

PRESENT TRUTH

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For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. (2 Peter 1:12 NKJV)

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The Measure of Truth

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Introduction

It seems to me that when various teachers comment on the Garden experience of Adam and Eve or on the temptation from the serpent that the implications are not taken seriously. Some even seem to present the story as an allegory at best and a fairy tale at worst. However, I believe that the Lord has put in the Scriptures all that we need to know to seek and understand Him and His ways. This includes the Garden experience of Adam and Eve and the Enemy's temptation. Hopefully this Teaching Letter will take a serious look at the implications of the Enemy's promises to Eve.

The Serpent's Promises

When the serpent tempted Eve in the Garden he made two promises to her concerning the benefits of eating from the tree that God had forbidden.

"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ([Genesis 3:5 NASB](#))

The first promise of "your eyes will be opened" we have covered in other articles [[Background of Deception](#), [Perspective](#), [With Open Eyes](#), [Twisted Reality \(audio\)](#)] but now I would like to deal with the second promise "you will be like God", which is characterized by knowing good and evil; that is, the ability to decide what is good and what is evil or what is right and what is wrong. Man did not possess this ability prior to eating from the forbidden tree.

Just like opening their eyes changed their perception of reality [*see the other articles for more on this*], becoming like God changed man's perception of truth—what is right and wrong, what is true and false. The measure or standard of truth from man's viewpoint moved from God to man's own thought processes.

When Adam and Eve received and acted on the promises of the serpent in the Garden, the Devil laid the foundation for his kingdom and its earthly manifestation as the world system. This serpent's seed would develop into the global world system of the Antichrist before the Lord's

return. The basis or foundation of this system is a twisted view of reality from the opened eyes of man's soul and an alternate standard of truth determined by man's own opinions of right and wrong.

Sons of Greece

We are living in the days when the world system is coming into its fullness. It reaches its peak when the “man of lawlessness” rises to rule. He is the epitome of “you shall be as gods” even to performing signs and wonders. He will be a law unto himself with his own thoughts and opinions as the measure of right and wrong, good and evil. But, we need to look at the context in which he rises to power.

Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ([2 Thessalonians 2:3 NASB](#))

There is an apostasy first. Believers fall away from the faith (that is the meaning of apostasy). It is the world system that lures them away from the Lord. It is the world system that is in conflict with the Kingdom of God.

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ([1 John 2:15-16 NASB](#))

As the world system matures in its character the conflict becomes more pronounced between those who are of God and those who are of the world. There is a prophecy from Zechariah that speaks of this.

For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; And I will make you like a warrior's sword. ([Zechariah 9:13 NASB](#))

Zechariah speaks of two groups who are at war: the sons of Zion and the sons of Greece. Sons denote the fact that it is the heritage and inheritance of each that is brought forth. The sons of Zion are the sons of God and represent the Kingdom of God. The sons of Greece are those who are not sons of God (they are heathen) and represent the world system.

Historically Greece has given us logic, reason and democracy. Its legacy is with us today in full expression with our scientific method and our democratic rule. Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and others gave us formalized reasoning as a way to determine truth. Greece introduced the concept of representative government; that power comes from the people governed. Now this has grown into the idea that the consensus of the people determines truth.

The principles of the Kingdom of God are in conflict with the principles of the world system and this conflict is most pronounced during the last days. Where is this war being fought? Not in the world but in the church!

The world has no problem with a standard of truth based on logic and reason and implemented by majority vote. It is the sons of God who have a problem with it and conflict results when the sons of Zion assert a standard of truth that is outside of ourselves and can only be determined by the

Word of God and the Spirit of God.

Our modern day church is underpinned by the heritage of the Greeks with doctrines formulated through logic and reason and governed by democratic rule. The Church that Jesus is building is underpinned by the foundation of prophets and apostles with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. In His Church there is no democratic rule. Jesus is sovereign Lord, King and Head and rules through the Spirit of Truth that has been sent forth from the Father.

As we move further into the end times the influences of the world system on the church and the people of God will become greater, more intensified. The sons of Greece will hold their banner of truth high heralding the lawless one with signs, wonders and all deception of wickedness for those who do not love the truth. [*2 Thessalonians 2:9-12*]

We as the sons of Zion will also raise our banner of Truth (Christ Jesus) [*John 12:32*] though the power of the Spirit of Truth heralding Jesus as Truth [*John 14:6*]. the Word as Truth [*John 17:17*] and the Spirit as Truth [*John 15:26*].

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. (John 16:13 NASB)

Civil war is coming to the church between the sons of Zion and the sons of Greece. Those who are not led by the Holy Spirit will succumb to the spirit of this age that now works in the children of disobedience. [*Ephesians 2:2*]

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