

The Eternal Kingdom “Organization and Government”

Lesson #10
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(Review previous lesson).

Organization and Government

1. On pages 37-40 beginning with “The idea that James...” and finishing the section on “O & G”; we learn the following:
 - a. There is no scriptural evidence do we see of men like James, Timothy, and Titus as monarchal bishops ruling a diocese.
 - b. Attempts have been made by sighting Revelation ch.2-3 and the usage of the term “angels”. What explanation does Mattox give that disqualifies a single bishop ruling the church?

Nothing in the bible states that James, Titus, or Timothy were elders, only evangelists.

Nothing is ever whispered in the bible about “Diocese”. Read article printed article “Office of the Bishop”. Let me know if you hear strange things in this article.

<https://www.dio.org/bishop/what-is-a-diocese.html>

(Read John Temple’s Rev. commentary info about angels).

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2. The Jerusalem conference was elaborated upon. What are some things we learn?
 - a. Autonomy.
 - b. The Apostles were still alive and their vote definitely counted, but yet they worked in harmony with the elders.
 - c. Their decisions fell in the realm of obedience to God's plan to convert all souls. Various sets of rules for various sets of people would have created division rather than unity.
 - d. We see charity and benevolence when the need had arisen among the churches. This would not have been possible if souls felt segregated by different laws for different people.

Worship of the Church

1. What was the significant day Christians assembled to worship God in spirit and in truth (Jn.4:24)?
2. What acts of worship do we see?
3. What do most scholars agree on regarding music in worship?

Remember that we look for commands, examples, or that which is inferred.

The appointed day of worship (Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:1-2; Rev.1:10).

(After reading bullets 1 and 2; when discussing bullet 3, read from “Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ” pages 180-181).