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What Is The World Coming To?

Introduction

Across the world, not marked with hurricanes, volcano eruptions, horrendous mud slides, rain and tornados; man wonders, "What is going on, or happening?" We add to that the increasing murders and bias media, the governments taking more and more control of family life, the denying of the clear distinction between the sexes, and pedophiles being able to go into girl's changing rooms etc. Further to this add the vicious hatred and opposition to anything which is of God or Christ. Churches are closing, Christians are getting slaughtered and no one cares, blatant hypocrisy and corruption flows from the highest offices in government. When we consider that the government of Canada is apparently accepting bestiality as a right, people having sex with animals, how low and depraved can a human become? Pedophiles are able to demand rights, and now an illegal in the USA is being paid some 195,000.00 dollars because the local government kept the law and handed him over for deportation. At times I just scratch my head and wonder:

- a) What has gone wrong?
- b) What is happening?
- c) What will happen next?

There is a very simple answer which comes in several avenues of truth from the scriptures.

What Has Gone Wrong?

The simple answer is two fold:

- a) When man rejects God and His principles he becomes like an animal. Daniel records how God told Nebuchadnezzar to change his ways, something he failed to do. The judgment of God fell on him and he lived like an animal. While people do not become like physical animals in a field, they do become like them in attitude and behavior (Dan. 4:13-33).
- b) When man no longer worships God he becomes like whatever god he worships (Psa. 115:3-8).

The pursuit for independence from God began in Eden when man sought to gain, what he calls, liberation, which in reality is increasing depraved bondage. Since then there has been a steady increase of wickedness, except when God intervened in judgment. Giving man a new beginning, it was not long before humanity fell back into debasement until God came in judgment again. We find it happened in Eden (Gen. 3:24), the flood (Gen. 6:5-7:7, 11-12, 17-24), and at Babel (Gen. 11:1-9). However, in the last 150 years due to the satanic teaching of evolution, man was reduced to a mistake void of any moral abilities. In other words, a purposeless piece of mass. With it and the development of its mainstream teaching, man decided that since they knew how things worked, they did not need God as Creator and thus began the empty teaching that there is no God. In the 1950's there was a movement made in the UK, "Back to the Bible". Billy Graham was being mightily used of God for the fifties, sixties and seventies. Untold millions across the globe heard the gospel, but the devil

was hard at work. At the same time the corruption of the world by rock and roll and drugs began to increase, Bible reading was taken out of school and prayer was stopped. Due to not having a moral compass, man began his downward spiral into debased corruption and evilness.

What Is Happening?

The reality is, God is giving man up to do as he wants, and it is going to get worse. Dark as all the above are, if we just see these events etc. as happenstance, then we have missed the big picture of what is happening. When we think of God's judgments we think of fierce wrath and horror, but God judges in other frightening ways such as silence and letting man have his own way, however, there will be consequences. It is these consequences that Paul, in Romans, informs us of stating God gave "man up" or "gave them over" (Rom. 1:21, 26, 28). Putting this another way, God begins to remove his restraint on man, letting them do as they desire. In such cases there are no thunder clouds of darkness just a happening spread over multiple years of God quietly, "giving man over". That which we see today in the pride parades, the same sex marriages, etc., would have been unheard of a generation ago. Men are able to go into girls changing rooms and washrooms, and now in Canada a baby has been given a birth certificate which indicates it is "genderless" and it will be that until the child determines what it is. This is not a one parents foolishness but it is an indication of the moral stupidity of the local government. Why is this happening? God is giving man over to a reprobate mind. This is not true liberation but a false liberation which is the deliberate breaking of the restraints, the laws of God, and the instructions from God's word, which always brings disease, distortion of thinking, and death.

When we consider the religious world; the blasphemous teachings and practices which are abounding which man rejoices in; lesbians joined together as husband and wife and now the pastors and bishops of churches; the pope saying that God loves everyone and everyone will be in Heaven; Islam teaching that Mohammad is greater than Christ; and Oprah stating that there are many ways to God; these are all evidences that God is giving man up morally, socially, and religiously.

What Will Happen Next?

- a) As it was in the days of Noah (Matt. 24:37)
- b) As it was in the days of Lot (Lk. 17:28-29)
- c) The judgments of God in Revelation are the retribution of God on rebellious man (ch. 6:1-19:21).

God gives to humanity advanced warning of that which lies ahead from history and the future. Historically the question is, "What was it like in the days of Lot and Noah?" God gives the answer and then the Lord informs us that, "as it was" in those days, so it will be in the future when "the Son of man is revealed" (Lk. 17:30). I fear we have been too naive or blinded by sin or business to really comprehend how bad things are going to get and that we have not seen the worst, and thank God.

- 1) God's answer to the question, "What was it like in the days of Lot and Noah?"
 - a) We are given the answer in several passages of the scriptures of truth. The Holy Spirit recorded, "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" (Gen. 6:5); "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth" (Gen. 6:11, 12). Note the words used to describe this sphere and humanity:
 - i) "The wickedness of man was great"
 1. The word translated "wickedness" (Gen. 6:5) indicates an individual who is morally bad, marked by utter depravity.
 2. "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually". The word translated "evil" means to be so broken so that it is worthless. Just as a piece of china etc. would fall on the floor breaking into multiple pieces and could never be put together again and only fit for discarding, so man is, only fit for discarding.
 - ii) "The earth was corrupt, and filled with violence" (Gen. 6:11)
 1. Corrupt, there are two words used to describe the corruption of man in Genesis 6:11-12. However, they are closely connected so we will deal with them as a unit. It means, "to lie in ruins, to pervert ones way and then to act wickedly, to corrupt wisdom, the loss of all integrity and practicing deceit.
 - iii) "It" (the earth was corrupt), for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. The very earth which is amoral is corrupted by man.
- 2) Added to this the Lord said, "But as the days of Noe (Noah) were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of

the Son of man be” (Matt. 24:37-39). There was a carelessness of impending judgment, man lived for the present. I find the expression, “giving in marriage” interesting, for it is made up of the word “ek”, out of, and to me indicates “an out of marriage”, that is, marriage is no longer a divine definition but rather a total disregard for that which marriage is, a man and a woman, and today such is verging on hate speech. The days of Lot were the same (Lk. 17:28-30).

- 3) Paul wrote to the saints at Thessalonica informing them that, the One who letteth (old word for “restrains”) “will let, until He be taken out of the way” (2 Thess. 2:7). Putting it in today’s language, “He who now restrain will restrain until He be taken out of the way”, that is, the Holy Spirit through the church is restraining the overt tide of rebellion and wickedness. When the church is gone then the work of the Holy Spirit will change. No longer will He be a Restrainer but will still be the Convicter of sin. He is taken out of the way, not removed from this world for people will be saved after the church is gone, and they can only be saved by the convicting of the Holy Spirit. It means that is He will change double roles of being a restrainer and convicter of sin to only being a convicter of sin. Then the wickedness of man will run unrestrained; sin will cumulate with the man of sin professing to be God; Satan universally worshipped; and open defiance against the government of God, the sacrifice of the Lord, the laws of God, the holiness of God, and the glorification of Christ as God’s anointed. This is why the seal judgments, etc. of Revelation are executed, ending with the present earth being no more.

Concluding Thoughts

As Peter informs His readers, “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness” (2 Pet. 3:11).

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