



# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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## Built His House Upon A Rock - Part VII (Matthew 7:24)



### A study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7.

Continuing our study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7, in learning what it

means to be "a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24), we pick up in Matthew 5:9.

**Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment.** (Matthew 5:21)

The Ten Commandments say that. "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17). "And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether [it be] unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment" (Ezra 7:26). Though people of old suffered physical death as a punishment, it was symbolic of the future death, even the permanent death known as the "second death" (Revelation 20:14). So since no one desired to be cut off from God, they made sure they did not kill anyone.

**But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.** (Matthew 5:22)

So for those that think the Ten Commandments have been done away with and that Jesus made life easier by not having to worry about the letter of the law, think again. Jesus went right to the spirit of the law. To not physically kill is

good but it can also be legalistic. Not being angry with them and not physically killing them is the spirit of the law.

Likewise, doing what parents tell a child to do is good but could be legalistic. Going beyond the requested action and loving them as well as making sure the parents are taken care of is the spirit of the law. Many Christians send their parents to a retirement home and may visit a few times a year, if that, but pat themselves on the back for honoring their parents. Taking care of their emotional attachments is also important in honoring your parents.

Stealing is another subject. Not taking something that is not yours is good but could be legalistic. Not taking something and also being careful not to cause another a loss is the spirit of the law. How many Christians make people frequently wait? You are stealing time from other people.

Not lying to someone with words is good but could be legalistic. The spirit of the law also encompasses actions. Ever tell someone that you do not know where someone else is because you promised not to tell, yet motion with your eyes where they are? That is wrong.

How about taking the name of the Lord in vain? Many Christians cease from using God's name as a swear word. But yet, many Christians state they are Christian and do not act as a Christian. That is the spirit of the law.

How about the Sabbath day? Many Christians still hold to the old Sunday tradition and do not work on Sundays. There is even a congregation that uses the first day of the week schedule of sunset Saturday to sunset Sunday. Yet other Christians keep the letter of the law and cease work on Friday at sundown and do

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**Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

## NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared

between January 16 and February 15, 2006.

[Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at [www.tstl.net/suddendestruction](http://www.tstl.net/suddendestruction).]

### ►WorldNetDaily, February 6, 2006 - Pastors sue Navy for discrimination

The Episcopal chaplain says his battle to say prayers in Jesus' name has cost him any chance for a promotion, and he's now joining an effort to allow chaplains in the military to pray according to their own traditions, instead of abiding by generic, pluralistic texts.

**COMMENT:** Praise the Lord for the Bible says in Matthew 10:33 *"But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."* We need more pastors to stand against the spiritual war that has blinded the world.

not resume work until Saturday sundown. In all these examples, the Sabbath may have been kept yet the spirit may be lacking if it is simply out of obligation. The Bible teaches to delight in the Sabbath and not keep it grudgingly. In other words, the spirit of the commandment not only causes people to cease from unnecessary work but also to be positively active and looking forward to the time all week long.

Not carving out an idol and bowing down to it is again good but can also be legalistic. Submitting yourselves daily to the television as well as material items such as cars, houses, entertainment centers, etc. is breaking the spirit of the law.

And let us not forget keeping the letter of the first commandment. No Christian ever would call someone else a god. There is only one true God. But whenever someone is challenged by the content of the Bible versus what the church teaches, and say, "My church does not teach that!" they make the church a god in place of God. Likewise, saying, "My pastor tells me it is OK to..." when the Bible says it is not, is making the pastor God. And the same with parents, by saying, "If it is good enough for my parents, it is good enough for me."

Many Christians do not compare themselves to the Jones anymore. To do so is coveting. So by not doing so is good but can be legalistic. The spirit of the law not only does not compare with the Jones, but also does not keep up with the latest gadgets when the similar gadget already in possession works just fine.

We will address adultery when Jesus mentions it.

Now many justify anger because of having a cause. There is only one cause that God permits and that is against a godly situation. You may be angry if God is attacked. You may be angry at heresy. You may be angry when people say they are Christian and misrepresent Him. But you may not be angry because someone stole from you. You may not be angry because someone hurt you or your family. You may not through anger affect any personal property or your own being. Jesus was very angry twice when He drove out those that turned the temple into a den of thieves. He was angry when dealing with Pharisees who misrepresented God. He was not angry when His beard was plucked. He was not

angry when He was nailed to the cross. He was not angry when the crowd yelled, "Crucify Him".

Raca means senseless, empty headed, or more modern terms of airhead and even stupid. Legalistically we should not apply those terms to anyone. Nor should the words "fool" be applied foolishly. Yet sitcoms and other forms of entertainment get extra mileage on such. Many sitcoms contain an airhead character, but sadly, even Christians find this entertaining. Doing dumb things is one thing, but labeling people is another and not acceptable.

As for the council, this may refer to the council in heaven where Jesus says, *"I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels"* (Revelation 3:5). Some may take this to refer to the local leadership council who had authority to remove people from the books and hence, it was thought that the name was then removed from being saved. In either case, the use of hellfire strengthens the argument that people will do anything to avoid hell. But it is not a matter of avoiding hell as it is appreciating heaven and what heaven has done. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved"* (John 3:16-17).

**Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.** (Matthew 5:23-24)

The gift can simply be yourself and in most cases, it usually is. But God does not accept the gift if you and your brother are at odds. Now remember, a brother is synonymous with neighbor, and Jesus gave a parable declaring everyone you encounter as your neighbor.

Now this does not mean your brother or neighbor who has a problem with your Christianity, especially if he is an Atheist or other religion, is what is being addressed. But if you are giving justification for his feelings against you, even when there is a misunderstanding, it is your obligation to

make things right. Now if they do not care to reconcile and you have exhausted all options, then you are free to offer your gift unto God.

To be continued...

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, let us seek to keep the law by His grace and His righteousness and teach others to do so also.

**THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH** (3 John 1:2)



**Topic:**  
**Physical Sin**

Transgression of physical law is transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4). Our Creator is

Jesus Christ (John 1:3). He is the author of our being (Hebrews 5:9). He is the author of the physical law as he is the author of the moral law. And the human being who is careless and reckless of the habits and practices that concern his physical life and health, sins against God (Isaiah 32:9). God is not revered, respected, or recognized. This is shown by the injury done to the body in violation of physical law.

**Health Tidbit: Protein and Amino Acids:** Did you know that black-eyed peas can give you 7.2 grams more protein than chopped sirloin steak? In addition, the

biological value of a single meal containing a combination of rice and beans or corn and beans, as the main dish, compares favorably to the same meal containing meat or milk as the main dish. To help put away unnecessary fears, it should be remembered that natural foods contain all the essential vitamins, minerals, and amino acids. By eating a wide variety of natural foods, the proper balance of the essential amino acids will be easily obtained. With protein being the principal argument against a vegetarian diet it should be recognized that the daily recommended allowance for protein is highly inflated. The protein requirement of a 150-pound man may be satisfied with the daily ingestion of approximately 30 grams of protein or the protein in about 4 slices of whole wheat bread. Remember, as with all things there is a balance, when too much protein is consumed, calcium is eliminated by the body, leading to osteoporosis.

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**TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT** (Prov. 22:6)



**Character Examples From the Bible**

**Woman At the Well**

John 4:16-19 *Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.*

Jesus revealed the sin that the woman was committing. Although she tried to deflect the revelation by focusing on worshipping the true God, deep down she knew what she was doing was wrong.

Now a normal reaction from a child that has been caught doing something wrong is to blame someone else, deny that it was really them, or think of a good excuse of why they were doing it. The woman did not of those things. In fact, she went and told other people about the situation. *"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did"* (John 4:29).

## BIBLE STUDY



Who are the elect?

1. If it were possible, what are the elect subject to? **Matthew 24:24**

2. What are we to make sure? **2 Peter 1:10**

3. What things does Peter refer to in making it sure? **2 Peter 1:5-7**

4. What does Paul say the elect have? **Colossians 3:12-13**

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

What is the future of sin?

1. Where will God cast our sins? **Micah 7:19**  
*"He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."*

2. What is that location mingled with?  
**Revelation 15:2** *"And I saw as it were a sea*

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## WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1) - COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between January 16 and February 15, 2006. [Preview future news snippets at [www.tstl.net/news](http://www.tstl.net/news).]

### ►Times Online, February 2, 2006 - Long-lost wallet returns to the fold

THIRTY-NINE years ago Doug Schmitt left his wallet on the counter of a petrol station more than 2,000 miles from his home in Pennsylvania. This week it was returned to him, intact. The owner of the petrol station put the wallet in a drawer, hoping that Mr Schmitt would come back for it, but he never did. It was discovered last month when Ted Nyman was sorting through his father-in-law's estate. Using the internet, he quickly tracked down Mr Schmitt, and last week posted the wallet to him at his home in Lake Ariel.

**COMMENT:** 2 Corinthians 8:21 *"Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."*

### ►WorldNetDaily, February 1, 2006 - Britney, NBC plan to mock crucifixion

Forced to pull its highly touted new show "The Book of Daniel" last week because of charges its portrayal of Jesus was blasphemous, NBC is pushing the envelope again with news Britney Spears will guest star on "Will & Grace" as a conservative who hosts on a Christian TV network a cooking segment called "Crucifixin's." The episode will air April 13, just before Good Friday.

**COMMENT:** Galatians 6:7 *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."*

### ►WorldNetDaily.Com, January 29, 2006 - Pornographers targeting youthful iPod users

The ever-expanding pornography industry is now targeting America's children – via the wildly popular iPod devices – in its latest quest for new customers, according to a former federal prosecutor and a veteran government consultant on pornography.

**COMMENT:** A prayer for our youth:

Psalms 101:3 *"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me."*

### ►BBC, January 29, 2006 - Baby found in bag in Brazil lake

Brazilian TV has broadcast footage of a baby girl being rescued from a black plastic bag floating in a lake.

**COMMENT:** Ecclesiastes 3:2 "A time to be born, and a time to die." Evidently it was not time for this baby to die. Thank God for Jose da Cruz being in the right place at the right time.

### ►Waco Tribune, January 23, 2006 - Hooters to receive blessing – from priest

The new Hooters restaurant may have gotten an unwelcome reception from some of the community's religious leaders, but tonight it will get a little help from above. As part of a private opening party, Monsignor Isidore Rozycki, the head Catholic priest for the Greater Waco area, plans to bless the chain's newest location. But to Rozycki, offering the blessing is just another way he can reach out and serve the community. He pointed to the biblical story of Jesus eating with a tax collector, even though men in that profession were considered among the worst of sinners. He says he doesn't see how attending the Hooters event is any different.

**COMMENT:** Jesus may have eaten with a tax collector and associated with other practicing sinners, but he never blessed their sinful actions. God cannot bless that which is cursed. Ezekiel 22:26 *"Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed [difference] between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."*

### ►Daily Telegraph, January 17, 2006 - Talking parrot gives away girlfriend's secret lover

At first, 30-year-old Mr Taylor was amused when Ziggy started screeching "Hiya, Gary" everytime it heard Miss Collins's

mobile phone ring. He even saw the funny side when the parrot began making kissing noises when the same name was mentioned on television or radio. But the truth finally dawned as the couple snuggled alongside one another on the sofa and Ziggy blurted out, "I love you, Gary" in her

voice. Miss Collins, 25, broke down in tears and confessed to having a four-month fling with a former colleague.

**COMMENT:** Luke 12:2 *For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.*



## ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)

**QUESTION #1 – You appear to be critical of modern evangelism techniques. How does Paul's example of becoming whatever is necessary to evangelize not support whatever means are necessary?**

**ANSWER #1 –** The verses you are referring to are *"For though I be free from all [men], yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all [men], that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with [you]"* (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

First, if one thinks that this justifies any means for conveying the gospel, they are mistaken. There are appropriate and inappropriate means. We used to say "imagine if someone decided to preach the gospel without any clothes on." Now we say, "Is preaching without clothes on justified? Because it has happened in York, PA!" How do we know such preaching is not justified by Paul? God says, *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel"* (1 Timothy 2:9). The woman preacher that preached on the steps of the city council office in the nude did not obey this verse. True Bible believers do not pit one verse against another.

Now if Paul was trying to justify the means of using artificial stimulants such as drama, clowns, and rock music, why do we not see an example from him? Not once is mentioned his talent in music. Therefore, we conclude Paul was not talking means but discussion. To the Greeks he discussed philosophy (Acts 17:23). To the Jews, he

discussed the law as in the ceremonial laws.

So this does not justify modern evangelistic techniques. It is always the plain Word of God. If it was good enough for Jesus and Paul and others, then it should be good enough today.

Therefore, to a scientist, address the verses in the Bible that speak of science. To a mathematician, focus on the verses dealing with math. For the musically inclined, use the book of Psalms. For a person into prophecy, use the verses dealing with prophecy. So become a scientist to win a scientist. Become a mathematician to win a mathematician. Become musically interested to win the musical at heart. Become prophetic to win the prophecy interested people. But never become an entertainer to take away from the gospel. Never become a clown to make the gospel a joke. Never become an actor to make the gospel a sitcom.

**QUESTION #2 – You quote Jude a lot to establish the belief that we can be perfect. Jesus said to have more than one witness. Can you supply it?**

**ANSWER #2 –** It is true that Jude states, *"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen"* (Jude 1:24-25). It is obvious that Jude speaks of being kept from sinning because He then presents us as if we never sinned.

Jesus said, *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48). He would never have stated this if it were not so.

Peter is very helpful. He gives us a list of things that if we focus through prayer and

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*of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."*

3. How far reaching can that mingled item stretch? **Revelation 20:9** *"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."*
4. What is the purpose of the item that is mingled? **Malachi 4:1** *"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch", **Revelation 20:9** *"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."**

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the Holy Spirit upon having, we shall not fall, just as Jude states. *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."* (2 Peter 1:5-11).

John says, *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"* (1 John 2:1). Notice that we are not to sin. However, this does not mean we could never commit a sin. If we unfortunately do, we have an

advocate. Now many use the verses prior to state we will continue to sin until the end, but that contradicts these verses. *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us"* (1 John 1:8-10). Verse 8 is explained by verse 10. All of us have sin or shall we say have sinned. Just because we confess that we have sinned does not mean we do not have sin. We will carry that memory, those affects with us until the end of time. So we will always have it, but we are not to continue in it as John states in the very next verse of 1 John 2:1.

Paul, the great writer of grace, states *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* (Romans 6:1-2). So for how confusing other writings of Paul appear, this one thing all should know, Paul never advocates continuing in sin. He believed in a sinless life. And

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Peter concurs with the difficulty with Paul's writing, which can easily be used to justify a life continuing in sin. "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. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked,

*fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen"* (2 Peter 3:15-18). Sin is very destructive. So if anyone teaches that you cannot keep the commandments, you cannot be perfect, Peter says that they are in error and are wicked, even if they appear to be nice people.

So we have shared more than two or three witnesses. In fact, just about every New Testament writer has written in the affirmative on the subject.

## What Is Sin?

"He that hath my commandments" means he that hath light upon what constitutes the commandments of God, and will not disobey his commandments, although it might seem an advantage to do so. "If a man love me, he will keep my words [my commandments]; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings; and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." If it were not possible for us to keep the commandments of God, we should all be lost. But under the Abrahamic covenant, the covenant of grace, every provision for salvation has been made. "By grace ye are saved." "For as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

John writes to the children of God, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not." And what is sin?--"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." And if any man sin, he need not give up his hope in Christ. He need not say it is of no use longer to attempt to keep the commandments of God; for this would be placing himself wholly on Satan's ground. Satan follows you with his temptations, in order that he may persuade you to yield and sin; and when you sin, then he tells you it is of no use for you to try, and you might just as well announce yourself an open transgressor of the law of God, for you cannot keep his commandments. In the name and strength given of God we may be obedient to all his commandments,

and his commandments are not grievous. We are happy in doing them. "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning."

The Lord would not leave the enemy any opportunity to perplex the soul or to becloud the mind as to the commandments of which he is speaking. It is the commandments which he made when the foundations of the earth were laid, "when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Away back in the world's history, before there were any people distinguished as Jews, he laid the foundations of his law, when he laid the foundations of the world. "The old commandment is the word which ye heard from the beginning." John, the beloved disciple, as mouthpiece for God, gives the inspired message, and it comes echoing down the lines, from age to age, to our time. Thank God, we are not left in mist and confusion in regard to the commandments.

# BIBLE THOUGHT

## The Roaring Lion Is After You

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.* (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Here is the real test to see on which side you are on. It is easy to go to church. It is easy to do good works. It is easy to look like a Christian. But it is hard to be one.

The devil has the world through the afflictions he has placed upon them. Without faith and trust in God, there is no hope. The hope is that some Christian would help these people to have faith and trust in God. This is the beginning process of conversion.

But the devil is not content with these people. He wants no one going to heaven. So he looks for the pretended Christian that he can devour. This is why there are "Christians" who give up the faith when affliction comes.

*"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding [and] eternal*

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-  Outside of weather and earthquakes, are there other signs?

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-  What were they all about?
-  How do they parallel Jesus' ministry?
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*weight of glory; 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 4:17-18).*

But he really turns up the heat on the true Christians. They are his greatest enemy. What counsel is there? *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).*

Now God does not tell us how long it takes for the devil to leave. He leaves only when he is convinced that there is no victory to be gained. It is up to you. How strong is your grip upon God?

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