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Part 1

Good & Evil, Truth & Lies



Does it feel as though evil has become more prominent, more bold, and more vile than ever before?

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Does it feel as though those that yearn to live and speak biblical truth have been sacrificed on the alter of those that demand to live and speak their own "truth"?



3 Moreover, understand this: IN THE ACHARIT-HAYAMIM [Hebrew: Lit...The End of Days] will come trying times. 2 People will be self-loving, money-loving, proud, arrogant, insulting, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, uncontrolled, brutal, HATEFUL OF GOOD, 4 traitorous, headstrong, swollen with conceit, loving pleasure rather than God, 5 as they retain the outer form of religion but deny its power.



12 And indeed, all WHO WANT TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE united with the Messiah Yeshua will be persecuted, 13 while EVIL PEOPLE and impostors WILL GO FROM BAD TO WORSE, DECEIVING OTHERS AND BEING DECEIVED THEMSELVES.



14 But you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, recalling the people from whom you learned it; 15 and recalling too how from childhood **YOU HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH CAN GIVE YOU THE WISDOM THAT LEADS TO DELIVERANCE** through trusting in Yeshua the Messiah.



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17 THUS ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO GOD MAY BE FULLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.



6 "You will hear the noise of wars nearby and the news of wars far off; see to it that you don't become frightened. SUCH THINGS **MUST HAPPEN**, but the end is yet to come. 7 For peoples will fight each other, nations will fight each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various parts of the world; 8 all this is but the beginning of the 'birth-pains.' 9 At that time you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and put to death, and ALL PEOPLES WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE OF ME.



10 At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other, 11 many false prophets will appear and fool many people;

AND MANY PEOPLE'S LOVE WILL GROW COLD BECAUSE
OF INCREASED DISTANCE FROM TORAH [Gr: anomia – without law]

13 But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered.



AND THIS GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINGDOM WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD AS A WITNESS TO ALL THE GOYIM. IT IS THEN THAT THE END WILL COME.



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32 "Whoever acknowledges me in the presence of others I will also acknowledge in the presence of my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others I will disown before my Father in heaven.

34 "Don't suppose that I have come to bring peace to the Land. It is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword! 35 For I have come to set 36 a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, so that a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.



37 Whoever loves his father or mother more than he loves me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than he loves me is not worthy of me. 38 And anyone who does not take up his execution-stake [cross] and follow me is not worthy of me.



18 What is revealed is God's anger from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness KEEP SUPPRESSING THE TRUTH;

19 because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them. 20 For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities — both his eternal power and his divine nature — have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made.



Therefore, they have no excuse; 21 because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they have become fools! 23 In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles!



24 This is why God has given them up to the vileness of their hearts' lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other's bodies. 25

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FOR FALSEHOOD, BY WORSHIPPING AND SERVING

CREATED THINGS, RATHER THAN THE CREATOR— praised

be he for ever. Amen.



16 For I am not ashamed of THE GOOD NEWS, since IT IS GOD'S POWERFUL MEANS OF BRINGING SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO KEEPS ON TRUSTING, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile. 17 For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

Isaiah 5



20 Woe to those who call **EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL**, who change **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT AND LIGHT INTO DARKNESS**, who change **BITTER INTO SWEET AND SWEET INTO BITTER!**

- 21 Woe to those seeing themselves as wise, esteeming themselves as clever.
- 22 Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, men whose power goes to mixing strong drinks, 23 WHO ACQUIT THE GUILTY FOR BRIBES BUT DENY JUSTICE TO THE RIGHTEOUS!

The truth is still the truth, even if no one believes it. A lie is still a lie, even if everyone believes it.

It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals, than falsehood that comforts and then kills. It is better to be hated for telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie.

No matter how many times the lie is repeated, it does not become the truth.



"Those who don't know the truth are fools, but those who know the truth and call it a lie are criminals."

Bertolt Brecht





Why Must God Allow Evil To Grow To Its Full Expression?



God allows evil in order to prove its own inherent evil. Without evil's existence, humans could not recognize or understand the nature of Good, thus also failing to grasp the existence of evil itself. God's allowance

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS **'YOUR TRUTH.'** THERE IS **THE TRUTH** AND **YOUR OPINION.**

- Ben Shapiro

of evil to grow serves to establish an objective standard, allowing for free will and enabling, indeed <u>requiring</u> humanity to come to a final reckoning – the ultimate choosing of truth and Good over evil.

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The presence of evil provides a context for hope and the possibility of redemption. Without the evil being identified as truly evil, there would be no need for redemption – no need for the promise of a better existence brought about only by God's divine power and love.

By allowing for the expression of evil, God sets the stage for the ultimate victory of Good, which can only be asserted by His power and ability, and His goal of ultimate rejection of evil forever.

When you stand up and speak the truth, you don't just make noise; you make enemies. Truth shakes comfort.



1 "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing [Good] and the curse [evil] which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, AT LAST, YOU WILL START THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU;

2 and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today — you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.



3 At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you. 4 If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.



5 Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors. 6 Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.



7 Adonai your God will put all these curses on your enemies, on those who hated and persecuted you; 8 but you will return and pay attention to what Adonai says and obey all his mitzvot which I am giving you today. 9 Then Adonai your God will give you more than enough in everything you set out to do — the fruit of your body, the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your land will all do well; for Adonai will once again rejoice to see you do well, just as he rejoiced in your ancestors.



10 "However, all this will happen only if you pay attention to what Adonai your God says, so that you obey his mitzvot and regulations which are written in this book of the Torah, if you turn to Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being. (LY: vi) 11 For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach.



12 It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' 13 Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' 14 On the contrary, THE WORD IS VERY CLOSE TO YOU — IN YOUR MOUTH, EVEN IN YOUR HEART; THEREFORE, YOU CAN DO IT!



15 "Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, LIFE AND GOOD; AND ON THE OTHER, DEATH AND EVIL — 16 in that I am ordering you today to love Adonai your God, TO FOLLOW HIS WAYS, AND TO OBEY HIS MITZVOT, REGULATIONS AND RULINGS; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers;



and Adonai your God will bless you IN THE LAND you are entering in order to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them; 18 I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to enter and possess.



15 Adonai, God, took the person and put him in the garden of 'Eden to cultivate and care for it. 16 Adonai, God, gave the person this order: "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden 17 except the tree of THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. You are not to eat from it, because on the day that you eat from it, it will become certain that you will die."



"Did God really say, 'You are not to eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat from the fruit of the trees of the garden, 3 but about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You are neither to eat from it nor touch it, or you will die." 4 The serpent said to the woman, "It is not true that you will surely die; 5 because God knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."



6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it had a pleasing appearance and that the tree was desirable for making one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her; and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked.



22 Adonai, God, said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, to prevent his putting out his hand and taking also from the tree of life, eating, and living forever — "23 therefore Adonai, God, sent him out of the garden of 'Eden to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

24 So he drove the man out, and he placed at the east of the garden of 'Eden the k'ruvim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.



19 For although I am a free man, not bound to do anyone's bidding, I have made myself a slave to all in order to win as many people as possible. 20 That is, with Jews, what I did was put myself in the position of a Jew, in order to win Jews. With people in subjection to a legalistic perversion of the Torah, I put myself in the position of someone under such legalism, in order to win those under this legalism, even though I myself am not in subjection to a legalistic perversion of the Torah.



21 With those who live outside the framework of Torah, I put myself in the position of someone outside the Torah in order to win those outside the Torah — although I myself am not outside the framework of God's Torah but within the framework of Torah as upheld by the Messiah. 22 With the "weak" I became "weak," in order to win the "weak." With all kinds of people, I have become all kinds of things, so that in all kinds of circumstances I might save at least some of them.



14 But thanks be to God, who in the Messiah constantly leads us in a triumphal procession and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of what it means to know him! 15 For to God we are the aroma of the Messiah, both among those being saved and among those being lost; 16 to the latter, we are the smell of death leading only to more death; but to the former, we are the sweet smell of life leading to more life...



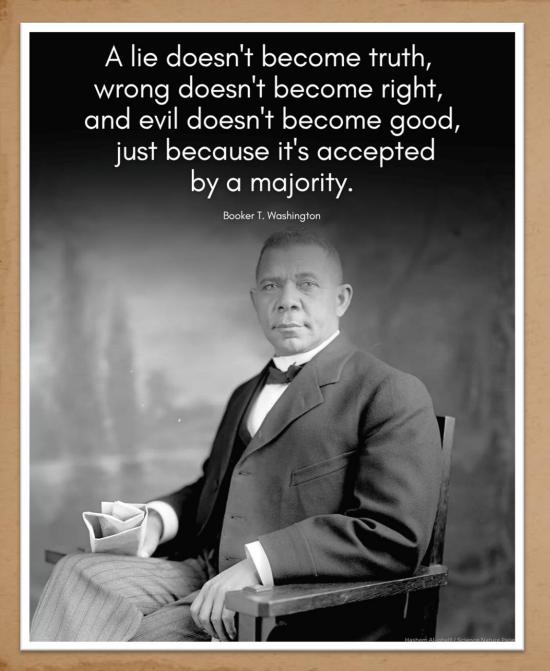
... WHO IS EQUAL TO SUCH A TASK? 17 For we are not like a lot of folks who go about huckstering God's message for a fee; on the contrary, we speak out of a sincere heart, as people sent by God, standing in God's presence, living in union with the Messiah.

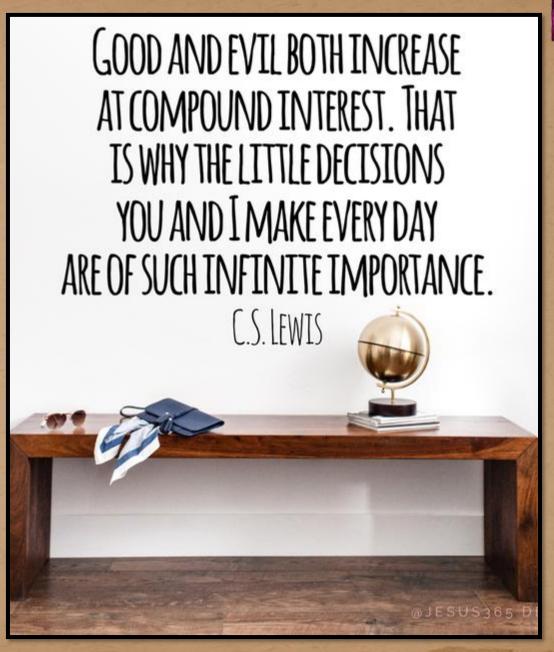
Today's Most Important Lies



God does not require the repentance that brings about the cross' full redemption nor does He require true holiness that comes only through obedience to His commands

The Jewish people are not the people of God and the Jewish claim of sovereignty over Jerusalem and the Land of Israel is illegitimate









The battleline between good and evil runs through the heart of every man. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

No one can bar the road to truth, and to advance its cause I am prepared to accept even death.