

Australia and Immigration

I just returned from my daily walk through the park down by the river here in Perth. Today is Australia Day, and though it was before breakfast it was already hot, hot enough for me to soak my hat at a drinking fountain!

Already there were many people out enjoying the day, some having a BBQ breakfast, some canoeing on the river, others just sitting in the shade as they enjoyed a coffee at the cafe.

In that short walk I encountered several different races – Chinese, Asian and European, and all happily enjoying Australia's favourite day. Truly we are all blessed in this beautiful land.

I thought about the Australia Day Address in Sydney by high profile brain surgeon Charlie Teo. He had spoken about immigration, and asked Australians to “put aside their anger,” and welcome all refugees. He mentioned that racism still existed here in his experience. It was a good message and I think he did make the point that immigrants should integrate into Australian society, but there was a missing dimension in his address, and that was the balance provided by a missing Biblical principle. So, just what is God's view on immigration and refugees?

Now, I have to admit that I am myself an immigrant with Australian born children and grandchildren, so I may be biased in favour of immigration, as are I believe, most Australians, for they have not been here long themselves!

In fact I believe that 27% of Perth's population started life in Britain, but some of them, as well as others of different race, are not too happy with the way the government is handling the 'boat people' situation, for there is an element of unfairness in them jumping the queue, which the present policy seems to encourage.

What many don't know is that long ago, our own British ancestors were themselves refugees, taken in by a foreign land. The story is found in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. It is interesting that the word 'British' stems from two Hebrew words for 'covenant' and 'man', referring to promises made by God to our forefather Abraham.

It was his great grandson Joseph who wore the coat of many colours that made his brothers so jealous that they sold him into slavery in Egypt, where he rose to become Pharaoh's 2nd in command, and welcomed into Egypt the whole twelve tribes of Israel when a great famine struck their land.

When they finally returned to Israel, God gave them instructions about immigrants who would come to live amongst them, principles which should still guide us today.

Leviticus 19:33-34, *'And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. ³⁴ The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.'* This has generally been the way that the British nations have dealt with immigrants. They have, down the ages, welcomed them and absorbed them, valuing the talents they brought with them.

Notice though, that God made their welcome provisional, Exodus 12:48, *'And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it'* and verse 49 *'One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.'*

This is repeated in Numbers 15:16, *'One law[Ten Commandments] and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.'*

It is quite apparent that God did not allow Ancient Israel to tolerate the worship of false gods within their borders. This was the very reason why He gave them the land of Canaan in the first place, where the inhabitants had worshipped many idols, and burned their own children in sacrifices to these false gods. No such pagan worship was to exist in Israel, for they were God's holy and chosen people, to carry His word to the rest of the world. Deuteronomy 7:4-6,

⁴For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

⁵But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

⁶For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.'

Today, ironically, it is in the lands of the unbelievers that this principle of non-tolerance of foreign religions is still found. Try preaching Christianity in Saudi Arabia or Pakistan and it could cost you your life! They honour and protect their false religion with far more zeal and respect than we have for the true religion!

The Biblical principle is that immigrants and refugees are to be welcomed into our land, providing that they are prepared to integrate into our society, accept and respect our laws and our God, and not attempt to promote or encourage any false religion within our borders.

Failure to follow those instructions in Ancient Israel ended with the conversion of so many Israelites to idol worship that God punished the nation by bringing about its invasion and transportation onto slavery in Assyria and Babylon.

Today in Australia this principle should still govern our immigration policy, as it does in other nations, but 'political correctness' has, as one of its ten Socialist goals, the aim of destruction of all individual nations by huge and uncontrolled immigration.

That is why we see the encouragement of people smuggling and the arrival of the boat people by allowing them to jump the queue of those who wait their turn to come here legally. It is just that Australia is ten years behind Britain in this respect, where huge, uncounted numbers of immigrants were deliberately allowed in by Labour's Tony Blair.

The result there has been the almost breakdown of the Health Service, a huge increase in TB and Aids, and big social security blowouts as many refuse to integrate by learning the English language and so remain unemployed but still entitled to government payments and a home. Worse still, many have gone on to demand Sharia law and Halal foods in schools while preaching Jihad against the West in the growing numbers of mosques. The bombers of London were such people.

Charlie Teo was right to say that Australia should welcome refugees and all immigrants – IF they come here legally, in a controlled fashion, after agreeing to abide by conditions, which if broken would result in their return.

That way, Australia could avoid what we have seen happen already in Britain, but make no mistake, by failing to recognise the threat of 'political correctness' the very existence of the Australian way of life as we know it, is being undermined. Look up 'Frankfurt School' on the web to see the agenda of this Socialist think tank founded in Germany in 1923, and you be amazed at the success they have had worldwide, or read the article of that name here on this website, coming soon.

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