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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 the fact 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 writes in his second Epistle 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, of course, the very same that thing we do with our biological children. In addition to teaching them what is right and what is wrong, what is acceptable behavior and what is inappropriate behavior, we also make them aware of the pitfalls and the dangers they need to watch out for. However, despite all of our warnings, as I point out in a number of other articles, we cannot walk the path of life for them. This is something which they must learn to do for themselves, with our parental guidance, and eventually, on their own once they reach adulthood.

As occurs with our biological children, the Lord will also not decide for us. We must likewise make our own decisions for ourselves. As I discuss in other articles such as "Free Will and Personal Choice", "All Are Given a Chance, But" and "Do You Want Love and Light, or Rod and Wrath?" we have been given the freedom of personal choice, as well as the ability to manifest our love for our Heavenly Father through our voluntary obedience to His Word. In the case of the Garden of Eden, Satan was apparently privy to the Lord's warning to Adam. Thus, he completely circumvented the youthful Adam, and he 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 that demonic plan was weakened, as we see by the following verse:

"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 most Christians -- and even non-Christians -- will know, Eve, and then Adam, in direct disobedience to the Lord's very clear commandment, did eat of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, as we see by this verse:

"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 mention in a few other articles such as "The Salvation of Animals: Fact or Fiction?", it seems to me that there is a strong possibility that Adam and Eve may have already had contemplated committing their sin for some time BEFORE they actually disobeyed the Lord. In other words, is it possible that their rebellion was premeditated? After all, we don't know how large the Garden of Eden was. However, we must ask ourselves why the First Pair was near the forbidden tree on that fateful day in the first place. Was it really merely a coincidence? Was it curiosity? Or is it possible 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 pair 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 was NOT a sin of ignorance. Not only had the Lord told Adam directly, but He had also put it in them to know. The reason why I believe this is because in his Epistle to the Romans, the Apostle Paul writes as follows:

"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

Taking the previous verse into consideration, it seems to me that just prior to their disobedience, the voice of their conscience must have been sounding an alarm in their hearts and saying "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 Adam and Eve hid themselves. Just like that small child, they knew they had done wrong, and they realized that they were in some

very serious trouble with the Lord. Consider this verse:

"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, as we see by the following two verses:

"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 many people today who refuse to accept personal responsibility for their actions. With a lot of them, it seems that their thoughts are only towards committing evil. The Prophet Isaiah fully exposed the sinful condition of such wicked people when he penned the following words:

"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

While they may be able to circumvent human laws and avoid both blame and punishment for a time, eventually, it will catch up with them. In fact, in their pride, such people may even foolishly believe that they can ignore God's Divine Laws, and get away with it as well. However, someday, 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, and we will all be judged by our works in this life, as becomes evident by verses such as the following:

"If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy

soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"

Proverbs 24:12, KJV

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

Matthew 16:27, KJV

"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

"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:"

1 Peter 1:17, KJV

". . . I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

Revelation 2:23, KJV

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Revelation 14:13, KJV

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

Revelation 20:12-13, KJV

As you may already know, the result of just that one single disobedience by Adam and Eve, was that their spiritual eyes were opened, and wicked, satanic knowledge began to flood into, pervert and influence their thoughts and judgment, as the age of innocence ended, and the long age of sin began.

Consider the following verse:

"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

Imagine that! Adam and Eve had been naked all along. Yet it was not until they disobeyed and partook of that forbidden tree that their perspective was altered, and they embraced a distorted view of the truth. What had once been viewed as something beautiful and natural, was now seen as something shameful which was in need of covering. In his Epistle to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul informs his readers that Satan is the god of this world, as we see by this verse:

"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

So let me ask you something. Exactly what is it that the god of this world has to offer people so that they're so willing to rebel against God? Well, based on God's standards, not much really. Yet they are the very same things which Satan offered to Jesus as well when the Lord endured forty rather stressful days in the wilderness area of the Jordan River valley. In his first Epistle, the Apostle John explains it this way:

"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. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

1 John 2:15-17, KJV

Sadly, 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 to partake of the fruit of the forbidden tree. They chose disobedience over respectful 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.

Even though this was a terrible blow to God's creation and threw things off-balance, it was something which the Lord had obviously foreseen. Thus, He had no choice but to expel 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 the Book 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 tragic fall, Adam and Eve viewed everything as being good, exactly as the Lord had said it was on each of the Six Days of Creation. However, upon indulging in an act of intentional disobedience, as I said a moment ago, their thought processes and judgement became corrupted, and their perspective was reversed. The Prophet Isaiah in fact warned against this very thing when he wrote the following lines:

"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 Adam and Eve did not possess the Wisdom and Spiritual Discernment which God possesses, they couldn't possibly know how to properly use the new awareness they had acquired. This is the problem which has existed to this very day, as we will see shortly. In his pride, man likes to think that he knows what he is doing. He likes to be in charge of things, as well as forging ahead in his own strength and wisdom, without any help from God whatsoever. As I point out in the series called "John Lennon's 'Imagine' and Secular Humanism", this attitude is in fact a very integral part of the humanist ideology. It has now reached a point where man foolishly plays "god" with the building blocks of creation, whether it is the atom, or DNA and gene splicing. However, the more he tinkers with such forbidden knowledge, the worse the situation becomes. Thus,

we totter ever closer to the brink of our own destruction.

In the case of Adam and Eve, they had already demonstrated a capacity for disobedience -- and committing evil -- through breaking the Lord's very first commandment given to Adam. So that being the case, 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, and as a result, living forever?

As the previous verses from the Book of Genesis reveal, this is what the Lord had to prevent from happening at all cost. If they had partaken of the second tree as well, they would have lived forever. Not only would they have lived forever, but they would have lived forever making one mistake after another, and committing one evil after another as well, as demigods in human flesh. And who knows. Just as Satan had rebelled against the Lord, given enough time, perhaps Adam and Eve would also have eventually become so presumptuous and proud, so as to oppose the Lord Himself, and would have sought to ascend to the Throne of God, due to the corrupt and perverted perspective they acquired after their fall.

So again, it is for this very 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. One thing I have sometimes wondered about is why the Lord placed the flaming sword and the cherubims on the eastern side of the Garden of Eden. Is it possible that that was the only way in which one could enter it? Were the other three sides blocked by wide rivers or tall mountains perhaps? Maybe the day will come when we will finally find out. For now though, it will remain one of many Biblical mysteries, I suppose.

But you see, the Devil wasn't about to be defeated so easily. While Adam and Eve had failed to achieve immortality through Satan's first attack, that vile, old serpent had something else up his sleeve which he was hoping would work. Only a few chapters later, we find the "sons of God" -- who were really rebellious Angelic Beings -- descending to the Earth in order to mingle with human beings, and specifically to engage in sexual intercourse with human women. Keep in mind that people were still living for hundreds and hundreds of years at this time. Almost to one thousand years of age in fact. Consider the following group of verses:

"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 are interested in learning more about this subject, please refer to some of my companion articles, such as the lengthy series called "Nephilim: The Giants of Genesis", as well as the article entitled "The Book of Enoch: Truth or Heresy?". The basic intent 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. Now, had he been successful, perhaps Christ's bloodline would have never survived. So, just as God had foreseen, the wickedness and rebellion 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 following the rebellion by the Angels, God was forced to put down His divine foot and make a very grievous decision, as we can determine by the following group of verses:

"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 which occurred in the days of the patriarch Noah. This topic is also covered in other articles such as "Noah's Ark and the Genesis Flood", and "Genesis Flood: The Urantia Book Exposed Again!". Now one thing of which we can be certain is the fact 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. How so? Well, their rebellious act resulted in a vast spiritual gulf being created between man and his Creator. I am reminded of another gulf between Heaven and Hell which Jesus made mention of in His Parable regarding the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus, as we read in the following verse:

"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

I further discuss this topic in the article entitled "What is Meant by Abraham's Bosom?". In another sense, Adam and Eve also died when they were separated from the Lord's presence through their physical ouster from the Garden of Eden. Let me remind you that we are told that the Lord physically walked in the Garden of Eden, as we see by the following verse:

"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

Now, some Christians may believe that the previous verse is describing Adam and Eve "walking in the garden in the cool of the day." However, I tend to disagree with that view. In other words, I believe that this verse means exactly what it says. That is to say that the Lord -- meaning Jesus -- did in fact actually walk amidst the Garden, and did fellowship directly with His creations. What better way to enjoy them?

The notion that the Lord spoke to Adam and Eve from a place way off in Outer Space doesn't seem to fit in this situation. Yes, it is possible that it occurred that way. After all, we know from the Gospels that a Voice was heard from Heaven on the day that Jesus Christ was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Likewise, Peter, James and John heard the very same celestial Voice while they were on the summit of the Mount of Transfiguration, as Peter would mention in his second Epistle. The people also heard the Voice of the Father in John chapter twelve. Peter likewise heard a voice in Acts chapter ten. Lastly, John heard multiple voices while writing

the Book of Revelation. Consider the following set of verses:

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17, KJV

"Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

Matthew 17:4-8, KJV

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11, KJV

"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22, KJV

"For he [Jesus] received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount."

2 Peter 1:17-18, KJV

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify

it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes."

John 12:27-30, KJV

"And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven."

Acts 10:13-16, KJV

"And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven."

Acts 11:7-10, KJV

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, KJV

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."

Revelation 4:1, KJV

"And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

Revelation 8:13, KJV

"And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not . . . And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little

book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth."

Revelation 10:4, 8, KJV

"And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

Revelation 11:11-12, KJV

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

Revelation 12:10, KJV

"And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps . . . And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Revelation 14:2, 13, KJV

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done."

Revelation 16:17, KJV

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

Revelation 18:4-5, KJV

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:"

Revelation 19:1, KJV

"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

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Many Voices Which Were Heard From Heaven, Did The Lord Walk In The Garden Of Eden?, How Was The Door On Noah's Ark Sealed And Shut?, My Personal Speculation, The Lord Began To Limit His Direct Interactions With Humanity, Human Life Span Begins To Shorten Following The Flood, What Has Caused Our Shortened Life Span?, The Wages Of Sin Is Death, Definition Of Sin, We Have Repeatedly Broken God's Spiritual And Physical Laws, Was Shortening Our Life Span An Act Of Divine Mercy?, Only Eight People Survived Genesis Flood, A Reduced Life Span Limits How Much Evil We Can Commit, Would God Have Destroyed Us Multiple Times?, Would We Have Destroyed Ourselves Sooner?, We Are On The Brink, Increased Knowledge And Technology Have Inflated The Pride Of Man, Vanity And Danger Of Some Aspects Of Human Wisdom And Knowledge, Extent Of God's Mercy, Modern Negative Fruit Of Some Sciences And Technologies: Polluted Earth And Polluted Heavens, Pollution Of Our Bodies, The Whole Creation Groaneth, Pollution Of Our Minds, Science Falsely So Called, Constant Psychological Manipulation, Gaslighting And Unending Lies, Affluent Lifestyles Paid For By The Poor Of The World, History Is Written By The Victor Who Also Defines The Enemy, The Destruction Of Hiroshima And Nagasaki By Two Atomic Bombs

As I concluded in part one, while there are many examples in the New Testament where we see different voices being heard

from Heaven -- sometimes meaning from Heaven itself, and at other times simply coming from the sky -- personally, when the Book of Genesis states that Adam and Eve "heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day", I am convinced that the Lord was physically there in person in the Garden of Eden. Please notice carefully that in the group of verses I shared with you in part one, every one of them very clearly states that the voice came from Heaven. In contrast, in Genesis chapter three, all we are given is the phrase "walking in the garden in the cool of the day", which sounds very literal, in my view.

I am likewise reminded of what occurred just prior to the Genesis Flood arriving on the Earth. As I mention in other articles, my impression is that the Lord was actually there in some form, just as He also walked in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. After all, in Genesis chapter seven, we are very clearly told that "the LORD shut him in", meaning that the Lord -- who I assume to be Jesus -- sealed Noah and his family and the animals inside the Ark. The Lord shut and sealed that huge door. Think about that point for a moment. While giving instructions to Noah regarding how to construct the Ark, God specifically told him to cover it with pitch -- which is a tar-like substance -- both within and without in order to make it waterproof. Consider these two verses:

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch."
Genesis 6:14, KJV

"And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."
Genesis 7:16, KJV

Now, while Noah could obviously secure the door from within after everyone and every creature had entered the Ark, using pitch and ropes to firmly seal the door from the inside, it does not explain how the outer surface of the door -- where the seams and the door frame were constantly exposed to the water -- could have been properly sealed. In other words, it seems to me that someone would be required to be outside in order to put pitch there as well, so as to prevent the water from getting into those seams. Don't forget that Noah's Ark was battered by powerful waves for about five months, based on what we are told in the following set of verses:

"And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and

fifty days. And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;" Genesis 7:24-8:2, KJV

So, in my view, there are a few possibilities here. We can theorize that God miraculously sealed the door while still residing in Heaven. Or, either the Lord Himself -- or if not Jesus directly, then perhaps some of His Angelic Agents -- were on the Earth, and physically sealed the door from the outside so that water would not seep in. This is obviously not a major issue of our faith; so if you don't agree with my reasoning, that is fine. This is just something that I'm a bit curious about. All we know for certain is that Bible says "the LORD shut him in". How we each interpret that is a personal matter.

To continue our primary discussion, it seems that it was not until after the Fall in Eden, as well as after the Genesis Flood had occurred, that the Lord began to distance Himself more and more from humanity, as a result of their rebellion, disobedience and unbelieving hearts. Thus, from that point and forward, it appears that He limited Himself to communing directly with only certain individuals throughout the course of Biblical history, such as some of the Patriarchs, Moses, the Prophets, and a few other individuals.

Concerning the effects of the disobedience of Adam and Eve on the rest of humanity, in a biological sense, following the Genesis Flood, the Bible bears record to the fact that man's life span rapidly began to decline from hundreds and hundreds of years, to its current worldwide average of just under one hundred years, or even less in quite a few cases. This development has been attributed to a variety of 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.

Personally, I can agree that these things are partially to blame for humanity's demise. However, at the same time, as a Bible-believing Christian, I recognize that regardless of the many reasons which modern man and his science dream up, they cannot ignore the inescapable Biblical truth which is revealed in the following two Bible verses:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Romans 5:12, KJV

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

Romans 6:23, KJV

As the previous verses plainly state, death in our current world is the direct result of sin. This sin manifests itself in many different forms. But exactly what is meant by sin? The Apostle John informs us in the following verse that sin is the transgression -- or the breaking or violating -- of God's holy Laws:

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

1 John 3:4, KJV

As I will be demonstrating momentarily, the sad truth of the matter is that humanity has repeatedly broken not only God's spiritual laws, but His physical laws as well. As a result, we are paying for it now in this physical life through death and destruction. Furthermore, we will pay for it later as well, unless we each repent of our wickedness and rebellion against the Lord.

While this may be hard to understand for some people, I am convinced that God's decision to shorten the human life span was not just an act of anger. Believe it or not, but it may have also been an act of mercy. As we have now seen, from the time of Adam and Eve when human beings still lived to be just under a thousand years old, it only took about fifteen hundred years for humanity to become so evil, that the Lord finally had to destroy all air-breathing life, save for Noah and his immediate family. Consider this set of Bible verses which confirm this point:

"And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood."

Genesis 7:7, KJV

"And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose

nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark."

Genesis 7:21-23, KJV

"And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:"

Genesis 8:15-18, KJV

"Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

1 Peter 3:20, KJV

In light of how the world devolved into such a wicked state during the aforementioned time period, it would seem that by reducing our life span, the Lord has sought to slow down the spread of, and augmentation of, evil. To some of my readers, that may seem like a rather absurd statement for anyone to make, considering how wicked and defiant the world is at this current time. On the other hand, consider that if He had not implemented a shortened life span, maybe the Lord would have found it necessary to destroy us several times over by now! My friends, that is a very sobering thought!

Another possibility is that if the Lord hadn't shortened our human life span, perhaps man would have accumulated enough knowledge and technological development to destroy himself much sooner than he has. The reality of the matter is that no one can deny that we now possess the means to totally annihilate ourselves, and all other life on this planet as well. Thus, by limiting humanity's life span, the Lord has only allowed us to accumulate knowledge in smaller spurts, by building on top of the discoveries and inventions of the previous generation. Yet still, as I already mentioned, we have now reached at a point where one crazed national leader pushing a button can quickly end us all. My friends, we are

now standing on the brink and staring at the huge precipice.

One thing which we cannot deny is that as each successive generation has become more technologically advanced, it has also become more wicked, as well as more alienated from God. It is this wicked knowledge which has resulted in man's ego become more inflated in his own conceit. As I point out in articles such as the series called "Is Science Better Than the Bible?", foolish and rebellious man has now become so vain in his imagination, and so lifted up in his pride, that he has the audacity to erroneously claim that God does not exist, that we do not even need a God, and that we are all merely the product of both planetary evolution, as well as human evolution. This was in fact the attitude which was embraced by now-deceased, noted theoretical physicist and cosmologist, Stephen Hawking.

In their blindness and ignorance, they proudly claim "There was no First Cause. There was no Creator. Everything happened as a result of random chance over a period of millions and billions of years". Ironically, this wayward type of thinking is totally contrary to their very own laws regarding cause and effect, and their long-standing principle which promotes the belief that left alone, order simply tends to gravitate towards chaos and confusion. In thinking about this ungodly attitude which prevails in our modern society, I am reminded of verses such as the following which reveal the truth, the vanity, and the danger of certain aspects of the wisdom and knowledge of man:

". . . 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

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts."

Psalms 10:4, KJV

"I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow."

Ecclesiastes 1:16-18, KJV

"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Ecclesiastes 12:12-13, KJV

"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

"For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."

Jeremiah 4:22, KJV

"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

"Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?"

1 Corinthians 1:20, KJV

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness."

1 Corinthians 3:19, KJV

"Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. KNOWLEDGE PUFFETH UP, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, HE KNOWETH NOTHING yet as he ought to know."

1 Corinthians 8:2, KJV

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES, AND ALL KNOWLEDGE; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I AM NOTHING."

1 Corinthians 13:2, KJV

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Colossians 2:8, KJV

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

2 Timothy 3:7, KJV

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

James 3:15, KJV

As I mentioned previously, I suspect that the wickedness, corruption and destruction we see in the world today could easily have been surpassed, had the Lord allowed humanity to continue living to be almost one thousand years in age. If this were to have been the case, it seems likely that during the past six thousand years, God would have possibly been compelled to destroy this world at least several more times. However, at the same time, as the Prophet Jeremiah lamented in the midst of the Israelites' great suffering following the Babylonian invasions, and as King David and the Apostles Peter and Paul wrote, God's Mercy is very great, as we see by the following group of verses:

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23, KJV

"If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?"

Psalms 130:3, KJV

"For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds."

Psalms 57:10, KJV

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust . . . But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his

righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them."

Psalms 103:8-14, 17-18, KJV

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, KJV

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:3-4, KJV

"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

So reiterating my previous point, it is perhaps through a shortened life span that the Lord has revealed, not just His anger towards us, but also His great Mercy as well. Sadly, despite our limited life spans, as I already said, it seems that humanity is finally reaching the point of no return in its evil ways. As we have seen, not all knowledge is good, and it can actually be downright evil and devilish, if it lifts us up in our pride, and causes us to rebel and turn away from the Lord and His holy ways.

This is in fact precisely another way in which the Lord's original warning to Adam has been fulfilled. We are indeed dying, and killing ourselves, through the Pandora's Box we have foolishly opened. There is no getting around the fact that some of the science which is currently being practiced and taught is not godly in the least. We have already seen how some of it blasphemes against God by indirectly calling Him a liar, and His holy Word a lie. But in addition to the prideful boasts of atheist scientists, some of this science is devilish knowledge which is being used by wicked men to bring about our own destruction. Just as the Lord knew that Adam and Eve did not possess the wisdom to properly use the knowledge they acquired that day, we have certainly proven this to be true in our modern day as well. Through the use

of this scientific knowledge, humanity has totally upset the balance of nature which had been put in place by the Lord, and it continues to get worse by the year.

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 teams 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. Much of this been done in the name of making a bigger profit, with little regard for the negative effects it has had on the world, or on our fellow inhabitants around us, including wildlife.

As if this weren't already enough, we have also carried our sins and destructive nature beyond the Earth, and we're now polluting Outer Space with our man-made garbage in the form of multitudes of satellites, rocket fuel, discarded rocket parts, scientific stations, probes and other human refuse left on other heavenly bodies. Please don't get me wrong. I have a personal fascination with astronomy; and I absolutely marvel at what God has created in the heavens. And similar to many of you, I long to know what is out there. Yet at the same time, as I discuss in the series entitled "Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement", given our very violent, destructive nature, I question if we have the right to expand beyond our own planet. In thinking about this, I am reminded of a prophecy which was made against ancient Edom. While this verse has nothing to do with our modern times, nevertheless, I find it interesting:

"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

Aside from our pollution of both Earth and Outer Space, we have likewise polluted our own bodies with many unnatural substances, such as medicines which sometimes do more harm than good, mind-altering drugs, herbicides, insecticides, tobacco products, alcohol-related products, lead, asbestos, radon, and undoubtedly other industrial pollutants we have never even heard of. Of course, the pharmaceutical industry is more than happy to help us along our destructive way, if

it results in a hefty increase to their profit margin.

Sadly, 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. Some creatures are going extinct at an alarming rate. As I mention in articles such as "The Salvation of Animals: Fact or Fiction?", the Apostle Paul wrote that all of creation groans, waiting to be delivered, as we see by these verses:

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Romans 8:22-23, KJV

As I mentioned earlier, thanks to the devilish lies which have been propagated by certain scientific disciplines for over one hundred and sixty-five years now, we have likewise willingly polluted our minds with the modern fictions of evolution and the Big Bang, which erroneously teach us and our children that the Earth, indeed the entire Universe, is billions of years old. You will recall that the Apostle Paul refers to such knowledge -- or gnosis -- which defies God and challenges His Word as "science falsely so called". Let me share that verse with you again:

"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

In addition, the modern mainstream media constantly pollutes our minds with twisted government propaganda from both the left and the right, which purposely shapes our worldview. We are all continuously being psychologically manipulated, lied to and gaslighted. Many people are led to believe -- and in fact willingly accept -- anything they are told by their evil overlords, as long as it will allow them to continue living their extravagant lifestyles, without feeling any guilt for those people who may in fact be making their rather wasteful lifestyles possible through cheap human labor in foreign lands. Be not deceived! Modern slavery is alive and well!

Let us never forget that history is always written by the

victor, and that the victor always defines the enemy as any person who opposes the political, financial or philosophical ambitions and ideologies of the government in power. Past and current wars are clear, irrefutable evidence of this reality. Although wicked warmongers may endeavor to deny it, through their violent, murderous wars, they have broken God's Royal Law of Love time and time again. Surely their heinous crimes were epitomized towards the end of World War II with the total destruction of two Japanese cities; namely Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It truly boggles my mind to realize that despite the awesome destruction and death which immediately followed the dropping of the first atomic bomb -- called Little Boy -- on the city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, nevertheless, the order was still given three days later on August 9th to drop a second bomb -- called Fat Man -- on Nagasaki. While precise fatality figures are difficult to come by, it has been estimated that between 129,000 and 226,000 people perished as a result of those two bombs. How can the Lord possibly dismiss such evil? While the government of the United States has spent decades trying to justify its deplorable actions before the eyes of the world, I have no doubt that someday -- I know not when -- the Almighty God of the Universe will judge America for her sins of oppression, violence and economic blackmail against the poor of the world!

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The Forbidden Knowledge?
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Serious Compromise In The Modern Churches, Adulterated Truth,

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Continuing our discussion from part two, and returning to the topic of the pollution of our minds by the manipulative and deceptive powers that be, it should be rather apparent to any God-fearing, Bible-believing Christian, that mental pollution has likewise occurred in a religious sense. As I have discussed before, what in many churches today is said to be the truth of God, is in reality corrupt, adulterated, perverted and distorted religious nonsense which has little resemblance to the real Word of God. This spiritual poison is espoused and promoted by hired preachers who must do as they are told by the church board, unless they want to find themselves out of a job.

These false, materialistic shepherds have compromised with the world, in order to gain public recognition and prestige, and of course, to reap a personal fortune at the expense of their followers. I expose these deceivers in articles such as "Abundant Life Doctrine: Scripturally Exposed!" and also "Money-Making Bible Hucksters and Mammon". As I explain in those articles, this vile practice is nothing new. Almost two thousand years ago, the Apostle Peter likewise warned of those greedy preachers who would "make merchandise of you", as we see by the following verse:

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words
MAKE MERCHANDISE OF YOU: whose judgment now of a long

time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

2 Peter 2:3, KJV

Aside from their insatiable greed for money, these enemies of the truth have totally despiritualized the Holy Bible, and have convinced many of their congregants that some things are no longer applicable to our modern day. Either that, or these deceptive false angels of light will claim that some verses mean something entirely different from what we have all been traditionally taught for many decades now. In his second Epistle while discussing the Epistles of Paul, the Apostle Peter raised the alarm when he referred to this practice of twisting the meaning of God's Word as wresting the Scriptures, as we see by the following verse:

"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, WHICH THEY THAT ARE UNLEARNED AND UNSTABLE WREST, AS THEY DO ALSO THE OTHER SCRIPTURES, unto their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:15-16, KJV

Perhaps one of the most pronounced examples of this type of deception is the fact that all of a sudden, even though the Bible teaches quite to the contrary, some wayward churches are now claiming that it is okay for men and women to marry each other. If that is not bad enough, as many of you will already know, it is now acceptable to have gay and lesbian ministers, priests and bishops. I amply discuss this topic in some of the articles which you will find listed at the end of this same series. For my latest thoughts regarding this subject, please consider reading "Future of Same-Sex Marriage". One thing is for certain. God has NOT changed His mind regarding this wicked practice. What He considered sin thousands of years ago is STILL sin today. Consider a few example verses:

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

Leviticus 20:13, KJV

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God."

Deuteronomy 22:5, KJV

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;"

Romans 1:24-28, KJV

Sadly, some of these misguided preachers and church teachers have also compromised with modern science, and have attempted to diminish the Power and Glory of God, by saying that events and miracles which are found in the Bible can be explained by scientific means. Maybe they are simply embarrassed to speak Biblical truth -- such as the Six Days of Creation -- because it is contrary to modern scientific dogma, and they are just unable to handle the pressure of going against the grain and political correctness. I honestly don't know. Whatever the case may be, it seems that for them at least, it is now okay to interpret the Six Days of Creation as thousands, or even millions, of years. I more amply discuss this topic in the article called "Adaption, EVILution and the Six Days of Genesis".

Then, of course, we have churches which are full of strange manifestations which seem more like demonic possession than the real Spirit of God. The way those people jerk and twitch and roll on the floor is very alarming. How they believe it is the Spirit of God working in them is beyond me. I discuss this particular subject in articles such as "God's Golden Teeth, or Satan's Delusion?". In thinking about the way some of them behave, I am reminded of the demoniac we find in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. In the following verses, notice how the demoniac is rolling around on the ground and foaming at the mouth:

"And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And

wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Mark 9:17-27, KJV

"And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father."

Luke 9:38-42, KJV

To our own shame, some wayward churches allow scantily-clad women to attend their services as if there is nothing wrong with appearing before the Lord that way. It is bad enough that such women romp around in public dressed like that. But to dress -- or barely dress -- in the same fashion when one attends what is claimed to be the "house of God" is simply disgraceful. As you will know, there are also those churches which seem more like social nightclubs where the Word of God is sparse, and the music is just blaring. Such churches have

placed entertainment above really feeding God's sheep. I am just touching lightly on some of these subjects, because I discuss them more at length in other articles I have written, all of which you can find on the Bill's Bible Basics website.

While we have taken somewhat of a detour from our main topic of discussion regarding science and technology, in reality, it is all interrelated, because all of these things are the products and manifestations of the same evil, false spirit of the world, which is presided over by Satan himself, who as many of you will know, is the god of this world. Sadly, many of us have allowed our minds, hearts and spirits to become polluted and tempted by, and have even succumbed to, the evil enticements of the world, which that old Devil just loves to constantly throw in our faces. No matter what it is, as long as it will appeal to our fleshly desires, that foul fiend will try to use it to trip us up, to cause us to backslide, and to become totally useless to the Lord. As I shared with you earlier, the Apostle John offers the following warning to his readers, and the Apostle Paul offers his advice as well:

"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

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:18, KJV

"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away."

1 Corinthians 7:31, KJV

These are the worthless, temporal things which are offered by the god of this world, which have blinded so many people to the truth of God's Word. It does not matter what it is. If we are not careful, anything in our lives can become our god, whether it is science and technology, the pursuit of knowledge and a higher education, a well-paying job, a top spot in the music charts, a dream home, a long-sought-for political appointment, our car, our wife or husband, or our boyfriend or girlfriend. So many things. The truth is that anything we place before God becomes our god.

Sadly, due to the amazing quantity of modern inventions and technological developments, the lives of so many people have become totally unnatural. Let's face it. The truth is that we have all been guilty to one degree or another. Clearly by intentional design, we have been taken away from our Creator, and placed in front of the TV, video, or movie theater screen where we indulge in our lusts for violence, sex, and those things which we will never possess, unless we are willing to slave away and sell our souls to Satan.

Our lives are polluted with noise, colors, sights, sounds and comforts on a daily, non-stop basis, which distract us from and make us totally forget about God. As a result, the still, small voice of God has almost been silenced in our present world by all of this devilish noise and confusion. And who knows. At the rate we are going, it may possibly be that the god of this world will completely silence God's Voice one of these days, unless the Lord chooses to intervene.

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, man-made confusion as the downtown area of any big city will clearly attest. Very similar to Babylon the Great of Biblical notoriety, modern cities are deceptive centers of temporal pleasures, and their downtown areas are the very core of their iniquity. It is there where the merchants and the city's inhabitants fornicate with the spirit of their city on a daily basis. I find it rather interesting that in describing this worldwide confusion, the masses of people, and the murmuring of many voices, uses such terminology as "the rushing of mighty waters", "the noise of the seas", "the rushing of many waters", "the troubled sea", and "the sea and the waves roaring". Consider the following group of 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

"But THE WICKED ARE LIKE THE TROUBLED SEA, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace,

saith my God, to the wicked."

Isaiah 57:20-21, 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

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; THE SEA AND THE WAVES ROARING;"

Luke 21:25, KJV

What very appropriate phrases. These verses can certainly be used to describe our modern world. After all, aside from all of the confusing noise which is constantly emanating from the heart of every big city, people are indeed 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, bullet trains, cars, vans, trucks and motorcycles. Flying in passenger planes, jets and private planes. Such a mass of man-made confusion as everyone is so busy trying to get somewhere, just like a disturbed colony of ants. I am reminded of a verse which is found in Psalm 2 which says the following:

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

Psalm 2:1, KJV

In the previous verse, the word "rage" is referring to being angry; particularly to being angry against God. However, did you know that there is another verse where the word "rage" is used in quite a different manner? In describing the coming destruction of Nineveh by the forces of the king of Babylon, the Prophet Nahum wrote something which I personally believe is referring to Roman chariots raging in the streets at the time of Jesus' appearance in Israel during the First Century. Consider these two 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."

While the previous verses are describing something which occurred centuries ago, even in our modern day almost 2,000 years later, modern chariots -- cars, trucks, SUVs, etc. -- also continue to "rage" in the streets. We are all familiar with traffic jams miles long in which people are angrily honking their horns due to their 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 the previous verses were written. They are raging with each other, and some of them are also raging against God Himself, sad to say.

Of course, traffic snarls are not the only kind of raging in the streets which is going on. As you no doubt know, in recent decades, people have been becoming more and more upset with their political leaders due to a wide range of issues, from political corruption, to social injustices, to lack of proper health care, to national security issues, to discrimination against minorities, to oppression of our basic rights and freedoms, to economic inequality and more. Sadly, as the people's patience grows thin, and their rage increases, we are seeing more destructive violence in the streets. So again, the oppressed peoples of the world are indeed raging like the troubled sea.

But exactly what is it that's behind this rushing of many waters in our modern times? It is in fact our science and our modern technology which fuels and supports the entire system. It is our technology which keeps us in touch with what is going on in the world. It is our technology which allows us to express our satisfaction or our anger. It is our technology which allows us all to survive in the modern world. Whether we like it or not, we are totally dependent on it for our daily survival, and most of us would be lost without it. At the very least, we would probably be majorly frustrated and bored to death.

But imagine if due to some unexpected event or cause, our technology came to a standstill, or was suddenly taken away from us completely. What if a Coronal Mass Ejection -- or CME -- from the Sun fried all electronic equipment the world over? Equally devastating, what if a certain enemy caught us by surprise, and exploded multiple nuclear warheads over our country, resulting in very powerful EMPs -- Electromagnetic

Pulses -- which basically accomplished the same thing as a huge CME from the Sun? One thing is for certain. Without our technology, we would still be living much like people did during the eighteenth century or even earlier. Of course, we also would be living a lifestyle which would be more benign to the Earth, and which would probably motivate some of us to draw closer to God as well. Clearly, that would be a good thing.

My friends, it is evident that we are living in very troubled times, and there are some very wicked players out there who would in fact use modern science and technology for some very evil purposes, if it would help them to achieve their goals. While no one has dropped a nuclear weapon on anyone since the end of World War 2, even now, national governments are using modern technology to spy on each other, to wage limited wars with each other, to threaten each other, to control the flow of goods around the world, to influence the world's financial markets, and as I noted earlier, to manipulate the quality and quantity of information which is intentionally being fed to us on a daily basis in order to mold our worldview.

It is the last point with which we as individual citizens and Christians need to be concerned; particularly now that AI -- Artificial Intelligence -- has been let out of the box in a very public way. Even before ChatGPT was made public -- and since then followed by so many other iterations of Artificial Intelligence -- this world was already inundated with so much deception and lies. Now, with such things as AI and Deepfake technology, the level of deception and confusion is about to get a lot worse. It is going to become much more difficult to be able to separate the truth from the lie, because these technologies can be very convincing. Just try conversing with one of the AI chatbots and you will see what I mean. Now just imagine if that conversation is accompanied by a deepfake of some politician or other public leader.

So how can we as Christians avoid becoming deceived by the lies of the world? As far as I am concerned, the only way to keep ourselves safe is by staying close to the Lord, and by diligently studying His Word. We must read and study it daily so that we can know what is true and what is false. Likewise, we must ask for the Gifts of Wisdom and Spiritual Discernment to assist us in our daily living. Lastly, we must strive to purge anything from our lives which serves as a distraction, and which prevents us from doing our very best for the Lord. In my view, this is the only way in which we can prevent the

Devil's hypnotic spell from overtaking us and deceiving us.

Furthermore, in order to keep ourselves from being mesmerized by those things which Satan offers us, we must keep our eyes set on something higher, and something which transcends the physical pleasures, sights and sounds of this current carnal, temporal, evil world. Simply put, we need to keep the Heavenly Vision. We must keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus -- who is the Author and the Finisher of our faith -- and on that City and Heavenly Country which He has prepared for us. If we do this, He will help us to maintain our faith until the day in which He calls each of us Home. This is what all of the great men and women of faith in the Bible did; and it is what we must continue to do as well. Please consider the following group of verses:

"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

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Philippians 1:6, KJV

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Philippians 2:13, KJV

"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

"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

Whatever you do, do not allow this present wicked world to entice you and lead you astray with her many delicacies. As I said earlier, keep your eyes firmly set on Jesus, and not on the world. After all, as we have seen, this world is a deceptive illusion which has been created by the Devil, and which has been built in large part upon modern science and technology. It is a false foundation. If you are wise, you will build your life on the right foundation. As the Bible informs us, and as I amply explain in the article called "Who is Building Your House?", that foundation is faith in Jesus Christ, as we see by this verse:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11, KJV

On the other hand, if you are feeling 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, you will suffer loss, because you built upon the wrong foundation. Furthermore, you will be ashamed once your life has passed, and you stand before God. Please consider this group of verses:

"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

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

1 Timothy 6:7, 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

Being as achieving power, fame and wealth in this life is such a vain and pointless endeavor, and that all will be lost upon death anyway, wouldn't it be wiser to spend your allotted years on the Earth doing things which will reap you Eternal Rewards in Heaven? The choice is really up to you. Just remember that 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 this 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

"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

"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:"

1 Peter 1:24, KJV

So let me ask you: Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If not, I encourage you to do so now. All you have to do is admit that you are a sinner, recognize that you need God's help, recognize who can save you, and ask God to forgive you for your sins by placing your faith in the Sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. God is willing to accept you, if you will repent of your unbelief. Consider the following verses:

"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

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

Luke 5:32, KJV

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

1 John 1:7, KJV

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:9-10, KJV

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you have found it informative, enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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