



Positioned To Possess

A caution written by future President Martin Van Buren to then setting President Andrew Jackson as an attempt to stop this country from positioning itself to become the greatest country in the world by what he perceived as wrong methods.

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The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as the railroads. The federal government must preserve the canals for the following reasons...

- 1) If canal boats are supplanted by railroads, serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, repairmen, and lot tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed for growing hay for horses.
- 2) Boat builders would suffer, and towline and whip and harness makers would be left destitute.
- 3) Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States if in the event of expected trouble with England the Erie Canal would be the only means by which we could move the supplies necessary to wage modern war.

As you may well Mr. President, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour. By engines which in addition to the endangerment of life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock, and frightening women and children.

The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such break-neck speed.

Martin Van Buren

Governor, New York

Our country was positioning itself to become a great nation.

Van Buren did not have a vision for the future.

Where there is no vision there is no future.

Planes travel now at over 700 miles per hour!

Mr. Van Buren would have never dreamed of the day of airplanes traveling at over 700 miles per hour!

God has things in store for Harvest Church of Raleigh that right now, we can't even begin to fabricate in our dreams.

Dean Frost wrote – “Apart from God man can do nothing, and apart from man God will do nothing.”

God has limited himself to win Raleigh through you and I.

I want to preach to you this morning, Positioned to Possess!

Matthew 15:29-39 (NKJV)

29 Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. 30 Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; **and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.** 31 **So the multitude marveled** when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the*

maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; **and they glorified the God of Israel.**

Jesus Feeds 4,000

32 Now Jesus called His disciples to *Himself* and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.**And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”**

33 Then His disciples said to Him, “Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”

34 Jesus said to them, “**How many loaves do you have?**”

And they said, “Seven, and a few little fish.”

35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples; and the disciples *gave* to the multitude. 37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. 38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

Acts 7:17-19 (NKJV)

17 “But when the **time of the promise** drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied **in Egypt**¹⁸ **till another king arose who did not know Joseph.** 19 This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

Joseph’s name means – increaser or savior (He was a savior for God’s people in Egyptian bondage)

Then Moses was born... (Moses – Drawn, or Invited)

God is Positioning us to Possess our Revival!