

Let All Who Seek

The Church, the kingdom of God that Jesus established, is an open kingdom to all who seek to become a part of it, which gives them the hope of eternal life in heaven with God. That openness of membership is also the kind of nation America has been. Ours has always been a nation of immigrants, a land of opportunity for those who seek it. Therefore, we should welcome all who seek to become a part of it (with few exceptions).

This great land can easily support several billion people with the same or better standard of living that we have now. For at the beginning of Creation, God gave this command to us: **“Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and have power over it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth”** (Genesis 1:28).

And that means God will support every effort to obey that command. He will provide for us with whatever we need to **“fill the earth, and have power over it.”** Dire predictions about “population explosions” will never happen in America, God’s way.

Illegal immigration

Why are there now so many illegal immigrants in America? The reason is because our rulers have restricted legal immigration, but they cannot stop the people from coming. The reason they cannot stop them is because the land is vomiting out its sinful citizens, and replacing them with those immigrants. The land is vomiting out its citizens because they have defiled the land. And that process will not be stopped until the people repent and stop doing all their abominable sins.

It is no coincidence that the flood of illegal immigrants began when Americans began to indulge in sexual perversions, which defile any land. Here is what God said to his former people Israel about that. After listing many perversions of reproductive behavior—including incest, adultery, sexual intercourse with a woman during her menstrual period, killing sons and daughters (which is what abortion is), homosexuality, bestiality—God said, **“Do not defile ye yourselves in any of these things. For in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you, and the land is defiled. Therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.**

“Ye therefore shall keep my statutes and my ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the home-born, nor the stranger that sojourns among you, (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and the land is defiled), that the land not vomit you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. For whoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people” (Leviticus 18:24-29).

Therefore, the reason America is now being flooded with illegal immigrants is because the people are guilty of those abominations and are defiling the land. And until the people repent of them, illegal immigration will continue unabated. For as God warned his people, ancient Israel, our beloved land is vomiting out its sinful inhabitants and replacing them with those illegal immigrants.

A wiser way of immigration

I love my country, and so it is my hope and prayer to God that Americans will repent of those abominations so that immigration can be done wisely, righteously, and fruitfully for our country.

Therefore, in the compassionate spirit of Christ, we should accept every person who wants to immigrate to America to seek a better life in this land of opportunity. However, those immigrants should not be allowed all the rights and privileges of our citizens without going through a preparation period.

Consider this one of the laws God gave to his people Israel: **“If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve, and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing”** (Exodus 21:2). Buying in that sense was like having a labor contract, such as a military enlistment for a certain number of years.

Using that law as a principle of service, it would seem good to require all immigrants to serve the country for six years before being given the rights and privileges of our citizens. What I suggest is that immigrant camps be established (something like military camps) in which they would live. There would be schools there for them to learn to speak English. They would also be taught about the Bible, and other things that would give them a sound education and skill with a trade. There would be housing provided for them to live.

Moreover, factories, contracted by various companies, should be built there in which they would work and earn money. Laws should require every American company to use those immigrants to work for them before going into foreign countries. Salaries should be adjusted to compete with the wages of foreign countries so that the costs of what they produce would be competitive, but not exploitative. As in every economy those immigrants should also be required to pay for what they get, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Those camps would be immigration cities in which they would live for their first six years in the country. Families should be kept together, but enclaves or ghettos of immigrants from other countries should be avoided. Part of the purpose of those immigration cities would be for them to learn to be integrated into the diverse races and nationalities of the general population of America.

When those immigrants serve their six years, and graduate from that period of preparation, then they should be given a bonus payment. For

consider this law God gave to his people Israel: **“If thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to thee, and serves thee six years, then in the seventh year thou shall let him go free from thee. And when thou let him go free from thee, thou shall not let him go empty. Thou shall furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy threshing-floor, and out of thy winepress. As Jehovah thy God has blessed thee thou shall give to him. And thou shall remember that thou were a bondman in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee. Therefore I command thee this thing today”** (Deuteronomy 15:12-15).

That bonus payment to graduating immigrants should be in addition to whatever they earned during those six years. And in keeping with the principle of that law, that bonus should not be fixed, but in accordance with the general prosperity of the land, **“as Jehovah [our] God has blessed [us]”**.

Regarding those who return to their native nation before graduating, if they wanted to come back to America, they would need to begin that six year period anew. Those who commit crimes would be subject to the same criminal laws as every other American. Those who become habitual criminals should be exiled back to their native land permanently. Such things were done formerly in America.

Wiser men than I am can think of other ways to operate such cities. But however it is done, we should accept all who seek to become a part of our country—America, God’s way.