

# 77th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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- **Intro Music -**

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: **Life's Distractions vs God's Blessings**

Living in today's world seems to pose threats to our lives daily, with the Russia-Ukraine WWII threat, the open southern border and thousands of migrants coming into our cities and towns. Then we have our government along with the news media lying to us about everything; about the economy, about the vaccines, about what's happening to our children in the schools with "woke" teachers who would rather teach our children about 'drag queens' and sex; and putting people in charge who are not qualified to be the leaders of our education, financial, and immigration departments, and our military, or transportation systems such airlines and railroads.

The people who are "voted in" or are selected to be Attorney Generals of our cities, have no regard for the citizens who live

there. Criminals are released on the public and we are forced to fight back and incur high penalties while the criminals get out of jail easily. Recently, the FBI started to harass Christians who are praying across the street from abortion clinics or spying on people attending a Catholic Latin Mass! This type of persecution is often seen in communist countries and dictatorships.

The problem governments have with people who pray, or go to church, is they often have a strong faith in their God and His promises!

Jesus told us what to expect in the last days. **In the book of Matthew, Chapter 24: verses 4-14** Jesus answered His disciples when they asked him, **... “what will be the sign of your coming back and the end of the age?”**

*Jesus answered, “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many.*

***You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen but the end is still to come.***

*Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.*

***“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and***

*hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.*

***Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.***

***And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”***

I was asked an interesting question the other day. A person said they attended a public funeral and were put off by the pastor who said about the person who died, ***“He is with God now in heaven and out of pain!”***

I asked him, ***“Was he a Christian?”***

He said to me, “Well that doesn’t matter, I thought it was wrong for that pastor to assume God’s judgement in saying ‘that person had gone to heaven.’”

“Well”, I said, “What did Jesus say about that? Let’s look at the passage where Jesus was speaking to Martha about their brother who had died four days earlier and Martha had said to Jesus, ***“if you had been here, my brother would not have died!”***

***In the book of John, Chapter 11: verse 23, Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”*** She might have even rolled her eyes and said, ***“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”***

And Jesus said to her, ***“I am the resurrection and the life.”***  
[ Jesus was telling her (***“I AM the last day”***) ]

***“He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.” “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”***

[ Again Jesus was telling her there are no added conditions - ***‘He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.’ ‘And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.’*** ]

We must realize that only Jesus lived a life that had no sin. He is perfect and no one else has ever lived a life without sin.

And in the **book of Ephesians, Chapter 2: verses 8-9**, it says, **For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this salvation is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God – not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** [or take credit for their salvation]

God’s blessings provide so much hope that there is a future for His creation. When we realize that all people who live on the Earth die, we get a hard dose of reality and often ask ourselves, ***“What are we doing here?”***

The reasoning for our existence lies solely with our Creator. Does He need to explain it to us? Did He already do that? God has been banned from many communist countries around the world. Many politicians in Washington D.C. would like to ban God from entering that city.

But they should be happy that He hasn’t been banned yet. And when His name is mentioned, they should just smile and nod their head in approval because they know that if they make Him mad, He might “wish them into the cornfield” and that would ruin His reputation. ***“Oh, great Serling, shades of Twilight Zone”.***

***So what are life's distractions?*** There are so many that present themselves from the time we are born. The only distractions are getting past the baby years; learning to eat, learning to walk, learning to speak, learning what was dangerous and what could hurt us.

We had to learn how to plant, grow and harvest our own food. We had to learn how to cook, and sew. We had to make our own tools so we could make our lives easier.

We also had to learn how to make things that other people would like, and buy or trade. We might become skilled at making pottery or tanning leather or taking the wool from sheep and weaving it into clothing.

After hundreds of years, we learned to communicate by artist drawings and writing on stone and parchment and many other things were added to our lives.

By now millions of distractions have been added to our lives and the every day news like the beginning of this podcast adds more worries to your life that may not be under your control.

***And What Are God's Blessings?*** Jesus told us about God's blessings that are far away from all the Earthly distractions.

Jesus said to His disciples, ***"Therefore I say to you do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"***

***“Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”***

***“Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?”***  
***[ or putting another way can add eighteen inches to his height? ]***

***“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”***

***“Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”***

***“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’***

***“For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.***

***But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.”***

***“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring it’s own challenges and each day has enough trouble of its own.”*** ( **Matthew, Chapter 6: verses 24-34** )

I have found that among God’s blessings, my most favorite is I’m never alone! He is always there with me.

## **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**: my commentary on some of these readings.

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