real community.

3. In what ways can we rebuild our communities according to God's law, starting with our own families and personal lives?

Consider: He emphasizes that community resurrection begins with resurrected individuals and families living by God's Word.

4. Which of the four pillars - hope, honor, heritage, hospitality - do you think is most lacking in your community, and why?

Consider: Weaver presents these as the essential glue of Southern communities and any true community.

5. How does the Southern code of honor (integrity, courage, self-sufficiency) challenge modern notions of masculinity and femininity?

Consider: He describes the honor code for men and women, contrasting it with contemporary culture.

6. What aspects of your spiritual heritage should you preserve and pass on to the next generation, and how can you do so?

Consider: Weaver discusses heritage as a birthright and quotes Dabney's warning not to bury inspiring memories.

7. How can we practice biblical hospitality in a culture that often prioritizes privacy and individualism?

Consider: He gives examples of Southern hospitality and cites commands like Romans 12:13 and 1 Peter 4:9.

8. What role does a common language (literal or figurative) play in fostering unity, and how can we overcome communication barriers in our communities?

Consider: Weaver uses Judges 12 and the Sitting Bull story to illustrate the importance of shared language.

Applications

Cultivate Biblical Hope

Base your hope and community life on the sufficiency of God's Word, trusting it to address all needs and problems.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'You have to have hope based upon the Word of God, that the Word of God is sufficient to take care of all of our needs.'

Practice Personal Honor

Men should embrace a biblical work ethic, provide for and protect their families, and women should cultivate femininity and faithfulness in their roles.

Lecture support: He describes the code of honor: 'Men of honor worked and provided and protected and loved their wives and their families.'

Preserve Godly Heritage

Intentionally pass on the principles and memories of faithful ancestors to your children, teaching them to value their spiritual birthright.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Littlejohn's charge to his son and urges retention of 'all that was true in its principles or ennobling in its example.'

Show Hospitality Generously

Open your home and share your resources with others, following the biblical command to be hospitable without grudging.

Lecture support: He cites 1 Peter 4:9 and gives examples like traveler's rooms and sharing meals with strangers.

Rebuild on God's Law

In personal and community life, choose God's law structure over man's, applying biblical principles to every area.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'If our communities are going to be resurrected, we must rebuild according to God's law.'

Foster Commonality and Unity

Seek to build relationships with those who share your faith and values, recognizing that true community requires common ground.

Lecture support: He argues, 'Where there is no commonality, there is no community.'

Resist Modern Reconstruction

Be aware of and resist cultural pressures that seek to reshape your thinking away from biblical truth, such as political correctness.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Political correctness is nothing more than Reconstruction. It's me trying to teach you to think the way I think.'

Comfort and Edify One Another

Actively look for opportunities to comfort and build up fellow believers in your local church and neighborhood.

Lecture support: He opens with the command from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 to 'comfort yourselves together, and edify one another.'

Personal Response and Notes

Student notes after reading the assigned chapter

LESSON 5

Pastor Peter Hammond - 1666 and the Occult of the New World Order

May 24, 2024

Read Chapter 5 in the companion book, pages 73-106 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Guest address: Pastor Peter Hammond. Source metadata identifies John Weaver, but the address is attributed to Peter Hammond; final speaker and transcript review is needed. Closing discussion includes speaker changes whose identities remain unconfirmed.

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

Sabbateanism as the Root of Modern Evil

The 17th-century Sabbatean movement, with its doctrines of salvation through sin and deception, is the hidden ideological foundation for Freemasonry, Marxism, and the contemporary New World Order.

Lecture support: Hammond states, 'Unless you understand Sabbateanism, you don't understand the roots of Freemasonry and Marxism.'

Salvation Through Sin and Antinomianism

Sabbateanism teaches that breaking God's laws, including sexual immorality and deception, is necessary for redemption, directly opposing biblical morality.

Lecture support: Hammond quotes Zevi's prayer: 'Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who makes the forbidden things permissible.'

Deception and Concealed Identity

A core Sabbatean principle is that true faith must be hidden; outward conformity to other religions is a tactic to infiltrate and subvert them.

Lecture support: Hammond explains, 'Whoever is as he appears is not a true believer... true faith must always be concealed.'

The New World Order Agenda

The Sabbatean goal is a global order achieved by destroying all existing religions, governments, and moral structures, a plan echoed in modern political slogans like 'Build Back Better.'

Lecture support: Hammond says, 'Sabbatean believers teach that they are the champions of a new world order... established by overthrowing the values of every other religion.'

Elite Networks of Pedophilia and Occultism

Modern figures like Jeffrey Epstein and Harvey Weinstein are portrayed as high priests of Sabbateanism, using blackmail and ritual abuse to control world leaders.

Lecture support: Hammond states, 'Jeffrey Epstein epitomizes the Sabbatean religion... the weird cubic temple... has been described as a rape dungeon and as a Luciferian temple.'

Biblical Prophecy and Spiritual Warfare

Christians are called to recognize Satan's deception of the whole world and to engage in spiritual warfare through prayer, especially the imprecatory Psalms.

Lecture support: Hammond cites Revelation 12:9: 'Satan who deceives the whole world,' and advocates praying Psalms for God's judgment on the wicked.

Key Arguments

Sabbatei Zevi fulfilled false messianic expectations in 1666.

Zevi exploited numerological expectations and Kabbalistic teachings to declare himself Messiah, gaining over a million followers before converting to Islam.

Lecture support: Hammond notes, 'More than half of the world's Jewish population in the 17th century came to accept and follow Zevi as their messiah.'

Sabbatean theology is inherently anti-Christian.

The movement's core tenets - salvation through sin, deception, and the reversal of moral values - directly contradict Scripture and exalt evil.

Lecture support: Hammond quotes Jacob Frank: 'The God of the Bible is evil. Jews need to reject every moral law and every commandment.'

The Illuminati was a Sabbatean creation.

Adam Weishaupt, Mayer Rothschild, and Jacob Frank founded the Illuminati on May 1, 1776, with a Kabbalistic numerological timing, to implement a communist agenda.

Lecture support: Hammond states, 'Weishaupt chose the 1st of May because May is the 5th month, added to the 1st day equals 6... 1776 because the 4 numbers of the year add up to 21.'

Modern elites are practicing Sabbateans.

The behavior of figures like Epstein, Weinstein, and many politicians mirrors Sabbatean rituals of debauchery, blackmail, and occultism.

Lecture support: Hammond says, 'Hollywood is riddled with Sabbateanism and that's the only way you can understand some of these scripts.'

The State of Israel is a political, not biblical, entity.

Hammond argues that modern Israel is a secular, immoral state used as a safe haven for criminals, and that biblical promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Christ, not a political nation.

Lecture support: Hammond cites Galatians 3:16: 'To Abraham and his Seed were the promises made... And to your Seed, who is Christ.'

Christians must resist through practical separation and prayer.

The best rebellion against the New World Order is to reject Hollywood, homeschool, marry, have children, and pray imprecatory Psalms for God's judgment.

Lecture support: Hammond advises, 'Be straight, get married, have lots of children, homeschool, and throw out the TV set.'

Scripture References

Matthew 24:4-5, 23-24

Warning about false Christs and false prophets who will deceive many.

Revelation 21:8

The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars will have their part in the lake of fire.

Proverbs 19:9

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies shall perish.

James 4:4

Friendship with the world is enmity with God; whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

Matthew 15:19

Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Jeremiah 9:5

Everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies.

2 Peter 2:19

While they promise them freedom, they themselves are slaves of depravity.

Isaiah 59:14

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

Jeremiah 7:28

This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord their God, nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

Revelation 12:9

Satan, who deceives the whole world, was cast out.

2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ should shine on them.

2 Timothy 4:3

The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, they will heap up for themselves teachers.

2 Corinthians 11:3

Paul fears that as the serpent deceived Eve, so their minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Revelation 20:1-3

An angel binds Satan for a thousand years so that he should deceive the nations no more.

Galatians 1:10

If I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Romans 1:18

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

Psalm 94:16

Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will make a stand for me against the workers of iniquity?

Galatians 3:16

To Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding the history of Sabbateanism change your perspective on modern cultural and political trends?

Consider: Hammond argues that cancel culture, Hollywood degeneracy, and political agendas are rooted in this 17th-century movement.

2. In what ways might the principle 'salvation through sin' be subtly promoted in today's media and education?

Consider: Hammond describes Sabbatean theology as celebrating immorality and breaking all laws.

3. What are the dangers of a 'hidden faith' or dual identity for Christians, and how does it differ from biblical calls to be salt and light?

Consider: Sabbateans taught that true faith must be concealed, which Hammond contrasts with biblical transparency.

4. How should Christians respond to the claim that the modern State of Israel is the fulfillment of biblical prophecy?

Consider: Hammond uses Galatians 3:16 to argue that promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Christ, not a political state.

5. What practical steps can families take to resist the influence of the 'New World Order' as described by Hammond?

Consider: Hammond recommends rejecting TV, homeschooling, and focusing on family and prayer.

6. Is it biblical to pray imprecatory prayers against specific evildoers today, and how should such prayers be balanced with love for enemies?

Consider: Hammond advocates praying the Psalms for God's judgment on the wicked.

7. How can we discern whether a conspiracy theory is grounded in truth or merely speculation, using the Sabbatean narrative as a case study?

Consider: Hammond presents a grand historical conspiracy; this question encourages critical evaluation.

8. What role does numerology and occult symbolism play in modern events, and how should Christians view such patterns?

Consider: Hammond points to 9/11 and Illuminati dates as examples of numerological significance.

Applications

Reject Hollywood and Secular Media

Christians should avoid Hollywood productions and secular TV, which promote Sabbatean values of immorality and blasphemy.

Lecture support: Hammond says, 'Hollywood is debauched so if you will not have a TV set... that's the best rebellion to New World Order.'

Prioritize Family and Homeschooling

Getting married, having children, and homeschooling are acts of resistance against a system that wants Christians to go extinct.

Lecture support: Hammond states, 'Be straight, get married, have lots of children, homeschool, and throw out the TV set.'

Engage in Imprecatory Prayer

Pray the Psalms, asking God to judge the wicked, break their power, and establish justice, as spiritual warfare against evil elites.

Lecture support: Hammond says, 'Praying the psalms, praying for God's justice, praying for God to judge the wicked... That's the artillery support we need in this war.'

Discern Deception in Theology and Politics

Be aware of doctrines like dispensationalism that uncritically support the State of Israel, and test all teachings against Scripture.

Lecture support: Hammond critiques the Scofield Bible and argues that Galatians 3:16 shows promises are to Christ, not a political state.

Preserve Christian Heritage and History

Actively resist the rewriting of history by cancel culture, and teach children the truth about faith and heritage.

Lecture support: Hammond says, 'Cancel culture is nothing other than cancel Christianity. And we must preserve our faith and preserve our heritage.'

Use Social Media for Evangelism, Not Entertainment

While rejecting Hollywood, Christians can use social media strategically to spread the gospel and expose deception.

Lecture support: Hammond notes, 'Social media can be used for evangelism and deception, and we do use it vigorously.'

Support Bible and Book Distribution

Contribute to efforts that provide Bibles and Christian literature to underserved areas, especially in Africa.

Lecture support: Hammond shares that his mission distributes 100 tons of Bibles and books annually to address the 500 million churchgoers without a Bible.

Fulfill the Great Commission

Focus on evangelism and discipleship of all nations, as Christ's return is tied to the completion of this task, not political events in Israel.

Lecture support: Hammond quotes Matthew 24:14: 'This gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world... Then the end will come.'

Personal Response and Notes

Student notes after reading the assigned chapter

LESSON 6

The Truth Concerning The Confederate Battle Flag

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Read Chapter 6 in the companion book, pages 107-124 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

Confederate Flag as Christian Symbol

The Confederate battle flag is a Christian flag, with the St. Andrew's Cross representing faith in God and Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver states: 'The Confederate flag is a Christian flag, and it represents freedom from tyranny.' He explains the St. Andrew's Cross and its adoption to display faith.

War Not About Slavery

The Civil War was not fought over slavery but over economic issues and states' rights.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Lincoln's proposed 13th Amendment and congressional resolution, saying: 'The war was not over slavery. It was not an issue.'

Racism Under U.S. Flag

True racism and white supremacy are associated with the U.S. flag and Northern leaders like Lincoln.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Lincoln's racist statements and says: 'If you want racism, you go to the Stars and Stripes.'

Attack on Flag as Attack on Truth

Attacks on the Confederate flag are attacks on truth, Christianity, and Southern heritage.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'To attack the Confederate flag is an attack on truth... to attack the battle flag is to attack Christ.'

Southern Heritage and Liberty

The flag represents Southern valor, patriotism, and the fight for liberty against tyranny.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Judge Roman calling the flag 'this sacred emblem of Southern valor and patriotism.'

Historical Revisionism

History has been rewritten by the North to portray the South as wrong and the war as about slavery.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes General Cleburne's warning: 'the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy.'

Key Arguments

Flag Not Racist Due to Black Support

The flag is not racist because many black Americans support it and even fought under it.

Lecture support: Weaver cites a Harris poll and quotes black individuals like R.J. Wilkins and John F. Harris, a black Confederate veteran.

Lincoln's Racism Proves U.S. Flag is Racist

Abraham Lincoln's own words show he believed in white supremacy, making the U.S. flag the true racist symbol.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Lincoln: 'I am not now nor ever have been in favor of bringing about... the social or the political equality of a white and black race.'

Slaves Brought Under U.S. Flag

No slaves were brought to America under the Confederate flag; all were brought under the U.S. flag by Northern ships.

Lecture support: Weaver states: 'There is not one slave ever brought into this country under the Confederate flag.'

Lincoln's Proposed 13th Amendment

Lincoln proposed an amendment that would have permanently protected slavery, proving the war was not about slavery.

Lecture support: Weaver reads Lincoln's proposed amendment: 'No amendment shall be made... which will authorize or give Congress the power to abolish or interfere... with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service.'

Emancipation Proclamation as War Measure

The Emancipation Proclamation freed no slaves and was a strategic war measure to prevent European intervention.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'The Emancipation Proclamation did not free one slave... it was a war measure.'

St. Andrew's Cross as Christian Symbol

The battle flag's design is based on the St. Andrew's Cross, a Christian symbol representing faith in Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver explains: 'The Confederate battle flag is based upon the national flag of Scotland... adopted... to display their faith in the sovereign God.'

Flag as International Symbol of Freedom

The Confederate flag has been used internationally as a symbol of freedom against tyranny, such as at the Berlin Wall.

Lecture support: Weaver notes: 'when the Berlin Wall was torn down... Confederate battle flags' were waving.

Attack on Flag is Attack on Heritage

Removing Confederate symbols is part of a plan to destroy Southern heritage and enslave people by erasing their past.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'In order to keep a people enslaved... you must destroy their past.'

Scripture References

Jeremiah 6:16

Weaver quotes this verse to urge a return to the 'old paths' of Southern heritage and Christianity.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Weaver's distinction between the Confederate battle flag and other Confederate flags affect the debate over its symbolism?

Consider: Weaver notes that most critics target only the battle flag, not other Confederate flags.

2. Is it valid to argue that a symbol is not racist because some members of the affected group support it?

Consider: Weaver cites black Americans who support the flag to argue it is not racist.

3. How should we evaluate historical figures' racist statements when assessing the symbols of their era?

Consider: Weaver quotes Lincoln's racist views to shift the charge of racism to the U.S. flag.

4. What does Lincoln's proposed 13th Amendment reveal about the causes of the Civil War?

Consider: Weaver argues the amendment proves the war was not about slavery.

5. Can a flag's design carry inherent religious meaning, or is meaning assigned by its users?

Consider: Weaver claims the St. Andrew's Cross makes the battle flag a Christian symbol.

6. How does the use of the Confederate flag in international contexts (e.g., Berlin Wall) complicate its meaning?

Consider: Weaver cites international use as a symbol of freedom against tyranny.

7. What is the relationship between preserving historical symbols and maintaining cultural identity?

Consider: Weaver argues that destroying symbols leads to loss of heritage and enslavement.

8. How should Christians balance the call to 'old paths' (Jeremiah 6:16) with the need for repentance from past sins?

Consider: Weaver uses Jeremiah 6:16 to advocate returning to Southern heritage.

Applications

Study History from Original Sources

Weaver challenges listeners to read official records like the 'War of the Rebellion' volumes to verify his claims.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'you go down to the library and you get the official volumes on the war of rebellion... and you read them for yourself.'

Embrace Southern Heritage

Weaver encourages pride in Southern culture, accent, and history, and not to be ashamed of the Confederate flag.

Lecture support: Weaver states: 'I'm not ashamed of that battle flag. I'm not ashamed of our history and our heritage.'

Return to 'Old Paths'

Weaver applies Jeremiah 6:16 to call for a return to the morality and character of the antebellum South.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'It's time we get back to our history... It's time we get back to Christ... we need to do exactly what Jeremiah says.'

Defend the Flag as a Christian Symbol

Weaver implies that Christians should defend the Confederate flag as a symbol of faith and liberty.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'long may that Christian Confederate battle flag wave. It's a symbol of Christ and Christianity.'

Personal Response and Notes

Student notes after reading the assigned chapter

LESSON 7

Forfeiting Our Christian Birthright

September 06, 2020

Read Chapter 7 in the companion book, pages 125-140 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Study source: existing lecture enrichment; review needed against the restored manuscript.

Major Themes

Forfeiture of Christian Birthright

The central theme is that Christians, like Esau, have despised and traded their spiritual inheritance for temporary, worldly satisfactions.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'We've despised our birthright. We've not even trained ourselves, much less our children, in the history of this country.'

Cultural Marxism as a Spiritual Attack

The destruction of monuments and the push for 'social justice' are framed as a deliberate Marxist strategy to overthrow Christianity and erase Christian history.

Lecture support: He quotes Antonio Gramsci: 'Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity... by transforming the consciousness of society.'

The Irreversibility of Certain Sins

Some sins, like Esau's rejection of his birthright, have consequences that cannot be undone, even with tears and regret.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'There are some sins that cannot be undone... The rejection of our birthright is a sin that cannot be reversed.'

God's Sovereignty Over Race and Nation

Feeling guilt over one's race is portrayed as a challenge to God's sovereign determination of human identity.

Lecture support: He quotes Pastor Ron Rumber: 'Feeling guilty because you're white is the same as slapping the Lord in the face and questioning his authority, his will, and his sovereignty.'

The Necessity of Defending Christian Civilization

Believers are called to actively fight for Christian foundations or face barbarism.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Thomas Sowell: 'If you are not prepared to use force to defend civilization, then be prepared to accept barbarism.'

Key Arguments

America's problems are biblical, not just cultural

Weaver argues that the societal chaos is a result of the church's spiritual apostasy, not merely political or social trends.

Lecture support: He says, 'What you and I are seeing in our land today is not just simply a cultural problem. We have a biblical problem and most Christians are totally unaware of it.'

The attack on monuments is an attack on Christianity

Since culture is religion externalized, destroying Christian-influenced monuments is an assault on the Christian faith itself.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'Culture is nothing more than religion externalized... It was the Christian religion... that founded what you and I know as Western civilization.'

Esau's sin was despising his birthright for immediate gratification

Esau valued a bowl of stew more than his spiritual inheritance, representing modern Christians who prioritize material comfort over God.

Lecture support: He says, 'Esau thought more of his stomach than he did of his soul... He was willing to trade the future for the present.'

Esau's tears were not repentance but regret for lost blessing

Hebrews 12:17 shows Esau sought the blessing, not repentance, and his later murderous intent proves his heart was unchanged.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'Esau was not seeking repentance. Esau was seeking the blessing... To demonstrate that Esau was not seeking repentance, all you have to do is read Genesis 27 verse 41.'

Christians have sold their birthright for materialism and expediency

Modern believers have traded their spiritual heritage for worldly gains, paralleling Esau's exchange.

Lecture support: He declares, 'We've sold our birthright for materialism. We've sold our birthright for political expediency. We've sold our birthright for the satisfaction of our flesh.'

Scripture References

Hebrews 12:12-17

The primary text of the sermon, warning against failing of God's grace and citing Esau as a profane example.

Psalm 2:1-2

Used to show that the raging of nations is rebellion against God and His Anointed.

Proverbs 8:35-36

Quoted to illustrate that those who hate God love death, reflecting the nation's spiritual state.

Genesis 25:27-34

The account of Esau selling his birthright for a meal, demonstrating his contempt for spiritual things.

Exodus 22:29

Referenced as part of the birthright's priestly role for the firstborn.

Deuteronomy 21:17

Cited to explain the double portion inheritance of the firstborn.

Genesis 27:29, 37; 49:3

Mentioned to show the firstborn's lordship over brethren and role in conveying blessings.

Genesis 27:32-41

The narrative of Jacob's deception and Esau's bitter cry, illustrating his too-late regret.

Psalm 100:3

Quoted to affirm God's sovereignty in making us, countering racial guilt.

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways might modern Christians be 'despising their birthright' like Esau, trading spiritual blessings for immediate gratification?

Consider: Weaver applies Esau's sin to contemporary believers who prioritize materialism and self-satisfaction over God.

2. How should Christians respond to the destruction of historical monuments and the charge of 'systemic racism'?

Consider: The sermon frames monument destruction as an attack on Christian history and challenges the concept of systemic racism.

3. Is it biblical to feel guilt over one's race? How does God's sovereignty over our birth inform our identity?

Consider: Weaver argues that racial guilt challenges God's sovereignty, citing Psalm 100:3.

4. What does it mean to be a 'profane person' according to Hebrews 12:16, and how can we guard against becoming profane?

Consider: The Greek word 'bebelos' is explained as stepping outside the temple, treating sacred things with contempt.

5. Can some sins truly be irreversible in their earthly consequences? How should this affect our choices?

Consider: Weaver states that sins like murder, adultery, and rejecting one's birthright have consequences that cannot be undone.

6. How can the church recover and defend its Christian foundations in a culture that seeks to erase them?

Consider: The sermon calls for repentance and active defense of Christian civilization, quoting Thomas Sowell.

Applications

Repent of despising our spiritual inheritance

Believers must recognize and turn from valuing material comfort, political expediency, and fleshly desires above their Christian heritage.

Lecture support: Weaver prays, 'Grant us repentance and grant us faith and help us begin to stand for your truth and your word and your history.'

Study and teach Christian history

Christians are urged to learn and pass on the history of America's Christian founding to counter historical erasure.

Lecture support: He laments, 'We've not even trained ourselves, much less our children, in the history of this country.'

Defend Christian civilization actively

The sermon calls for a willingness to fight for Christian foundations rather than passively accepting cultural decay.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Sowell: 'If you are not prepared to use force to defend civilization, then be prepared to accept barbarism.'

Reject racial guilt and embrace God's sovereignty

Christians should refuse the world's narrative of racial guilt, recognizing that God sovereignly determines race and nationality.

Lecture support: He states, 'Who made you white or who made you black... It was God. And so then to challenge the fact... is to challenge the sovereignty of God.'

Prioritize eternal blessings over immediate gratification

Like Esau, believers are tempted to trade future spiritual blessings for present satisfaction; they must choose obedience and integrity.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Esau thought more of his stomach than he did of his soul... He was willing to trade the future for the present.'

Personal Response and Notes

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