## 67th - Bible Seeds Podcast

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Intro Music - "My Father Is So Good To Me"

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 is: The God Of Believers vs The God Of Evolution

There were stories in the bible where people were given a choice between who they would believe and follow. The first real example of this was after Joshua led the Israelites into the promise land. After many years God brought heroes, out of their midst, to save a people who were constantly ignoring His laws. But then they would cry for His help and be saved, when the nations around them came to destroy them.

But then one day the people came to Samuel, the Prophet/Priest and they said to him, "Make for us a king to judge us like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8: verses 5 - 6)

The people in the nations around them had many gods and no gods. Those people practiced many evil things and sacrificed their children to their gods.

Samuel was not happy with their request, but the LORD told him, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, for they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them." (1 Samuel 10: 7)

God gave the people a king which reigned over them;

He took their sons and appointed them for his chariots and to be his horsemen and some ran before his chariots. He appointed captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, and set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

He took their daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

And he took the best of their fields, their vineyards and their olive groves, and gave them to his servants. He took a tenth of their grain and their vintage, and gave it to his officers and servants.

And he took their menservants and their maidservants and their finest young men and their donkeys and used them for his work. He also took a tenth of their sheep and also made them his servants.

And finally they cried out in that day because of their king who they chose for themselves.

And the LORD reminded them, 'that He would not hear them in that day.'

(found in the book of: 1 Samuel, Chapter 8: verses 11-18)

What you have just heard are the things God warned the people would happen to them if they chose a king. But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel saying, "No but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

( found in the book of: 1 Samuel, Chapter 8: verse 19-20 )

The people chose a tall good looking man named Saul for their new king. He started out okay but he did not do as God had commanded him. After a while, God chose a shepherd boy named David to take over the kingdom, but Saul would not leave even after David defeated Goliath, the giant Philistine. After ten years of conflict with David, Saul is killed in a battle with the Philistines and David who is thirty years old becomes King and he rules for forty years.

The next king was Solomon, David's son who ruled after him. He asked God for the wisdom to rule His people. God gave him great wisdom and made him extremely rich. He ruled for forty years and was succeeded by his son Rehoboam, who refused to lighten the burden and taxes on the twelve tribes of Israel.

Ten of the tribes refuse to live under Rehoboam and they formed the **Northern Kingdom of Israel**.

That kingdom, **Israel**, lasted about 210 years and went through **19 evil kings** before they were taken away and held in captivity by Assyria.

The two tribes that remained under Rehoboam, Solomon's son, were *Judah* and *Benjamin* and was the *Southern Kingdom Of Judah*.

Over a hundred years later, *Judah* follows in the footsteps of *Israel* and was taken into captivity and exiled to Babylonia for seventy years.

Judah had been governed by 21 kings before it was destroyed. Some of them 'did evil in the sight of the LORD', and some of the kings 'brought the people back to the LORD and obeyed his commands.'

After seventy years, Babylonia was conquered by *King Cyrus*, who allowed and helped the Jews to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple and the walls of the city.

For the next four hundred years, Jerusalem found itself being ruled by *Alexander The Great*, *Egypt*, and *Syria*. For a while it came *back into the hands of the Jewish authorities*, then the *Parthians*, and finally *Rome made Herod the Great*, *the king of Judea*. (the Jewish territory)

With Herod came the building the great *Herod's Temple*, which started construction in the year 20 B.C. (before Christ was born) and was finished in 62 A.D. (Anno Domini, which means in the year of our Lord – 62 years after Christ was born).

This was some thirty years after the crucifixion of Jesus, who was a Jew, who claimed that 'He was the Son of God', and His believers who were saved and proceeded to proclaim the gospel of Christ. They were called Christians.

This was the time when choosing was not only for the Jews, but for all the nations and all the generations of people who would be born into this world.

We still live in a world of many nations, many people with many gods and no gods. Would we choose to believe in the *Holy Trinity*, that is the (*Father Jehovah*, *or* [ *YHWH* ], *His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit?*)

This *Christian* God does not force you to believe in him. He gives you free will to choose what you will do or say. Let's say you know someone who wants to be your friend. You share with them a song or poem you wrote. They tell another person that you stole a song or poem from someone else you know. When you find out what that person said about you, would you be mad? Would you want this person around you? Did this person *sin against you?* 

This is what God said in the *first of the Ten Commandments*: "I am God, your Creator and have made all things. Don't give the respect I deserve to anybody or anything else."

God loves you and helps you in many ways. If you put yourself in God's place you might be able to **better understand SIN** which separates you from God.

And what if this person used your name or your family's names as a curse word? Who would curse their Creator, the Father or His son Jesus? *That's the third commandment!* 

Or how would you feel if people made fun of you or criticized you for attending a church service? **That's the forth commandment!** 

What if they made fun of your Mom and Dad or worse? Would you defend your parents, assuming they raised you righteously and didn't try to corrupt your moral values or abuse you physically or sexually?

What if this friend convinced your brother or sister to kill your parents? Would you want this person as a friend? That's the fifth and sixth commandments!

What if this person who wanted to be your friend *compromised* your marriage or your relationship with your loved one or your fiancé? That's the seventh commandment!

Or what would you think of a friend who stole your car or money from you or your family and caused hardship among your loved ones? That's the eighth commandment!

A person can make you lose your job; create strife in your family and can even cost you your life or the lives of your loved ones by telling lies. *That's the ninth commandment!* 

The tenth commandment is the reasoning of all of the previous commandments. From the book of Exodus, Chapter 20: verse 17, it says, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

When we look at the word *covet*, the dictionary defines this word as *long for*; *yearn for*; and *wish for*.

But I think that the **reason people covet** is because of **jealousy!** 

They think **that person** doesn't deserve the things they have, and that they are more deserving to have those things.

It's a matter of power. Who has the power? Who has the money? That is the reason they put Jesus to death. It's the reason people cheat and it doesn't matter if involves a board game, a video game, an election, a job, a love relationship or fame.

It even makes people think that they would do a better job of being God saying, "If I were God, I would stop this or I would do that!"

When they realize they don't have any power to control weather, earthquakes and disasters; or people, politics and death, they say, "there really is no God".

They somehow put their faith in their machines and computers. They work at making an **Artificial Intelligence God**. The perfect computer machine that can, with amazing speed, out think any human being. And once it declares an answer, all human suggestions become null and void. But the words of the **Christian God** is still a threat to this **evolved God**.

Will this evolved god allow humans free will and not force you to believe in him? Will it give you free will to choose what you can do or say? Because of the China virus, we've seen what absolute power can do to the people of the world and their nations.

If we look to the future, we see a prophecy of what is to come, in the book of Revelation.

It says the second beast represents 'the False Prophet who will deceive people into worshipping the first beast.'

'It also has authority from Satan.'

At Revelation Chapter 13: verses 15-17 it says

He was granted power to give BREATH to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both SPEAK and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark of the beast, or the number of his name."

So why would you choose to believe and serve the *god of evolution?* Keep these things in mind about this god. He was created by mankind, who was given authority to curse the real God by Satan, another creation of God. He didn't create the universe, the Earth and all life. *He is the real FAKE god!* 

We have all sinned at one time or another and broken the Ten Commandments, but Jesus paid for our sins and because of that we can have a good relationship with the **real** God, the Father.

He forgives your wrong doing and encourages you to turn away from your sin and embrace righteous behavior. The best thing we can do for our lives on this Earth is to give God the Father, His son Jesus and the Holy Spirit the respect they deserve and not give it to anybody or anything else.

## **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.

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