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## Time Of Trouble (Part 2) (Psalms 37:39)



Last month we introduced the fact that there is a time of trouble ahead of us. It is not a pleasant time. In fact, one can say, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

Not everyone is strong enough to meet such fearful events. In ordinary life, when fear of the future is too strong, many turn to suicide. The great depression is an example of such where many people who lost it all financially committed suicide. Sadly, even the collapse of the twin towers demonstrated people who would rather jump than face the flames. Teenagers who have a very low self esteem and seem to receive relentless attacks from schoolmates, rather than dread facing tomorrow turn to suicide. How many times do we hear of spouses or lovers kill the family and then themselves because they cannot face tomorrow?

Now as Christians, if we are secure in Christ, we will not commit suicide. But at the same time, our hearts may tremble in fear of what is coming. Keep in mind, the very true Christian will not worry about such things. Jesus told us, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34).

But there are many that just cannot keep from fearfully looking to the future. So if as a Christian, suicide is out of the question and yet one cannot cease from fearfully looking to the future, the next best thing is to convince oneself that they shall not go through such an ordeal. It is called denial.

One may deny the bad news that they are going to die in a limited time frame, such as from cancer in six months and then choose to just live life as if nothing is wrong. But with the time of trouble, there is also the denial of ever having to go through it. One may try to convince their self that something else will happen beforehand so they do not have to face it.

It is the latter denial that has evolved into a massive deception in the Christian community despite the warnings. Jesus said right at the start of the signs of the last days that, "Take heed

that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:4-5). Continuing on, He paused and said, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11). Keep in mind, preachers can take an apparent false prophet's message and repeat the false message, therefore the word prophet is inclusive of preachers. And later Jesus said, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not" (Matthew 24:23). This is inclusive of the many people who claim to be Jesus but it also includes the subtle message of, "I am a Christian minister. I know God's will. You do not have to read that old, erring Bible. I will tell you what you need and do not need to know."

And on the latter, evidently over ninety-four percent believe that lie and do not believe the Bible to be the Word of God. Although it is sad, there is a sadder deception that we addressed last month despite the fact that Jesus specifically said, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Therein lies the greatest of all deceptions.

**What are the greatest deceptions?**

There is a great deception going on in the Christian community that we partially addressed last month and will now expand upon it in this issue.

One part of this deception is the misunderstanding of the Antichrist. How many are looking for some military leader to rise in the Middle East and wage war with Israel? That is a very, very popular belief. Many even call it a "Time of Trouble". But a physical time of trouble contradicts what we discovered last month. It is not a physical battle but a spiritual one.

We remind you that Jeremiah 30:7 says, "Alas! for that day [is] great, so that none [is] like it: it [is] even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." We then examined Jacob's trouble. He wrestled with God over salvation. Jacob was distraught in facing his brother. Jacob feared that going to battle with his brother would cost him his life. With that realization, Jacob wanted to know if he would be saved for he knew what he had done was very grave. In fact, Jacob at first thought his brother snuck up upon him while he was sleeping and that started the wrestling match only to find out that "I have

**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.**

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*seen God face to face, and my life is preserved” (Genesis 32:30).*

To confirm our conclusion, notice that it is purely a doctrinal battle. *“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:7-9).*

It is about the doctrines! That is spiritual.

So if the false theory of the Antichrist is represented as a physical warrior, then the reference to Israel must be falsely applied as a physical state as well. So one deception leads to another. Now the Bible is clear in teaching that there is a spiritual application to the use of the word “Israel”. *“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God” (Romans 2:28-29).*

Now that the deception is in place for a physical warrior of the Antichrist battling the physical Israel, the misapplication of a verse builds a whole new deception. *“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father’s hand” (John 10:28-29).*

It looks quite clear that not even Satan can pull us away from God’s hand. So then born is the misunderstanding that once you are saved, there is not the possibility of losing salvation, which again contradicts what Jacob’s Trouble or the Time of Trouble is all about.

What is ignored in the verses just quoted that creates this misapplication is the leaving out of the verse right before it and properly understanding it. *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).*

If you follow Jesus all day long, every day, then you can claim the promise. Paul spoke of this daily experience. *“I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31).*

He died to following self every single day and protested against those that thought salvation was easy to hold on to. If one day he chose to live for self, he would not be following Jesus, therefore he could not claim the promise of not being plucked away. In fact, he would not have to be plucked. He could have just chosen to leave. And the verse right before that makes this understanding clear. *“And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?” (1 Corinthians 15:30)*

It was not only a daily basis but even an hourly one. And of course as we saw last month, Jesus does say, *“He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13).*

So now with the deceptions of a physical war with the Antichrist that will be attacking physical Israel and not spiritual Israel, known as Christians, who are eternally saved anyways also according to these deceptions, then there is really no need for true Christians to remain on earth during the tribulation or time of trouble or Jacob’s trouble or whatever you want to call it. Therefore, born is the pre-tribulation deception to further cover up the original deception upon deception upon deception. This deception is despite clearly being told *“that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22).*

In fact, everyone in the Bible that was on God’s side has always gone through tribulation. Why would we think that we would not have to go through Satan’s last, ditch effort with full assault in the last days? What makes the last generation on earth so special so as to get an escape ticket?

Therein lies the deception. With God’s people unprepared to go into tribulation and unprepared to hold onto salvation for they do not think it is possible to lose it they will be off guard to the spiritual attack upon Christians. Remember, *“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it” (Matthew 16:25).*

It is better to lose your life physically being ready for the spiritual battle. Let us get busy preparing for the right war that we are all drafted to fight individually.

Yes, there will be physical challenges, but those physical challenges are all weapons used to get us to give into the spiritual attack. Sure, *“no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:17).* Sure, John *“saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” (Revelation 17:6).* These indeed are physical aspects. But even in the physical aspects, the spiritual comes out. In other words, the inability to provide food for the family and having starving children because of not accepting the Mark of the Beast or even facing being martyred still is over the spiritual. Will you be true to God no matter what Satan throws at you?

With that said, it is true that we are to avoid the Mark of the Beast at any cost, but doing so does not guarantee heaven. *“Having the seal of the living God” (Revelation 7:2)* is the only way to avoid the Mark of the Beast and have heaven.

But what is the Seal of God? *“In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy*

*Spirit of promise*" (Ephesians 1:13). It is truth found in the Word. Not only knowing it but believing or living it. Again, the Seal of God versus the Mark of the Beast is a spiritual battle.

That is interesting, because here are a couple more deceptions. As stated before and with neutral but secular surveys conducted, over ninety-four percent of Christians do not believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God despite the Bible stating, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

And did you catch that? The scriptures can be used to make one perfect, which points to yet another deception we addressed last month. Hardly a Christian believes that "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Now let us finish the subject of the Time of Trouble. Yes, in the review we including other aspects and perspectives, but the focus of the newsletter is the Time of Trouble. It has been necessary to cover and recover those issues because this whole article would be null and void as many are ignorant thereof.

### How Long Has God Been Ready?

Though we do not know exactly when Job lived, we do know this from Job 38:22-23, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?"

Now this may appear to contradict a bit on our spiritual stance, but not at all. The war on earth is with Antichrist on the spiritual level. Jesus returns in a physical nature and says, "I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

One may not think of getting pummeled with snow and hail as a reward, but who says a reward is always good? A reward is what we deserve, according to the Bible.

Now the time of the battle and war is during the seven last plagues for the hail is revealed in Revelation 16:21, "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

So even before the time of Job, God has prepared his physical arsenal. Since God is already set, should we not also become prepared? Ours is a mental wrestling.

### What Leads Up To The Time Of Trouble?

"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:14-17).

The world will turn to man made solutions, which will be an overpowering religious movement. They will have set up their own god.

### When The World Lets Us Down, Then What?

Jeremiah 2:26-28 gives us insight. "As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets, Saying to a stock, Thou [art] my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned [their] back unto me, and not [their] face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. But where [are] thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for [according to] the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah."

Jeremiah 11:11-14 says, "Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. For [according to] the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and [according to] the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to [that] shameful thing, [even] altars to burn incense unto Baal. Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear [them] in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble."

Instead of focusing on avoiding idols and material items, we have a bigger spiritual matter to deal with. If people turn to ministers for the answer instead of God's Word, the minister is then made a god. And if people have a closer relationship with the minister than they do with God, they are more than burning incense to them instead of God. This does not say that people cannot trust ministers. God forbid. For

## THINK ON THESE THINGS

(Philippians 4:8)

### Thy Will Be Done

Matthew 6:9-10 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven."

What does it mean that God's will is to be done? And what part should we play in fulfilling the prayer?


"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart" (Psalms 40:8). Do we delight to do what God wrote in His law, specifically the Ten Commandments? Or do we attack the commandments with excuses? Jesus paid the price! We are under grace and not the law! That has been nailed to the cross! Let us rather accept all of the gifts He has given us, which includes a new heart. "This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" (Hebrews 10:16).


Psalms 143:10 "Teach me to do thy will; for thou [art] my God: thy spirit [is] good; lead me into the land of uprightness." Do we always live in the land of uprightness or do we try to enjoy the world a bit as well? Just remember, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7).


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
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
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
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*"God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues" (1 Corinthians 12:28). But just as in the day of Elijah, which represents a bit of the Antichrist struggle, Elijah, the true minister was out numbered by 450 false prophets.*

And when people have put their trust in man and everyone lets them down because they made the choice in the time of relative peace, they shall not be delivered in the time of trouble. They will not be able to enjoy the earthly lifestyle and at the last moment, switch sides. *"Behold, now [is] the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).*

Besides, *"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble [is like] a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint" (Proverbs 25:19).*

### What Then Shall We Do To Prepare?

Psalms 37:27-40 says. *"Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God [is] in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see [it]. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he [was] not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the perfect [man], and behold the upright: for the end of [that] man [is] peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous [is] of the LORD: [he is] their strength in the time of trouble. O And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him."*

Have we departed from evil and do good? It is not only the physical participation to draw away from. Do we enjoy the evil entertainment? Death, lying, cheating, stealing, adultery, etc.? Do we enjoy the evil of sports? Stealing, hurting, sexy cheerleaders? We do not have to perform these actions but enjoying the entertainment of it puts us on the side of the wicked.

And what do we think of God's law? They are to be in our heart. Even the New Testament says so. *"For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind,*

*and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people" (Hebrews 8:10). Or do we still believe God's law is nailed to the cross, grace replaced keeping the law, and we do not want to be legalistic about things?*

Are we keeping God's ways or our own? If we are in any way rejecting the content of God's Word, we are keeping our own. Claiming it is an old book, not relevant for today, is just a bunch of fables, contains errors, and anyone can get anything they want out of it, is keeping our own way.

And keep in mind, there is no such thing as being good but enjoying a little of the world. There are only two sides. Wholly for God are called saints, while everyone else is wicked.

### What Suffering Will Occur?

Ezekiel 7:3 opens with, *"Now [is] the end [come] upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations."*

It is interesting to note that the seven last plagues reveal practiced abominations, being thus a type of recompense. It is an abomination to seek greedy, sinful humans for healing, therefore, the incurable plague of boils shall fall upon them. It is an abomination to slay the saints and spill their blood in direct opposition to God's way of life, therefore, the rivers and oceans shall be turned to blood. It is an abomination to be a sun worshipper therefore it shall scorch the followers and the kingdom that perpetrated the darkness of the false worship shall be in darkness physically. And the drought from the life giving of Jesus, who is the living water, will prepare for further abominations to be addressed.

Continuing on in Ezekiel 7:4-11, *"And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come. The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble [is] near, and not the sounding again of the mountains. Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations [that] are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD that smiteth. Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath bud-*

ded. Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them [shall remain], nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs: neither [shall there be] waiting for them."

On that morning, Joel sees as "the day! for the day of the LORD [is] at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come" (Joel 1:15).

But back to Ezekiel 7:12, "The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath [is] upon all the multitude thereof." Looks like Ezekiel sees a period affecting buyers and sellers.

Ezekiel 7:13-14 says, "For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision [is] touching the whole multitude thereof, [which] shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath [is] upon all the multitude thereof."

And the earthly response will be, "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16).

Ezekiel 7:15-16 reveals, "The sword [is] without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that [is] in the field shall die with the sword; and he that [is] in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity."

In the last days, where are people to flee to? "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains" (Matthew 24:15-16).

Ezekiel 7:17-20 continues with, "All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak [as] water. They shall also gird [themselves] with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame [shall be] upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their

silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity. As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations [and] of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them."

And John saw a similar thing. "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more" (Revelation 18:11).

**What Does It Come Down To?**

Psalms 27:1-6 says, "[A Psalm] of David. The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD [is] the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, [even] mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this [will] I [be] confident. One [thing] have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD."

Psalms 41:1-2 states, "To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. Blessed [is] he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; [and] he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies."

Isaiah 33:2-33 reveals, "O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thysself the nations were scattered."

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

(Isaiah 53:1)



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A number of female members of a South England church are said to be angry at a sermon delivered by the church's curate. He suggested that wives should submit to their husbands if a

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## ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)

### QUESTION:

Is it wrong to live by, "The ends justify the means"?

### ANSWER:

*"For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? And not [rather], (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just" (Romans 3:7-8).*

Asked in a rhetorical way, the means of using evil or sin to accomplish good is the opposite of what Paul was teaching. Fill in the word evil with the popular excuses today?

Shall we lie so as to proclaim the truth? That includes methods used to sneak into other countries.

Shall we steal so as to build up the funds of God's cause?

Shall we dress and talk like the world so as to win them to Jesus?

The answer to all of this is very strong from Paul. In verse 6 he says "God forbid".

Remember, there is no such thing as a "white" lie or "little" fib. A lie is a lie. It is sin. And Jesus never used sin during his ministry on earth. Neither should we.

threatened me and my children – am I supposed to listen to him?

**COMMENT:** Blind submission by women was never God's plan. We agree with what the minister tried to convey in part, which was, wives are to submit to their husbands, however, it appears that the message was not conveyed properly. For instance, when the minister states that the wife is to submit in everything, nowhere does the Bible state such. She is not to be treated as a slave. *"And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18).* It is an assistant. That carries a lot of responsibility. The woman should be able to take full responsibility in running the home while the husband is employed. For the man to do this that means he ought to have married a likeminded woman. Therefore, consider that a woman is not really submitting to the husband, but rather the woman is helping to execute the desires of both husband and wife in the home. So man's first mistake is marrying for lust and not being of like mind. There is no way a marriage of unlike minds can be modeled after the biblical guidelines.

Then the objectionable woman in the article states something very important. What if a man is not godly? This is what gives the whole submission thing a bad taste. *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22).* In fact, read all of the description found in Ephesians 5:21 through 33. Verse 21 begins with *"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."* Hardly a message is heard about the husband submitting to the wife. She does have a mind. She can raise good, biblical concerns. Neither should make impulsive decisions or decisions based upon what one feels. Both are to be doing what God would have them to do. As it clearly states, the woman is to submit only to the husband while he lives in the fear of God. In other words, she submits while he is acting godly. In verse 25, it says, *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."* This means if a wife is to submit to the husband, the husband better be acting like Christ did for the church. How did He act? *"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:44).* The woman's needs are to be met. Husbands are to be the servants. Let the wife put her feet up and go get her a glass of water. She just took care of the kids all day! Therefore, if a husband does not treat the wife right or requests something that is against God's ways, she is in no way to submit. Now not every aspect has been addressed in this article, but this point is true, blind submission by women was never God's plan.

► **Guardian, February 4, 2010 - Climate emails: were they really hacked.**

The known facts are these. Over the weekend starting Friday 13 November, someone copied files from a backup server at the UEA's Climate Research Unit (CRU) in Norwich. They were then posted anonymously on the internet and various bloggers were alerted. Within days, their contents spread around the world and were being hailed by CRU's enemies as evidence of anything from poor science to a full-blown criminal conspiracy.

**COMMENT:** Romans 1:25 *"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."* Earth may not be thought of as a creature but with the "Global Warming" lies and exaggerations, the world has been deceived into worshipping the earth more than God. For instance, if one believes in the solutions of global warming, they would be interested in curbing population growth and even be in favor of abortion all to save the earth. God says, *"Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28).* Global warming is more concerned for the wildlife than the necessity of man. Please note we stated necessity and not carelessness. God says, *"have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28).* These are just two contradictory beliefs that the world is caught up in. On top of that, on December 17, 2009, our President signed a document helping to form a one world government under the pressure of the Global Warming/Climate Change summit. One world government is one of the steps towards the Antichrist exerting power upon the world as declared in Revelation 13, 17, and 18.

### OTHER ARTICLES AND COMMENTS FOUND AT WWW.TSTL.NET:

► **World Net Daily, February 2, 2010 - Dakota Fanning in steamy, lesbian sex flick**

(Mother was born again Christian. Shows how one can be saved, lost, hopefully to be saved again.)

► **Fox News, February 6, 2010 - Pink Ouija Board Targeting Young Girls Riles Critics**

(Ouija Boards are not games. It is real and if ministers and parents care for their children, they will not hand them over to the devil)

► **World Net Daily, February 2, 2010 - Online game lets 5-year-old girls play prostitute**

(We need to protect against the sexualization of our children.)

► **Telegraph, February 4, 2010 - Model Miranda Kerr backs internet campaign**

(The world has accepted yet another sin as ordinary life to the point they defend it.)

## DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



*But I Find Pleasure In It!*

1. What day is one living for if one seeks a life of pleasure?

**James 5:5**

2. What is one considered if one lives a life of pleasure? **1 Timothy 5:6**

3. What happens to those that choose pleasure over obedience to the truth? **2 Thessalonians 2:12**

4. What shall a person become if they seek pleasure? **Proverbs 21:17**

5. What type of pleasure will God have in the destruction of the wicked? **Ezekiel 33:11**

6. Whose pleasure should we seek after? **Philippians 2:13**

7. What should be considered pleasurable when in fact they don't appear to be? **2 Corinthians 12:10**

8. What is pleasurable to God? **Luke 12:32**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

*Why It Is Not Good To Follow The World*

1. What will the world end up doing at the end of time? **Revelation 13:3** "*And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*"
2. Why is it not good to trust in the leaders of the world? **Revelation 16:14** "*For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*" Spirit of devils is leading such. That includes giving in to greed.
3. What is the basis of the activity of the world? **1 John 5:19** "*[And] we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*"
4. What do people of the world speak of? **1 John 4:5** "*They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.*"
5. What does the world not really know? **1 John 3:1** "*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*" Jesus.
6. What does the world really have to offer? **1 John 2:16** "*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.*"
7. What do people of the world not have? **1 John 2:15** "*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.*"
8. If we are enjoying the world, what are we towards God? **James 4:4** "*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*"

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## FOR MY THOUGHTS [ARE] NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER [ARE] YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD. (Isaiah 55:8)

### To Be Wise Or Not Wise

Proverbs 4:7 *Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*

Ecclesiastes 1:18 *For in much wisdom [is] much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.*

1 Corinthians 1:19 *For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.*

The verse in Proverbs as compared to 1 Corinthians is a matter of applying one word or implication of one word to two different groups. If one gets wisdom, they will be wise. Yet, if one is wise, that is condemned in 1 Corinthians 1:19.

That is because being wise can be good and can be bad. "He that heark-

*eneth unto counsel [is] wise"* These are the good wise people. But "seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? [there is] more hope of a fool than of him" (Proverbs 26:12). These are the bad wise people.

This is reiterated in 1 Corinthians 3:18-19. "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness."

So when God says He will destroy the wisdom of the wise, He is referring to those that are wise in their own conceit, earthly knowledge, etc. He is not going to destroy those that received their wisdom by seeking the counsels of God, who study the scriptures, who look for heavenly guidance.

In Ecclesiastes, one will have grief as they become wise. When one gathers heavenly wisdom and ceases from the practices of the earthly wisdom, one will lose their earthly friends. That will bring grief. Learn new things about being a better Christian, can bring grief when one ceases their desired practices that were not wise.

Try giving up alcohol. Those that like to party on the weekends are not going to be inviting you much and if alcohol is the main connection amongst the friends, it could be a sad departure. Likewise, if you learn that drinking is not wise (Proverbs 20:1), yet you love it, it will bring a bit of grief to cease from it.

So Proverbs 4:7 addresses the good wise people while 1 Corinthians 1:19 address the bad wise people, and Ecclesiastes addresses the consequences of being wise in a godly way.