

Rulers are Peacemakers

The peacemakers are called the sons of God. They'll be making peace throughout eternity (Mt 5:9).

There will be no end to the increase of His government and of peace, of His rulers who make peace (Isa 9:7). If we're not peacemakers we're not sons, not even rebellious sons. We make peace in every circumstance, in every situation. Wherever we see dissension, wrath, anger, all these things Paul said shouldn't be in our midst, we make peace. Isa 9:7 — There is no end to peace. That's eternal.

Isa 32:1-2 — A king will reign in justice; princes will rule with justice. A ruler must be just (2 Sam 23:3-4). He must rule in the fear of YHWH. Even in the world rulers must be just. Otherwise they'll be judged. If they hurt someone they'll be judged. If they hurt someone it would have been better had they not been a ruler or a judge. James said greater judgment will come to rulers, leaders.

Pr 17:15 — He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the Sovereign. It's not just the perverts who are an abomination to YHWH. Pr 3:32 — The crooked man is an abomination to the Sovereign, detestable in the sight of YHWH, so is a ruler, who is unjust.

We are rulers as parents, training teachers. We are ruling in the kitchen. Wherever we have domain, we have rulership. We must rule justly; we must be righteous in our judgment. We must rule in the fear of YHWH.

In the world they rule in the fear of conscience, God's vice regent.

Rulers can't be partial, taking bribes. Like the judge who knows the person's father and then lets him off

It's the same with the policeman who pulls you over when you were speeding. You tell him your name and since he happens to know your father he lets you off. This is partiality. In judgment they'll have to stand up for that. Pr 17:15 — You have to be in a rulership in order to do that.

So we have to truly be friends with one another. A friend loves at all times. Rulers are friends, learning to be friends. Their enemies are not each other. Their enemies are spiritual powers. That's why we have to forbear with each other. Pr 17:17 — A friend loves at all times. We learned that last year. A brother is born for adversity against the enemy, not for adversity against each other. We're on the same team, allied together in the same struggle, allied for the same purpose, the same cause.

If we don't rule in the fear of YHWH we become detestable in the eyes of God. Then we justify the wicked and condemn the righteous. We have to be a light to the world.

Dt 29:29 — When we come together on this morning to share what we've learned during the week not everyone will remember the same thing. We hear what we need to hear. We don't remember everything. So don't be condemned, but let's bring back what we heard, that little thing that we heard. There are secret things. They belong to Him. But what He reveals belongs to us and our children. We pass it on to the third and fourth generation.

Shealtiel ben Obadiah shared that he learned that Yapheth will live in his household because he eats with chopsticks.

Our Father said that Yapheth will dwell in the tents of Shem (who eat with chopsticks). That's the set apart holy people, who eat with chopsticks for the sake of Yapheth.