

**How
Can We
Help Each Other?**

Pt 4

Why is it NOT GOOD



*THAT MAN
SHOULD BE ALONE?*

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)



IMAGINE THAT!

The God of all the universe wants YOU to get to know HIM! The Lord of all creation want to share some of HIS thoughts with YOU!

That's what the Lord tells us over & over again in His written letter to mankind now saved for us to read in our King James Bible! The Lord said:

"I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth:"

Isaiah 45:19a-b KJB

"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken,"

Isaiah 1:2a KJB

The Almighty God has spoken & He wants us to HEAR what He has said! This next verse tells us what OUR attitude SHOULD be toward God's spoken & now written WORD:

"I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly."

Psalm 85:8 KJB

However, many people do

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when it comes to HEARING what God has to say!

Unfortunately for them they would much rather HEAR & go



along with what the WORLD—man—has to say! But little do they realize that for the time being the Lord is allowing this WORLD'S thinking to be led by the prince of darkness, Satan himself. And what Satan has to say is EVIL! He works CONSTANTLY to DEAFEN people's ears to God's WORDS. Satan works CONSTANTLY to BLIND people's eyes from seeing & understanding & believing God's viewpoint—which He SPOKE to us in His WORD—which is the ONLY ABSOLUTE TRUTH there is! Satan works CONSTANTLY to get people to hear, then believe, then act upon his thinking & words. This next scripture gives us an example of some of Satan's CONSTANT work to get people to listen to him rather than to God:

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world (That's Satan.) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

2Corinthians 4:3-4 KJB



By the way, which viewpoint or way of thinking do YOU want to hear & understand & believe & act upon? Every moment of every day, we ALL have a CHOICE concerning which way of thinking we will HEAR & UNDERSTAND & BELIEVE & ACT UPON! Why? Because the GOD OF ALL THIS UNIVERSE, the LORD OF ALL CREATION, ALMIGHTY GOD has allowed us this choice. In fact, right from the very beginning when God created the very first man, God has given EVERY SINGLE PERSON this CHOICE. Right from the very beginning, God has allowed Satan to speak or to put forth his view while God has spoken & put forth His view. And as we shall see in these next few les-

sons, this FACT that God has allowed us this CHOICE brings us right back to the GARDEN OF EDEN where we left off 2 weeks ago in our lessons concerning a very important QUESTION that one of our students here asked.

What are different ways we can HELP EACH OTHER?

That question brought us to the very first place in the bible where the word HELP is found—the book of GENESIS—the book that tells us about BEGINNINGS or FIRST THINGS! In our 1st few lessons of answering this question, we learned that God had placed the 1st man in a beautiful protected garden with everything he needed. The garden was located in a place called Eden. The word GARDEN refers to a “protected area”. And the word EDEN means “pleasantness”. So God placed this 1st man in a pleasant protected place.

Then we learned that the man’s job in that garden was to “dress it”— take care of the soil & the plants — & also to “keep it” - to guard & protect it. And HOW was he to “keep it” - to guard & protect it? By simply OBEYING the very important command or instructions which the Lord gave him! Here is the command or instruction that the Lord gave to that 1st man so that he could “keep” or guard or protect that pleasant place in which God had placed him to live so that it would STAY guarded & protected & pleasant:

“And the LORD God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”



Genesis 2:16-17 KJB

Look back up at that scripture. Notice that the Lord said that the man could eat of EVERY TREE except ONE in that pleasant & protected garden. . What tree was it in that garden of Eden — in that pleasant & protected place which God gave that 1st man the job & privilege to keep protected & guarded so that it would stay pleasant— what tree was it in that garden that God said the man should NEVER eat from? The underlined words tell us. Write them on the dotted lines next to this picture:



The man was NOT to eat from

Oh my! In that pleasant & protected place which God made, there was a tree that God allowed to be there too which in some way was connected with the knowledge of

EVIL?

YES INDEED! Right there in the garden of Eden, right in that pleasant & protected place, right from the beginning there was something EVIL present! And now just in case you have been wondering WHY one of the jobs given by God to that man was to KEEP—GUARD & PROTECT—that garden, now we know WHY! God ALREADY KNEW what , or should we say WHO, evil was. God AL-

READY KNEW that evil was present in that garden of Eden! This next scripture tells us this is so:



“The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”

Proverbs 15:3 KJB

Now just in case you are wondering WHY God allowed EVIL to be present in that garden & in this world right down through history even up to today, God has PERFECT & GOOD & RIGHT reasons. If you keep on studying His Word, you will get to know some of them. But His MAIN purpose is to bring Him GLORY & PRAISE! At the end of time as we know it here on earth, The Lord alone will receive all glory & praise & honor! See Isaiah 2:11-17 KJB & Hebrews 10:12-13. Imagine that! Even evil will end up for God’s glory, though all the evil ONES will NOT enjoy His glory! God says that, in the end, when Jesus returns someday, He will be glorified & ALL the evil of this world will be destroyed. ALL those who chose the EVIL & the wicked instead of Jesus for their salvation will spend eternity FAR from God’s glory. They’ll spend eternity in the Lake of Fire! I don’t understand it all, but God said so & I believe Him!

And God even USES the evil that He is allowing to exist for now to bring about GOOD for HIS PURPOSE for HIS PEOPLE! If you’d like to read 2 examples of how God uses evil to bring about His good, read Genesis 39-50 especially Genesis 50:20 and Acts 13:1-12 & Romans 8:28-29. Look at this in Psalm 76:10 KJB

“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.”

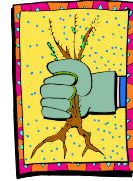
A few lessons ago, we learned that God uses GARDEN examples to teach us how important His Word is in our life. Well, in one of His lessons about His Word, Jesus

talked about WEEDS or TARES that His enemy came & planted in His garden of His Word in this world. (Can you guess who His enemy was & still is, by the way?):

“Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers,

Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Matthew 13:29-30 KJB



How is this an example of what we just learned about God allowing EVIL to exist in this world right along side of His PERFECT & GOOD WORD? How is this an example of what is going to happen at the very end of time?

Now all this brings us back to that FIRST GARDEN of EDEN where God gave that 1st man INSTRUCTIONS to FOLLOW—a COMMAND to OBEY— so that the man would STAY PROTECTED from that evil & so that the garden would STAY PROTECTED & PLEASANT! Well, because God also ALREADY KNEW evil was present in that beautiful garden, God ALREADY KNEW that the man would need HELP with KEEPING this garden a PROTECTED & PLEASANT PLACE! And as we learned in past lessons, even that word HELP means to “aid” to “surround, to protect”

With the presence of EVIL in that garden, that man sure could use HELP! And God DID give him HELP! The MOST IMPORTANT HELP that God gave Him was HIS WORD NOT to eat from that tree which He SPOKE to that man. And the Lord did NOT speak His command where that man could not hear it. God spoke that command DIRECTLY to the man! God’s

WORD is the very best help we can have to be PROTECTED from EVIL! But then the Lord said something else as we learned too. Here is what the Lord said in Genesis 2:18 KJB

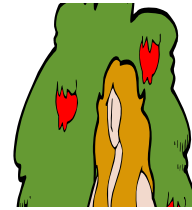
“It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

God knew that the man would need someone with whom he could talk & share the garden, but the Lord also KNEW that the man would need HELP with KEEPING—guarding—those WORDS that He had given the man which would KEEP that garden a PLEASANT & SAFE & PROTECTED place to live! So right after He gave the man His WORDS to protect that man & the garden, the Lord made for that man

“a woman, and brought her
unto the man.”

Genesis 2:22d KJB

In our last lesson on this subject we asked this question:



WHY “it is not good that man should be alone?”

Now we ask also WHY did the man need another person to help rather than all the animals God brought to him? From reading the scriptures in this lesson, can YOU guess the MAIN answer to those questions? Write in the correct missing word on the dotted line & you will have the answer. The man needed help because, there was something __ V __ __ present in that garden. He needed someone who could also understand & obey God’s WORDS & COMMANDS & could HELP him KEEP that garden as God intended.

Next week, we’ll see if the woman “helped” him or NOT & WHAT & WHO the evil was in the garden!

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- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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