

PHILIP SAID, "LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER, AND WE WILL BE SATISFIED." JESUS REPLIED, "HAVE I BEEN WITH YOU ALL THIS TIME, PHILIP, AND YET YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHO I AM? ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER!"

JOHN 14:8-9

“IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT GOD WOULD DO
IF GOD WAS ONE OF YOU, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN ME.”

JESUS HELD NO "ISMS" AGAINST NO ONE
NO RACISM, ETHNOCENTRISM, NATIONALISM, PARTISANISM,
SEXISM, CLASSISM, ABLEISM, AGEISM, OR ELITISM

RACISM/ETHNOCENTRISM

JESUS REPLIED, "BUT THOSE WHO DRINK THE WATER I GIVE WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY AGAIN. IT BECOMES A FRESH, BUBBLING SPRING WITHIN THEM, GIVING THEM ETERNAL LIFE."

"PLEASE, SIR," THE WOMAN SAID, "GIVE ME THIS WATER!"

JOHN 4:14-15

NATIONALISM/PARTISANISM

JESUS WAS AMAZED. TURNING TO THOSE WHO WERE FOLLOWING HIM, HE SAID, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVEN'T SEEN FAITH LIKE THIS IN ALL ISRAEL! AND I TELL YOU THIS, THAT MANY GENTILES WILL COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD—FROM EAST AND WEST—AND SIT DOWN WITH ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB AT THE FEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 8:10-11

SEXISM

SOON AFTERWARD JESUS BEGAN A TOUR OF THE NEARBY TOWNS AND VILLAGES, PREACHING AND ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. HE TOOK HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES WITH HIM, ALONG WITH SOME WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN CURED OF EVIL SPIRITS AND DISEASES. AMONG THEM WERE MARY MAGDALENE, FROM WHOM HE HAD CAST OUT SEVEN DEMONS; JOANNA, THE WIFE OF CHUZA, HEROD'S BUSINESS MANAGER; SUSANNA; AND MANY OTHERS WHO WERE CONTRIBUTING FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES TO SUPPORT JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES.

LUKE 8:1-3

CLASSISM

“BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR, FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD. BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE HUNGRY NOW, FOR YOU WILL BE FILLED.”

LUKE 6:20-21

ABLEISM

“THIS MAN WAS NOT BORN BLIND BECAUSE OF HIS SINS OR HIS PARENTS’ SINS,” JESUS ANSWERED. “THIS HAPPENED SO THE POWER OF GOD COULD BE SEEN IN HIM.”

JOHN 9:3

AGEISM

AT THAT TIME THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS AND ASKED,
“WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?”
HE CALLED A CHILD, WHOM HE PUT AMONG THEM, AND SAID,
“TRULY I TELL YOU, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME
LIKE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN. WHOEVER BECOMES HUMBLE LIKE THIS CHILD
IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.”

MATTHEW 18:1-5

ELITISM

JESUS SAID TO THEM, "LET ANYONE AMONG YOU WHO IS WITHOUT SIN BE THE FIRST TO THROW A STONE AT HER."

...WHEN THEY HEARD IT, THEY WENT AWAY, ONE BY ONE, BEGINNING WITH THE ELDERS; AND JESUS WAS LEFT ALONE WITH THE WOMAN STANDING BEFORE HIM. JESUS STRAIGHTENED UP AND SAID TO HER, "WOMAN, WHERE ARE THEY? HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU?" SHE SAID, "NO ONE, SIR." AND JESUS SAID, "NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU. GO YOUR WAY, AND FROM NOW ON DO NOT SIN AGAIN."

JOHN 8:7-11

WHAT MAKES THE CHRISTIAN GOD UNIQUE?

**FROM THE BEGINNING, GOD IDENTIFIES WITH
THE OUTSIDER AND THE OTHER.**

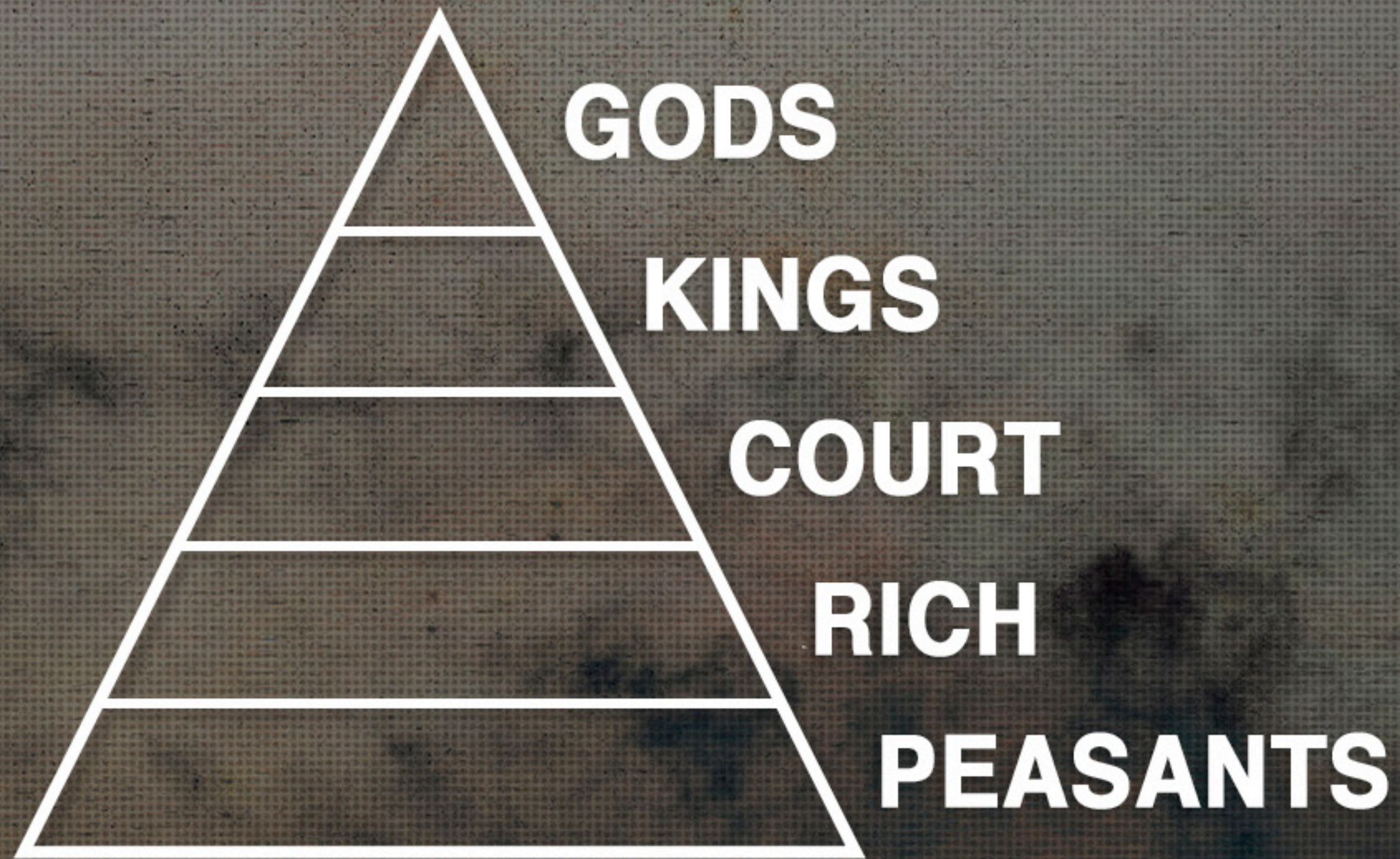
HE GIVES JUSTICE TO THE OPPRESSED AND FOOD TO THE HUNGRY. THE LORD FREES THE PRISONERS. THE LORD OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND. THE LORD LIFTS UP THOSE WHO ARE WEIGHED DOWN. THE LORD LOVES THE GODLY. THE LORD PROTECTS THE FOREIGNERS AMONG US. HE CARES FOR THE ORPHANS AND WIDOWS, BUT HE FRUSTRATES THE PLANS OF THE WICKED.

PSALM 146:7-9

“FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS THE GOD OF GODS AND LORD OF LORDS. HE IS THE GREAT GOD, THE MIGHTY AND AWESOME GOD, WHO SHOWS NO PARTIALITY AND CANNOT BE BRIBED. HE ENSURES THAT ORPHANS AND WIDOWS RECEIVE JUSTICE. HE SHOWS LOVE TO THE FOREIGNERS LIVING AMONG YOU AND GIVES THEM FOOD AND CLOTHING. SO YOU, TOO, MUST SHOW LOVE TO FOREIGNERS, FOR YOU YOURSELVES WERE ONCE FOREIGNERS IN THE LAND OF EGYPT.”

DEUTERONOMY 10:17-19

NATURAL HIERARCHY



“ARE YOU THE MESSIAH WE’VE BEEN EXPECTING, OR SHOULD WE KEEP LOOKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE?” JESUS TOLD THEM, “GO BACK TO JOHN AND TELL HIM WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD AND SEEN— THE BLIND SEE, THE LAME WALK, THOSE WITH LEPROSY ARE CURED, THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED TO LIFE, AND THE GOOD NEWS IS BEING PREACHED TO THE POOR.” AND HE ADDED, “GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO DO NOT FALL AWAY BECAUSE OF ME.”

MATTHEW 11:3-6

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE ARE IN NEED, BE READY TO HELP THEM.
ALWAYS BE EAGER TO PRACTICE HOSPITALITY [PHILOXENIA].
ROMANS 12:13

-PHILO = LOVE

-ZENOS = OTHER

-PHILO + ZENOS = LOVE FOR THE OTHER

DON'T FORGET TO SHOW **HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS**
[PHILOXENIA], FOR SOME WHO HAVE DONE THIS HAVE
ENTERTAINED ANGELS WITHOUT REALIZING IT!
HEBREWS 13:2

1. CHOOSES TRUTH OVER SUSPICION.

2.

3.

US VS. THEM
AVOIDANCE – SUSPICION – FEAR

PHILO - ZENIA > ZENO - PHOBIA

AT THE VERY LEAST, EVERY HUMAN IS CREATED
IN GOD'S IMAGE AND DIED FOR BY JESUS.

1. CHOOSES TRUTH OVER SUSPICION.
2. USES THEIR PRIVILEGE FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED.
- 3.

“WHEN SOMEONE HAS BEEN GIVEN MUCH, MUCH WILL BE REQUIRED IN RETURN; AND WHEN SOMEONE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH MUCH, EVEN MORE WILL BE REQUIRED.”

LUKE 12:48

1. CHOOSES TRUTH OVER SUSPICION.
2. USES THEIR PRIVILEGE FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED.
3. THROWS THE BEST PARTIES!

“WHEN YOU PUT ON A LUNCHEON OR A BANQUET,” HE SAID,
“DON’T INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, BROTHERS, RELATIVES,
AND RICH NEIGHBORS. FOR THEY WILL INVITE YOU BACK,
AND THAT WILL BE YOUR ONLY REWARD. INSTEAD, INVITE
THE POOR, THE CRIPPLED, THE LAME, AND THE BLIND.
THEN AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS,
GOD WILL REWARD YOU FOR INVITING THOSE
WHO COULD NOT REPAY YOU.”

LUKE 14:12-14

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LUKE 14:12-14

“I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHEN YOU DID IT TO ONE
OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
YOU WERE DOING IT TO ME!”

MATTHEW 25:40