

THE BOOK OF PROPHET KACOU PHILIPPE

KACOU 12: CHURCH AND STATE

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1 Do you understand why the basis of the vision is the book of Daniel? In the days of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar took counsel with all his soothsayers and raised a high statue like the world council of churches, counting as much as 600 churches. It is in Daniel chapter 3. And the Chaldeans said to King Nebuchadnezzar: *"these men, O king, regard thee not; they serve not thy gods nor worship the golden image that thou hast set up"....*

2 And on this side, in this end of times, since this last decade, we are witnessing gigantic unions and federations of churches in all the countries. And this is the fulfillment of Matthew 13: 24 to 30. And this Message comes for the gathering of the elect. Refusing it, it is to choose to plead *"not guilty"* at the judgment rather than choosing grace.

3 And now I would like to make an important clarification. I think that the time has come and this is in the line of mission of the midnight Cry. The midnight Message will put the Church in her true position of the beginning.

4 In June 2002, before starting this ministry, I made a file. I did a page for the statute and another page for the internal regulations and I clearly explained that we are not a pagan association or a Catholic, Protestant, evangelical or Branhamist church or a member of those so-called revealed or restored churches... or anything like that but Christians and therefore, the Bible and what the living prophet says are our statute and internal regulations. But they had the audacity to require from me the statute and the internal regulations according to the model of pagan organizations. I saw that as an insult to Holy things. And I refused that!

5 Is it the State or a terrestrial jurisdiction that must give me the authorization to speak on behalf of God? How can Jesus ask permission from Caesar to exercise his ministry? And how can you ask for such things and then, a pagan stinking alcohol will come and investigate to see if my preaching is of the taste of the public authorities? Knowing that the devil is the prince of this world, how can he authorize me on his ground? How can Elijah ask for Ahab and Jezebel's approval? How can John the Baptist ask for Herodias' approval? Doing so is to betray God and to exclude oneself from the plan of Salvation. God forbid! It is rather the State which must submit to the Church. [Ed: *The congregation says, "Amen!"*]. Since ancient times, God never wanted Israel to submit to an empire or to a pagan king! And that, the first Christians had understood it and that was the basis of the first persecutions of the Church.

6 And yet, when a church makes the papers, receives an authorization from the State, it is not only an act of submission but an alliance. It is like America and England. It is like Syria signing a treaty with Iraq to be rescued in the case of an attack from Israel. You see?

7 And on December 18, 2005, during the preaching of the brothers in front of the biggest Branhamist temple, these Branhamists had recourse to police. You see? I do not see William Branham calling the police to beat some preachers in front of the Branham Tabernacle or the Lord Jesus Christ calling the Roman soldiers against the Pharisees who would come to importune him with some questions. It is rather the opposite, it is the Roman soldiers, the crowds, the ushers, who were at the service of the Pharisees and the Sadducees to persecute the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles. And I tell you one more time: if you have to preach in front of temples, I wish it to be mostly those of the Branhamists! Oh, I heard that they had so sung to silence the voice of the brothers, but miraculously, the voices of the brothers, I would say, united to those of Angels, pierced that great noise of instruments which should be assigned to a concert of Bob Marley. [Ed: *The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

8 And yet, it is always the State that provokes the Church. It is like Herod asking Jesus by which authority He preaches! In the past, it was to sacrifice to the Roman gods and today, it is to ask for an authorization of Caesar, it is the same demon.

9 And one day, Emperor Constantine asked for the blessing of the thirteenth mausoleum that he had built next to twelve others bearing the names of the twelve Apostles. And during the blessing ceremony of the mausoleum, while a preacher was preaching saying: *"We are sinners but Jesus Christ was conceived without sin! Jesus Christ lived without sin but He was crucified for our sins and it is in his death on the cross that we received the remission of our sins..."*. And while the preacher was speaking, Emperor Constantine stood up and ordered the preacher to stop his chatter and to simply bless the mausoleum. You see? Emperor Constantine wanted to clearly assert that the State was above the Church. He wanted to show that the earth was above the sky and that the power of Caesar was above the one of God. But there, he was on the wrong place because some prophets sent by God to express to the nations the superiority of God over Caesar were on earth... [Ed:

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The congregation says, "Amen!"]. Then, the preacher also retorted severely and the emperor apologized.

10 And in year 257, an edict of the pagan Rome was promulgated in these terms: *"Believe what you wish on your own but as citizens, comply with official obligations and do not constitute a State within the State"*. Which fell into deaf ears because they understood what Caesar meant. And that was going to be the fundamental basis of the persecutions which took away millions of Christians who knew Romans 13 better than you.

11 As citizens, we establish our identity cards, we pay our taxes, the mayor celebrates our marriages, that is the portion of Caesar. You see? But the only thing that we cannot do is to submit or to graft the Church onto the State. The churches of Satan are submitted to the State, the churches of Jesus-Christ are also submitted to the Bible and to what the living prophet says. If you love us, leave us alone! [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

12 If we must submit because it is God who establishes every authority, Moses and the Jews would not leave Egypt when Pharaoh objected. And Daniel and his companions would bow down before the golden statue of Nebuchadnezzar! You, sons of the devil, you are accustomed to bowing down before the State, to beg from its leaders. And I beg you not to try to associate us with your witchcraft.

13 Outside the Bible and what the living prophet says, I cannot give another identity or another image to the Church of Paul, Peter, Wycliffe, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Wesley. The Church cannot be inserted into the State, she cannot be subjugated. Between the Church and the State, if one had to submit to the other, it would be the State. And the first Christians knew that well. Even the Catholics know it well because for hundreds of years, some popes enthroned or excommunicated some kings. For example, in December 1301, Pope Boniface VIII by the bull *Ausculda Fili* affirms the superiority of the spiritual power over the civil and temporal power. Catholics had inherited this position from the first Christians before returning to their quagmire. You see?

14 It is not some ministers and MPs, some blind pagans, stinking adultery, alcohol and corruption who will influence me. It is not possible because I am a prophet of God. It is up to you to give them places of honour in your gatherings! But I, I know the value of the Bible that I hold, that is why I have no consideration for these dwindling constitutions which will never cease to be modified.

15 And in the history of the Church, Hosius of Cordova, the old preacher of Spain rebuked the emperor of Rome in these terms: *"You have no right to intrude yourself into religious matters, God has only given you authority over the empire. It is from us, with regards to faith, that you must learn."* You see? The heaven and the earth will pass but we will all give an account to God. Not of the way in which we ruled our countries, but of the way in which we served God and walked in the will of God and far from sin. God does not even pay attention to what we call development on earth. Our buildings that we call skyscrapers, God sees them as termite mounds. It is nothing before God, what counts is the Salvation of the soul. And whoever you are, president or king, you must submit to the will of God. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

16 And the powerful preacher Ambrose constrained Emperor Theodosius to public confession like everyone, saying to him that: *"The emperor is in the church, he is not above the church. Do not use Christ but serve Him!"* Amen! And John Chrysostom, this powerful preacher shouted: *"The power of the Church is above the civil power in value as much as the sky is above the earth"*. If a president or a king or a mayor or an MP is something on earth, he will look for the living prophet of his time. And if a nation knows God, God will have the first place in the news and in the activities of this nation. But Look at all the nations of the earth, their religion is called politics. And Satan is the god of politics. And with that, the sons of devil who are presidents and political authorities on earth often meddle in what God is doing. They make judgments about such and such man of God while they are full of alcohol and sins. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

17 And when, one day, Emperor Constantine said, *"You are apostles of the inside but I Constantine, I am an apostle of the outside"*. The response quickly followed before him. A preacher stood up and told him: *"It is not possible to be Caesar and Christian all together"*. And I Kacou Philippe, I am from the lineage of these preachers and of the prophets of the Bible. A politician has nothing to do with what I am doing and I do not have any account to give to a politician. A minister of worship is not for me, it is for the Catholic, Protestant, evangelical and Branhamist churches. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

18 We preach the old Gospel, we are the old Church and we are on God's earth. This earth is God's earth before being in your hands. It is God who created it and I am his prophet. I, Kacou Philippe, slave of Jesus Christ, I have no portion with Caesar and we have no portion with Caesar. Like Israel, the true Church has always taken a position opposed to any pagan power. *"To Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's"*. It is a commandment and a divine decree and I pronounce It in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ in the virtue of the mission that I received on April 24, 1993. Transgressing that is a sin.

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19 And I Kacou Philippe, I am not at work because I see lukewarmness in the Church or because I have discovered a truth that the others do not have, but I do it in accordance with the call and commission of April 24, 1993. I saw in a vision, written in the sky, the Message that I must preach and the heaven and the earth cannot make it lie. Matthew 25:6 and Revelation 12:14 say that, in this time in which we live, an African will be at work on earth to fulfill this mission and I am the one, I that speak to you. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*]. And therefore, on the basis of Matthew 25:6, I do not pass myself off as what I am not. And from now, I can say that the midnight Cry is emitted. If you are prophets, apostles, pastors, evangelists, teachers, you must humbly align behind it. If your goal is Heaven, that is what you must do.

20 Notice that we are at the end of times and there are external signs and internal signs. Earthquakes, wars, the return of Israel to her homeland, ... all of these are external signs for the world but the trumpets, the seven stars, the opening of the seals, the seven thunders and the midnight Cry ... they are the secret signs of the Bridegroom to the Bride. And the world, that is to say, the Catholic, Protestant, evangelical and Branhamist churches, including all the revealed or restored churches, is not concerned and does not know it. The Bible says that on the eve of the rapture, there will be a Cry which will wake up the sleeping virgins and which will, one day, lead the Church to the rapture and that is what we are witnessing. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

21 I heard people talk of Matthew 25:6 and now it is history. It is in the present perfect tense: the midnight Cry has sounded. You see? Every child of God understands what God is doing and the true Church walks according to the biblical promises and prophecies.

22 If today, in year 2003, an awakening broke out in a Branhamist church, that would be good but it cannot be the awakening of the Church because the Bible does not say that a virgin will wake up and awake the others but it is a Cry that will do it. And this is what the spirit of prophecy says. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

23 Our prayer is that God raises up some people and also the necessary means because this Message must to be translated into English, German, Swahili, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese and others. And in the same way that we see in the Bible: Letter to the Corinthians, letter to the Romans, to the Philippians, to Timothy, ... and that it applies today to the whole earth, thus, it will be the same for this Message that I am preaching here. The only thing to do, it is to translate It into other languages. Do you understand? [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*].

24 But as for the preaching, the Holy Spirit Himself will adjust it to each country because the false prophets of Zimbabwe are not those of the Central African Republic! The federation of the churches of Portugal is not the federation of the churches of France! The archbishop of Paris is not called Bernard Agré. You cannot distribute Kc.1 without adding on it, the names of the false prophets of your country. These sermons will be distributed everywhere!

25 And I said that, inspired by the Spirit, some people sojourning in other countries will return to their own country for the expansion of this Message! Some stars prepared for the time and the circumstance will be raised up throughout the world. The conscience of the elect will be awakened and they will take a radical position against every terrestrial jurisdiction like in the beginning of the Church. We are already there, everything now depends on the Spirit of God who is coordinating it across the earth.

26 There will be a manhunt, an extermination of such a "sect" which will be deemed to be too rebellious. This will be the last prophetic action of the Church of the nations. And this will lead to the rapture. It is only by the humility and the discernment of a son of God that such a ministry will deserve attention because the Bible says that the Kingdom of God does not come to attract attention.

27 Now to finish, I would like to say that every time God gave peace to the Church, she proved herself soft. And speaking for example of marriage ... First in the 4th century, Rome and the Church recognized the dowry as the symbol of marriage like my white hat is the symbol of my authority of prophet. Thus, marriage was distinct from concubinage by the dowry. There was no civil or religious ceremony. Then the State began to have the upper hand with a so-called civil ceremony to, it was said, get the marriage out of secrecy; a ceremony which was embellished by the council of Rome in 721 with godfathers, godmothers and witnesses, in a pagan ambience followed by a procession across the streets. And all this in a spirit of competition with the Church.

28 And the Church, in her turn, before this flattery, instituted a so-called ceremony of blessing which was fought against by the most eminent preachers, for, they said, every marriage being a granted will of God, if it is better not to marry as Apostle Paul says, then the ceremony of the marriage must not come to the Church. And from the day following the council of Trent, the States claimed a matrimonial competence going from the fact that the marriage is a secular contract before being a mere religious sacrament. Thus, after the dowry, pagans

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had a civil ceremony while Christians had none. You see?

29 Israel and the nations have never fraternized, and Church and State have never fraternized. On the rules of marriage, the rights of the spouses or the conditions for divorce, Church and State have never agreed.

30 Another fact; slave states had said that if a slave proposed to a free girl, that slave should be put to death. Whereas the Church said that a slave can marry the daughter of his master if she accepts. You see?

31 These recent civil ceremonies preceding a religious ceremony that we see, that dates back to the 18th century starting in France by the law of the "*18 Germinal*" and are only a trap of Satan, his civil power and his churches against the true Church. The Church, throughout history, has never recognized the civil marriage based on a jurisdiction other than the Bible and what the living prophet says; jurisdiction which is in contradiction with the Bible and does not cease to be modified and which the Church never recognized at any time. I am not speaking of the churches but of the true Church. It is different! You see?

32 Going to the town hall, and from there, coming to church, it is a trap of Satan and the whole earth is in admiration before that. It is a submission of the Church to the State. And by signing this other jurisdiction of the marriage, it is like sacrificing to Roman gods and placing the Church below the State. You see? Just as the State has no consideration for the Church, in the same way I have no consideration for the State and its pagan marriage. It is from the living prophet messenger that the Church proceeds. The Church, it is therefore me and I will ensure that she is respected. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*]. And my prayer is that the Church comes back to her first state!

33 Now, speaking of church and state, in 1971 in Congo-Kinshasa, when archbishop Malula and the Catholic church and the other churches had criticized the bad behaviours of President Mobutu against the population, President Mobutu told them to keep away and that it was not a problem of theirs. Mobutu said: "*No way, this is inadmissible and unacceptable! You cannot mix the two things. Even Christ Himself was categorical on this. To God what is God's and to Caesar what is Caesar's.*" Just as Christians are part of the State because they are citizens, in the same way the State is also part of the Church because it needs Salvation. [*Ed: The congregation says, "Amen!"*]. Presidents and kings, ministers and MPs and mayors and all the great men of the earth need Salvation. And I have always looked on them as sinners who need Salvation. Their human greatness is just before men. But I will always see them as sinners who need Salvation.

34 And at the time of the elaboration of the constitution of Ivory Coast, the religious men who were present had requested that the word *God* should appear in the preamble but it was refused on the pretext that Ivory Coast is a secular country. But if Ivory Coast is a secular country, what were you doing there? Because of money, those pastors, priests and imams were sitting there among those politicians instead of leaving the room. If Ivory Coast is a secular country, what church paper are you asking from me? But know that: one day, because of the judgment of God on earth, a time shall come when the churches of the devil will give their power and authority to the State. And the States will pass laws to protect them through the police and tribunals. And he that hath ears to hear, let him hear!