

Wanted: A Few Good Men

Ezekiel 22:30

As to-day is Fathers' Day; why don't we look fathers from God's perspective; and it's not like the media portrays them.

If the devil wanted to destroy society; what would he do? He might crash the economy; he might cause a major natural disaster; he might bring foreign invaders.

But a God fearing people would pull together and seek the Lord.

2 Chronicles 7: 12 to 14 - And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, & will forgive their sin, & will heal their land.

So, the devil had to get people out of that close relationship that they had with the Lord Jesus Christ. His success rate is very high. He started with Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3: 9 to 19 - And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And 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. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy

sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art , and unto dust shalt thou return.

But, it didn't end there. The Bible is full of his triumphs. And the devil really gloats, when he is able to get God's people to fall, and they then cause others to stumble. He really came close in the days of Noah.

Genesis 6: 1 to 7 - And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 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. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

The devil thought that he had check mated Our Lord, but....

Genesis 6: 8 - But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Later, our adversary scored big when he caught one of God's prophets in a weak moment.

Joshua 24: 9 & 10 - Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse

you: But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

What exactly did Balaam do that caused so much trouble?

Revelation 2: 14 - But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

And after God cleaned out the dross in His people; He judged Balaam, Balak, and Moab. But be careful; for what caused Balaam to fall is still around to-day.

2 Peter 2: 15 & 16 - Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

And with what goes on in the world to-day, men have an uphill battle.

Starting with the education system which is stacked against boys growing up as God intended. If they don't submit to the controlling influences, they are forcefully put on drugs like Ritalin, or else they are banned from school. Besides destroying their initiative, which leads to poor scores; now young men are having many more heart attacks.

What's going on these days, is similar to how Willie Lynch rendered the slaves to a learned helpless condition. He destroyed the family structure; destroyed men's manhood, & putting women into positions that God didn't.

But the situation is not lost; for Our Lord Jesus Christ specializes in restoring those whom the devil has destroyed.

Matthew 11: 28 to 30 - Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Getting saved is the most important thing that anyone can do; both men and women. And with the Full Gospel of salvation, healing and deliverance; the

help that Our Lord Jesus Christ gave them years ago is still available for us to-day.

Matthew 4: 23 & 24 - And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

And besides restoring men; God also restores families; to the structure that He set up.

Ephesians 5: 21 to 33 - Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

And men, after getting saved; finding and marrying the virtuous woman that God has provided for you; is the next most important thing to do. And in spite of all the selfishness and insanity in the world to-day; Our Lord Jesus will help you and your family through all the devil's storms.

Mark 4: 37 to 41 - And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the

ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

But men, God has a special task for you.

Ezekiel 22: 30 - And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

How did things get so bad?

Ezekiel 22: 23 to 31 - And the Word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

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