

Angry with the World

Part One

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- “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

This Is A Fallen World

- Gen. 3:16-19, 23 - “To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.’ 17 Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return...’ 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.”

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- Ecc. 2:23 - “For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.”
- Isa. 24:5-6 - “The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are left.”

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- Rom. 8:20-22 - “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”

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- “O Roman people be ashamed; be ashamed of your lives. Almost no cities are free of evil dens, are altogether free of impurities, except the cities in which the barbarians have begun to live. Let nobody think otherwise, the vices of our bad lives have alone conquered us. The Goths lie, but are chaste, the Franks lie, but are but are generous, the Saxons are savage in cruelty, but are admirable in chastity, what hope can there be for we Romans when the barbarians are more pure than we?” (Salvian)
- “Evil is in this world. Evil that cannot be reasoned with; it is reprobate, incorrigible, determined, un-appeasable, violent, murderous, and unrelenting.” (R. Alan Woods, Israeli journalist)
- “Sometimes evil doesn't need an excuse. Sometimes evil just is.” (Nenia Campbell, author)

The Adversary Is Powerful

- What are we up against? War larger than this universe.
 - Eph. 6:12 - “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”
 - 1Peter 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

The Adversary Is Powerful

- The Adversary is brilliant.
 - Gen. 3:1 - “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”
 - Luke 4:13 - “Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.”

The Adversary Is Powerful

- We need to discipline ourselves to take a very serious approach to this world's challenges.
 - 1Peter 1:13 - "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
 - Matt. 10:16 - "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

God Is All-Powerful

- We must acknowledge the amount of damage Satan has done to this world.
 - Phil. 2:15 - “That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”

God Is All-Powerful

- John 14:30 - “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”
- John 16:11 - “...Because the ruler of this world is judged.”
- 2Cor. 4:4 - “Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

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- But Satan's dominion is an usurped dominion.
 - John 12:31 - "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."
 - 2Peter 2:4 - "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment"

God Is All-Powerful

- God has overcome Satan, He is on His throne, and this world has never been anything but His.
- The Lord will accomplish His purposes.
 - Esther 4:13-14 - “And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”
 - Dan. 2:44 - “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”

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- God has granted His Son all power.
 - Matt. 28:18 - “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”
 - Rev. 19:16 - “And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

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- Our Savior has triumphed over evil.
 - Heb. 2:14-15 - “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

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- God is fully able to deliver us from the Adversary.
 - Acts 26:17-18 - “I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”
 - Rom. 16:20 - “And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.”

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- We must trust this power.
 - John 16:33 - “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”
 - 1John 4:4 - “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

God Is All-Powerful

- Whatever difficulties this world may impose on us, God is in control.
 - Eph. 3:20 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”
 - Phil. 4:13 - “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
 - 2Tim. 1:12 - “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.”

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