

God's Unquestionable Sovereignty

People often make the claim that God is in control. Beyond question He is sovereign over all. Psalm 115:16 says *The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S; But the earth He has given to the children of men.*

This being so, it is our responsibility to look after what He has given us. We are owners (as it were) with stewardship responsibilities. As stewards we are responsible to our Lord.

On a personal basis, we are responsible for the part of the world in which we live ie our immediate circumstances. On a national basis we have a responsibility to the country in which we live. People from one country with residency in another are responsible before God for their part in the welfare of the country where they dwell. For example -

When Israel was taken into captivity, the Lord gave them instruction regarding the land where they were to dwell - *Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters--that you may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.* Jer 29:4-7 (NKJV)

Whatever the reason someone from another country has residency in Britain, they have a responsibility before God for their place here.

The Lord gave to each nation its identity and its boundaries.

Acts 17:26-27 (Amplified Version) *And He made from one (common origin, one source, one blood) all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined (their) allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation – their settlements, lands and abodes; so that they should ask God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.*

Britain is in crisis at the present time. The Brexit situation seems to be an unsolvable dilemma.

We may have no answer (or too many answers) but God has **the** answer and we can call upon Him and petition Him for His wisdom, His help and His direction.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

If we are to ask...according to His will. What is God's will re any nation?

First of all let us acknowledge that God makes the nations Dt 26:19. *and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made,*

Nations make alliances and/or make agreements between themselves. It is recognised that some nations have disappeared; changed their names; or even become part of another nation, but the people group still remain, and do not lose their individuality. There are examples of this throughout Europe.

Purpose of this petition -

to present to the Lord our plea for Britain to resume responsibility for the expression of its nationality in rule, law, trade, standards, business, relationship with other nations and maintaining its boundaries

In 2 Kings 19, we read of a time when Israel was in crisis and great peril. King Hezekiah presented the needs of the nation before the Lord. Let us follow King Hezekiah's example. We come before the Lord as Kings and Priests Rev 1:6 *To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.* and Rev 5:10 *And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."*

THE PETITION

THIS DAY IN BRITAIN IS A DAY OF CONFUSION, OF MANY OPINIONS, OF CLAIM AND COUNTERCLAIM CONFUSING THE PEOPLE AND RAISING DISSENSION WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE RULERSHIP OF THE NATION.

BY MEANS OF A NATIONAL REFERENDUM, WE, THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN, CHOSE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND SOVEREIGNTY BY BREAKING AWAY FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION. ENDEAVOURING TO TAKE THIS DESIRE FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY HAS SHOWN THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR STRENGTH OF PURPOSE. THE EXERCISE OF WILL AND THE POWER OF CHOICE IS IN DISARRAY IN THE NATION ON A PERSONAL LEVEL AND ALSO WITH THOSE REPRESENTING THE NATION IN GOVERNMENT. THE NATION AND THE PEOPLE ARE IN DISUNITY AND CONFUSION.

THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT ARE, EFFECTIVELY, THE SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE. AS SUCH, IN THE MATTER OF A REFERENDUM IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFIL THAT REFERENDUM.

IS IT THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS ENDEAVOURED TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF CONTROL AND UNDUE INFLUENCE AND THAT THIS IS COMING BEFORE THE THRONE OF GRACE MORE CLEARLY THAN THE DESIRE OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE?

WE BRING OUR PETITION BEFORE THE LORD THAT THERE WILL BE A RE-ESTABLISHING OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BRITISH NATION. WE CAN COME TO NO GREATER THAN HE WHO IS THE KING OF KINGS, THE LORD MOST HIGH, SOVEREIGN OVER ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. IT IS THE LORD GOD WHO HAS FIXED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BRITISH HABITATION AS HE HAS DONE FOR EVERY NATION. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE FOR THE NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY AND GOD-GIVEN NATIONAL BOUNDARIES TO BE FULLY RE-ESTABLISHED.

WE PRESENT OUR PLEA TO THE SOVEREIGN LORD GOD, THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH. YOU ALONE, O LORD, ARE ABLE TO BRING ABOUT THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY AND ALL THAT THIS ENTAILS. WE, THE PEOPLE, DESIRE THAT ONCE MORE, SOVEREIGNTY AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BRITISH NATION BE AFFIRMED CLEARLY AND WITHOUT DISPUTE.

NOW, THEREFORE, O LORD OUR GOD, WE PETITION YOU.

1. SAVE US FROM ALL WHO WOULD COME BETWEEN THE DESIRE OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE AND YOUR PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES FOR BRITAIN. *To deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things.* Prov 2:12
2. BREAK THROUGH THE CONFUSION, THE CLAIMS, AND THE COUNTERCLAIMS THAT HAVE BROUGHT DISUNITY. WE DESIRE THAT THERE WILL BE A UNITY OF PURPOSE

EXPRESSED HARMONIOUSLY.*the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts.* 1 Cor 4:5

3. LET YOUR DIVINE WILL AND PURPOSES BE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, NOT ONLY IN LAW BUT IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PEOPLE. *O Lord, revive your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known: In wrath remember mercy.* Hab 2:2
4. GUIDE OUR LEADERS THROUGH THE CONFUSION WITH CONFIDENCE AND CLARITY THAT YOUR PURPOSES WILL BE FULFILLED. GRANT, O LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, THAT YOU WILL WRITE YOUR SIGNATURE UPON THE BRITISH EXIT FROM EUROPE. *Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples."* Is 49:22
5. WE PRAY THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL HONOUR THE DECISION OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE THAT THE DEPARTURE FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL BE PEACEFUL AND WITHOUT RETRIBUTION. *Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?* Is 66:8
6. AS WE PLACE THIS MATTER BEFORE YOU, WE THANK YOU AND PRAISE YOUR NAME THAT YOU WILL MEET WITH THE NATION'S NEEDS AND GIVE GUIDANCE AND MAKE A WAY WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO WAY AND THAT YOU, O LORD, WILL SPEAK PEACE TO THE STORM OF CONFUSION AND BRING MATTERS TO A CONCLUSION THAT HONOURS YOUR NAME. *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.* 1 Cor 10:4

Psalm 47

- 1** To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.
Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
- 2** For the LORD Most High *is* awesome; *He is* a great King over all the earth.
- 3** He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.
- 4** He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah
- 5** God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6** Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- 7** For God *is* the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.
- 8** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.
- 9** The princes of the people have gathered together,
The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth *belong* to God;
He is greatly exalted.