

7-24-22 Message
YE SHALL BE AS GODS SYNDROME..

Intro: The Quest To Be Your Own God...

Evidence We Have Bought Into the lie..
Ye shall be as gods..

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

THE "YE SHALL BE AS GODS" SYNDROME

The essence of the spiritual battle that is raging in our world can be wrapped up in this statement.. "YE SHALL BE AS GODS" Ever since mankind bought into that lie, humanity has been struggling in this world with disaster after disaster. The world is in chaos, and mankind suffers one tragedy after another.

What happened when men bought into the lie of the devil.. and entered into a fallen state?

Today all that we suffer, all our confusion, all our strife.. it all stems from the trickle down effect of the fall in our life and society. In other words mankind is suffering from this...

Today all the sickness, the disasters, wars, conflicts, family problems, social conflicts.. Every sorrow known to man all stems from our forefathers buying into this lie.. "THEY CAN BE AS GODS"

When someone actually buys into this lie.. it affects the way they live and think. You can see this infestation, is far more dangerous and deadly than the COVID pandemic.

I. Step One in this quest: Mankind started To Think They Can Change or Annul God's Word "You Won't Die"

The fall and all sin originates when men think they can change or annul God's word.

All confusion stems from a rejection of the absolute Word of God.

The greatest perversion of the heart and mind and thought comes when men reject the infallible authoritative Word of God.

The most powerful thing in the universe is the all powerful Word of our creator.

In Genesis, 1: verse 3 we read "GOD SAID.." and this set into motion all the we see and know in this physical word.

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

By him all things consist by the Word of his power.. The Lord told Job, that it is by his Word that he set the limitations of the seas. He said, "hitherto shalt thou come but no further.. " Every now and then God shows mankind what would happen if the oceans broke forth beyond those set backs and bars..

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Every time I visit the shore.. and walk along the ocean shoreline, I get a sense of the vast power of our creator. What keeps those mighty waves back? What contains that vast ocean? It is the word of God and nothing else.

Proud men can attribute it to the lunar gravitational pull, and earth's gravity. Yet according to the Bible it is his word that does it. He said it and it is so. He can say otherwise and how soon we could find out what would happen. Every now and then when the world experiences a tsunami they should learn to fear God.. YET THEY DON'T..

1. THE "YE SHALL BE AS GODS.." SYNDROME STARTS WHEN MEN THINK THEY CAN QUESTION GOD'S WORD

Foolish men deny God and are willingly ignorant of God's Word..

The same Word that said let there be light..

The same Word that said, let their be seas, and waters and dry land..

The same Word that said, let the earth be filled with living things..

Is the same word we have the privilege of reading and studying this morning.

You would think people would be rushing to church to hear what God has said..
You would think people would want to push aside all other things to hear and learn.. and
take in the wonderful Word of God.

Yet instead men rush to hear what men have to say..
Men run after entertainment.. find all kind of reasons to doubt this book.
Find all kind of reasons to avoid hearing it.. even make laws against sharing this book
in our public arena.

Imagine..

We have made laws to get rid of God's word in public schools..
We have outlawed art work that displays God's word "10 commandments.. "
We think we have to protect our young people from hearing the word of God..

Our world and society is in confusion because they have rejected God and his word.
Our world is in a state of confusion because mankind has rejected the Word of God!

2. MANY CHURCHES HAVE WHOLESALY REJECTED THE WORD OF GOD..

In the days when Jesus walked planet earth he indicted the religious leaders for making
the word of God of none effect by their interpretations and traditions rather than obeying
God's Word. ..

He said,

Mark 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye
have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Remember, God told Adam and Eve the day they ate the forbidden fruit they would die..
then the devil came along and said, Ye shall not surely die..

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Today a lot of Churches reinterpret the Bible based on our culture.

There is a translation to suite everyone's, fancy.

There is a feminist Bible.. a gay Bible, a paraphrased Bible..

Many translations take verses out, replace words, which affect meanings. While the
church says, they are only minor changes and do not affect the whole.

That is what the devil said, "No you misunderstand you won't die...."

Verses in the Bible that clearly teach the deity of Christ have been changed..

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I Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

ESV

I Tim 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He[1] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated[2] by the Spirit,[3] seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Theos = God..

Os" = He

One of the clearest verse in all the Bible about Baptism most modern translations take right out.. Verse 37 is taken out..

Acts 8:36 And as they went on [their] way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Here a verse is removed to accommodate children baptism. If a person needs to believe to be baptized no child is eligible for baptism..

Then the most in your face change of all the verse in the Bible is in the book of revelation

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Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the **book of life**, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.

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Rev. 22:18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,

Rev. 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the **tree of life** and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Biblion = Book
Xulon = Tree

Not a matter of translation a matter of different texts and words..

Now this has led to wholesale reinterpretation of the Bible..

We can reinterpret the role of men and women in the church, home and society..
We can redefine marriage..
We can redefine the mission of the church..
Separation, worldliness, can creep into the church..

We can bend the word of God to our culture, rather than correct our culture to be in line with God's Word.

Satan gets his foot in the door.. and now today he has wholesale invaded the church.

Preachers are afraid to preach anything that goes against the cultural norms.
The mission is no longer to bring men to repentance and conversion but to adapt the church to make men feel comfortable about the gospel message.

What God said, is vague and up in the air..

Truth is ever since the church has abandoned the KJV Bible there has been no national revival.

Every revival we have had in our nation came through the preaching of the KJV authorized translation of the Bible. There is a reason for that. It is because it proceeds from the inspired preserved Word of God.

There are two philosophies of Bible translations and Bible manuscripts..

1. One is that the Bible is lost and it is up to us as textual critics to re-discover it through the scientific discipline of textual criticism.. Thus make the translators and scholars the authorities... This philosophy is always in search for the Word of God because they believe it is lost.. and needs to be rediscovered.. Therefore older manuscripts are believed to be better.
2. The other philosophy is that God has preserved his Word and has given it to his church and the church is suppose to protect it, and preserve it and preach it and pass it on.. This is the philosophy behind the collating and translating of the KJV Bible.. It is the only Bible that is translated and goes at using manuscripts that

adhere to this philosophy. It believes God would have given his Word to the majority of his churches and the majority of the manuscripts will testify of this.. This philosophy looks at what the church fathers wrote and quoted.. with the presupposition is that they had the original manuscripts to compare their writings against.

This is where all error starts! It starts with this postulation..
HATH GOD SAID? Questioning the Word of God..

So what you say or some expert says.. can be equal to what God says..

***II. Mankind Thinks they Can Determine Right And Wrong Apart from God..
Knowing Good Or Evil..***

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, **knowing good and evil.**

Once it is up in the air as to what God said, then everything is up in the air, especially the issues of, morality, right and wrong.. Which is good and evil..

YE SHALL BE AS GODS

God is the only one who has the right to determine good and evil right and wrong.. He sets all the standards..

The whole question of eating of this one tree was up in the air..
Even the name of the tree raised questions in man's mind!

It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Satan said, "when you eat from the tree YE SHALL BE AS GODS.. Knowing good and evil..."

The truth is, they knew good.. God said all his creation was good..
God was good..
Everything in the garden was good.

What they did not know was evil. So Satan could have said, when you eat from that tree you will experience sin and evil.

The word knowing is from the Hebrew word "Yada.." to know..

This same word is found in Gen 4:1

Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Through Adam and Eve's disobedience to the Word of God they had an intimate experience and relationship with evil.

The Bible says,

Ecclesiastes 1:9 The thing that hath been, it [is that] which shall be; and that which is done [is] that which shall be done: and [there is] no new [thing] under the sun.

There is no new thing under the sun..

So we think we come up with a new thing and it is not a new thing. It is the same old rebellion wrapped in a new box and package to be made to look new.

So what happens when men think they can "BE AS GODS"

They start to think that they can redefine good and evil right and wrong.

So what we see in our society is that people actually think it is good to not have children..

They think it is good when two men cohabit like a man and woman..

They think it is good when two women cohabit..

They think it is evil to criticize such actions.. HOMOPHOBIA..

They think it is good to kill your unborn baby..

They think it is evil to tell people not to do this..

I saw a news report that in the city of Los Angeles.. they were fining a store owner for having graffiti on his shop but they don't arrest the people who vandalized his shop. So we have a perverted sense of justice.

Political correctness determines good and bad..

Right and wrong is in flux and is ever shifting.

Sandusky is put in jail in our time for being a pedophile who knows if in the future a society that would imprison him would be accused of having

Pedeo-phobia will have to make up a word like they did for Homo-Phobia..

This is what happens to a society that has no absolutes..

This is what happens when we buy into the Idea that we can be as God's knowing good and evil..

ANYTHING GOES..

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***III. Mankind Thinks They Can Question God's Motives..
God doth Know..***

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know

How many times we call into question God?

This happened in the book of Job .. as good a man that Job was, and as spiritual he was. When he experienced these trials in his life. He started to question God.

The Lord had to appear to Job and here is what he said,

Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
Job 38:2 Who [is] this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
Job 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
Job 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
Job 38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
Job 38:8 Or [who] shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, [as if] it had issued out of the womb?

This diatribe.. should shut every man's mouth.

Who are we to question God the creator of all things and even we ourselves.

I hear people say, when I get before God I am going to give him a piece of my mind.
NO YOU WON'T!!!!

I had people actually say to me, "me and God ain't on speaking terms.. "

"When I stand before God he is going to have to explain to me.. etc..

Do foolish men actually think they can correct their creator?

God doth know.. Satan questioned God's motives..

So what happens when we buy into the idea that we CAN BE AS GODS..

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***IV. Mankind Thinks They Can Know Things That Only God Knows..
Secret things belong to the Lord..***

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret [things belong] unto the LORD our God: but those [things which are] revealed [belong] unto us and to our children for ever, that [we] may do all the words of this law.

I was visiting a lady one time.. and she asked what ministries, she could do in the church.. I said there are limitations. She said, I don't like being told I can't do certain things.. In other words she didn't like the idea that she had limitations.

The truth is there are limitations to what we can know.

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

One of the worst things happened when Jesus came to planet earth to present himself to his nation. The leaders thought they knew more than God himself.

They started thinking Jesus could not be the messiah because he didn't meet their expectations. They thought they knew the Scriptures.. but they knew nothing.

Jesus reminded them of this..

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

The more you know the more you should realize you do not know .. anything..

I Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Do we really understand anything..

I Corinthians 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

We are all but children in our understanding of the way things work.

Our limitations should humble us, and draw us to the Lord and lead us to faith in Him. Instead a lot of people trust in men, and are deceived.

We have a generation of people who are trusting in science more than God.

These so called experts are the same ones that are destroying our economy with global warming scares and doomsday scenarios.

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V. Mankind Thinks They Can Control Things Only God Controls..

This is the essence of pride. To exalt yourself above measure.

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Is this not great Babylon which I have built!

If men are so great why do people die? It ought to be a rare thing that people die.

Do they really think they can control climate change.

They can't even with 100% accuracy predict storms and the weather

Could you imagine everyone saying we are all going to hold hands and stop earthquakes, and Tsunami's by joining hands and willing it so. I think if enough people would say that some people would believe it.

It is like *The Emperor's New Clothes*. Enough people said the emperor wasn't naked and everyone believed it to be true.

So our scientists, note that over the past 100 years the planet is getting warmer by a little over 1 degree. This has to be man made and it is because we are burning too much fossil fuels and if we all work together we can change this. If we don't do something about it our major cities are going to be under water and the oceans shall rise. Yet the Bible says, God set the boundaries of the oceans not man.

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Do we really think we are so powerful that we can affect these things globally. Even if there is a slight increase in the temperature of the planet do we really think we are going to stop it.

I believe all this is part of the great deception that Satan will use during the tribulation to refuse to repent during the tribulation. We read this:

Revelation 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Revelation 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Never in the history of mankind have men been able to reason away the judgments of God against them and not seek repentance. Why is it that the sun is not taken into the account of global warming. It is the sun that warms the planet not your car or furnace or coal stove.

I remember when I was a kid I was watching *Petty Coat Junction* and they were having some special important guests that were coming to the Shady Rest Hotel and Billie Joe, Bobbie Jo and Betty Jo were all in a frenzy because the dinner was not ready for the guests. The soup was too cold. So one of them suggests let's just add more pepper to warm it up. To this they all agreed.. As if that would really work..

So all our scientists are in a frenzy the planet is warming up.. So how do we heat our houses? We do it with gas and oil.. well that must be what is causing the problem. Now the question is.. is it really even a problem. During the ice age it wasn't a problem at all and no one was around to take the temperature but this we do know the planet warmed up then.

Our smartest scientists compared to God are like the three sisters on Petty coat junction trying to solve the problem of warming up their soup in a minute without a micro-wave.

If we can't prevent hurricanes, flooding and tornadoes, what makes us think we can affect the temperature of the planet. Some things are beyond our control. Also, men are too proud to think that maybe God is turning up the temperature to make men feel uncomfortable and consider the end times are near..

Did he not say this..

II Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

II Peter 3:11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,

II Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

II Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Never in the history of the human race could God be speaking more clearly for the world to repent than today. Maybe it is God that is warming things up to get our attention. But as always, when men refuse to repent and sew their own fig leaves together God just lets things get worse. So when things get worse men think they need to take matters into their own hands more. What more does God have to do to get our attention?

The nations of the world are like Bobbie Jo.. Trying to dish up and warm up the soup with more pepper!

Did you ever notice, that when we are having colder weather, and milder summers the radical environmentalists don't use the phrase global warming, they use the phrase climate change.. But now that we are having a hot summer they changed the narrative and are singing the phrase "global warming" again!

We need to not put our trust in man, science so called, the resolve of men and mankind.

Jeremiah 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed [be] the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

There was a time, that our nation cried out to our creator for solutions. Prayer would be offered up during times of pandemics, we would come together in cottage prayer meetings seeking the blessing of God and the mind of God on matters. It is vain to trust in our weapons, and the power of the arm of the flesh. God brings famines, problems, plagues, so we can turn our hearts and minds to the Lord. CURSED ME THE MAN THAT TRUSETH IN MAN..

Men who look to men for solutions will in the end be disappointed. I remember visiting with my mechanic who just returned from the doctor. He was sitting in his shop dejected, and a bit discouraged. I said Ed how are things going. He said, preeech.. If I charged customers what these doctors charge me to fix my body and the car I was supposed to fix was no better off.. I would wind up in jail especially if I charged them what they charged me...

You see in his mind, our bodies should be no different than a machine. If you put the right parts in a car in the right order you can restore a car and get it working. Why can't

we do that with our bodies? We have been about it now for thousands of years. Yet we have not extended the average life span very much. The average life span worldwide is about 72.. And what does the Bible say:

Psalms 90:10 The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

How is it we have not any more advances than this area..

We have a president that recently got Covid, and immediately says don't worry I have been vaccinated twice with 2 boosters.. He trusted in the science and still got Covid. Then he said, well he had a mild case and attributes it to his vaccinations. No, I attribute it to God. We need to pray for our president for his health. We may not agree with him but the alternatives are far worse.

How is it with all our science we can't extend men's lifespan beyond the bounds of God's word and yet are we going to solve the problem of global warming with electric cars and windmills. If we can't solve our most basic needs how are we going to solve a global threat. I think it is time to say there are some things beyond our human abilities.

Jesus put it this way:

Matthew 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

We by taking thought cannot keep our hearts beating..

We by taking thought cannot keep our lungs working..

We by taking thought cannot not add one more year to our life because God said,

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

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VI. Mankind Thinks They Can Take Credit For Things Only God deserves Credit For..

Finally when God does give us the ability to do things or does bless let us give him the praise, the honor, and the glory.

James 4:15 For that ye [ought] to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

James 4:16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

Can any of us boast. NO NO NO .. It is the Lord that lets us live and do this or that..

God is in control of all things..

Ecclesiastes 7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

If God gives us the health to achieve things remember it is God who should get the glory.

Remember when Nebuchadnezzar got proud, God had to humble him..

Pride is the condemnation of the devil.

I think sometimes, God strikes us with illness now and then just to show how frail we are and how fragile life is. One day something is going to take us down, there will be a sickness unto death. Every time we get sick.. Whether it be a cold, a flu, Covid, or any other issue, it is a reminder that we are fragile.

Years ago when I first came to the church I had terrible allergies and server problem with asthma. I still have it but it is not as bad as it used to be since we moved into our new house. Almost every other week I had the sniffles. I remember a young lady in the church saying to me after a service, she said, "Pastor I have never had a cold in my whole life.. " I looked at her and said, is that true? She said, never. I said, you need to be careful. Don't brag.

The next time I saw her she said, Pastor you won't believe it .. I caught a cold.

Conclusion:

God brings these little tokens into our lives to prepare us for the day when we will have to face him. There is coming a day when we shall all have to stand before him and give an account for our lives and all that we have done in this life. He humbles us to give us little tokens of warnings to make preparation. The adversities, the set backs.. these are all God's warnings teaching us how helpless and frail we are. Teaching us life has many uncertainties; we have no control over these factors that affect us.

Ultimately there will be a day that is totally out of our control.

Ecclesiastes 8:8 [There is] no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither [hath he] power in the day of death: and [there is] no discharge in [that] war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

When God calls us there will be no discharge, no exemption, no power to retain the spirit.

The Devil said,

Genesis 3:4 ... Ye shall not surely die:
Genesis 3:5 ... and ye shall be as gods,

It is amazing how we like to fantasize that this is true. So we conjure up heroes, the superman mentality. Thinking man can solve all their own problems. All we have to do is put our minds to it and we can solve any of our problems. When something is out of our control, rather than admit our failures to God, we actually think putting pepper in our soup will warm it up faster.

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