



SO, WHY HASN'T GOD DESTROYED EVIL?

Isaiah 5:18-19: (The Message) ¹⁸Doom to you who use lies to sell evil, who haul sin to market by the truckload, ¹⁹Who say, What's God waiting for? Let him get a move on so we can see it. Whatever The Holy of Israel has cooked up, we'd like to check it out.



We believe in God. He is the Almighty Creator. But if you look around, what do you see? Watch the news and you will not only get depressed but probably scared as well. Here in our country several Christians were gunned down while at a Bible study. A local sheriff was murdered while putting gas in his car, and a nine-year old girl was killed by a stray bullet in her home while doing her homework. In the Middle East people are slaughtered by the hundreds and thousands because of their religion or sexual orientation. So, what is wrong with this picture? Where is God's almighty power? Is He even paying attention?

The four potential ways we can look at God and His involvement with our world:

1. God is **NOT** able to stop evil and does not care to.

2. God is **NOT** able to stop evil though He would stop it if He could.

3. God **IS** able to stop evil but He doesn't want to.

4. God **IS** able to stop evil and will absolutely stop it.



If God IS able to stop evil - and He will absolutely stop it - why are we sitting in this big mess we are in?

 **Definition of evil, *The Psychology of Evil*, Phil Zimbardo, TED Talk**

- *The negative that people can become, not the negative that people are, leads me to a psychological definition: evil is the exercise of power. And that's the key - it's about power to intentionally harm people psychologically, to hurt people physically, to destroy people mortally or ideas and to commit crimes against humanity.*

Evil permeates the world in which we live. Evil is not only present, but it is obvious. We firmly believe the Bible teaches Option 4: God IS able to stop evil and will absolutely stop it - God has a plan. Not only does He have a plan; He is working His plan and it is all about the eradication of sin and death from this world and replacing with the institution of righteousness and life. We believe His plan is laid out for us in Scripture, and we need to observe and understand it.



We received an email this week from a listener. She commented that we are the first ones she has listened to or talked with who explains how we come about an answer instead of just saying, "That's how it is."

That is what we are really trying to do with this program. We state what we believe but more importantly *why* we believe it, and *how* we put together the reasoning of getting to that belief.

First, we believe evil is not only present but is continually getting worse. If we want to understand Jesus and truly understand what he taught, we have to understand the basis of his teachings - much is from the Old Testament.

Old Testament prophecy:

Daniel 12:1: (NASB) *Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.*

This is Daniel's prophecy of the great time of trouble. We are living in that day.

Jesus verifies it in his great prophecy of his return:

Matthew 24:21-24: (NASB) ²¹*For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. (It sounds like Jesus is quoting what said Daniel said word for word.)* ²²*Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. (That shows us how devastating the trouble can become. Jesus is expanding the prophecy of Daniel but following exactly what Daniel is saying at the same time.)* ²³*Then if anyone says to you, Behold, here is the Christ, or there he is, do not believe him.* ²⁴*For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.*

There is a lot of misleading and deception going on now, but if you understand God's word and His plan, by God's grace, you will not be deceived.



We also know God has planned a different ending to the chaos we see unfolding:


Daniel 2:44: (NASB) *In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.*

Daniel referred to the image King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream when the big rock cut out without hands destroyed the image, ground it up and blew it away in the wind. That big rock represented the kingdom of God.

Daniel prophesied that during the times when all these things are happening, God's kingdom will take over and crush - destroy - blow away - all the particles of what was left of the old system. It is very hopeful but does not sound comfortable. It will be difficult.

If God is capable of and has a plan to get rid of sin and evil, why did He allow it in the first place?

The purpose of the permission of evil is to show humankind an **unforgettable firsthand experience** with evil. It is for the purpose of teaching humankind the disastrous results of life lived without God as its center and to teach the consequences of disobedience to God's direction. The permission of evil will show humankind the sinfulness of sin so that we *may never ever wish to go back to such a way of life ever again*. Mankind was given free will in the beginning. We were created to make choices. God is not ever going to take away our free will; He is going to organize the environment in which free will can operate.



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was created,
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and disobeyed.

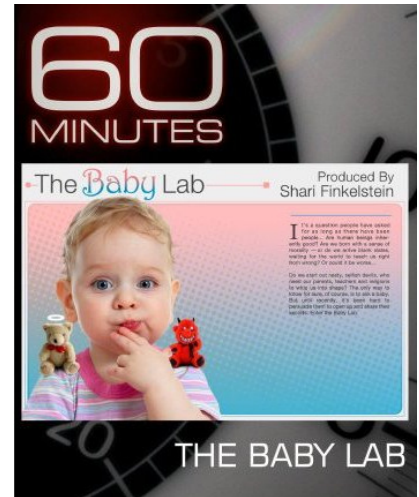
Genesis 1:27-28: (NASB) *²⁷God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.*



We were created in God's image. We have creativity, the ability to reason and choose - and therefore to rule. We were given the ability to have dominion. Built into humanity is some form of the image of God.

Experiment setup/born good, Babies Help Unlock Morality, 60 Minutes

- (Lesley Stahl) Does Wesley here, at the ripe old age of five months, know the difference between right and wrong? Wesley watches as the puppet in the center struggles to open up a box with a toy inside. The puppy in the yellow shirt comes over and lends a hand. Then the scene repeats itself, but this time the puppy in the blue shirt comes and slams the box shut. Nice behavior, mean behavior, at least to our eyes, but is that how a five-month old sees it and does he have preference?
- (Annie) Wesley, do you remember these guys from the show...?



God placed an immediate test before mankind:

Genesis 3:3: (KJV) *But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

God was saying, obey. Several times He told them about the Tree of Good and Evil - see [Genesis 2:9](#), [2:17](#), and [3:5](#). They were supposed to work the garden. God specifically told them not to touch the tree or eat from it. A wrong choice was made! They had free will. Every choice we make reflects the strength of our allegiance to one object of worship or another; therefore our daily choices speak volumes. That choice reflected Adam's obedience. He made the wrong choice and God knew.

Genesis 3:11-13: (KJV) *¹¹And he said, who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹²And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³And the LORD God said unto the woman, what is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

In God's justice when we are given a choice - even if the circumstances are not perfect - we have to be accountable for that choice. There are consequences for those choices.

Here are the MAJOR consequences for Adam's disobedience:

Genesis 3:23-24: (KJV) *²³Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

CONSEQUENCES

God chased them out of the garden. Could He instead just have told them not to do it again? Just like a loving father, God taught them right from wrong, and this is where the permission of evil actually begins. God allowed Adam to make that choice. Not only were they separated from their source



of eternal life, their offspring would never have the experience of that life source.

Their offspring will be born with the inherent deficiency of sin:

Psalms 51:5: (KJV) Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

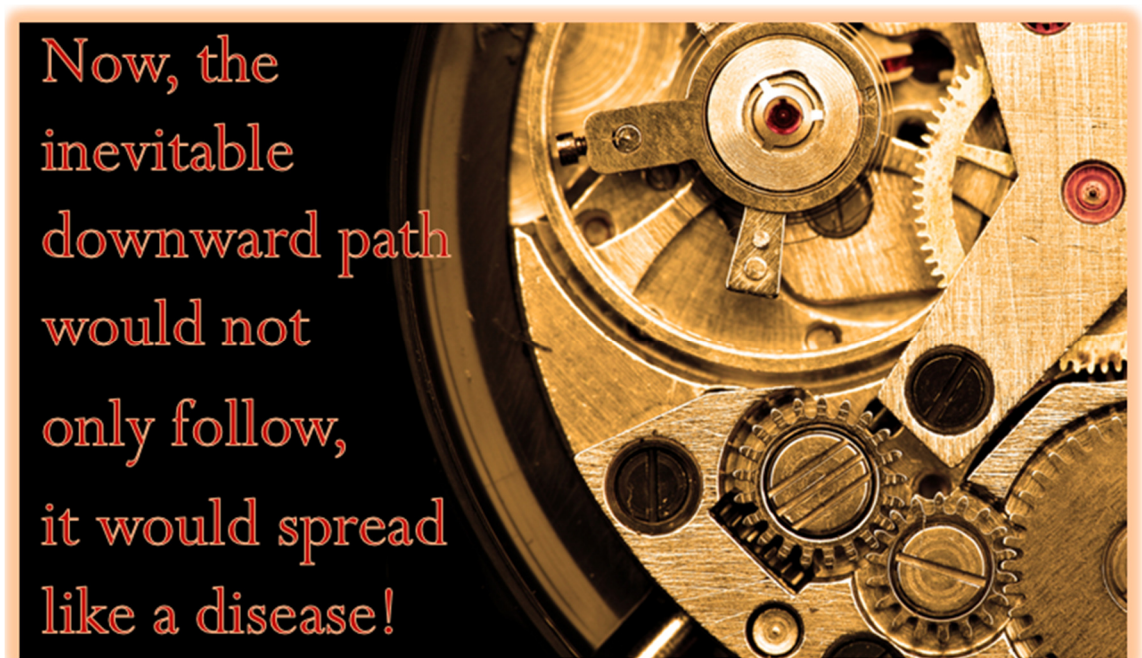
That is the lot of every subsequent human being, except for Jesus.

 **Villain or hero, *The Psychology of Evil*, Phil Zimbardo, TED Talk**

- *So, the Lucifer Effect involves understanding human character transformations with these three factors, and it's a dynamic interplay. What do people bring into the situation, what does the situation bring out of them and what is the system that creates and maintains that situation? So my book, "The Lucifer Effect" recently published is about how do you understand how good people turn evil and has a lot of details about what I'm going to talk about today. Dr. Z's Lucifer Effect - although focuses on evil is really is about the celebration of the human mind's infinite capacity to make any of us kind or cruel, caring or indifferent, creative or destructive, and it makes some of us villains. And the good news story that I'm hopefully going to come to at the end is that it makes some of us heroes.*

In Phil Zimbardo's book, he also discusses the power is in the system. You cannot change the people without changing the system. There is a system of evil in place and if you try to change the people without changing the system, it cannot happen.

Romans 3:23: (KJV) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;



Why would God allow us to be doomed because Adam ate a piece of fruit? It is a much larger principle than that. We are doomed to experience the consequence of disobedience and the fact that disobedience had not only



initial consequences but also longstanding consequences that get worse and worse.

Genesis 6:5-6: (KJV) *⁵And 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. ⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at his heart.*

God is looking at how far down mankind has gone and how quickly it went downhill. Look at the first murder with Adam and Eve's children - it only got worse from there. God allowed evil to enter into the realm of humanity because of disobedience. Now He allows the consequence of disobedience to fester and grow because how else can we learn what evil produces unless we actually see it?

How is any of this good?

We are allowed by God to not only feel the consequence of Adam's original sin, but to have it compounded in the lives of the generations to follow.



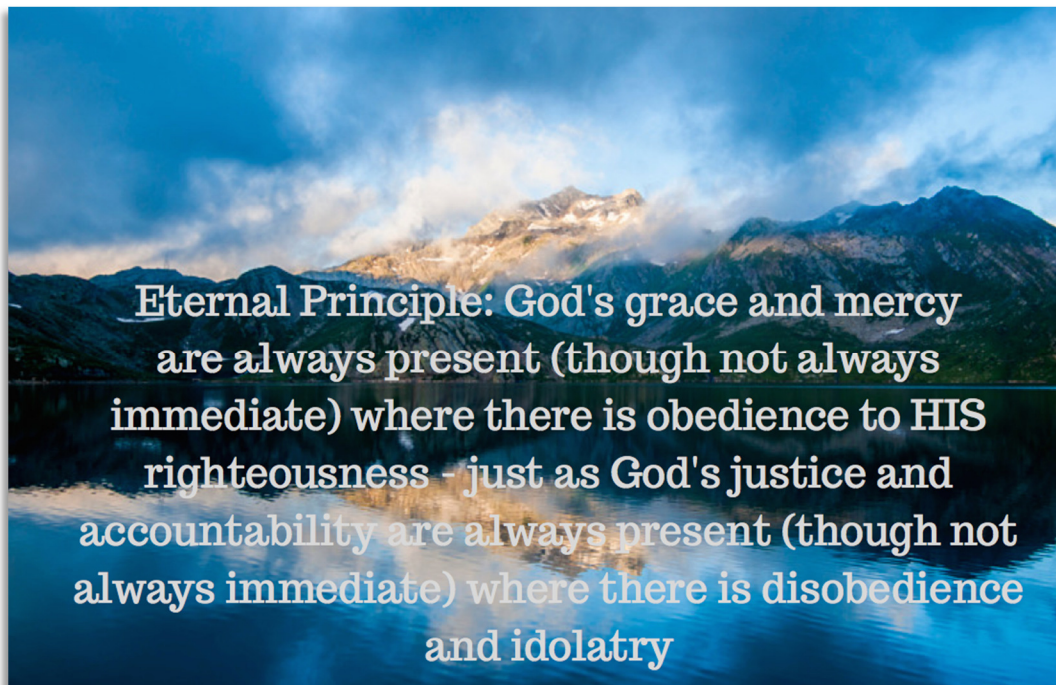
No matter when or where you live, if you obey the rules of righteousness according to God's definition of righteousness, there is always a reward.

Noah is a good example of being rewarded for righteousness:

Genesis 6:8: (KJV) *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*



Throughout this program we will talk about five eternal principles.



 Picked the nice one, *Born Good - Babies Help Unlock Morality, 60 Minutes*

- *(Lesley Stahl) To find out, a researcher who doesn't know which puppet was nice and which was mean offers Wesley a choice.*
- *(Annie) Who do you like?*
- *(Lesley Stahl) He can't answer, but he can reach.*
- *(Annie) That one.*
- *(Lesley Stahl) Wesley chose the good guy and he wasn't alone. More than three quarters of the babies tested reached for the nice puppet.*
- *(Annie) That one.*

At five months old, these tests showed babies were more approving of the puppet that was "nice."

Prophecies described this disconnect with righteousness and its result: (Our theme text)

Isaiah 5:18-25: (NASB) ¹⁸Woe to those who drag iniquity with the cords of falsehood, And sin as if with cart ropes; ¹⁹Who say, Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it; And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near And come to pass, that we may know it!

This is what sin and evil produces - a proud, inside out and backwards approach to the life God gave us.



The Scriptures define “situational ethics,” which truly sounds like our day:

²⁰Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight! ²²Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine and valiant men in mixing strong drink, ²³Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!

God allows evil for the sake of the experience, but will make sure the just consequences of such actions are felt:

²⁴Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble and dry grass collapses into the flame, so their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

This is where we think a lot of Christians go wrong in understanding God and the permission of evil. A lot of Christians look at God as reactionary. God’s anger at sin *is not reactionary*; rather it is meaningful and focused for the good of the sinner! That is the character of God. His reaction is not from an emotional response; it is because of a plan.

²⁵On this account the anger of the LORD has burned against His people, And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down. And the mountains quaked, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this His anger is not spent, but His hand is still stretched out.



A caller from Connecticut suggests: The issue here is one of trusting in God by faith. Throughout the history of the Jewish people, the people heard that God had delivered them and opened up the Red Sea. History’s darkest hour is the Lord Jesus’ crucifixion but God will prevail ultimately. One reason for the permission of evil is for an example to the angels.

God’s anger must always be considered in the context of God’s promises, for without looking at both, we cannot see the true MEANING of his anger. God permits evil for a purpose.

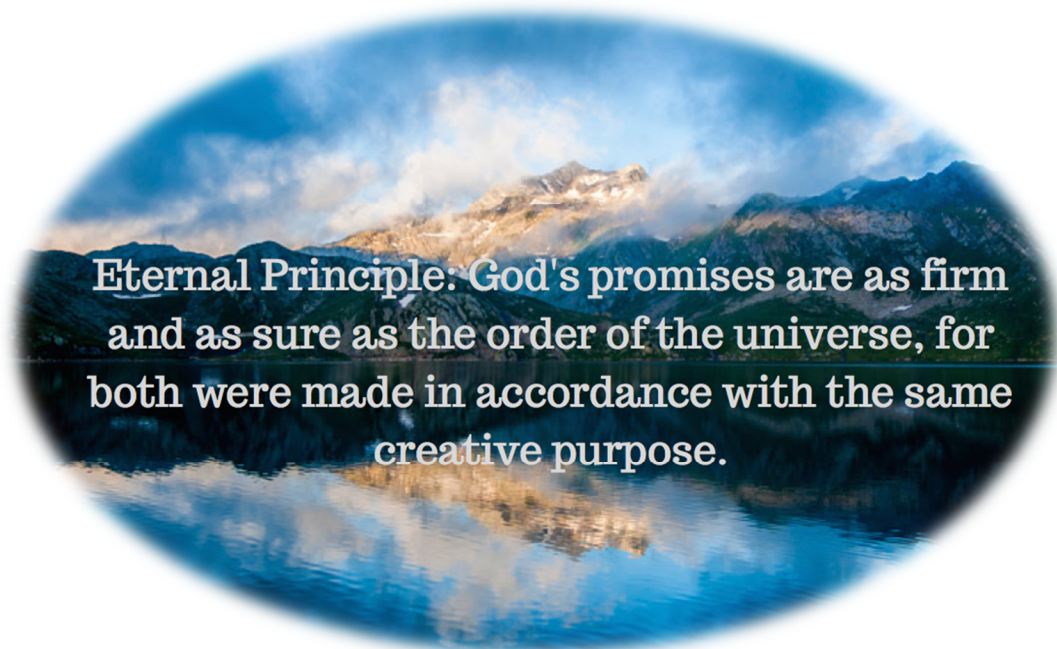




Genesis 22:15-18: (KJV) ¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, ¹⁶And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: ¹⁷That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ¹⁸And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

There is a lot of hope in these texts! When it says *all the nations of the earth shall be blessed because you have obeyed my voice*, it is the exact antithesis of what happened with Adam. With Adam, all of his posterity was cursed because of his disobedience. Here because of Abraham's obedience all the nations of the earth - which includes all of Abraham's posterity - will be blessed. This is a broad and inclusive promise - but how does this blessing fit into the evil of *our* day?

Evil is a result or consequence of a lack of loyalty to God, a lack of following His ways. God does not take away our ability to have free choice. With free choice He will institute a consequence for that free choice if it is not in accordance with His will.



The promises God gives us to eradicate evil for His kingdom are not just lip service, they are as firm as the universe itself because they come from exactly the same source. Some people believe that the promise to Abraham was nullified because the Law was given and then the Gospel came to light. Was that promise to Abraham ever nullified or voided for any reason? No. That is the secret of the permission of evil. God's promises were given and then given time to develop in a very unusual way.

 **Seven social processes of evil, The Psychology of Evil, Phil Zimbardo, TED Talk**

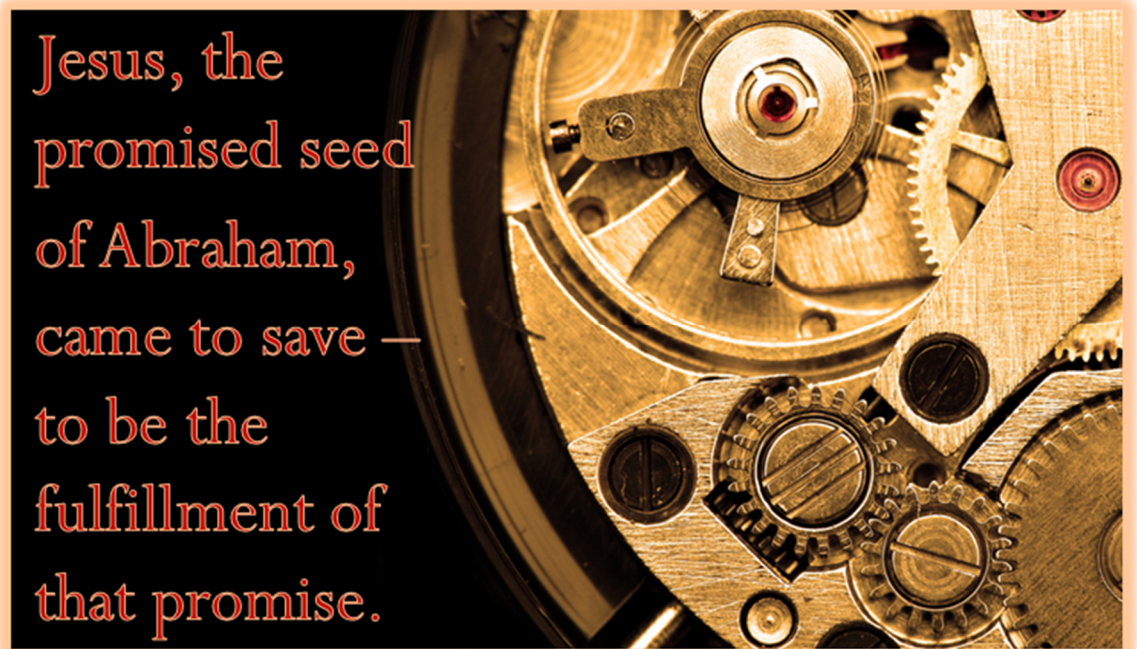
- *So, what are the seven social processes that grease the slippery slope of evil? Mindlessly taking the first small step, dehumanization of others, de-individualization of self, diffusion of personal responsibility, blind obedience to authority, uncritical conforming to group norms, passive tolerance of evil*



through inaction or indifference, and it happens when you're in a new or unfamiliar situation to a response pattern that doesn't work. Your personality and morality are disengaged. Nothing is easier than to denounce the evildoer, nothing more difficult than understanding him, Doestoevsky tells us.

In the sound byte he is talking about the development of evil into a system and if there is evil in the system you can't change the people within the evil system. God's plan is in place to change the system and the people.

How do God's promises work? Slowly, over time so they can deliver eternal results.



Galatians 3:16: (NASB) *Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, and to seeds, as referring to many, but rather to one, and to your seed, that is, Christ.*

Romans 5:18-19: (KJV) ¹⁸*Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

How was Jesus' obedience defined? Through the Law - the Law was a necessary identifier of sin:

Romans 7:7-8: (NASB) ⁷*What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, you shall not covet. ⁸But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead.*

In our world today when people say, "this is right for me," they are avoiding the principles of morality that have been laid out for us generations ago.



Even though the Law identified sin, it could not bring humanity into complete harmony with God, for humanity was inherently sinful:

Galatians 3:21-25: (NASB) ²¹Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. ²²But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

The process of God bringing righteousness about to cancel out evil is a slow and methodical process that started with allowing sin and then allowing its consequences but giving a promise and rewarding righteousness, giving the Law to identify sin and now faith comes into the picture. We do not have to live by the letter of the Law but the spirit of the Law.

What was needed to bring man back to God was a just trade to pay the price for Adam and pave the way for evil and death to be removed from the human experience:

1 Corinthians 15:21-23: (KJV) ²¹For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

There is justice in God’s permission of evil. He allows it to happen to everybody and it gives everybody the way out through the sacrifice of Jesus.



A caller from Connecticut suggests: I think evil has to exist. It’s not a perfect world. It’s how you handle it. If you have God in your life you know that these people who are doing wrong - God will take care of them. He will forgive their sins. I don’t believe in payback. You have to have a strong faith.

Evil has to exist and people need to be shown what it produces. Righteousness will prevail. That is parenting at its very best.

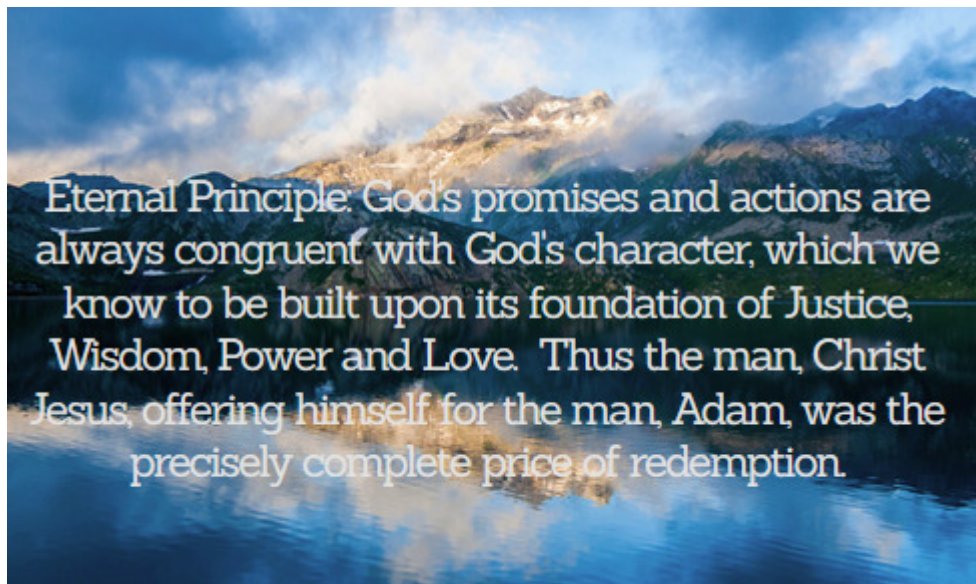
))) Three months/picked the nice one, *Born Good - Babies Help Unlock Morality, 60 Minutes*

- (Lesley Stahl) Wynn tried it out on even younger babies, three-month olds, who can’t control their arms enough to reach. But they can vote with their eyes, since research has shown that even very young babies look longer at things they like.
 - (Annie) Which one do you like?
 - (Lesley Stahl) Daisy looked at the mean puppet for five seconds; then switched to the nice one for thirty-three.
 - (Karen Wynn) Babies even at three months, looked towards the nice character and looked hardly at all, much, much shorter times, towards the unhelpful character.
- (Lesley Stahl) So, basically as young as three-months old, we human beings show a preference for nice people over mean people.





If the price has been paid, then why is evil still dominating our world?



Special Visitor Tim Allen: This is a question about the video gaming going on out there. There are older kids, the ones looking at hours of these videos and identifying enemies in these videos. Listening to these three-month old and five-month old children on this program, their minds are around the violence and they are now identifying certain classes of people and they are destroying them. Tragic!



It is showing that you have a positive basis, this positive righteousness to start from. It is like pure water then you pour mud into it then wonder why the water is muddy. It is a tragedy that humanity has some good attached to it but gets corrupted, and the habit of corruption gets bigger, deeper and stronger as technology grows.

For the sake of the human race, sin and evil must be allowed to have their full reign. We must see how sin and evil permeates our best thinking, how they pollute our best technology and how they prevent our best efforts at peace and harmony from being truly successful. This takes time - it takes generations.

The principle of the time factor is shown to us in Scripture:

Genesis 15:16: (NASB) *Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.* **Daniel 8:23:** (NASB) *In the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue.*



Things take time to develop. Every form of government has tried to live a great life in their own nation and everything has failed because of selfishness, evil and pride. God is going to make sure mankind exhausts every avenue so they prove to themselves they cannot do it without God. No matter what way we try, we end up with failure because it is godless. God is not in a hurry. It is but for a moment compared to eternity.



Need a social paradigm shift, *The Psychology of Evil*, Phil Zimbardo, TED Talk

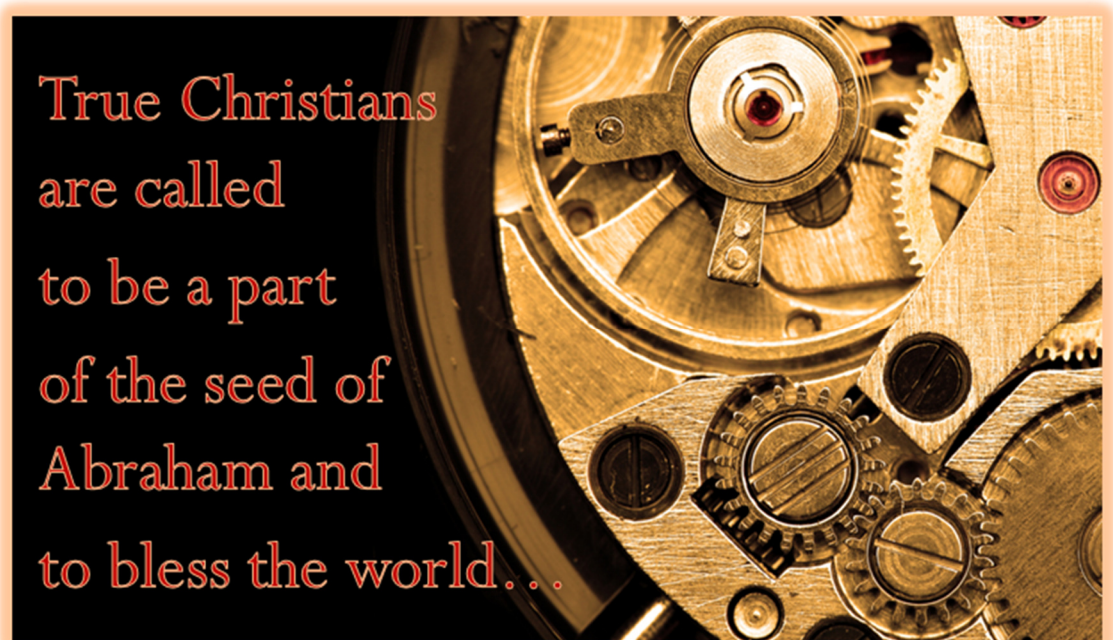
- You need a paradigm shift in all of these areas. The shift is away from the medical model that focuses only on the individual; the shift is toward a public health model that recognized situational and systemic vectors of disease. Bullying is a disease, prejudice is a disease, violence is a disease, and since the Inquisition we have been dealing with problems at the individual level and you know what, it doesn't work. Alexander Solzhenitsyn says a line between good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. That means that line is not out there. That is a decision you have to make, that's a personal thing.*

We need not only an individual paradigm shift; we need a social paradigm shift. That is exactly what God's plan is doing. He is permitting evil to run its full course but is inaugurating that social paradigm shift.

In the midst of the darkness God brings hope:

Isaiah 60:1-3: (NASB) ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

In the midst of the darkness comes the light. That is the social paradigm shift that Phil Zimbardo was hoping for, but he does not understand that according to Bible prophecy what he is hoping for is already in place ready to happen at the right time.





Galatians 3:26-29: (KJV) ²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

If you are *heirs according to the promise*, the promise was to bless all the families of the earth. That is what you inherit - the ability to bless all the families of the earth. That is why the permission of evil is allowed to go on. That paradigm shift is already in process for being implemented on a worldwide scale. True followers of Christ are being proved faithful even as we speak.

This call also takes time to complete its development as the world waits in sin's darkness:

Romans 8:16-19: (KJV) ¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory, which shall be revealed in us. (This describes the reward of the righteous. If you suffer with him, you will reign with him. For the true follower of Christ, that is a wonderful promise!) ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (Now this is where the rest of the world comes into play...)

Who is *the creature*? It is the whole world of mankind. Who are *the sons of God*? They are the footstep followers of Jesus.

What the world is looking for is an answer, but what they are really waiting for is the manifestation of the sons of God because the sons of God are promised to be able to bless all the families of the earth. The word *manifestation* means "apocalypse." So, at the very end time the sons of God will be identified before the blessings will flow to the world. It is a full revealing and how the paradigm shift is going to happen will be completely understood.

God puts the spark of His image in humanity. It is allowed to go sour because of choice. The consequences of choices are allowed to fester, grow and corrupt the entire world. Then Jesus sacrifices himself - a perfect man (Jesus) in exchange for a perfect man (Adam). Justice is satisfied and everyone that goes down "into the mud" therefore has an opportunity for life without the mud of sin.

 **Many studies/same conclusions, *Born Good - Babies Help Unlock Morality, 60 Minutes***

- (Karen Wynn) *Study after study after study, the results are consistently babies feeling positively towards helpful individuals in the world and disapproving, disliking, maybe condemning individuals who are anti-social towards others.*
- (Lesley Stahl) *It's astonishing. Wynn and her team first published their findings of baby morality in the journal "Nature" in 2007 and they've continue to publish follow-up studies in other peer-reviewed journals ever since.*

We are created in God's image and have polluted that almost entirely until it is almost unrecognizable in so many cases. The permission of evil is not just about free will, it is about free will and the degradation it can bring under the



context of sin and then drawing that free will to a different context, to a paradigm shift to something bigger and greater.

Massive amounts of trouble as evil increases:

Psalms 46:1-3: (NKJV) *¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah*

We cannot take everything in the Bible literally. Please refer to the program from September 4, 2011, "Is the Bible Literal or Symbolic?"



Earth = Stable Society



Mountains = Governments



Sea = Restless Humanity

Yet there is a glimmer of hope:

Psalms 46:4-7: (NKJV) *⁴There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. ⁶The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. That is an important part of this process because at the break of dawn, at the time of a new day is when God's help will come in, when we are in the darkness in the present evil world. It is always darkest before the dawn. The dawn is coming! The paradigm shift is coming! God's change of society is coming!

How does it all look when the sin and evil part is finally over?

To us it is inconceivable to think that God would allow evil to exist for six thousand years with no end game in mind. It is inconceivable for us to think that God is so uncaring He is just going to allow billions and billions of people to never have a taste for what righteousness looks like. This brings us to the next eternal principle:



Eternal Principle: God's sense of timing is eternal, so even though His accomplishment of His plans to eradicate sin and evil may seem to take forever to us, they are but moments in His eyes and heart.

That is a principle we always have to hold onto. Remember earlier in [Psalms 46](#), the “mountains” are crumbling and the “earth” is melting (all symbols) but it was all bad. Now [Psalms 46:8-11](#) takes that glimmer and makes it a great shining light.

All of this destruction and mayhem! Here is how it ends:

[Psalms 46:8-11](#): (NKJV) ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, who has made desolations in the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. ¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

That is how we know these are symbols: Earlier in [Psalms 46](#) it said the earth melted, but here it is says, *I will be exalted in the earth.*

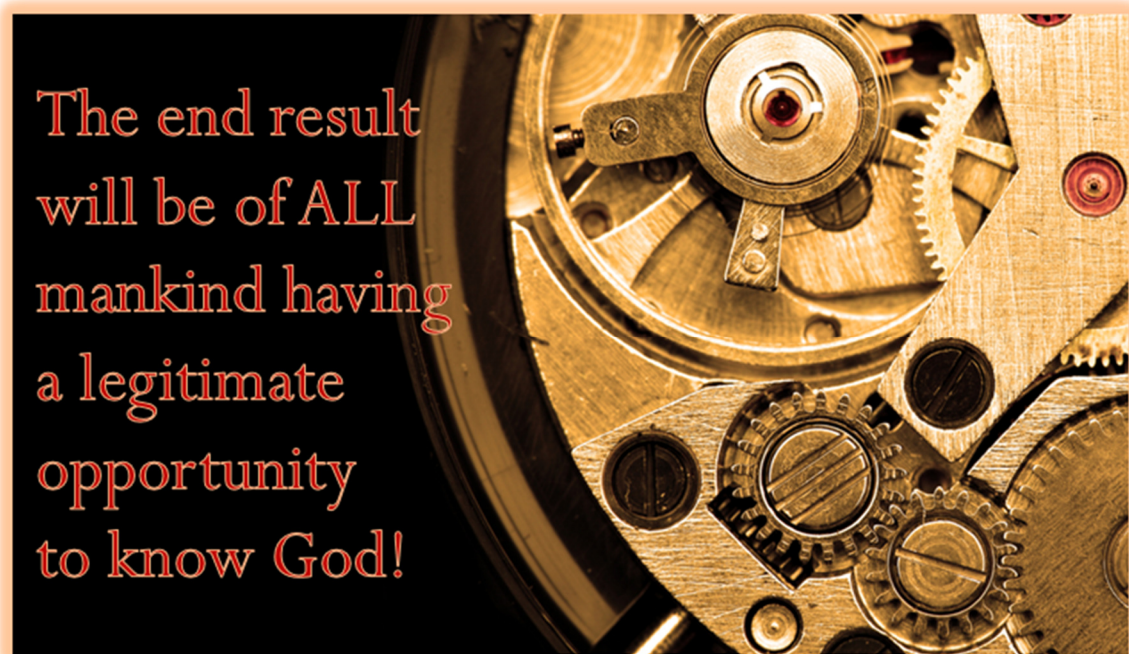
 **Heroism as the antidote to evil, [The Psychology of Evil](#), Phil Zimbardo, TED Talk**

- *Heroism as the antidote to evil by promoting the heroic imagination, especially in our kids in our educational system. We want kids to think, “I’m a hero in waiting for the right situation to come along and I will act heroically.” My whole life is now going to focus away from evil that I’ve been in since I was a kid to understanding heroes. They now think that heroism is ordinary people doing heroic deeds. It’s the counterpoint to Hannah Arendt’s banality of evil. Our traditional societal heroes are wrong because they are the exception. They organize their whole life around this, that’s why we know their names and our kid’s heroes are also the wrong models for them because they have supernatural talents. We want our kids to realize most heroes are everyday people and the heroic act is unusual.*





True heroism comes from everyday people. When we look at the prophets of old, the Apostles and the average individual God chose in the biblical accounts, we see regular people doing extraordinary things.



Isaiah 35:5-10: (KJV) ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: (This looks like healing. What Jesus did when he first came was to show a picture of what was coming. These people were not permanently healed and eventually all died. He showed us a glimmer of hope to see what this bright light would look like.) for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. ⁸And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. (This shows the emotional and spiritual healing of the internal man once they are resurrected and go through judgment. It is a rehabilitative process.) ⁹No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This prophecy is something to look forward to!

Brotherhood: Jeremiah 31:34: (KJV) And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The default in society will be, "Yes, we know about God." Once the paradigm shift takes place, everyone will follow after God.

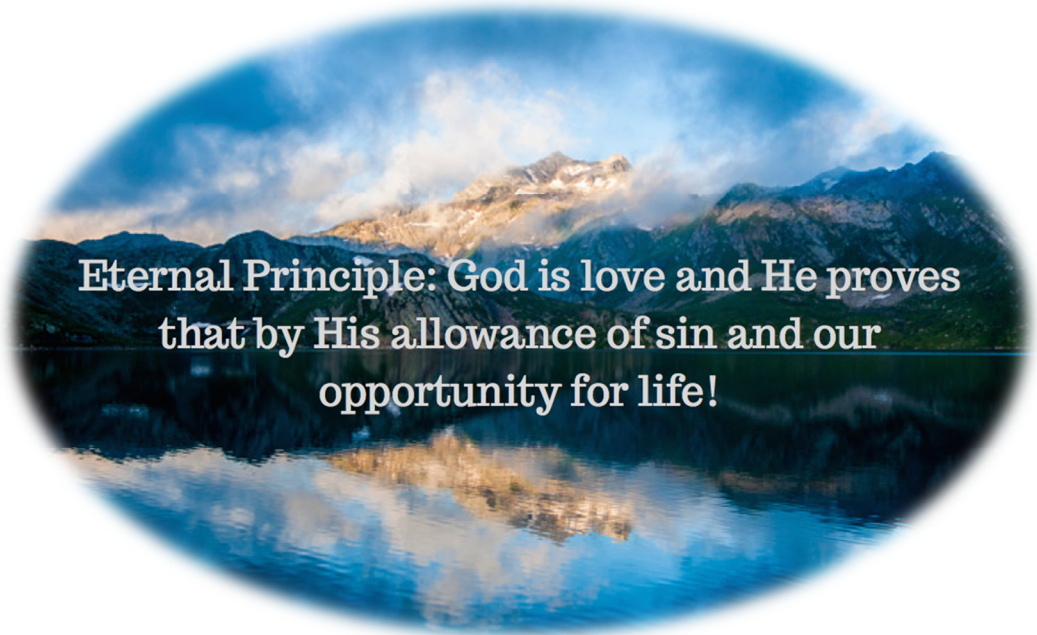
Unity: Zephaniah 3:9: (KJV) For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one consent.

No more confusion. There will be one language and one way to go. The existence and experience of evil will have gone through its full and complete



purpose - to expose evil for what it truly is and expose sins for what they truly are. Sins are godless actions and behaviors that God in due time will say, "You had the experience, now what are you going to do with it?" He will provide for a rehabilitation process in a perfect environment without temptation so each individual can choose to follow after God.

Peace: Micah 4:1-5: (KJV) *¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; (There is a choice. There is a paradigm shift - a social change - God's kingdom.) and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. (God's permission of evil tells us there is nothing to fear in the long run.) ⁴But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. ⁵For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.*



God is not allowing anyone to be lost unless they will choose that later on as a result in the Day of Judgment. For now, sin and evil reign ONLY FOR A TIME so we can experience how bad they are and see the greatness in the glory of God. This brighter day is made possible because Jesus came as a sacrifice for all mankind.

**So, why hasn't God destroyed evil?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!**





**And now even more to think about...
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A few more Scriptures to support our discussion...

First, verifying the open door to salvation for non-followers of Jesus:

1 Timothy 2:3-6: (KJV) ³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; ⁴Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the **knowledge <1922>** of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; ⁶Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Strong's #1922 epignosis (ep-ig'-no-sis); recognition,
i.e. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement

Hebrews 2:9: (KJV) *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

Jesus' true followers attain salvation as a separate and distinct class from the world who also attain salvation.

Acts 3:25-26: (KJV) ²⁵Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. ²⁶Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

1 John 2:2: (KJV) *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Romans 11:25: (KJV) *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*

Daniel 12:1-4: (NASB) ¹Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but **the others to disgrace and everlasting (age-lasting, meaning they will need to be made right before God by changing their ways) contempt.** ³Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and **those who lead the many to righteousness**, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

John 14:1-3: (NASB) ¹Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. ²In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also.



More prophecies on the incredible conditions that the world will experience in the future:

Daniel 2:44-45: (NASB) *⁴⁴In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.*

Isaiah 11:9: (KJV) *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Revelation 21:1-4: (KJV) *¹And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ²And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. ⁴And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

What a powerful promise!

Genesis 22:16-18: (KJV) *¹⁶And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: ¹⁷That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ¹⁸And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

One last view of how to understand God's long view of the history of sin and evil in the world of humanity. God sees things through ages - periods of time - through which He has methodically implemented His plan.

Consider these Scriptures:

Hebrews 11:3: (NASB) *By faith we understand that the **worlds <165>** were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.*

Worlds = ages

Ages = periods of time prepared for our eternal benefit

Matthew 21:19: (KJV) *And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward **forever <165>**. And presently the fig tree withered away.*

Fig tree = Israel

They would be cast off for a long time - during the next age from when Jesus spoke - the age of the Gospel.

Matthew 24:3: (KJV) *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the **world <165>**?*

The end of the age of the Gospel... *When shall these things be?* Referred to the temple's destruction and the end of the Jewish age of favor.



These next texts all refer to the end of the age of the Gospel:

Matthew 28:20: (KJV) *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the **world <165>**. Amen.*

Matthew 13:39: (KJV) *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the **world <165>**; and the reapers are the angels.*

Matthew 13:40: (KJV) *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this **world <165>**.*

Matthew 13:49: (KJV) *So shall it be at the end of the **world <165>**: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,*

This text refers to the age of God's kingdom:

Mark 10:30: (KJV) *But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the **world <165>** to come eternal life.*