

Why So Much Evil in the World?

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Looking at Satan's tactics, Van Jones said—just consider this in the light of everything that we covered in all the atrocities this week—that the way that the communists work is this: 'From the bottom up, the top down, and in between.'

While everybody has been sleeping, Satan's agents have been busy working: in government, in schools, in churches, everywhere. But notably politically in Colorado.

There is a new movie coming out which is called *Colorado Heist*, how from the bottom up, the liberals, who are communists and progressives who are communists, have changed the state of Colorado from a solid red-meat Republican state to a very purple state—that is, they have undermined it so much. Guess which two states have voted in marijuana? *Colorado and Washington!*

That's part of the agenda that Satan has. Along with that someone sent me a clipping from a newspaper, Oct. 13, 1975. This was taken from something that was done in May 1919 in Dusseldorf, Germany. This woman made a note and put it in her Bible, Oct. 13, 1975. She has since passed on and in going through this woman's possessions and things, they found this.

Sometimes "False" has a Ring of "Truth" (foundingvalues.com)

From the actual newspaper article, Oct. 13, 1975:

A reader who has kept a copy since we first published it in April 1990, has suggested that "lest we forget," the following be published again:

In May, 1919, in Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of the Communist Rules for Revolution....

Now communism is Satanism. You just put a different name on it and people accept it.

...Fifty years later they are still following these rules:

A: Corrupt the young, get them away from religion, get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

How is that handled today? That is handled through education, beginning in the Head Start Program. 'Let's start them at 3-years old. Let's not wait until they are 6.' Then you mis-educate them by emotion, indoctrination, teaching sex beginning even in kindergarten, in activities of sports, social events,

and things like this. You always have those things, most of the activity, on the Sabbath; keep them away from God. So, look at the generation that we have today.

I've mentioned Watters' World before that's on Bill O'Reilly's program, but Watters says that these are not just edited to show the worst, but that's the way that most of the youth and most of the people are. The reason they don't know anything is because they haven't been taught anything. The reason they have no ambition is because they've been taught to have no ambition. Remember: 'bottom up, top down,' mix it all together, cause confusion. That's what happens.

B: Get control of all means of publicity thereby:

All means of media. Do they have it today? *Yes, indeed!* When you start analyzing, there are six corporations that own 95% of everything in the world through various sub-corporations.

1: Get the people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

Do we have that today? *Yes, with all the entertainment!* The reason that you start these things is because Satan knows that everything that God does has a blessing or cursing and there are choices involved.

Just like we're sitting here in this building. In this building there are various electronic waves coming in here. We're not aware of them because we don't have a device to turn them on, such as television or radio, AM and FM. We have the waves coming in for Wi-Fi and that's everywhere. That's called ubiquitous. It's everywhere and it is there. Plus they also know that there are various wave lengths of microwave that you can control people's emotions without having any direct contact with them. A lot of that is also sub-planted into music and entertainment.

Let's see why we are in such a way. Combine all of this together. What we are reading here are the *deceptive tactics of Satan the devil*, who is deceiving the whole world. Notice one of the chief means of accomplishing this and what it produces.

2-Timothy 3:1: "Know this also, that in *the* last days perilous times shall come." Is that a true statement? *Yes, over and over again!*

Verse 2: “For men will be lovers of self... [men and women] ...lovers of money, braggarts, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy... [we have that today in a great majority of the population] ...without natural affection...” (vs 2-3). Fewer people get married today than those who live together. Then you have the perverted affection of same-sex marriage and homosexuality.

“...implacable... [so set in their ways that you cannot get them to listen to anything] ...slanderers, without self-control, savage, despisers of those who are good, betrayers, reckless, egotistical, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; having an outward appearance of Godliness, but denying the power of *true* Godliness. But *as for you*, turn away from *all* these” (vs 3-5).

So when we are told to come out of the world, that means ***come out of the world!*** In addition to this:

2: Divide the people into hostile Groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

Yes, indeed! Sound like the news? Flip through your 400 channels that you have on television now, or get your iPhone, iPad or whatever Wi-Fi you have, and go through it and see how much inconsequential drivel is on there that occupies peoples’ minds. How about digital games for kids and adults? How about vast pornography? All those things online.

They are all arguing over what to do about the border, what to do about the terrorists. They don’t know why there is terrorism because there’s an automatic thing that happens. As God looks at nations and judges them—and especially the descendants of the children of Israel—it is automatic.

When you go away from God and you go further from God, then you reject God and you forget God, automatically great problems take place. God doesn’t have to cause it because it’s an automatic thing that He has created. That’s why there are blessings for obedience, curses for disobedience; they are automatic. God has already set it in motion. He doesn’t have to go up there and do a single thing; it happens.

3: Destroy the people’s faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

Ridicule and then downgrading them. Isn’t that true? Look at the last presidential election. What did they do to Mitt Romney? What do they do to everyone who has any morals, who stands for something? *They immediately attack them!* The media follows right along.

Then their troops are the agents of Satan everywhere in the world, and there are lots of them. They won’t admit they are working for Satan, but they are. If they do something that’s not right, if they do something that is wrong, ‘since we control all aspects of media, we’ll just overlook it’; it didn’t happen. Then you get most of the population watching the media that you totally control, so if there are some you don’t totally control, they will look on them as weird, stupid, hard, harsh. mean and nasty.

4: Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

Sounds like that’s what the administration has been doing. A little balance on this so you understand. While they were doing all of the heisting of Colorado by pouring millions of dollars into the local elections—school boards, county commissioners, mayors and everything—‘from the bottom up.’ What they were doing through the IRS, is how did they do it in Colorado. By all of these ‘504’ political organizations. The Democrats who were after all the Republicans to not let them have any, none of the conservatives, none of those who believed in God, none of those who wanted to straighten out the government, don’t let them have any organizations or be able to raise money. But that’s what they did in Colorado.

At the same time they were doing it, the agents working within the IRS were doing the same thing to stop anyone from getting to know the truth and to understand that the policies that are put in place are not right.

5: By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

Has that happened? *Yes, indeed!*

6: Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster lenient and soft attitudes on the part of government toward such disorders.

Has that happened? *Yes, indeed!* Right now they are really very, very disappointed that in Ferguson, Missouri, that it doesn’t look like they are going to have a basis for a mass race riot there. They’ve been trying to foment it.

7: By specious argument, cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, confidence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

And who believes anything that anyone says. Ruggedness would be determined individual thought that you won't give in to these things.

C: Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

That is Satan's plan. He's done it in every communist country. He is doing it here and we are being punished because of the general sins of the people. We need to understand that.

Likewise with the things that we see with terrorism. It kind of leaves a lot of people in very difficult situations. When you watch the news, even those of us in the Church, we wonder: What's going on? How is this going to be?

Before we get into a little more of this, let's see a promise because this is going to continue this way and get worse. That's a part of living in the last days. With all of those people who are hoping with the coming election everything is going to change, we'll have to wait and see. It might or might not.

Talking about Jerusalem, Isaiah 3:8: "For Jerusalem is staggering and Judah has fallen because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of His glory." That's precisely what we are doing now.

Why do you think that there is such a push to destroy all religious morality, even to the point that they want to subpoena and go over all the notes of Christian ministers so they can prosecute them.

Verse 9: "The look of their faces witnesses against them; and they declare their sin like Sodom. They do not hide *it!* Woe to their soul! For they have rewarded evil to themselves." That's what they are doing.

It's like everything else that we have covered. Remember what we said during the Feast—incrementalism, just like leaven.

Verse 10: "Say to the righteous..." Right in the middle of all this, while all the trouble is going on, there will be the people of God. There will be those who are loving God and serving Him in spite of everything. Of course, that won't be very popular with the world.

"...that *it shall be* well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings" (v 10). In other words:

- if we are faithful
- if we are loving God
- if we are growing in grace and knowledge
- ✓ God is going to be with us
- ✓ We can ask for God's protection (Psa. 91)

✓ God will watch over us

These things can come close to us, but God will keep us.

Verse 11: "Woe to the wicked! For the evil doing of his hand will be given to him. *As for* My people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. Oh, My people, those who lead you cause *you* to err and destroy the way of your paths" (vs 11-12).

Isn't that interesting. What did Jesus say? *He said that 'when the Son of man comes, will He find the true faith on the earth?'* Look at what's happening with Sunday-keeping, Protestantism and Catholicism, going the way of the world, going the way of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Let's come to the book of Hosea because here is what is happening. All of this happens automatically because of sin. Just like the law of gravity: it is good, if you obey it, it is difficult when you disobey it. Try dropping 100-pound cement sack on your foot.

The whole book of Hosea is a prophecy of Israel in the end-time. Hosea preached in the last years of the last king of Israel—Hoshea—who reigned for nine years. The last three of those nine years was when the king of Assyria came and put the yoke on the children of Israel and began exiling them out of there. Then it's projected forward to our day, because we are the children of Israel today.

Hosea 4:1: "Hear the Word of the LORD, children of Israel, for the LORD *has* a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, 'There is no Truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.'" Why?

- they have gotten it out of the schools
- they have gotten it out of the churches
- they have gotten it out of the lives of people
- they have taken it away from the politicians
- they have incorporated all the perverseness that you find in Rom. 1

where all of the wise intellects of the world who reject God cause all the perversion to come in the society.

Why? *There comes a point when there is sin that God abandons people to their own devices!* Then it is multiplied more and more.

Verse 2: "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and the committing of adultery they break out; and blood touches blood.... [perfect description of what's going on today] ...Therefore, shall the land mourn..." (vs 2-3). We have fires,

floods, drought, heat, cold, tornados, hurricanes. It's almost like God has made it so that when the sins add up to a certain point, the whole environment responds with a penalty. Sometimes people repent because of that; sometimes they don't.

"...and everyone who dwells in it shall languish..." (v 3). That's coming. As I covered concerning *The Coming Economic Collapse*.

What are you going to do? *There will be a day*—I don't know when it will be, a year, two years, three years, five years, that's all in God's schedule—*when they will close the banks on Friday and they will stay closed for more than a week!*

Remember this, all the money in the bank you have loaned to the bank and the bank can use it for *their* assets. So therefore—just like they have already practiced in Cyprus and in Europe—instead of a 'bailout' to help the banks, the banks will have a 'bail-in.' All accounts over \$250,000 will now belong to the bank. They will issue a new currency, some say perhaps 50 to 1. So if you have \$50, you're going to have \$1 of the new currency. But the price of everything is going to go up. That will happen!

"...everyone who dwells in it shall languish, with the beasts of the field and with the birds of the heavens. Yes, the fish of the sea shall also be taken away. Yet, let no man strive, nor reprove another, for your people *are* as those who strive with the priest. And you shall stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with you *in the night*, and I will destroy your mother" (vs 3-5). Happens automatically.

Verse 6: "My people... [Israel! You can apply this to the Church spiritually with the things that we have gone through with the Church as well.] ...are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

- Have they been taught about God? *No!*
- Do they know about the Bible? *No!*
- Do they know about keeping the Sabbath? *No!*
- Do they know about the Holy Days of God and the Passover? *No!*

What are we going to have soon? *Halloween!* The starting of Satan's holidays begins with the celebration of death and evil.

I came out of the grocery store and here was a family with five kids and there they were loading up five big pumpkins for their jack-o-lanterns. Could you go to those people, 'Well, we're well intended; this is all for the kids. We're going to have fun.' Could you tell those people that what they are doing is not right, that it is sin and against God? *No!* **"...destroyed for lack of knowledge..."** What happens with that lack of knowledge?

"...Because you have rejected knowledge... [if you reject it, you have lack of knowledge] ...I will also reject you from being as a priest to Me..." (v 6).

There are some who understand that if you turn your back on God, He's going to turn His back to you. The only problem is they want to come back to God to their good *old-time* Protestant religion, when they need to go back to God, to the Word of God, which is greater than that.

"...Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children" (v 6). Has that happened?

I wonder what would happen if Jesse Watters (from Bill O'Reilly program) went out and said, 'Can you recite the Ten Commandments?' *What are those?*

Let's see what happens when the leaders reject God. It affects everybody else. This also answers one of the questions why we have all the terrorism. We've covered enough sermons on that so we won't go over that again. But that's always a result of it. God has said, ***'If you obey Me, I will make your enemies to not come against you. I will fight against your enemies. But if you reject Me, then you have to fight against your enemies and you won't succeed.'***

This is quite a lesson in obedience to God. It ties right in with what the whole population, the whole world, is doing. They are turning their collective backs on God more and more. We know that the Roman Catholic Church is not a pinnacle of virtue. But even the pope, wanting to endorse homosexuality, was even turned down by the council of bishops. How long will that last? *That activity is right within the priesthood!*

God gave a command and this is what it needs to be with the enemies, 1-Samuel 15:1: "And Samuel said to Saul, 'The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I will punish Amalek..."'" (vs 1-2). {note Exo. 17:14 [transcriber's correction]}

"...for *that* which he did to Israel, how he set against him in the way when he came up from Egypt. Now go and strike Amalek..." (vs 2-3). If you want to fight ISIS, here is the way you need to fight it. But that will only happen if there is resolve then to obey God.

Verse 3: "Now go and strike Amalek, and completely destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey." ***Slaughter everything!***

Now the soft-hearted are going to say, ‘Oh, you’re going to kill the infant.’ All of those fighting in ISIS today were infants at one time. *Yes, indeed! Remember the second resurrection in all of this!*

So, he gathered them. The long and the short of it is that they didn’t kill all of the animals. They took the best of the animals. ***When you go against God, you always have an excuse for good!*** What did the people say? *Let’s keep these and sacrifice them to God.* Isn’t that good? *That’s violating what God said!*

Saul furthermore, instead of killing Agag, v 8: “And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive. And he completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.”

Verse 10: “And the word of the LORD came to Samuel saying, ‘It repents Me that I have set up Saul to be king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not performed My commandments.’ And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night” (vs 10-11). It was difficult.

Verse 12: “And when Samuel rose up early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told to Samuel, saying, ‘Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a place for himself, and has gone around and passed on and gone down to Gilgal.’ And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, ‘You are blessed of the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD’” (vs 12-13).

Isn’t that typical of a lot of people who have Sunday-keeping? ‘I keep the commandments of God, but I go to church on Sunday.’ Same thing here.

Verse 14: “And Samuel said, ‘What then is this bleating of the flock in my ears? And what is the sound of the herd which I hear?’ And Saul said, ‘They...’” (vs 14-15). Whenever you get caught in sins, you always blame someone else.

“...‘They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God. And the rest we have completely destroyed.’ And Samuel said to Saul, ‘Stay and I will tell you what the LORD has said to me tonight.’ And he said to him, ‘Speak on’” (vs 15-16).

Then he came back, v 17: “And Samuel said, ‘When you were little in your own sight...’” What was one of the things we read in 2-Tim. 3, the cause of sin? *Pride!*

“...did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel. And the LORD sent you on the way and said, ‘Go and completely destroy the sinners, the

Amalekites, and fight against them until you destroy them.’” Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD?...” (vs 17-19).

We look at all the problems going on today and we can learn a lesson. How many are obeying the voice of God today? *Very few!* Perhaps the only ones—and that may be in varying degrees—are the Churches of God. In the world you may have some people trying to live moral lives, but they are not told how to understand it from the Bible. They don’t understand why *their* religion is falling apart, because exactly right here: ***You did not obey the voice of the Lord!***

“...Why did you fly upon the spoil and do evil in the sight of the LORD?... [self-justification]: ...And Saul said to Samuel, ‘Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took from the spoil, of the flock and herd, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal’” (vs 19-21).

Saul had to learn a lesson. This is a lesson we can learn. This is a lesson that if there is going to be any change in the political situation, anywhere in world—but in particularly in the nations of modern Israel today—you have got to come back to God His way, with His Word and you need to forsake all the sins that you have brought into Christianity, into education, into government, and you have got to take drastic action to ensure that the people learn of the way of God. That’s a tall order. I don’t think it will be accomplished.

I know Dolores and I talk about the up and coming election quite a bit. You would think that if there were those, who even in the letter of the Law would want to do right, would stand up and stand for something, but they have been so beaten down because of the tactics of Satan the devil they are afraid of their own shadow to say, ‘I stand for this and I will stand for it to my death.’ *Not one!*

Is it going to be this year the same as it was in the last election? *Could very well be!* Remember, ‘bottom up, top down, inside out.’ We’ll have to see what happens.

Here’s the lesson, v 22: “And Samuel said, ‘Does the LORD have as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD?... [the voice of the Lord has been recorded in the Word of God; we have it today] ...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice! To hearken is better than the fat of rams.’”

Verse 23: “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft... [Halloween celebrates witchcraft,

sorcery, death and satanism] ...and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD...” People need to sit up and pay attention to this, because this is really important.

“...He has also rejected you from being king!” (v 23). So those who do not obey God, obey His voice—*reject it*—are just as bad as the evil of witchcraft and sorcery.

Notice that partial repentance will not do it, v 24: “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘I have sinned, for I have disobeyed the commandment of the LORD and your word because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. And now please pardon my sin and turn again with me so that I may worship the LORD’” (vs 24-25). He wanted to worship the Lord so all the people could see him, so they wouldn’t look upon him and know that he had been rejected.

Verse 26: “And Samuel said to Saul, ‘I will not return with you, for you have rejected the Word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.’” Samuel finally gave in and aged Samuel then had to take a sword and hack Agag in pieces because Saul did not do it.

You can take this and you can use this as a lesson for everything that we see in the world today. We’re talking about:

- the Truth of God through Samuel
- the Word of God through the voice of God
- the government through the king
- the army through the soldiers
- the people of Israel through the people who the soldiers represented

There’s an awful lot to this chapter which would help us understand why we are in such a mess we are today. Then you add all of that together with the way that Satan works with what is called the Communist Manifesto. That’s just Satan’s old way re-written in more modern terms, that’s all.

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In spite of all the things that are going on, people do really not know why there is so much evil. They don’t understand two basic fundamental things:

1. there is a Satan the devil who is deceiving, actively, the whole world

He has a lot of helpers. Spiritual ones are called *demons*. He has a lot of helpers of people who follow him, worship him. He has additional helpers: all the technology that is in the world today. He’s using all of that to deceive the whole world. So, when these things comes along they say, ‘I wonder why this. He was such a good man one time. She was such a lovely woman one time.’ Just like the

hatchet job in New York City. Muslim radicalized but no one wants to call it an act of terror. He was a graduate of the same university—Columbia—that our President is. So of course you don’t want to report that.

People do not want to face the reality of what is in the Word of God. Halloween is going to celebrate Satan the devil and he’s happy to have as many out there doing that as possible. All of those who go to church on Sunday are not worshipping the true God. They are deceived. They worship another Jesus, another god, and who is the god of this world? *Satan the devil!*

2. they do not understand human nature

Human nature is basically evil. Mixture of good and evil, but God made us so we can be trained that we are not dedicated to evil. If we are not taught and trained, then we become dedicated to various forms of evil, because they don’t believe what Jesus said.

Let’s see where all of this comes from. ‘How could so-and-so do that?’ Unless you teach people, even in the letter of the Law the Word of God, and you let human nature go, which is what they do. You can’t spank your children today because you will go to court. You can’t switch them.

I used to get a lot of switchings. I had to go out and pick my own switch. I used to like to get the ones that were a little larger, because they didn’t sting as bad. But my mom would make me go out and bring in one that was nice and green and wouldn’t break. Then she would switch my lower legs. When that didn’t work, she made me stand in front of the clock with my arms stretched out to the side. She’d come back and when my arms started going down she’d say, ‘Bring your arms up, Freddie.’ I learned certain things.

Children need to be taught about God. They need to be taught about right and wrong, not *opinions* of what some people think is right and some people think is wrong. But what the Word of God tells you that is right and wrong, because of the nature of human beings—if left to themselves or if educated in Satan’s way—will magnify all of this.

Mark 7:21: “‘For from within...” This is why conversion is of the mind. Conversion is called *transformation of the mind* through the Spirit of God to do what is right.

“...out of the hearts of men, go forth evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders” (v 21). The greatest sins that we have today. All sex sins, all deaths of human beings through murders, be that from abortion clear up to malpractice of medicine.

Verse 22: “Thefts, covetousness, wickednesses, guile, licentiousness, an evil eye,

blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these evils go forth from within, and *these* defile a man” (vs 22-23).

In the same chapter we have a lesson in Truth vs religion. The Pharisees were wondering why the disciples of Jesus did not follow the tradition of the elders and wash their hands before eating. So, the lesson was there

Verse 6: “And He answered *and* said to them, ‘Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from Me... [not teaching anything about God] ...But in vain do they worship Me...’” (vs 6-7). ***Their religion is in vain. Every ‘religion’ of this world is in vain*** because they are not of God. Here He is talking about Judaism. So, how has the life of the Jews been the last 2,000 years.

““...teaching *for* doctrine the commandments of men.’ For leaving the commandment of God, you hold fast the tradition of men, *such as* the washing of pots and cups; and you practice many other things like *this*.” Then He said to them, ‘Full well do you reject the commandment of God, so that you may observe your *own* tradition’” (vs 7-9).

Apply that to every teaching in Christianity and Judaism that is contrary to the Word of God and you will see the problems that they have. That’s why a lot of people reject it. People don’t like to admit it. Most of the atheists concerning the religions supposedly representing Jesus Christ, they reject. They just go from one deception to another deception. Here is Satan deceiving people and here is human nature. Combine the two together:

Proverbs 21:2: “Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes, but the LORD ponders the hearts.”

Do the communists think that they are right? Why is that of Satan the devil? *Because you start out with rejecting God! You think you have no God, but that’s not true!* You do, you have Satan the devil, who is ‘the god of this world.’ It may not be 95% of the media that is deluding everyone, maybe only 90%. Then you have to ask: What is on that other 10% of media? How much of that is the Truth of God?

Let’s look at another one and tie it in together. Proverbs 16:25 [transcriber’s correction]: “There is a way that seems right to a man... [and every way is right in his own eyes] ...but the end thereof is the way of death.”

Verse 1: “The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, are from the LORD.” He has given you life. He has given you everything.

Verse 2: “All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes...” He’s right, he’s clean, haven’t done anything wrong.

Now let’s see something else concerning the human heart. Part of the understanding of conversion is really realizing that this applies to every single individual—everyone. Let’s see the difference for those people who are trying to do well, God will recognize to the degree that they do right that’s in accord with His law.

Jeremiah 17:5: “Thus says the LORD, ‘Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD.’” You leave God’s ways. That’s what the whole world has done under the deception of Satan the devil.

Verse 6: “For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land that is not inhabited.”

Notice how God does this constantly through the prophets, v 7: “Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD and whose hope is the LORD... [automatic, ubiquitous, everywhere] ...For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters; *it* sends out its roots by the river, and *it* shall not fear when the heat comes, but foliage shall be green; and he is not worried in the year of drought, nor will it cease from yielding fruit. **The heart *is* deceitful above all things...**” (vs 7-9).

What is the first thing we do when we sin? *We lie to ourselves!* We do that how? *By justifying it!* What is one of the first things people do? *They compare themselves with other people and say, ‘Well, so-and-so...’ Yes, indeed! “...deceitful above all things...”*

Without any training even in the Word of God, is it any wonder that we have a society where lawlessness is multiplied? It’s like it says in Matt.24 *that lawlessness is going to be multiplied*, not just increased. I couldn’t help but think of that with everything that went on last week. ***Multiplied!*** Wonder what’s going to happen next week? When you understand, that’s how we think naturally, that gives Satan an easy pathway to us.

“...and desperately wicked...” (v 9) We might think we’re really, really good people, but when you compare the righteousness of God and what God is with what man is and how men and women think.

“...who can know it?” (v 9). Isn’t that true? The experts really don’t know. Last night on the news they were trying to analyze ‘what makes a person do this.’ They had to say, ‘I don’t know.’ The very basis of what they believe, first of all, leaves

out God. So, how can you understand what's going on when you have left God? You think, since you're a good person, that you are doing well.

I know the newscaster is probably—I know for a fact because she's Catholic—will be out celebrating Halloween with her little kids, maybe even at an adult Halloween party. Who knows! But they think they're doing good, while they are doing evil. And they don't know this:

Verse 10: "I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings" (v 10). There it is, right there.

Let's see what that results in. There is no way that you can justify any of these woes in Isa. 5. You have six of them here and then you have one over in the next chapter. It talks about in Isa. 5:8 joining house to house. Notice how that's going to work when we have our banking crisis.

Isaiah 5:20: "**Woe** to those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" That's what has happened with the dumbing down of the whole society, the whole world. Those who have any moral compunction pass laws that force perversion down on the society. Homosexual marriage under equal protection.

Verse 21: "**Woe** unto *them that* are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto *them that* are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink" (vs 21-22). You can just put in there not only alcoholism, but all the drugs and things like that.

Verse 23: "Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" That's what happens. They let people out who have committed crimes to go out and commit crimes again. 'Oh, but we can't have the death penalty; that is unjust.' God says, 'You need it. I gave it for a reason.'

Verse 24: "Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame burns up the chaff; their root shall be like rottenness, and their blossoms shall go up like dust because..." Turn you back on God, then you reject God and you leave God. You go further from God and you accept this sin and you accept that sin and you accept it as normal. What have they accepted with the politicians that is normal? *Everybody's got to lie to get elected!* If they have to lie to get elected, how are they going to be transparent and honest?

Justify the wicked, therefore, this is going to happen. "...and their blossoms shall go up like dust because they have cast away the Law of the LORD

of hosts, and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel" (v 24). That's what happened.

I'll tell you how on our excuse for jury duty. I have not had one person denied an excuse for jury duty. The person involved who was converted and believes in God and Jesus Christ ***must judge by the commandments of God and the Word of God*** for any crime. *Excused!*

Notice what happens here. How long have we put up with this in this society? When you begin with the election of President Woodrow Wilson and the progressives, we now have 100 years that God has put up with everything. That reaches back into 1893 and back to the 1880s when they were trying to change the Bible.

In 1893 they rejected the warning from the Catholics that is called *Rome's Challenge to the Protestants* and failed to repent of Sunday-keeping. So then, we come along a little later, we have the Scopes trial. Now you can't teach anything about creation in the schools. Then we have the adoption of evolution and now you can't even bring up any rebuttal to it. Now you can bring a Koran to school but not the Bible.

- Has God held back His anger? *Yes, He has!*
- Was some of it revealed with 9/11? *Yes, it was*

but:

- How many people really repented and turned to God? *Not very many!*

Verse 25: "Therefore, the anger of the LORD is kindled against His people..." You want to know why all these things are going on? *This is why!* You can't cure it with psychology. You can't cure it with other satanic means and methods. ***You must cure it with the Word of God and repentance!***

"...and He has stretched out His hand against them... [Have we had God against us for quite a while? *Yes, indeed!*] ...and has stricken them; and the hills trembled, and their dead bodies *were* as filth in the midst of the streets. In all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still."

People are going to think, 'Well, it can't get any worse.' *It's going to get worse!* We can take a lesson from the waves of the sea. The correction of God comes like a wave. What are we going to do? *Then here comes another wave!* Now, what are we going to do? They know that when waves comes, there's an instance that varies and here comes a *huge wave!* They know there are times when ships are lost at sea that one of these rogue waves comes that's 100-feet high. They don't know what happens to the ship. That's what's going to happen here if we are trusting in lies. These are the things that are going to be happening to us.

Let's see some of the solution. ***There needs to be a turning to God!*** I think we also need to realize that has to happen with the Churches of God, as well. We need to recognize that everything comes from God.

Psalm 111:1: "Praise the LORD!..." That's what we need to do, not to extol men or lift them up. ***All credit goes to God*** because He has created everything.

"...I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation" (v 1). This is what God wants from His people, not part-time Christians, not Sabbath-keeping Christians alone, praising God on the Sabbath, coming to Church on the Sabbath. That's fine, well and good, but what happens the rest of the week.

Verse 2: "The works of the LORD are great, sought out by all those who have pleasure in them. His work is glory and majesty; and His righteousness endures forever" (vs 2-3). That is focusing in on the plan of God and our ultimate destiny.

Verse 4: "He has made a memorial for His wonderful works..." What is that memorial? *The Sabbath Day*. Remember the Sabbath Day. Isn't it interesting, the commandment right in the middle of the Ten Commandments which says, 'Remember the Sabbath Day.' They say, 'We're going to forget that and we're going to keep Sunday.'

"...the LORD is gracious and full of compassion" (v 4). That's why there needs to be repentance. How do we overcome in an evil society when we are bombarded with it virtually on every side? *By prayer, study, repentance every single day!* By asking God with His Spirit for 'the washing of the water by the Word' to cleanse our minds.

Verse 5: "He has given food to those who fear Him; He will always be mindful of His covenant. He has declared to His people the power of His works..." (vs 5-6). That's what we are seeing. Everything that we see going on is a result of what God has created through the laws and commandments and the blessings and cursings that are always automatic. They happen!

"...in giving them the inheritance of the nations.... [focusing in on our purpose] ...The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His precepts are sure" (vs 6-7). The precepts are those automatic things.

Verse 8: "They stand fast forever and ever, they are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto His people..." (vs 8-9). That's us. Those who have the Spirit of God have been

redeemed from this world. Redeemed means *bought back*.

- bought back from Satan the devil
- bought back from his society and his way

"...He has commanded His covenant forever... [covenant of eternal life which God has given to us] ...Holy and awesome is His name" (v 9).

How does it all begin? Verse 10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever." That's where God wants us to begin. That's what God wants us to do—to come to Him in everything.

Psalm 112:1: "Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments." Instead of letting the thoughts of the world come in and enter into your mind:

- think on the Word of God.
- think on the commandments of God
- think on the promises of God

Verse 2: "His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house..." (vs 2-3). Think what Jesus said. Jesus said, *'In My Father's house are many dwelling places and I go and prepare a place for you, so that I can receive you unto Myself so that where I am you may be also.'* The wealth and riches of eternal life. Go back and re-read from what the city of New Jerusalem is composed of.

"...and his righteousness endures forever. To the upright there arises Light in the darkness..." (vs 3-4). We are living in the darkness of this world and the Light is God's Word. Christ is the Light. We are to come to Christ. We are to come to the Word of God.

"...he is gracious and full of compassion and righteousness" (v 4). That's why when we repent God will forgive us. I think it's really quite a profound thing. I was reading about King Manasseh and all that he did. Yet he repented and humbled himself and God forgave him. He was the most wicked of all the kings, *but God raised him up, brought him back, put him on the throne*. What did he do? *He started cleaning up all the evil and the idols out of the temple area!*

Verse 5: "It is well with the man who is gracious and lends freely; who conducts his affairs with justice. Surely he shall not be moved forever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" (vs 5-6).

Remember Psa. 111:4_[transcriber's correction], He has made a memorial for His wonderful works.

- if we remember Him, *He remembers us*
- if we forget Him, *He forsakes us*
- if we reject Him, *He rejects us*

But if you follow the righteousness, v 6: “Surely he shall not be moved forever...” This means there are going to be times when he will slip and fall, but he is not going to be moved off course forever.

“...the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings...” (vs 6-7). We’re going to see a lot of those. *Don’t be afraid!* We have to come to the point that we are wise as serpents, harmless as doves, faithful to God in everything that we do.

“...his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established; he shall not be afraid until he sees his desire upon his enemies. He has given freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn shall be exalted with honor. The wicked shall see and be angry; he shall gnash with his teeth and melt away... [sounds like the Lake of Fire] ...**the desire of the wicked shall perish**” (vs 7-10).

You couple this what we have covered today with the sermons that I did, *How to Cope With Life Through the Psalms* and *God’s Comfort*. And how God is with us and for us and will see us through all of these things.

We can endure the things that take place and we can see the end of them coming, with the promises of God! So let’s put our hope and trust in God and follow the Word of God in everything that we do!

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