

Only God Knows The Future

God said, "I am God and there is no one else. I am God and there is no one like Me declaring the end from the beginning, from ancient times to events that have not yet happened" (Isaiah 46:9 & 10).

Jesus said, "I am the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 22:13).

'God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in their hearts so mankind cannot find out the work God has done from the beginning to the end' (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Mankind does not know the future. That privilege is solely for God to know but He does reveal some things to Godly people when He chooses to. When God saw the earth was corrupt with sin and violence, He told righteous Noah He was going to destroy the earth with a flood. 'God saw the earth and saw it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth ... I will bring the flood of waters on this earth to destroy all flesh having the breath of life from under the sky. Everything on the earth will die"' (Genesis 6:12, 13 & 17). Only eight people survived the universal deluge that covered all of the mountains on earth (1 Peter 3:20). The survivors were Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives. The land animals and birds on the Ark survived although many became extinct afterwards. The sea creatures remained in the water and many survived, and that is why fossils of sea creatures have been found on the top of mountains.

When God was going to destroy Sodom, Gomorrah and surrounding cities because of violence and rampant homosexuality, the Lord chose to tell righteous Abraham what His plans were. 'The men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners against the Lord ... God said, "Will I hide from Abraham what I do since Abraham has surely become a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?" ... God said to Abraham, "The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and because their sin is very grievous" ... Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law who were pledged to marry his daughters and said, "Get up! Get out of this place for God will destroy the city." But his sons-in-law thought he had to be joking ... Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulphur (brimstone) and fire from God out of the sky. He overthrew those cities in the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground' (Genesis 13:13; 18:17 & 18, 20; 19:14, 24 & 25). That area is now the Dead Sea and the land surrounding it. Vast deposits of salt and sulphur are still there.

Until God told Noah and Abraham what His plans were, they had no idea such fierce judgement was coming. The Lord does not usually speak to people face to face like He spoke to Noah, Abraham and Moses. He has given us the Bible, His Word to inform us of future events. Through the Bible, God has already told all of humanity what judgements are coming. The people who study the Bible are fully aware of what is going to come on the earth. Jesus said, "As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day Noah entered the ship and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37 to 39). "As it happened in the days of Noah, even so will it be the same in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage up until the day Noah entered the ship and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, as it happened in the days of Lot, they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but in the day Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulphur (brimstone) from the sky and destroyed them all. It will be the same way in the day the Son of Man is revealed" (Luke 17:26 to 30). 'Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having in the same way as these, given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh (homosexuality) are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire' (Jude 1:7). These verses cannot be clearer. When many church leaders are too frightened of giving 'bad news', sensible church leaders teach these things to their congregations. We all need to know, God is our God of love but He is also our God of Judgement. We need to know so we can be Spiritually and emotionally prepared for the judgement that is coming on the entire earth.

'Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. Noah walked with God' (Genesis 6:9). 'By faith, Noah who had been warned about things not yet seen, moved with Godly fear and prepared a ship for the saving of his household, through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith' (Hebrews 11:7). The people who were alive during Noah's shipbuilding, before they died in Noah's flood were all aware the Ark was being built. They helped Noah build the Ark but they mocked him for building a huge ship hundreds of kilometres away from the sea. When Sodom and Gomorrah were about to be destroyed, the men thought Lot was joking when he warned them to flee. Just like in our modern day. Non-Christians do not believe the earth is in for fierce judgement. Christians know this earth is going to be shaken because God chose to warn us through His holy Jewish

prophets. If God did not warn us, we would have no idea because only God knows the future. God had said, "Yet once, in a little while I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea, the dry land and I will shake all nations ... I will shake the heavens and the earth" (Haggai 2:6, 7 & 21). 'There will be signs (unusual occurrences) in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth there will be anxiety within the nations, they will be in fear for the roaring of the sea and the waves. Men will faint for fear and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken' (Luke 21:25 & 26). Unbelievers will be terrified but Bible believing Jewish people and Christians will know what is happening. Only God knows exactly what will happen, where it will happen and only He knows exactly when but He has warned humanity His righteous Judgement will one day come.

When people go to clairvoyants they are never going to hear the truth about the future. These charlatans do not know the future but because they are in league with the devil, they may know someone's past. There have been people who have gone to these charlatans and have been told about their past because the devil knows their past but he does not know their future. Besides that, the devil is the father of lies and cannot speak the truth (John 8:44). Many people would prefer to believe in the lies from clairvoyants than the truth in God. If the devil knew the future he would never have tried to overthrow God (Isaiah 14:12 to 15). That was the devil's first big blunder. If the devil knew the future he would not have had Jesus killed (1 Corinthians 2:8). The death of Jesus was orchestrated and encouraged by the devil. Jesus said, "I choose you, (the twelve disciples) and one of you is a devil." Jesus spoke of Judas, for it was he who would betray Jesus, being one of the twelve' (John 6:70 & 71). 'After (the last) supper, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus' (John 13:2). If the devil had any knowledge of the future he would never have inspired Judas to betray Jesus. That would have been the second biggest blunder he ever made because it resulted in the victorious death and resurrection of Jesus on the cross, providing the way of atonement for the sins of mankind and fulfilling the very program the devil had been trying to thwart, paving the way for millions of believers to overcome the devil and be born-again. When Jesus comes again His wounds from the cross will be recognised by believers (Zechariah 12:10; John 20:25 & 27). That is the way we will know He is the true Messiah.

The belief in UFO's is another way the devil comes to lie and deceive. Even secular scientists and researchers have concluded the so-called 'aliens' who do terrible things to people are demonic in origin. They deal only in deception, pain, fear and are part of the universal field of deception by wicked entities in heavenly places. 'Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places' (Ephesians 6:12). The belief in evolution is yet another way the devil has come to lie and deceive many. Evolution removes accountability because people do not want to believe they will have to face God on Judgement Day so they choose to accept evolution. Their rather foolish thoughts are, if there is no God then I do not have to give an account of my life. The Lord has said very clearly, "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity. There is no one who does good" (Psalm 53:1). Evolution has led more people away from God than any other evil. When humanity refuses to believe the truth about eternal damnation they are playing straight into the devil's wicked hands. The devil uses some 'religious' people to stand in the way of people entering into eternal life in heaven. Jesus said, "You shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against mankind. You do not enter in yourselves nor do you allow those who are entering in to enter" (Matthew 23:14). Sadly, even some Christians are deceived. As Jesus warned, "There will arise false messiahs and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray, if possible even the elect (Christians)" (Matthew 24:24).

The eternal damnation of a human soul is the saddest tragedy imaginable. There will be people who walk this earth, who have been spiritually blinded to the truth of eternal damnation. On Judgement Day they will beg for forgiveness but it will be too late. Their eternal fate is sealed. They will be filled with deep regret, sorrow, terror and they will know, all they had to do is obey God and believe. Denial of eternal damnation is an error that obstructs repentance from sin which results in preventing their pardon. No error is more fatal than disbelief. The erroneous belief, there are many paths to heaven is politically correct but spiritually foolish. Jesus said, "I am the Way, Truth and Life and no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). If there was any other path to heaven, God would have told us. Unbelief attempts to mask God's righteous judgement, it translates sin into a misfortune instead of guilt, it minimises the blood and cross of Jesus into an event often mocked and makes salvation a debt 'owed' to mankind not an unmerited gift by the grace and mercy of God for whosoever desires Him (Revelation 22:17). The death of Jesus on the cross was the most cataclysmic event that has ever happened and affects every person who has ever lived. Every person who has ever lived past the age of accountability will have to stand face to face with God and give an account of their lives. Not one of us can escape meeting God. 'God will judge the righteous and the wicked for there is a time for every purpose and for every work' (Ecclesiastes 3:17). The only way we can escape eternal damnation is to accept the gift of salvation through the blood of Jesus. 'Repent and be baptised every

one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:38).

Only God knows who will be saved, and who will reject Him and the only way of salvation through Jesus, which He has provided. Jesus came to save our souls. He did not come to save our bodies. Our mortal bodies will eventually die but our soul and spirit cannot die and will live forever. After Judgement Day we will all be given an immortal body. The righteous will live in heaven in their immortal body, in the company of our Creator God, our Lord Jesus and millions of holy angels forever. The unrighteous, those who have rejected God will have an immortal body that will be sent to the Lake of Fire, damned forever. 'Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth (those who have died and were buried) will awake (they will be resurrected), some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt' (Daniel 12:2). God knew us all before He ever created the earth, literally since the foundation of this world and He knew who was going to accept or reject Him and only God knows our eternal future. 'The King (Jesus) will tell those on His right hand, "Come blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"' (Matthew 25:34). 'King Jesus will say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels ... These souls will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous will enter into eternal life"' (Matthew 25:41 & 46). 'God chose us in Jesus before the foundation of the world so we would be holy and without blemish before Him in love' (Ephesians 1:4).

Amen and God bless you.

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