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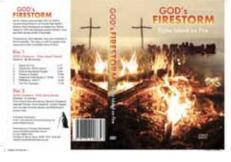
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# Giving GOD a Bad Name

#### - Rodney Rivers with John Blacket

In 1993 I was living in Toowoomba, QLD, and was having my

lunch, and the voice of the LORD spoke to me and said: "I want you to leave this place and go back to the Kimberley because the blood of your brothers is still crying out to me from the ground."



The next day I rang one of my relations in Fitzroy WA, and told her about this. She mentioned that they had picked up a lot of people's bones and put them in two caves. I said to her that we have to do something to cleanse the land.

She told me that the previous day when they were hunting, they saw a two kangaroos – a red one and a grey one - standing back to back. One was looking south and the other looking north. Now those two different types of roos don't mix! That confirmed in her that we need to clean the whole land – all the different areas – and pray over it to get rid of the defilement, and bring people together in true reconciliation.

In one area in the Kimberley there is still today a heap of human bones nearly a metre high from one of the massacres. They have bullet holes in their heads! And they are my relations! I know where that place is. We need to have repentance and cleanse the bones.

In one place around there many years ago, the station owner sent all of the Aboriginal people off for the day, except one man

## Inside:

Looma Transformation Photos Pitjantjatjara Israel Study Tour Terra Nullius & 'Discovery' New Resources that he shot and cut him up and cooked him and fed him to the people when they came back that night – but one man felt it burning in his stomach and they realized what was happening and wouldn't eat it.

My aunty told me this story and we went to that place and poured water on the ground and had communion together so that the blood of Jesus could cleanse that place. Within a few weeks a lot of young men turned to the Lord at a convention they held there. Their lives were changed and even the shop owner at Fitzroy could see the Lord shining in their faces.

In 1966 I was caretaker at a station in the Kimberley, living on my own in the station homestead. One night I was frightened by noises - someone in the house, and wailing noises. Next day I asked the local Aboriginal people about it, and they said the house was built on the place where an Aboriginal woman had been shot, and that was her spirit crying out. This is land that belongs to God and it has been defiled! Like Abel's blood cried out to God, the blood of our people is still crying out to God. The land MUST be cleansed!

After working for Argyle Diamond mine in Kununurra for about ten years I moved to Perth. One day someone asked me to go to listen to a white fellow called Lindsay McDowell from Canberra

talking about reconciliation. I said to my wife: "I'll go and listen to this old whitefella pushing his own barrow."

But when I heard his message, it blew my mind! His message was from the Lord! All that the Lord had been saying to me exploded in me and I knew I had to join him. Now I am on the

National Leadership Team of the *National Act of Recognition* with Lindsay. This is a very important part of cleansing the land from all the atrocities that have been done to the indigenous people.

In July this year I was at a meeting where I heard Rev Ray Minniecon talking about the *Doctrine of Discovery*. I had never heard about this before, but I was horrified to hear that the church was behind all the evil side of colonisation as well as bringing the Gospel to the world.

Later I was having a debate with a whitefella up north one day about this Doctrine and telling him about some of the shocking things that have happened, and I said to him: "Whether you like it or not, God *demands* it and God *commands* it – that we have to *deal* with the past that has put us where we are today."

I am an Aboriginal person, but after more than two hundred years, I am still not recognised in Australia's Constitution. That is a blessing in disguise, because it means I'm not under its laws and rules. I wouldn't want to be part of a constitution made by people who have done all these atrocities to the indigenous people all around the world in their colonisation. The *Doctrine of Discovery* is a legal



document, but our people never made any agreement or conceded land to Captain Cook or anyone else over them colonising our land. All the assets of the land and resources under the ground still belong

to God, Who made the Aboriginal people His caretakers of His land.

The church should be ashamed of what has been done around the world – supposedly in the name of Jesus Christ. I said to this guy: "You and your mob never learned our languages, laws and customs so that you could make an agreement with us. As Christian colonisers you

have *given God a bad name* and that has kept a lot of my people from knowing Jesus Christ!"

Jesus gave us the Great Commission, and said this:

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you: and, behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). So where did this Doctrine of Discovery (Doctrine of Demons) come from? – not from God's Word!

The descendants of the colonisers, who came with the authority of this *Doctrine of Discovery*, need to repent on behalf of their ancestors and seek reconciliation with the First Peoples so we can go forward together in Christ. All you holy rollers and people who are mesmerised in your churches and are calling out and declaring revival - you need to wake up and repent. God won't send any revival until the land is cleansed!

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### The Doctrine of Discovery & the Origins of Terra Nullius

The Doctrine of Discovery is a principal of international law that dates back to the 15th century and which provided the justification for the invasion of Australia.

In 1095, at the beginning of the Crusades, Pope Urban II issued an edict – the *Papal Bull Terra Nullius* (meaning empty land). It gave the kings and princes of Europe the right to "discover" or claim land in non-Christian areas. This policy was extended in 1452 when Pope Nicholas V issued the bull *Romanus Pontifex*, declaring war against all non-Christians throughout the world and authorizing the conquest of their nations and territories. These edicts treated non-Christians as uncivilized and subhuman, and therefore without rights to any land or nation. Christian leaders claimed a God-given right to take control of all lands and to justify wars of conquest, colonization, and slavery.

What is particularly significant for Australia is that King Henry VII adopted the *Doctrine of Discovery*, granting his explorers the right to assert dominion and title over all non-Christian lands with the Church's blessing.

Christians today need to identify with our forefathers in repentance, and the Pope needs to rescind these Papal Bulls. Some people in the Roman Catholic Church are working to have Pope Francis rescind them.