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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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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: **Brothers, Sisters And Mothers Throughout The World**

Jesus gave us His definition of what a faithful world-wide church would be like! In the **book of Matthew, Chapter 12: verses 48-50**, Jesus has been speaking in the temple to the scribes and the Pharisees and the scripture says, ***“While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then one said to Him, ‘Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak with You.’”***

But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

Living in these days and time, we think of people in terms of nations and countries. Because of political ideas and the world of the media, we might think that people living in these places agree with those who rule their nation. **But that is not true!**

Most people living in the world don't see these leaders, that rule them, as any kind of replacement for the **Creator** of the Heavens, Universe, the Earth and all life! Most leaders are even lucky to be able to manage their own staff let alone the people they think they rule over!

Just because a ruler is a communist doesn't mean **'the people suffering under his leadership believe in socialism or communism.'** Many times they are forced to replace a picture or a cross of Jesus with a picture of the **"Great Leader"** of that country!

Even in **"America, The Land of the Free"**, we experience leaders who think more of themselves, than they do of the people that they're supposed to represent! And they cause much pain to their citizens using **'lock downs'** and **'mandates for vaccines'** that are more harmful than the disease! They use these lame excuses to **shut down church services** and **restrict which medicines you can use** to fight the actual viruses!

But there are people living under government rules that have a strong faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ. They exist in places like **North America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica.** They are **Christians** and **they are all our brothers, sisters, mothers and dads;** which are normally included in the brothers category, but there are no fathers in this section because **there is only one FATHER, and that is GOD!**

It is like the vision John saw when He was called to heaven by God, in the **book of Revelation, Chapter 7: verses 9-10.**

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

There is one more thing that we all have in common! No matter where we live, we will all be persecuted **because we are Christens.** Jesus told us in the **book of John, Chapter 15: verses 18-26,**

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father as well. But this was to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'"

When the Helper [Holy Spirit] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will

testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

It's amazing to me that when we are young, we often joked about nonsensical things, but as we grow older we find that the jokes have become reality in our own lives! Who would have ever thought that people would actually think that there were more than two genders!

It even says in the bible at **Genesis, Chapter 1: verse 27**, ***“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”***

We are all brothers and sisters of each other in this world and even if we become moms and dads, **as Christians**; we all of one body and **a relatively new ethnicity!** We are like the description that John spoke of in heaven: ***‘a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before’ - the Head of this great body; GOD, the Father, JESUS, the Son and the HOLY SPIRIT.*** But we are still on this Earth!

We find that after thousands of years on this planet, humans have proved they cannot govern their own people without chaos! It is not a problem of ethnicity, gender, or climate change. It is something that exists in all human beings. The problem is **SIN** or falling short of being perfect. Pray that we may turn away from our sins and put our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Although we might experience many government – elections, selections, and persecutions . . . we will wait with great anticipation for the government of **JESUS** – the thousand year reign and the coming of **GOD'S New Heaven!**

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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.

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: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

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New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.
God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .