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OUR SURE DEFENSE [CONTINUED]

“The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” (Isaiah 52:10)

Today, as never before, the nobodies from nowhere are giving vigorous expression to this conviction. To deny justice and freedom to anyone is to deny them to all. Then one day we will wake up without them at all.

God has made each individual unique and distinct. Yet the very structure of human personality is laced with justice and freedom. Thus, when these divinely inherent rights are violated, God rolls up his sleeves and makes ready his holy arm for battle in defense of the least of his little ones.

Consider now the appointive means by which God’s purpose is to be realized. For the general good of humanity, people must be governed. Otherwise there would be intolerable anarchy. Therefore, within the creative process is a governing principle. By virtue of this principle the Lord has brought into being governing bodies for the purpose of helping him to achieve justice and freedom. **These are what the apostle Paul refers to when he says: “The powers that be are ordained of God...For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil” (Romans 13:1,3).** Hence, God’s purpose is to be wrought out through governments, religious organizations, institutions, and agencies, all inspired by God. That is, God takes people and forms a compact with them to accomplish his purpose of justice and freedom.

But both rulers and the people must keep fully aware that these governments, religious organizations, institutions and agencies are mere instruments. Hence, they must never attract attention to themselves. They should minister to the sacred cause as though everything depends on them. **At the same time they must know that everything depends upon God.**

In the divine purpose and cause there can be no exclusive place for nationalism, egoism, or even ecclesiasticism. Too much prominence of these ordained powers may obscure divine procedure and activity and thus render them unfit as means for which they are ordained. Therefore, all appointive means of evangelism, legislation, education, and social programs, etc., must be used for the purpose of helping God to achieve his goal of justice and freedom. Our failure to do so jeopardizes God’s cause and brings his name into disrepute. Thus, he will rise up in righteous indignation and roll up his sleeves in wrathful action for all the world to see. **AMEN.**

~Dr. Dearing E. King
Outstanding Black Sermons
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“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Matthew 28:18 – 20

