

"Socialism in America"

Introduction: On Friday there was a headline on Fox News that read like this,

"Socialism on the Rise in America, Group finds record support for Marxism, ignorance of horrors of Communism".

There is in our nation a major push for socialism. Most of the push comes from younger people and there are several reasons for this.

1. The dangers of socialism have not been taught in the public schools.
2. The liberal universities are painting a picture of socialism that is appealing to their students. The students are being brain washed.

As we gather here today, I want you to know that your children and your grandchildren are in danger.

As your pastor I have the responsibility of teaching you the Truth and equipping you for the spiritual battle which is happening outside the walls of this building. So, today it is my desire as I am led by the Lord to help you to understand socialism through the lens of the Scriptures. It is my desire to help you to see that the Bible clearly teaches against socialism and that socialism is extremely dangerous.

I. What is Socialism and how does it Work?

a. The Dangers of Socialism

I want to begin today by explaining to you what socialism is and how it would work if it became established in our nation.

Those who support socialism are the very people who despise capitalism which is the economy we enjoy in our nation today. They say that capitalism creates a contrast way too sharp between the rich and the poor. They would much rather see everybody on the same level.

Under socialism the government would own all property, they would own all businesses, and they would own all resources. You may ask, and should ask, "How do they get all property?" They convince the people into giving over their property. They could do this by raising property tax so high that you and I could not afford it so we would be forced to give our property over to the government. So, under socialism you would not own your property. It would be owned and controlled by the government. Under communism people are straight up forced to give up their property. There is no persuading it is just forcibly taken.

In some cases those who lived in rural areas were forced out of their homes and made to migrate to the cities because in the cities the government owned the factories and the

businesses and they needed workers, so they forced the rural people to move toward the cities to fill the positions which needed filled.

Now, under socialism you would not get paid as you do now, but you would receive a pay which is determined by the government based upon what **they determine** you need to survive. Then everybody gets the same and this then eliminates the great divide between the rich and the poor. No matter how hard you work you do not get paid anymore but instead you get paid the same as the person who does not work.

Under capitalism we can gather extra work or work overtime and make extra to help get ahead. But not under socialism. What this does is it takes away the incentive to work because there is no way to get ahead. People then refuse to work, and the economy collapses, and it often results in many people dying.

A modern-day example is Venezuela. They have the world's greatest oil reserves and should be enjoying their wealth. But they are under a socialist president and many are starving to death because of the poverty.

1. Socialism discourages work.

- The Bible commands us to work.

Genesis 2:7-8, 15

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

¹⁵ And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that **if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

¹¹ For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

- The Bible tells us that we should work, and we should enjoy the profits of our labors.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-19

¹⁸ Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

¹⁹ Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

To enjoy the fruit of your labor is a gift from God. Socialism wants to take away what you have earned and give it to others. Socialism wants to redistribute the wealth.

Now there is a passage that many point to and claim that the Bible teaches socialism.

Acts 2:43-47

⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

2. Socialism eliminates God from the nation.

If socialism is ever going to be established, then religion must be eliminated. Notice the words of **Karl Marx**:

"The first requisite of the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion."

The reason why religion must be eliminated is because the government must be the highest authority which the people look to and trust in. Socialism is really idolatry because the government takes the place of God in the lives of the people.

Notice the words of **Martin Luther King**:

"No Christian can be a Communist because Communism leaves out God. It regards religion as wishful thinking and the product of fear and ignorance."

This is a violation of the first Commandment.

Exodus 20:3

³ *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Current attack:

It was no coincidence what came from the governor of California the other day. Newsom gave the guideline for Thanksgiving;

All gatherings must include no more than three households, including hosts and guests, and must be held outdoors, lasting for two hours of less.

The new rules state those at a gathering "may remove their face coverings briefly to eat or drink as long as they stay at least 6 feet away from everyone outside their own household, and put their face covering back on as soon as they are done with the activity."

"Singing, chanting, shouting, and physical exertion significantly increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission because these activities increase the release of respiratory droplets and fine aerosols into the air. Because of this, singing, chanting, and shouting are strongly discouraged," the statement said.

Those who do participate in these activities should "do so quietly (at or below the volume of a normal speaking voice)," and wear a face covering while engaged in the activity, the statement said.

I point this out because the protests and the rioting were not limited. Why Thanksgiving? It is a religious holiday and as socialism is pushed forward religious holidays will eventually be eliminated.

I want to help you to see something that will happen after we are raptured away, and the anti-Christ comes on the scene. The economy of the Tribulation will be

socialism/communism. What we are seeing today could very well be the foundation of what is to come.

There are several verses that help us to see just how brutal life will be under Socialism/Communism.

Daniel 7:19-21, 23-25

¹⁹ Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

²⁰ And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

²¹ I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Notice Revelation 17

Notice Revelation 13:11-18

The anti-Christ will not permit any religion to exist. He will destroy the apostate church in the Tribulation, and he will attempt to destroy all true believers for under his economy he wants all worship. This is authoritarianism. This will be Communism at its worse under the most brutal dictator the world has ever known.

We have politicians today who are pushing to turn our nation into a socialist nation. I am sure you have heard of the "Green New Deal". Let me show you what is included in this ideology.

"The Green New Deal calls for a universal basic income, even for those "unwilling to work." It also includes single-payer health care, aka Medicare for All. And free college, among many other Marxist dreams."

The Devastation from Socialism/Marxism.

From 1917 - 2000

100 million people were murdered under Marxists governments.

- Russia under Lenin - 8 million killed
- The Soviet Union - 52 million killed
- Cuba - 100,000 killed
- Vietnam - 1 million killed
- Cambodia - 2 million killed
- North Korea - 2 million
- China - 72 million killed
- Spain - 72,000 killed

These nations were colossal failures of Marxism resulting in loss of freedom, corrupt authoritarians and 1 billion enslaved citizens.

Conclusion:

Socialism will devastate our nation if it is permitted to get in. There is a major push for it today.

Almost 50% of the people today believe we need socialism. Let us educate our children and our grand children about the dangers and the Godlessness of socialism.