

5 Things the Bible Reveals Series



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5 THINGS THE BIBLE REVEALS ABOUT EVIL

You have only to turn on the television any day of the week and watch the news, to realize that we live in a world where 'Evil' is present. The subject of 'Evil' in the world is often discussed but its' true causes are rarely identified. Some even go as far as blaming God for every evil thing that happens on the earth by saying "If God is such a good God, why does He allow all these terrible things to happen?". But where does 'Evil' really come from and who is really to blame? What do the Bible verses reveal about Evil?

The origin of evil

(Ezekiel 28:15) You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

'Evil' is not just a mystical form without substance or origin. The Bible reveals that 'Evil' actually proceeds from and is centered around the being called the Devil/Satan and that he has many minions called demons serving him. Satan used to be called Lucifer when he was originally one of God's Archangels in Heaven, but when he formed sin and rebellion within himself he was judged by God and was cast out of Heaven.

The influence of evil

(1 John 3:8) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

When Satan fell to the earth because of his rebellion against God he devised a scheme to corrupt the purity of God's creation, and Mankind. Man had been made in God's image and likeness and given authority to rule the world by God. After deceiving man into disobeying God in the Paradise of Eden, Satan took the rulership of the earth from man and began to distort men into his perverted image spiritually. Satan's sinful nature came into man when we disobeyed God and now all men are influenced at times by desires to do evil.

The responsibility for evil

(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Although Satan originally deceived man to fall into sin, man is not without fault before God. Mankind was given free will and the ability to make his own choices when God breathed life into him. These choices were meant to be made within the safe boundaries of the will of God, but when man fell into disobedience, he became estranged from God because of sin. Mankind was free to make his own choices but was not free from the consequences of those choices and therefore we also carry responsibility for our sins before God.

The judgement of evil

(John 12:31) Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Through the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ God accomplished an exchange and brought mankind back legally from under the rulership and influence of Satan's kingdom. The perfect Son of God willingly paid the penalty for mankind by allowing Himself to be crucified as a sacrifice and sin offering before God. The 'sinless Christ', paid the price for 'sinful' man, and because He was sinless, He was also able to conquer the ultimate result of sin, namely death. Now all men who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are forgiven of their sins before God and released from the dominating power of evil.

The conclusion of evil

(Revelation 20:10) The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Bible reveals that just as Evil had a moment of beginning in the heart of Satan so it will ultimately have an end. Throughout many places in the Bible, the downfall of Satan's kingdom is spoken about and foretold. Although all men are offered the possibility of eternal salvation in Christ, still many choose to live apart from God's saving grace. Satan has already been found guilty before the Throne of God, but his final sentence is carried out when he and his demons are cast into The Lake of Fire for eternity. It is important to realize that for man there are only two possible destinations in eternity, Heaven or Hell/Lake of Fire. The Bible is clear in stating that sinful men who reject the salvation found only in Jesus Christ will join Satan in the Lake of Fire.

This important subject has been portrayed to you clearly stating what the Bible says, not to scare you but to inform you of the current reality that you and all mankind face together. The choice is still yours but understand that your children will often follow you into your eternal destination, where ever that may be.

5 THINGS THE BIBLE REVEALS ABOUT GOD

We live in a generation where the knowledge of what is written in the bible is no longer widespread within the community. Many people have vague recollections of some misquoted scripture that somebody mentioned years ago and that often makes up the extent of their bible knowledge. Here are some important facts that the Bible reveals about God.

God is revealed as Creator

(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The Book of Genesis reveals that God was always there, even before everything we know ever existed. God can speak creatively and by using that ability He created the earth, the heavens, the stars, and all life upon the earth, even man. Man is the pinnacle of God's creation and it was for us that He made the world to enjoy. The Bible reveals that man was originally made "In God's image and after God's likeness" and the world was given to us to take care of. We continued in this role and constant communication with God until we were deceived by Satan and fell into disobedience and sin, and as we fell out of our relationship with God we were excluded from the Paradise of Eden.

God is revealed as holy

(Isaiah 6:3) "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

Many times throughout the scriptures God is revealed as Holy, this word has many meanings but when it is used to speak of God Himself it has the connotation of His Sinless Purity and Perfection and that He is Exalted in that perfection far above all that man can understand. When His holiness is revealed to man, we can only behold Him in awe and wonder. For this reason, Man was excluded from God's Paradise, for in our sinful state we could no longer stay in His Holy presence.

God is revealed as love

(1 John 4:8) He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

All that man knows of real love comes from God. God does not just 'love people', He is Love. Love is part of His very nature; it is one of the things that make Him who and what He is. It was His great love for mankind that compelled Him to design a plan that would lead us back into a relationship with Him after we fell into sin. Even though mankind had chosen to rebel against God, because of who and what He is, God chose to create a way back to Himself for those who desired it.

God is revealed as Saviour

(Luke 1:47) And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

The Plan of Redemption that God devised was to be outworked over thousands of years, as He firstly showed man what sin was, and then ultimately provided the way for mankind to overcome sin and separation from Himself. The Bible reveals God as a 'Trinity' namely God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In God's great love for mankind, He sent His own Son, Jesus Christ to die for our sins and pay the price for man to be restored into a relationship with Himself. Jesus took the punishment that was due to us for our sins, upon His own sinless body and became the way of eternal salvation.

God is revealed as Judge

(2 Timothy 4:1) I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom

Sin cannot live in God's presence because He is Holy, and therefore sin must be judged by Him and dealt with eternally. If sin was allowed into Heaven its heavenly perfection would be marred, and it would be Heaven no longer. All men are offered the opportunity to receive God's salvation through accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, but those who reject God's way of salvation condemn themselves and cannot be allowed to stay in Heaven. They must therefore be judged and be eternally separated from God and His Kingdom by being sent to Hell/Lake of Fire. God did not make Hell for mankind, but made it for the devil, and fallen angels/demons, but those who reject Christ's gift of salvation leave God with no alternative as the Judge of Mankind.

Remember that our children will usually follow in our footsteps, whether they lead to life or death.

5 THINGS THE BIBLE REVEALS ABOUT MANKIND

The role of mankind in Creation and eternity is probably one of the most misunderstood and fought-over questions in the world. Who are we, where did we come from, and where are we going as a species? Everybody it seems has an opinion on the subject, but far fewer have a realization of the spiritual reality in which we live, and which influences those opinions.

Mankind is eternal

(Genesis 2:7) And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

From the moment God breathed His life into mankind we were always going to live forever. God is 'spirit' and as He breathed into us, He created us as a 'spiritual being' too. It has been said "Man is a spirit, who lives in a body and has a soul", and this statement is biblically correct. The moment you die physically and leave your body you step into your spiritual eternity, and you will live forever somewhere. The question that must be foremost upon our minds is where will we spend that eternity?

Mankind is greatly loved by God

(Jeremiah 31:3) The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

God created Mankind because He is 'Our Father in Heaven' and He desired to have children to share eternity with. Of all created beings only Mankind fulfilled His heart's desire for a family as they were made in His Image and after His Likeness. God who is Love, had desired children to share His love with, and this desire became a reality through the creation of Mankind.

Mankind is already under judgement

(Psalm 1:5) Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

From the moment that Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, they became servants to sin and spiritual children of the one who had deceived them, namely the devil, Satan. By choosing to obey Satan they accepted his rule in their lives and sin entered the spirit of Mankind. Now every generation born has sin as part of their spiritual DNA. Every man born has a sinful nature influencing them, which then culminates in their sins. (Sometimes it just seems easier to do wrong than do right!) Sin and sinful man cannot be allowed to live in Heaven or else Heaven would no longer be Heaven, and therefore sin must be judged and those found guilty condemned to an eternity cut off from Heaven.

Mankind needs to be reborn spiritually

(John 5:24) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life."

Because Mankind is spiritually corrupted, he needs to be re-made spiritually if he is to be accepted into eternity in Heaven. His sin must be dealt with first and that is where Jesus Christ (God's Son) comes into the picture. God is a just judge and cannot merely acquit the guilty or else He would cease being just and fair. God devised a plan where the debt that was due from our sins could be paid for in full by the Death of His own Son Jesus Christ. Those who believe in Jesus and accept His Lordship over their lives are reborn spiritually. Those who are spiritually reborn are no longer children of the devil, Satan, and are restored into a relationship with God and become His children.

Mankind has a glorious future

(Revelation 22:5) There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Those who are re-born spiritually become children of God and as His children have a glorious future awaiting them in eternity. The fulfillment of God's eternal desire for children is found in us and upon us will He pour out His blessings and richness forever. As our Creator, He knows exactly what we need and what will bring us satisfaction and joy, and it is His delight to grant us those very things for eternity. The Bible reveals that there will be new heavens and a new earth, and we will no longer be influenced by anything evil but will have our hearts overflowing with God's goodness and love always.

(John 14:2) In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

We all have a choice to make as men, do we continue to live for ourselves under the influence of our sinful nature or do we bow the knee to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and be restored into our rightful place as children of God? Our children are watching us for leadership, let us ensure that we lead them to an eternity worth living.

5 THINGS THE BIBLE REVEALS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

In 2013 Jesus Christ was named the most significant person ever in history. Wikipedia ranked Jesus Christ(1st) ahead of Napoleon Bonaparte(2nd) and William Shakespeare(3rd) on the impact each person had in influencing people's opinions over history. But who is Jesus Christ? Did He live 2,000 years ago and do all those things? What does the Bible say about Jesus?

Prophecy of Jesus coming

(Isaiah 7:14) Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

There were more than 300 prophetic scriptures that Jesus Christ fulfilled in His lifetime, these words were spoken by God's prophets hundreds of years previously concerning the coming of the Messiah. Many of these prophecies were 'time specific' and related to historical windows when certain things had to happen for the 'Messiah' to be revealed. Only one person in all history fulfilled every prophecy and that was Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was born miraculously of the Virgin Mary after the Holy Spirit overshadowed her as foretold by the Angel Gabriel. Jesus although fully a man, was born without the sinful nature that had plagued mankind since the fall of Adam and Eve.

Jesus' miraculous life

(Acts 10:38) ...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The life of Jesus Christ was miraculous in the extreme, and it is obvious that God's blessing and favor were upon Him. Jesus displayed incredible abilities as He taught about God's Kingdom throughout the nation of Israel, abilities that even today with all our technology we have no way of emulating. He healed every sickness and disease among the people, He made the lame walk and the blind see. On more than one occasion He raised people from the dead and restored them to their families alive and well. He exercised authority over the elements by walking on water and commanding storms to cease, but even this was surpassed when He rose again from the grave, having conquered death.

Jesus defeated Satan's power

(John 12:31) Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Jesus' ultimate purpose was to destroy the unending influence and power that the devil, Satan had wielded over all of mankind since our fall in the Garden of Eden. He accomplished this not through sending forth armies into battle, but through the greatest act of love ever seen. Jesus willingly went to the Cross of Calvary to pay the price due for the sins of all mankind, the sinless Christ dying in the place of sinful man. Through His death, He was able to satisfy all the legal requirements of heaven that resulted from our fall into sin.

Jesus rose victorious from the grave

(1 Corinthians 15:4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

The greatest enemy that every man born throughout history must face is the certainty of death. Death's inevitability and final victory were assured ever since Mankind fell into sin, and no one could win against it. No one that is until Jesus Christ! Death entered mankind through the sin of Adam but because Jesus Christ was sinless and died in our place, He had the authority to destroy death's dominion. Now all who believe in His resurrection from the dead are bestowed the gift of eternal life by having their sins forgiven by God.

Jesus is coming back again

(Acts 1:10-11) And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Christ's return will be as the King of Kings with great power and authority, and to Him, every knee shall bow. The graves shall be opened and every person ever born will stand before God and give an account of the life they lived, and whether they accepted or rejected the Saviour that God had sent, His Son Jesus Christ.

These events have been prophesied for thousands of years and just as 100's other prophecies of Christ's Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection have been fulfilled, we can be assured that these will too. Our role and choice as a father are to decide whether we want to stand before God forgiven by accepting Christ or condemned for rejecting man's only hope of salvation. This is clearly what the Bible reveals about Jesus Christ.

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