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● Intro Music - “*America The Free*”

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: **Education By Trial**

When we think about education, our thoughts usually go to schools K-12, public and private, city and state colleges, well known universities like USC, Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia and many others. But there is one that has been around from the beginning of time. It’s often been referred to as the **School Of Hard Knocks** or **Education By Trial!**

All education is expensive but the most costly, effective and long lasting are the lessons we’ve learned by going through the trial of living.

There is no degree that prepares us for death or love that is lost, and divorce. And these experiences not only come to those who have the means to pay for this education but can leave most people ruined financially and emotionally.

I don't know how much we could have prepared for these things but otherwise, God the Father and the Lord Jesus have given us the wisdom that would help us to avoid bringing our own form of 'Hell' into our lives. You will find this advice the in ***many books of Old Testament*** and in the ***gospels of the New Testament***.

But I wonder why, when we are given good advice, ***we choose to learn by going through the trial!*** We are told in the ninth commandment ***not to lie***, – but we think we can handle the 'little white lies'.

When people find out that what we are saying is not true, they don't trust us anymore. That could lead to not getting a job we wanted or receiving a position in the company we were hoping for. It could break up a love relationship or having your children not take you seriously about promises or punishment.

It could even cause your children to ignore the fifth commandment; ***to give honor to your mother and father!***

There are those married people who think they can give their life a little more spice by flirting with others feelings and cannot do damage to their own lives. But as it is written in the Old Testament book, ***Song Of Solomon, Chapter 2: verse 7***, it says, ***“Do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases.”*** To flirt causes distrust between people who profess their love for each other and may not involve the physical ***adultery***, ***[the seventh commandment]***, but can certainly lead to divorce. ***Why would you bet the happiness of the lives of your mate or your children on your romantic whims?***

Then there is **[the eighth commandment - "Do Not Steal"]**

There are those who justify *stealing* because they feel that businesses, corporations, the government are all stealing from everyone and so if they steal it back, **No Big Deal !**

It seems the new generations believe what has been said by their parents and older generations. So much so they have no guilt in going into stores as a mob and stealing everything they want and getting out. Because there are so many at one time, it seems they cannot be prosecuted.

If you don't think stealing will bring **"Hell"** into your life, open your eyes and your ears! Soon you will think nothing about stealing from your mate, your children or your parents and friends. It could possibly get you killed by a stranger!

Stress and disasters in our lives can undo dangerous tempers that can be triggered by simple violations like cutting off someone driving in the next lane or threats and strong words directed to us in any situation. A person who has no control of their temper **can easily violate the sixth commandment - "Do not commit murder"**

Murder has many forms and **cannot be reversed or undone!** It has many victims; husbands, wives, children, babies, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, other family members, business partners, lovers and strangers. The consequences of **"this Hell"** we bring into our lives, **last forever.**

In the **Old Testament, the book of Samuel, Chapter 11**, It tells how David, the king had **coveted or desired [violated the tenth commandment]** the wife of one of his soldiers [**Uriah, the Hittite**], after he saw her bathing. He had her brought to him and he had relations with her and she became pregnant. **[violated the seventh commandment – adultery]**

David brought Uriah back from battle and tried to encourage him to go home to his wife, but he felt guilty because his comrades were still in battle. David finally sent him back to the hottest part of the battle and he was killed. **[violated the sixth commandment- Do not commit murder]** David then married his wife named Bathsheba, but the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

When the Lord confronted him, David was devastated and was prepared to die! **The Lord forgave David's sin** but told him, **"I will raise up evil against you and the sword shall never depart from your house."** His consequences were his children turned against him and he was publicly shamed. He had brought **"Hell"** to the rest of his life.

The 'Out Of This World' Trial

This trial that happens is after we leave this Earth. I don't mean space travel. But after we take our last breath here and we realize our body has stopped living. There have been many accounts of people who supposedly died and found themselves in something like this. All of these stories are from people who died

and were brought back to life, otherwise we would have never heard from them.

The apostle Paul makes the statement that when we die we are: ***“Absent from the body and present with the Lord.”*** I’m sure that Paul is referring to people who are living a Christian life.

Jesus tells of a marriage feast in **Matthew 22:13** of a person who came to the feast but was not dressed properly, so the King had him thrown into the ***outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

Once, I took a trip just off a mountain road at night watching a Perseus meteor shower. The road was so dark I couldn’t see two or three feet in front of me. That was dark!

There are only three descriptions in the New Testament in the book of Matthew that **describes “hell” as “the outer darkness”.** **The three are found in the New Testament, all in the book of Matthew at Chapter 8: verse 12 - Chapter 22: verse 13 - and Chapter 25: verse 30.**

There is ***“dark”*** and then there is the ***“outer darkness”!*** Where might you find this outer darkness? Maybe in something called a black hole in space that swallows planets and stars. And when they try looking into this black hole and they don’t see any stars or light.

Or maybe you would find this ***‘outer darkness’*** in a coffin, six feet underground where no one could hear you and you could hear no one. And there would be a ***‘wailing and gnashing of teeth’.***

Matthew's use of the phrase **"weeping and gnashing of teeth"** at **Matthew, Chapter 13: verse 42 and 50** is linked to the statement **to be cast into the "furnace of fire"**.

In the **Old Testament, the book of Job at verse 32-33**, Job says about God,

"For He is not a man, as I am,

That I may answer Him.

And that we should go to court together

Nor is there any mediator between us,

Who may lay his hand on us both"

The book of Job is one of the oldest books in the bible and was written before the introduction of Jesus, but even Job knew that there might be a mediator between God and man. **That mediator is Jesus!**

In the book of Revelation, Chapter 1: verse 18, Jesus says, **I am He who lives and was dead, and behold , I am alive for evermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades ["hell"] and of Death.**

In the **book of Matthew, Chapter 25: verse 41**, **"Then He [Jesus] will also say to those on the left hand. 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'**

So hell was made for the devil and his angels, not the human species, but humans who have decided to follow in the footsteps of the devil and his angels have made a conscious decision to receive the punishment that was due for just the devil and his angels!

God the Father sent his son Jesus to take their sins so they would not have to receive that punishment but be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven by believing Jesus did just that by dying on a cross and rising to life three days later.

People can't change their mind after they die from this Earth. The people who were brought back to life after they died had a second chance to be brought to salvation through believing in Jesus. But if you can't be revived, ***you will be in the outer darkness*** until the Great White Judgement, which happens one thousand years after the end of the tribulation and the reign of Jesus Christ on Earth.

People then will be judged at the Great White Throne and will ***be cast into Lake of Sulphur along with the devil and his angels, with a weeping and a gnashing of teeth*** or will be brought into the New Kingdom Of Heaven and remain with God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit forever.

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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**: my commentary on some of these readings.

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