

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: THE FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE? : PART 1

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A Discussion On Personal Accountability, The Human Lifespan, The Fruits Of Pride And Disobedience, And Laying The Right Foundation In Our Lives

Following the wonderful Creation of the world and the first man in Genesis chapters one and two, we find the Lord giving a firm warning to Adam. That stern Word of Advice was the following:

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Genesis 2:17, KJV

What I find interesting about this is that the Lord gave this warning to Adam even before Eve had been created. It seems to me that, as a wise Father, the Lord was giving Adam a fair warning of the dangers to come so that he could be aware of them, and not fall prey to them. As the Apostle Paul tells us in his second letter to the Corinthian brethren:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

This is the very same thing we do with our flesh children. In addition to teaching them what is right and what is wrong, what is acceptable behavior and what isn't, we also make them aware of the pitfalls and the dangers they need to watch out for. However, despite all of our warnings, we cannot walk the path of life for them. This is something they must do for themselves. As with our flesh children, the Lord will likewise not decide for us. We must do that for

ourselves. As I discuss in other articles such as "Free Will and Personal Choice", we have been given the freedom of personal choice, the ability to manifest our love for our Heavenly Father through our obedience to His Word. In the case of the Garden of Eden, Satan was apparently privy to the Lord's warning to Adam; and thus, he completely circumvented the youthful Adam, and attacked the harmony of the Garden through Eve. If Satan had approached Adam directly, perhaps Adam would have had the sense and the strength to resist; but because Satan attacked through his beautiful wife, Adam's defense against the demonic plan was weakened:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Genesis 3:1, KJV

As we all know, Eve, and then Adam, in direct disobedience to the Lord's commandment, did eat of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil:

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Genesis 3:6, KJV

As I've stated in other articles, it seems to me that there is a strong possibility that Adam and Eve had already contemplated committing their sin for some time before they actually disobeyed. We don't know how large the Garden of Eden was, but we must ask ourselves why the First Pair was near the forbidden Tree on that fateful day. Was it just coincidence? Was it curiosity? Or could it be that like a small child who is told "Don't touch!", they wanted to poke out a finger just one time and see if they could get away with it? Although Adam and Eve were made by God's own Hand, although they were as humanly perfect as a human could be, they were not gods. In a sense, they were like foolish children. Perhaps it was for this reason that it was so easy for Satan to get them to yield to their youthful pride and vanity and disobey their Heavenly Father. They knew that

what they were doing was wrong. It wasn't a sin of ignorance. Not only had the Lord told Adam directly, but He had also put it in them to know; for as Paul tells us in his Epistle to the Romans:

"Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)"

Romans 2:15, KJV

Just prior to their disobedience, the voice of their conscience must have been sounding an alarm in their hearts: "Don't do it! You know this is wrong! You were warned not to!" Yet, despite the Lord's stern warning, they hardened themselves to His Voice. This is why immediately after their act of rebellion, we are told that they hid themselves. Just like that small child, they knew they had done wrong:

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden."

Genesis 3:8, KJV

As the previous verse from Romans says, not only did Adam and Eve hide themselves, but they also tried to excuse themselves by shifting the blame once their sin had been discovered. Adam blamed his wife for his failure, and Eve proceeded to blame the serpent:

"And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

Genesis 3:12-13, KJV

How much this sounds just like people today who refuse to accept responsibility for their actions, whose thoughts are only towards committing evil. The Prophet Isaiah exposed the sinful condition of the wicked when he said:

"Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths."

Isaiah 59:7, KJV

They may be able to skirt human laws, and even Divine Laws, and get away with it for now, but someday soon they are going to have to pay the price for their disobedience and their unbelief! The Lord will simply not swallow the excuse of innocence through ignorance! We will all be held accountable to the Lord!:

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Romans 14:12, KJV

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:10, KJV

The result of the disobedience by Adam and Eve is that their eyes were opened, and the evil satanic knowledge began to pervert their thoughts and judgment:

"And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

Genesis 3:7, KJV

They had been naked all along, yet it wasn't until they disobeyed and partook of the Tree that they received a distorted view of the Truth. What had once been viewed as something beautiful and natural, was now seen as something shameful in need of covering. In his Epistle to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that Satan is the god of this world:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

Exactly what is it that the god of this world has to offer? Not much by God's standards. The Apostle John made it clear when he said:

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and

the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:16, KJV

These are the exact same things that Adam and Eve fell victim to when they submitted themselves to Satan instead of to God by choosing the Tree over obedience to the Lord. Their position of humility before the Lord was replaced by sinful pride. What had been viewed as natural was now viewed as sinful through the eyes of lust. Although this was a terrible blow to God's Creation and set things off-balance, it was something which the Lord had foreseen; and thus, He had no choice but to dispel both Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. Exactly why was this necessary? The answer is found towards the end of the third chapter of Genesis in the following verses:

"And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Genesis 3:22-24, KJV

In essence, by choosing the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam and Eve had opted for the corruption of Satan over the purity which comes through obedience to God's Word. Before their fall, they viewed everything as being good, just as the Lord had said it was on each of the six days of Creation. However, upon indulging in evil disobedience, their judgement became corrupted. The Prophet Isaiah warned against this very thing when he said:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

Because they did not possess the Wisdom or Spiritual Discernment of God, Adam and Eve could not possibly know how to properly use the new awareness they had acquired; and this is the problem which has existed to this very day as we

will see shortly. Man likes to think that he knows what he is doing; he likes to play god with the building blocks of Creation; but the more he tinkers with the Forbidden Knowledge, the worse things become; and we totter ever closer to the brink of destruction. In the case of Adam and Eve, they had already shown their capacity for evil and disobedience through breaking the Lord's very first commandment to Adam; so what would prevent them from committing further acts of disobedience? Having already succumbed to Satan's first lie, what would prevent them from disobeying further by attempting to partake of the Tree of Life?

This is what the Lord had to prevent at all cost. If they had partaken of the Second Tree as well, they would have lived forever! They would have lived forever making mistake after mistake, committing evil after evil as demigods in human flesh! And who knows, just as Satan had done, given enough time, perhaps they too would have eventually become so presumptuous as to oppose the Lord Himself, and would have sought to ascend to the Throne of God through their perverted view of things. It is for this reason that the Lord had no choice but to oust them from the Garden, and place cherubims and a flaming sword at the entrance to protect it from their re-entering it.

But you see, Satan wasn't about to be defeated so easily. While Adam and Eve had failed to achieve immortality through Satan's first attack, that old dragon had something else up his sleeve which he was hoping would work. Only a few chapters later, we find the "sons of God", rebellious angelic beings, coming down to the Earth to mingle with humans and to have sexual intercourse with human women. Keep in mind that people were still living for hundreds and hundreds of years at this time, almost one thousand years in fact:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the

daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

Genesis 6:1-4, KJV

If you would like to read more on this topic, please refer to some of my companion articles such as "Nephilim: The Giants of Genesis" and "The Book of Enoch: Truth Or Heresy?". The basic idea here seems to be that Satan was hoping to create a super race of evil beings, half-human, half-demon, who would rule the Earth, and possibly make an assault on the Throne of God. Had he been successful, perhaps Christ's bloodline would have never survived! So, just as the Lord had foreseen, the evil did not stop with Adam and Eve. In fact, beginning with their own children, Cain and Abel, it continued to get worse and worse, until after the rebellion by the angels, the Lord had to put down His foot and make a grievous decision:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."

Genesis 6:5-7, KJV

Thus, we arrive at the time of the great Flood in Noah's day which is also covered in other articles. One thing we can be sure of is that the Lord's Word regarding Adam and Eve dying the day that they partook of the Forbidden Tree was indeed fulfilled. In fact, it was fulfilled in more ways than one. In one sense, through their disobedience, Adam and Eve experienced spiritual death that day. Their sin resulted in a vast spiritual gulf being created between man and his Creator. In one of His parables, Jesus made mention of such a gulf:

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

Luke 16:26, KJV

In another sense, Adam and Eve also died when they were separated from the Lord's presence through their ouster from the physical Garden of Eden. After all, we are told that the Lord physically walked in the Garden of Eden:

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden."

Genesis 3:8, KJV

While some may disagree with me, I believe that this verse means exactly what it says. The Lord, meaning Jesus the Creator Son, actually walked amidst and fellowshiped directly with His creations. What better way to enjoy them? This idea of the Lord talking to them from way off somewhere in space seems a bit silly to me. He was there physically, just as He was in Noah's day. It wasn't until after the Fall, and after the Flood that the Lord began to distance Himself more and more from humankind due to their own disobedient, rebellious, and unbelieving hearts. From then on, He only communed directly with certain individuals throughout the course of Biblical history.

Returning to the fruits of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, in a biological sense, following the Flood in Noah's day, man's life span rapidly began to decline from hundreds and hundreds of years, to its current worldwide average of under one hundred years. This has been attributed to many causes such as genetic deterioration, exposure to ultraviolet rays, lethal diseases for which there is no cure, famine, poverty, war, natural disasters, over-population, etc. However, regardless of the many reasons modern man and his science comes up with, they cannot ignore the inescapable Biblical Truth of this one verse:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23, KJV

Death in our current world is the result of sin; and this sin manifests itself in many different forms. As the Apostle John tells us, sin is the transgression, or breaking, of God's Laws:

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

1 John 3:4, KJV

As I will show shortly, man has broken God's spiritual laws, as well as His physical laws; and thus he is paying for it now in this physical life through death and destruction, and he will pay for it later as well unless he repents.

While this may be hard to understand for some people, God's decision to shorten our life span wasn't just an act of anger, it was also an act of mercy. As we have now seen, from the days of Adam and Eve, when humankind still lived almost a thousand years, it only took about fifteen hundred years for man to become so evil, that the Lord finally had to destroy him, save for Noah and his family. In light of this fact, by cutting back our life span, the Lord has slowed down the spread of and augmentation of evil. If He hadn't done this, perhaps the Lord would have had to destroy us several times over by now! Another possibility is that if the Lord hadn't shortened our life span, perhaps man would have accumulated enough knowledge and technological development to destroy himself much sooner than he has!; and no one can deny that we now possess the means to totally annihilate ourselves! By limiting man's life span, the Lord has only allowed him to accumulate knowledge in small spurts, building on top of the discoveries and inventions of the previous generation. Under the former plan, man might have accomplished this much sooner! In addition, we also know from a verse I will discuss shortly, that the Lord has also purposely kept back some knowledge until this present time of unprecedented scientific development.

One thing which we cannot deny is that, as each generation has become more technologically advanced, it has also become more evil, and more alienated from God. It is this evil knowledge which has caused man's ego to become inflated in his own conceit. As I point out in such articles as the series "Is Science Better Than the Bible?", foolish rebellious man has now become so vain in his imagination that he claims that there is no God, and that we are all a product of both planetary evolution, and human evolution. "There was no First Cause, there was no Creator" they claim. "Everything happened by random chance over millions and

billions of years". This is totally contrary to their own laws which state that left alone, things tend towards chaos and confusion. King David experienced this same attitude in the unbelievers thousands of years ago when he proclaimed the following in one of his many Psalms:

". . . The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

Psalms 14:1, KJV

About one thousand years later, the Apostle Paul echoed this very same sentiment when he wrote the following in his Epistle to the brethren at Rome:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

Romans 1:21, KJV

As I said previously, the evil, corruption and destruction we see in the world today could easily have been surpassed had the Lord allowed man to continue living to almost a thousand years in age. If this were to have been the case, the Lord would have been forced to destroy this world at least several more times in the past six thousand years or so! So, as the Prophet Jeremiah lamented:

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

Lamentations 3:22, KJV

So again, it is through a shortened life span that the Lord has revealed, not just His anger towards us, but also His mercy. Sadly, despite our limited life spans, man has finally reached the point of no return in his evil ways. As we know, not all knowledge is good; and this is precisely the fourth way in which the Lord's original warning to Adam has been fulfilled. We are indeed dying, killing ourselves, through the Pandora's Box we have opened. A lot of the science taught and practiced today is not godly in the least. It is evil knowledge being used by evil men which is bringing about our own destruction. The Lord knew that Adam and Eve did not have the Wisdom to properly use the knowledge they acquired that day, and we have certainly proven this to be

true. Through the use of this knowledge, we have totally upset the balance of nature put in place by the Lord.

This evil knowledge, coupled with the inspiration of Satan himself, has resulted in the total pollution of our planet in every possible way. We have polluted our oceans, lakes and rivers which has had a detrimental effect on the life which teems within them. We have polluted the land which is essential for the very growth of the food we eat. We have polluted the atmosphere which is so vital for the existence of life on this planet. We have over-fished, over-farmed, over-hunted, and over-polluted. This has all been done in the name of making a profit with little regard for the negative effects it has had on the world or on our fellow inhabitants around us.

As if this weren't enough, we have carried our sins and destructive nature beyond the Earth and are now polluting outer space with our man-made garbage in the form of satellites, rocket fuel, rocket parts, scientific stations and other human refuse left on other heavenly bodies. In thinking of this, I am reminded of a prophecy made against ancient Edom, what is now a part of modern Jordan:

"Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD."

Obadiah 1:4, KJV

It should come as no surprise then that someday soon, the Lord will be forced to stop man from carrying his pollution into the depths of space. If God were not to stop man, he would surely attempt to carry his violent wicked nature to other worlds. Thank the Lord that there probably isn't enough time for that to happen!

Aside from our pollution of Earth and Space, we have also polluted our own bodies with many unnatural substances such as medicines which sometimes do more harm than good, mind altering drugs, herbicides, insecticides, lead, radon, asbestos and other industrial pollutants. This does not even take into consideration the harm we have done to the other occupants of this planet which have absolutely no say in what we are doing to them or to their living environments.

As if this weren't enough, we have polluted our minds with the modern lies of such theories as EVILution and the Big Bang which teach us and our children that the Earth, indeed the Universe, is millions, if not billions, of years old. The Apostle Paul refers to these things as science falsely so-called:

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"

1 Timothy 6:20, KJV

I have discussed this more at length in my article "Adaption, EVILution and the Six Days of Genesis'.

In addition, the modern mass media has polluted our minds with twisted government propaganda which shapes the world around us. Many are led to believe, and willingly accept, anything they are told which will allow them to continue living their extravagant lifestyles without feeling any guilt for those who may not only be less fortunate than themselves, but who may in fact be making their wasteful lifestyles possible through cheap human labor, what amounts to nothing more than modern slavery! History is written by the victor, and the enemy is anyone who opposes the political, economical or philosophical ideologies of the government in power. Past and current wars are clear evidence of this. Through his violent murderous wars, man has broken God's spiritual Golden Laws of love time and time again. Surely this was epitomized during World War II by the total destruction of two Japanese cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Despite the awesome destruction and death which was witnessed following the dropping of the first bomb, the order was still given to drop another one. How can the Lord possibly dismiss such evil committed in the name of peace!? The government of the United States can try to justify their actions as much as they want before the eyes of the world, but someday soon the Almighty God will judge America for her sins of oppression, violence and economic blackmail against the poor of the world!

Mental pollution has also occurred in a religious sense. The Truth of God has been adulterated with corrupt and distorted religious beliefs espoused by hired preachers who must do as they are told or find themselves without a job. These false

shepherds have compromised with the world in order to gain public recognition, prestige and fortune. These enemies of the Truth have totally despiritualized the Bible, and have convinced many that some things are no longer applicable to our day; or that they mean something entirely different from what we have been traditionally taught. They have compromised with modern science and have attempted to diminish the Power and Glory of God by saying that events and miracles of the Bible can be explained by scientific means. The advent of the Computer Age and the government-sponsored public educational system have only served to speed up all of these processes of mental pollution.

And finally, we have polluted our spirits with the evil worldly enticings of Satan himself, the god of this world! As stated earlier, the Apostle John warns us in his epistle:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:15-16, KJV

These are the things which are offered by the god of this world, and they have blinded many to the Truth of God's Word. All of these things have made the lives of many totally unnatural. They have been taken away from their Creator and placed in front of the TV, video, or movie theater screen where they feed their lusts; lusts for violence, lusts for sex, lusts for the things they will never have unless they slave away and sell their souls to Satan! They have had their lives polluted with noise, colors, sights, sounds and comforts which take them away from and make them forget their God. God's still small voice has almost been silenced in our current world; and it may possibly be that the god of this world will completely silence it one of these days.

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Continuing our discussion from part one, it is interesting to note that noise pollution did not even exist until about one hundred years ago. We live in a world of total confusion as the downtown area of any city will testify. Much like Babylon the Great of Biblical notoriety, modern cities are false centers of temporality, and their downtown areas are the very pits of their iniquity. It is there that the merchants and the city's inhabitants fornicate with the spirit of their city on a daily basis. The Bible refers to this worldwide confusion and the murmuring of many voices "the rushing of many waters", as we see by these verses:

"Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind."
Isaiah 17:12-13, KJV

"And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."
Revelation 17:15, KJV

Notice the interesting numerology there folks! If you add the two and the three, you end up with the same reference as the verse in the book of Revelation! I suppose that is just another one of those "coincidences" which some folks claim is demonic numerology! I don't think so! The point is, it is all of this modern science and technology which has caused this rushing of many waters. Even the angel who spoke with Daniel revealed these very things in discussing the signs of the Endtime. He talked about the increase in knowledge which we are now experiencing, as well as the rushing of many waters as people run to and fro:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Daniel 12:4, KJV

People are rushing everywhere, running to and fro, flying here and flying there; driving here and driving there; taking a boat here or taking a boat there; taking buses, trolleys, subways, and bullet trains; driving cars, vans trucks, and motorcycles; flying in passenger planes, jets and private planes. Everyone is busy trying to get somewhere, just like a disturbed colony of ants! I am reminded of a verse from the second psalm of David which says:

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

Psalms 2:1, KJV

This word "rage" means to be angry; but did you know that it is also applied to transportation? The Prophet Nahum, in describing the coming destruction of Nineveh by the forces of the king of Babylon, made some statements which I am now convinced refer to Roman chariots raging in the streets at the time of the Lord's coming during the First Century. Consider these verses:

"The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

Nahum 2:3-4, KJV

Of course, even in our modern day two thousand years later today, modern chariots -- cars, trucks, SUVs, etc. -- also continue to "rage" in the streets. We are all familiar with traffic jams miles long in which folks are angrily honking their horns in impatience, and getting upset with each other. Just look at how many people become enraged with each other in daily auto accidents or backups in any major city of the world. So people have been raging in the streets ever since King David and the Prophet Nahum first penned their words. They are raging with each other, and they are raging against God Himself. But they are not the only ones who are raging in anger. We must remember that God is not the author of this worldwide confusion. Paul explains one part of God's nature to us when he writes the following:

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

1 Corinthians 14:33, KJV

If God is not the author of confusion, then who can be other than Satan himself? This is exactly what the Book of Revelation tells us; that he is the spiritual force, the red dragon behind the confusion of Babylon the Great. Not only that, but we are also told in that same Book that he is full of anger and is raging mad as well, because he knows that his time is short, as we see by this verse:

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Revelation 12:12, KJV

Satan has always been like a mad beast running to and fro in the Earth stirring up violence and confusion wherever he can, and whenever he can. Consider this verse that is found in the Book of Job:

"And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

Job 1:7, KJV

Because he is full of so much wrath and anger against God, he goes about roaring like a wild beast seeking for his next meal, which just might be you if you are not careful.

Consider what the Apostle Peter wrote:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

1 Peter 5:8, KJV

The only way you can avoid this is by staying close to the Lord and His Word. You must read and study it daily so that you can know what is true and what is false. This is the only way you can break the hypnotic spell that Satan has over your life! The only way to keep from being mesmerized by the things that he offers is to keep your eyes set on something higher, something which transcends the physical pleasures, sights and sounds of this current carnal temporal world. This is what all of the great men and women of faith of the Bible did; and it is what we must continue to do if we are to maintain our faith until the end. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith:

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2, KJV

We must keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, and on that City and Country He is preparing for us:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:1-3, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out,

they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

Whatever you do, don't allow this present world to entice you with her delicacies. It is all an illusion created by Satan in his world of modern science and technology. It is all built upon the evil knowledge, and we are told that someday, it will all be burned up by God's fiery indignation against the wicked, as we see by the following verses:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

2 Peter 3:10-13, KJV

On the other hand, if you build upon the right foundation, that is, upon the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word, then you will have a reward, and riches in Heaven:

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

1 Corinthians 3:14-15, KJV

While this present life has been limited to under one hundred years, the Bible makes it very clear that everyone who trusts in the Name of Jesus is raised to Life Eternal, and dwells in the presence of God Himself in the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, forever and ever. Following is another verse that is found in the Book of Revelation:

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with

them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

Revelation 21:3, KJV

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? If you haven't, it is not too late! Do it now! As the old saying goes, "We are all old. You could die tomorrow!" Please don't delay any longer! This could be your last chance! Simply admit that you are a sinner, that you have failed, and that you need God's help. Ask God to forgive you through the Blood of His Son shed on the Cross. God is more than willing to receive you, if you will only repent of your sins and come to Him, as we can determine by the following verse:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9, KJV

However, God won't force Himself upon you. You must make the choice for yourself. You must honestly believe that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour; for as Jesus said in the Gospel of Luke:

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:32, KJV

If you are self-satisfied with your achievements in this life, if you have attained to some position of power, fame or fortune, just remember that when you die, it will all be as hay to be burned in the fire; for you will have built upon the wrong foundation, and you will be ashamed at the Day of His Coming. For as the Lord taught in the Gospels:

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:36-38, KJV

Paul further emphasized the temporality of the things of this world, and the importance of building upon the right foundation when he wrote the following:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

1 Timothy 6:7, KJV

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

1 Corinthians 3:11-13, KJV

Being as this is the case, wouldn't you be much wiser to spend your allotment of years here, not filling your mind, heart and life with the forbidden knowledge and the temporal things which Satan has to offer, but rather with the life-giving wisdom of God's Word, doing things which will reap you Eternal Rewards in Heaven? The choice is really up to you. Just remember, your time on this Earth may be shorter than you realize. After all, none of us knows what may happen in our lives tomorrow. Consider the wisdom that is offered in the following set of verses:

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Psalms 90:10, KJV

"Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away."

Psalms 144:4, KJV

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Isaiah 40:7-8, KJV

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which

thou hast provided?"

Luke 12:20, KJV

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

John 6:63, KJV

"Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready."

John 7:6, KJV

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

Hebrews 9:27, KJV

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

James 4:14, KJV

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

1 Peter 1:23-25, KJV

With these thoughts I will bring this article to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this article, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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Is Science Better Than the Bible?

Keeping Things in the Proper Perspective: ET, Where Are You?

Adaption, EVILution and the Six Days of Genesis

The Wisdom of God Versus the Philosophy of Men

Free Will and Personal Choice

Five Foolish Virgins: Don't Procrastinate!

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Have You Sold Your Soul for a Pound of Flesh?

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