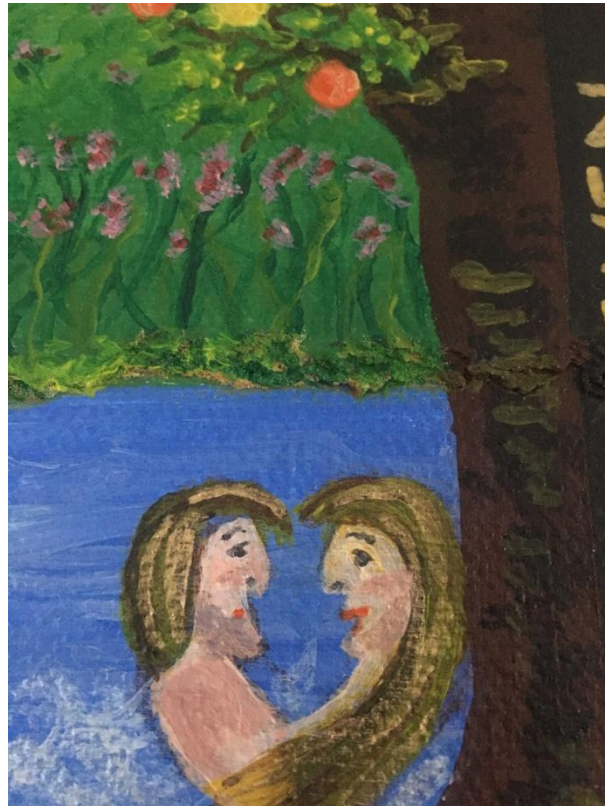


16 Creation Pen and Brush: In YHWH's Perfect Image, He Created Male and Female.



²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis Chapter One.

When YHWH created us, He gave us everything we needed to survive. He made us in His image, so that we have a brain and senses so that we can comprehend the things around us. He gave us *every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food* (v29). In my last post, I discussed the natural foods our Father provided us with in order for us to be nourished. Added to this, YHWH gave us the spiritual weapons necessary for survival:

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armour of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms....Ephesians 6.

He gave us the written word; the bible, which is our book of wisdom, instruction, prayer, song, testimony, truth, history, genealogy, and more, much more. It is our manual for Life.



So, when we find ourselves in times of crisis (and I would suggest that such are the times of today), we have what we need to survive as bible believing Christians/followers of The Way. We need to pray about the discernment we need when we are in a crisis situation and we need to follow what YHWH would have us do.

Often Christians refer to verses in the bible which seem to imply that if YHWH has chosen or installed a king/governor/ruler, then we, as Christians, must do what that person says. I would argue that this is not actually what YHWH would want us to do (remember how He gave us a brain and senses?). The verses most referred to by Christians are these:

¹Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. ²Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. Romans 13



Mario Murillo writes on Romans 13 as follows: *Doesn't the Bible tell us to obey them no matter what? Absolutely not. And it is shocking how many believers do not know their Bible or have been given false teaching. There is no verse in the*

Bible that tells you to obey evil government or laws. And again, if we don't realize that now, before we sit back and let our nation be destroyed [USA, 2021]. Christians during the American Revolution understood that the Bible does not teach us to obey evil laws or leaders. There would be no America if Christian Colonists believed they should obey the evil laws of England. Let me prove to you beyond any doubt that the Bible tells us what we must do in the face of wicked government and laws.

First, I will expose a pathetic heresy that many believers commonly accept as truth. This is a widespread excuse for submitting when we should disobey...God not only does not endorse evil government: He will have no part in it. "Can a corrupt throne be allied with you—a throne that brings on misery by its decrees? The wicked band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death" (Psalm 94:20). There is your answer. A corrupt throne (government) cannot be allied with God.

The Amplified Bible (1974) puts it this way: "Can a throne of destruction be allied with You, one which frames and devises mischief by decree [under the sacred name of law]?" How much clearer can it be than this? It proves that laws can be evil and cannot be allied with God.

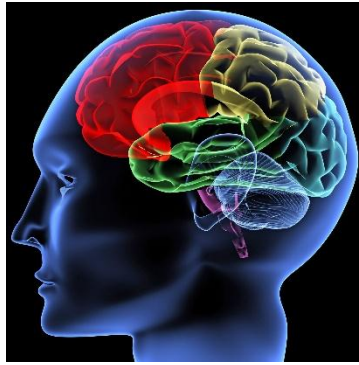
In fact, evil laws are the worst form of sin. They provide legitimacy to evil. Matthew Henry said, "Iniquity is daring enough even when human laws are against it, which often prove too weak to give an effectual check to it; but how insolent, how mischievous, is it when it is backed by a law! Iniquity is not the better, but much the worse, for being enacted by law; nor will it excuse those that practice it to say that they did but do as they were bidden."

Notice how at the end, Henry says we can't use the excuse that we were just obeying the law. That is why Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." ¹



Using our brain and senses, we need to thoroughly research what YHWH is telling us and what research of hard evidence and facts tells us before we make up our minds about something a government is telling us.

From BibleRef.com we read further: *In Romans 12, Paul described what it means to be a living-sacrifice Christian. In short, it mostly has to do with setting ourselves aside to serve the Lord, each other, and even our enemies in love. Now Paul turns to the issue of how Christians who are saved by God's grace should interact with our present governments. He describes the biblical doctrine of submission to human authorities, something Peter also teaches (1 Peter 2:13–17). Again, those in Christ are called to set themselves aside and to trust God to provide what is needed through those in authority, whether good or evil. [remember; we are given a brain and senses?] Paul is clear that this applies to every person. He calls for us to be in submission to government authorities, though he does not say that we must obey them in all cases. Paul and the other apostles refused to obey commands from people in authority to stop preaching the gospel, for instance (Acts 5:27–29). They did, however, submit to those in authority in all matters that were not in contradiction to the will of God. Why should we submit? Paul is clear: Every authority in the world was established by God. This would include, of course, good leaders, evil leaders, and everyone in-between. Paul's instruction here, then, is not about blind nationalism or absolute obedience to men. Rather, it is a recognition that human government—in general—is a legitimate authority, and that Christians cannot use their faith as an excuse for civil lawlessness. God puts all leaders in place for the specific reasons Paul will describe in the following verses. We should remember that Paul is writing this letter to Christians in Rome. The government of Rome ruled much of the known world at the time. It was led by the Emperor Nero from AD 54–68. Nero is famous for his cruel and unfair treatment of Christians, among other groups. We must not assume that Paul is writing these words lightly. He was aware of the implications of his teaching.*²



Using our brains, and researching all things, we should bear in mind that YHWH does not want our bodies to be corrupted. He made us in His image and in His image we should stay! If, as Christians, we suspect that something that we might put into our bodies could corrupt us, it is our job to resist this. This corruption has happened before:

⁵ 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. ⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷ 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... ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. Genesis 6

In this chapter we see that man had become corrupted, not just in thought and deeds but in flesh; their bodies were corrupted. More detail can be found in the Book of Jasher and the Book of Jubilees:

¹⁶ And all the sons of men departed from the ways of the Lord in those days as they multiplied upon the face of the earth with sons and daughters, and they taught one another their evil practices and they continued sinning against the Lord. ¹⁷ And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbour as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence. Jasher 4

² And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walks on the earth -all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each

other, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men (was) thus evil continually. Jubilees 5

We read here that:

*men departed from the ways of the Lord [no need for YHWH];
they taught one another their evil practices [fallen angel technology];
every man made unto himself a god [no need for YHWH];
they corrupted the earth [genetic manipulation];
all flesh corrupted its way [genetic manipulation];
all of them corrupted their ways and their orders [men and animals were mixed- genetic manipulation];
every imagination of the thoughts of all men (was) thus evil continually [departing from YHWH's ways].*



All of this occurred in the times of Noah. Yeshua told us that this will happen again: ¹²*Because of the multiplication of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.* ¹³*But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved...* ³⁷*As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.* ³⁸*For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark.* ³⁹*And they were oblivious, until the flood came and swept them all away. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.* From 2 Timothy 3:1-5 we further read: *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.*

From what we read about the last days, we find that:

*There will be the multiplication of wickedness [fallen angel technology];
the love of most will grow cold [no need of YHWH];*

*it will be as it was in the days of Noah [there is nothing new under the sun];
there will come times of difficulty [persecution of believers];
people will be lovers of self [no need of YHWH];
lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive [no need of YHWH];
disobedient to their parents [lawlessness/sin];
ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable [no need of YHWH],
slandorous, without self-control [lawlessness/sin],
brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless [departing from YHWH's ways],
swollen with conceit [no need of YHWH],
lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God [no need of YHWH],
having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power [departing from
YHWH's ways].*

It would appear that the last days are similar to the corruption that happened in the first days/years as we read in Ecclesiastes chapter one:

*All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.*



In summary, as we find ourselves in 2026 with a torn society where people are so afraid for their own safety to the detriment of all around them, who have pushed YHWH aside in the stampede for salvation offered by Man, we, as Christians, have some very important decisions to make. We are told that we should not follow the crowd blindly but should follow the ways of YHWH and His beloved Son. We should be aware of the corruption around us and what Man was capable of in past days and is capable of in our current times. Be a studier of the Word of YHWH; find out exactly what happened in the past biblical ages and then apply it to the days we find ourselves in now. The truth is never hidden by YHWH – His Word shows us everything.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

*Your word is a lamp for my feet,
Alight on my path. Psalm 119:105*

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