## **100th – Bible Seeds Podcast**

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Intro Music – "My Father Is So Good To Me" [written and performed by Carl Vasta]

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **OUR WORLD IS A STRANGE PLACE** 

God made this world a heavenly paradise, but it sure has turned into a strange place. God made our forefathers invent an interesting **Courtroom** called Congress to test the hearts and the strength of men and women, who sell themselves like hookers and "LIE" straight to your face, smiling at you!

The sweet women who used to tell us "Don't worry, it will be okay", have been forced to become *"Mama Bears"* at *Congress, Courts* and *School Boards* to protect their children and themselves from these morally bankrupt leaders who would take all our money and think nothing of **TAXING OUR HUMAN DIGNITY!** 

And those are the people we have to lead this nation into the future? Tell me, would we believe it if they sent us a Valentine's card saying how much they love us? In the book, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, Chapter 3: verses 1-5, the Apostle Paul wrote to his younger colleague and assistant Timothy *"There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, and of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, using profanity and showing contempt for and all that is sacred.* 

They will be without love, unfeeling, heartless and cruel, taking pleasure in getting revenge, and ready to ruin someone's reputation by telling lies and stirring trouble."

They will think, speak and act immorally, and will ridicule people trying to do what is right and good. They will be brutal, hating anything that is good.

They will be treacherous, reckless, pompous, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. They will pretend to be religious or church going people, but they will not believe God's word and will deny God's power.

Stay away from these people.

And later in **verse 13**, Paul says, **"But evil men and impostors will** grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

**So who can you trust?** Who did Jesus trust? He chose the twelve apostles, yet there was **Judas Iscariot** who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, to the Jewish leaders who wanted to kill Him! Some say that Jesus wanted to have a confrontation with the leaders and was working with Judas to do this! But this was disproved by Jesus when he said at the last supper, *"But look! The one who betrays me is here at the table with me! The Son of Man will die as God has decided, but how terrible for that man who betrays him!"* (Luke, Chapter 22: verses 21-22)

**Peter** on the other hand had proclaimed Jesus was the Son of God and his Savior but on the night of Jesus' trials, he denied knowing Him three times. And later Jesus forgave Peter.

**So who can you trust?** In the book of Matthew at Chapter 10: verses 34-36, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the world. No, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. I came to set sons against their fathers, daughters against their mothers, daughters-in law against their mothers-in-law; a man's worst enemies will be the members of his own family."

As we come up to the 2024 Presidential election, there are people with businesses grouping together who promise that they won't be like the big corporations that are going woke and canceling people who don't agree with their political orientation. They are asking us, *"Why give your money to people who hate you? Spend your money with people who love America and promote God, family and country!"* 

That is a persuasive business argument, but it doesn't help you if you die!

Let me take a moment here to say that; all of your worldly dreams, a home, a business, a reputation as an artist, a dream to be the president or a king will be canceled with your last breath.

At that point, you are no longer a citizen of the world. All that you owned was in that world. And now you own nothing. You were a king in that world and now you have no kingdom. You are nobody, with nothing!

You may even come to realize that you were only a guest on the Earth for a short time. You may be famous and think that the people in this world will remember your accomplishments. Generations come and go, and if your name happens come up two or three generations from now, people then will probably ask **"Who was that?"** 

There is an advertising slogan for the gambling town 'Las Vegas" that states, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas". We can say the same thing for the Earth. "What we acquire on the Earth stays on the Earth".

We might have less stress and feel more at ease if we use the things we acquired as if they were rented.

Jesus made the point by saying, "What profit can a person realize if they gain the whole world but lose their soul in the process?"

## So, who can we trust?

We can trust what Jesus told us! He is the **WORD of GOD**, and the **SON of GOD** who was made human by the power of GOD'S HOLY **SPIRIT!** John, Chapter 1: verses 1-5 and verse 14

Don't try to please those who hate you or want to destroy you, but give your faith and prayers to the one who loves you and takes care of you. Believe in Jesus who promised that when you die from this strange place called Earth, you will have a place in the glorious Kingdom Of Heaven. Don't let the liars and the evil ones who seem to be in power now depress you. They will all be punished by the **wrath of God in the Tribulation** and **judged by Jesus at the White Throne Judgment.** 

## Back Ground Music Starts and .....

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given *His Son Jesus, the good shepherd* to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: **Understanding God's Word** my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the **PDFs** for *Storyline Of The Bible* and *Quotes and Stories from Jesus.* You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: <u>www.carlvasta.com</u> Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

## Ending The Program

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .