

"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

Don't Delay Obey

The greatest weapon that Satan uses to destroy people is people. What has happened to our world? Man's thoughts have been corrupted since the beginning of time. The desire for evil has flourished vastly in our day and time. So many people have lost respect for God and His word. It seems to me that fear for God is increasingly vanishing away.

The oppressor the adversary, the devil is our unchanging enemy, because he aims to accuse man to God, just as he has done in the past, this was the case with Job. (See Job 1:6-11; 2:2-5) Many in the world have become intoxicated with the drink of sin; a deadly poison to one soul. Friends we must come to our senses and be better aware of our worldly surroundings. Satan is on the prowl setting traps to snaring the unsuspecting soul (1Pet. 5:8).

He tells you that you have plenty of time to do what you know you should do (Obey the gospel). How much time do you have? Why do so many souls delay and not obey? The reason I believe is because they believe that they have lifetime to get right with the Lord. The Devil influences the:

- ✿ 12 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too young to think about God."
- ✿ 18 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too smart to think about God."
- ✿ 22 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too happy to think about God."
- ✿ 25 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too busy to think about God."
- ✿ 30 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too satisfied to think about God."
- ✿ 40 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too tired to think about God."
- ✿ 50 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too worried to think about God."
- ✿ 60 year old to delay by saying "I'm much too old to think about God." **Much too**

often, death comes unexpectedly, and then it is too late to think about God!

James puts it this way *"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil"* (James 4:13-16). So how much time do we have to obey the call of the gospel? God only knows!! Today is the day for salvation.

Most importantly we Christians are not immune to such evil thoughts and practices, as sojourners and pilgrims, we are to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, our conduct must be honorable in the sight of God (See 1Peter 2:11; 1Thess. 5:22). If you are now living in sin, let me encourage you repent of your sins and pray that your heart might be right in the sight of the living God. Don't delay obey!

-Fred Singleton

If I Were The Devil

I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world. I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort instead of God's blessings.

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around. I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their revenue. I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership.

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies. I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient. I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that lives of animals are valued more than humans. I would take God out of schools, where even the mention of his name was grounds for a lawsuit. I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them.

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I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the minds of every family member for my agenda.

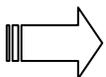
I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation. I would make divorce acceptable easy, and fashionable. If the family crumbles, so does the nation. I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art.

I would convince that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled. I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agendas as politically correct.

I would persuade people that church is irrelevant and out of date; the Bible is for the naïve. I would dull the minds of Christians, and make to them believe that prayers is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.-Paul Harvey

“Night With Ebon Pinion, Brooded O’er The Vale”

The word “ebon” is a form of the word “ebony” which is a dark shade of the color black. “Pinion” is an old word for “feathers” or “wings”. “Vale” is a form of the word “valley.” Therefore, when we sing this line, we might paraphrase it in this matter: “The night’s black wings covered the entire valley.” It is an image of the valley near Jerusalem where the Garden of Gethsemane was located, and it paints a picture of a heavy burden and loneliness that Jesus felt on that occasion. That must indeed have been a terrible night for the Savior as He waited and prayed earnestly to God.” - *Via Eastside Leger*



YOU are responsible for your soul!
What are you doing about it?

When You Pray

All of us pray, right? When the disciples asked Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray,” here is what he

said: “*When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*” (Luke 11:1-4).

Several good points are involved in this instruction. When you pray:

1. Recognize God as our Father in heaven.
2. Honor God, hallowed be Thy name.
3. Thy kingdom come. But since it has already come we may ask that the kingdom be spread.
4. Let God’s will be done in our lives.
5. Ask for *daily bread*, necessarily inferring that we will be praying daily.
6. Forgive our sins...we all need this.
7. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. This is one of those “not - but” comparisons, where the emphasis is on the **but** “deliver us from evil”.

Often there is so much in a short paragraph, and it takes Bible study to see all the points. Keep up your study. -Billy Moore

“EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES”



Fill In The Blanks From Memory

1. "All authority has been _____ to _____ in _____ and on earth. Go therefore and make _____ of all the _____, _____ them in the name of the _____ and of the _____ and of the _____..."

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