

“A Covenant to Forgive, Part 1” Matthew 26:28, Sermon Notes
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“For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins” (Matt. 26:28)

Sermon Purpose: To give a spiritual perspective to the present national struggles so that the church will know how to think through these times and be prepared to face difficulties

Introduction

This is a good time for us to take a couple of weeks and reflect on what is happening in the world around us

- Eventually I want to get back to the gospel message found in the Lord’s Table but we need to go on a journey together first
- If the Lord should delay His return and things turn back to normal, we will not soon forget what took place in 2020
- 20/20 is a phrase we use to describe perfect vision
- You have good vision if your eyesight is 20/20

This is the year God is giving us vision into the human heart

- We are learning that man is not in control
- We have seen the power of fear on society
- There are forces at work which want to radically reshape our society
- And everyone is on edge and wondering what is going to happen next. As we see the attempt to push God away, we also see the effect that has on our nation
 - What is clear to any observer is that mankind is under the judgment of God
 - When God turns a people over to their natural desires the end result is their own destruction

I don’t normally depart from our study of God’s Word, but I think it is wise and good for us to take a moment and reflect on what is happening

My heart, like yours is heavy. I am burdened by the rising tide of secularism. I am burdened by the spiritual downgrade of the Church. I am concerned about the increasing hostility towards God and His ways

But I am also hopeful. I see the good hand of God on display. I see the power of the Gospel and the power of the Word of God. I see the grace of God. I see people coming to Christ. I see the true and faithful Church growing stronger and clearer. I see the dividing lines between God and the World becoming more distinct and my heart rejoices. Also, I rejoice because I know that we are on the winning side, even if for a short time we face various distresses

- The unthinkable and unimaginable may happen soon
- But if we are destined to suffer for the sake of Christ it will be for our good and His glory

One of the events which has concerned me the most was a recent supreme court ruling. In the case of SOUTH BAY UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH v. GAVIN NEWSOM, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA Churches are forced to close their doors because of the pandemic, while other businesses are allowed to remain open. The Supreme Court of the United States heard the argument and sided with the States' authority to close down the Church in cases of national emergency.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/30/us/supreme-court-churches-coronavirus.html>

- Now we as a Church have followed the instructions and guidelines of our governor. We have followed the practices so closing is not the problem when we are faced with a real and known threat
- The problem is now what happens when the state has the authority to define a threat and limit the right of the Church to meet?
- As you will see with the growing hostilities in society, the advancements in technology, and the increasing godlessness people are ready to protest and disrupt at any perceived injustice. As a result, towns are shut down, curfews are set, civil unrest is rampant. We are a big event away from the National Guard being called in. When you have this kind of open unrest and godless politicians you have those who want to silence the Church

There is a battle for the American mind. There is a battle for the American heart. There is a battle for a nation under God. Sadly, our nation has been drifting away from God for quite some time and the divide is becoming increasingly alarming

- This battle is nothing new
- It has been around since the garden of Eden
- It is a battle which will continue until Christ returns

This morning I want to give you some spiritual altitude so that you know how to think through these times and so that you will be prepared

- We need to be prepared to face the Spiritual challenges today
- We cannot trust the social conscience to be our guide. Too many are taking their cues on how to think by the popular opinions in society spread through social media, the news, or conversations had
- We must turn to the Word of God. We must work to understand God's perspective

I have been reading a series of books and have been watching what has been taking place and I want to give you some perspective for what is happening and how we as a Church are going to navigate through these times

For a broader historical perspective, you need to read the Series by David F. Wells. There are six volumes where David Wells documents the decline of Evangelicalism and the Church

- God in the wasteland
- No place for Truth
- Courage to be Protestant

To gain an understanding on Philosophy of Marx I would suggest you pick up Paul Johnson's Book Intellectuals. He has a fascinating account of the life of Karl Marx

Just recently Al Mohler wrote a book entitled “The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church.” In it he gives numerous illustrations of the challenges the Church faces because of the rising tide of an atheistic culture

All of these books give good perspective and insight. But of course the most meaningful and significant insight comes from God. I love the plainness of scripture. I love how God cuts through all the issues and gets to the heart of a matter. So, while I may make some observations from the books previously mentioned, ultimately, we want to hear God speak to us through His Word

- I want to help you identify the ideologies and philosophies being presented today and then I want you to understand what God says about these things
- We are hearing a lot today about Black Lives Matter, the existence of Cultural Marxism, Post Modernism, and Critical Race Theory
- I wish to identify these trends for you and give you a summary of what they are saying so you know what you are arguing against today

It is important that we remember the purpose of the Church. The Church is to be the pillar and support of the truth. The Church is to be heralds of the gospel. The Church is the light of the world

- This means that when the forces of darkness are at work bringing confusion and lies, we need to be clear with the truth
- This is what I hope to do this week and next

Now we know from God’s Word that none of this is new

Paul Said:

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.” (Eph. 2:1-2 NAS)

- Satan is in control of this world
- He rules over the Kingdoms of this world
- He is at work in this world system to harden the minds of men and to obscure the way of God

He comes dressed as an Angel of light (2 Cor 11:14) though he is a murderer and father of lies. What is clear is that he is at work to undo the things of God

As a result, man is moving further and further away from God. The collective conscience of man is either being retrained or worse, silenced

- *The effect is increased hostility and increased godlessness. We are seeing more and more examples of this around us*
- *The vocal minority are publicly shaming the majority into believing they need to change or else be called racists, bigots, unloving, or oppressors*

The Church, not knowing how to respond or fearing the consequences of being against the culture has tried not to contradict the secular narrative

- Many who have claimed to hold to the truth and at the same time are in public light have a difficult time holding these two conflicting ideologies. And as Jesus says you cannot serve two masters
- The social pressure pushes these people to abandon their spiritual values to uphold secular values

Al Mohler points this out and states:

“Secularization exerts upon the church both passive and active pressure. The pressure is passive in that as society turns away from any semblance of a biblical morality, churches sacrifice confessional conviction on the altar of cultural relevance. But the pressure is also active in that it often makes explicit demands on the church to surrender its essential theological claims.” Pg 21

- Our culture is increasingly godless. It is increasingly hostile towards the things of God
- You doubt it? Just tell someone homosexuality is a sin. That divorce is wrong. That abortion is murder. Or when wronged you need to forgive. Tell people the solution to their problems is not found in a pill but in repentance and faith. Tell people their chief problem is sin against God
- Listen, Christians today are struggling to proclaim God’s message in the face of increasing hostility. Secular society has no interest whatsoever in hearing or following God’s ways
- *Society is in a godless drift and it cannot get away from God fast enough.* Since we are on the earth, we are brought along in the journey
- But this pull towards secularization is active
- When a Christian dare stand for biblical values the Marxist cultural rage machine goes to work
- Every message is tolerated except the message of Christianity. Tim Tebow is blasted for bowing a knee and praying while Colin Kapernick is championed for bowing a knee to oppose American values
- *The plain message of God’s Word will not be tolerated in a godless world view*

This godless society is not anti-religion. It is just against the God of the Bible

The problem for the Church is that the day of testing is coming. Those who have been trying desperately to be liked by man are going to have a hard time being faithful to God. Secular society has long ago abandoned God and the Church has idolized the comforts which it had in the times of peace

- For years, the Church has avoided conflict to enjoy peace with mankind
 - The Church has played a game of dancing with the stars with the world and has fallen in love with the attention
- The church has worked hard to dull the edge of truth so as to be relevant in this day and age
- The net effect is the Church is then filled with unbelief or has no credible testimony or voice because it has abandoned God’s message long ago

I am concerned that if man does not turn back and honor God he is going to be led to his own destruction. What man needs is peace with God. This nation goes where the heart of each individual goes. And right now the collective heart of this country is against God. By all means this is not everyone. But the God-fearing believer who honors the Word of God is shrinking rapidly

In this season, more than ever before, we need to train our hearts to set our interests on God's interests and not man's interest

- Many will not be prepared to do this
- The cost will be too high
- Individuals will not be ready to stand because they will lose much of what they have grown to appreciate
- Families will abandon the truth
- The church in many cases will compromise because it will not be ready to hold on to the things of God

The judgment of this generation is upon us. The secular culture has radically stepped away from the Judeo-Christian ethic which has long governed our society. And now the Church is going to have to decide. *Will it love God and find peace with God or will it love man and find peace with man?*

- Christian, each of us are going to be tested

This is already happening and we need to be prepared

The only hope we have is in God. The only hope of restoration comes through God. The only hope of peace, and prosperity and life comes through God

Our battle, is a battle of ideologies. On one side is the message of a secular culture which offers peace, prosperity, and life apart from God. On the other side is God who gives peace, life, and prosperity

- Too many filled with unbelief, laziness, selfishness, and greed believe that a society can prosper apart from the God of the Scriptures

Man is desperate for his own pleasure and prosperity will seek it to his own destruction

When I was a young man in college I went on a mission's trip to Africa. At the tail end of this trip we went into a national park to see wild animals. We saw lions, zebra, monkeys, and other animals. We stayed the night in the park. We setup camp, ate dinner, sang around the camp fire. During the evening we could hear the animals around the park

- The next morning we awoke to the loud sounds of a troop of monkeys
- When we came out, they had found some fruit a team member had left out and they were eating it
- By this time a whole troop had gathered and they knew we were holding back from them
- For a city boy like myself this was a whole new experience. The monkeys were hollering
- They were jumping from branch to branch in the trees that provided a canopy for us
- They would swoop in and take anything they were interested in having or thought they could eat

- If they landed on a table and took an item they would leap out of the way and were back up the tree with little to no hope of getting the item back unless they lost interest in the item and dropped it
- Our chef that morning was unaware of the Monkey's presence and brought out some items to prepare breakfast and some of our breakfast started the commotion

It was during this time that our missionary host told me a story about trapping monkeys. He asked me if I knew how to trap them. I of course was not fluent in trapping monkeys

- He told me they would put a peanut in a glass jug
- The monkey will come along and grab the peanut and try to pull it out. But his fist with the peanut will be too big for the whole in the jug. His arm and hand will be stuck inside the jug. Instead of dropping the peanut and releasing himself. He holds on to the peanut and entraps himself
- His own greed leads to his capture

This story provides a great spiritual analogy

- These wild animals would be led to their own demise by their own greedy desires
- They could be free. Simply let go of the peanut and walk away. But carried away by their own natural instincts they would head to destruction and harm
- In like manner the sinful heart of man will seek after his own self-interest to his own demise
 - Along the way he will destroy everyone and everything around him
- When he could simply let go of his sin and be free, he will not. For an unreasoning animal this is a shame but it is understandable. But for a man, created in the image of God, this is tragedy

I have been seeing more and more examples of this in the news. I have seen more and more examples of mankind being led into greater evil leading to their own destruction. The heart of man filled with sinful desires is raging against God. This morning I want to draw your attention to it

Like you I was surprised by the sudden onslaught of Covid-19. As world economies shut down and people were forced to stay home and wait to see what to do next. I knew this was not going to be an easy time

- And of course, during this time those who are in financial difficulty were going to face the greatest pressure and unrest
- They would face the brunt of the economic impact
 - Those who are living week to week, or worse day to day, would be severely strained by the economic impact
 - So when George Floyd was killed many people were already primed for opposition

But you need to understand the undercurrents have been at work for a long time

First you need to understand how Satan works

For this I want to draw your attention to the book of Colossians. What is helpful about this book is the historical setting

- Colossae was a trade town on a major Roman highway
- It is believed that the Church was facing many philosophies of the day
- They were certainly facing Jewish ideology and Gentile ideology
- It would be clear that by the time Paul is writing the Church is being told about Mysticism, Asceticism, Ritualism in an attempt to mislead the Church
- The Colossae heresy was eclectic. There were many different facets to it
- It was syncretistic – that is it attempted to piece together a series of ideas for man to believe about God and themselves

In Satan's bag of tricks there was no one key idea but a series of thoughts and ideas working contrary to a knowledge of God. Satan often works in this way. Satan is endlessly creative in his lies to mislead humanity. He stacks one lie upon another. He will provide an endless array of diversions as long as you stay away from the straight and narrow path of God

What is striking about the book of Colossians is the clarity and simplicity of the truth Paul presents
Colossians 2

“For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face,² that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”

- Paul begins by presenting the simplicity and centrality of Christ
- The most important thing for the Colossians to know is the truth about Christ as God and Savior. This knowledge will protect them

Paul's whole message has been about teaching the Colossians the truth

“which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth;” (Col. 1:6 NAS)

“just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,” (Col. 1:7 NAS)

“For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;” (Col. 1:9-10 NAS)

- Paul starts this work by saying the most important thing for you is the increasing of the knowledge of God and His ways
- This is why the Church needs to preach the Word of God. This is why the Church needs to be faithful in rightly handling the Word of God. Because God's people need to know God's Word in order to be protected

So that by the time we get to 2:2-3 we read:

“and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”

Paul exalts in the glory of Christ. The knowledge of Christ brings assurance and understanding. And knowledge of Christ brings endless treasure of wisdom and knowledge

Why does Paul share this information?

“I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument”

- There will be those who seek to lead you astray
- There will be those who will argue against the truth
- There will be those who will make persuasive arguments against the truth and we need to be prepared
- But to be prepared we need to have more than just our facts and doctrine in order. We need faith:

“For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him,⁷ having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and overflowing* with gratitude”

The test is always a test of faith. The belief system of this world vs. the belief system of God. What will you believe? Which will you follow?

- The Colossian believers had a choice, follow the persuasive arguments of this world or believe the message they were taught
- This is our test as well

Notice Paul's exhortation:

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.⁹ For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;” (Col. 2:1-10 NAS)

- The exhortation is do not be taken captive by the wisdom of this world
- Do not believe the lies
- Hold fast to Christ
 - Reason because He is God in the flesh
 - He makes us complete before the father
 - And He is the ultimate authority

This is the truth that anchors us. This is what we will hold too. *Again, this is where we learn to train our hearts and minds to set our interests on God's interests and not man's interest.* This is the example of our Lord when he came into this world. He came to do the will of the father. In doing the will of God He suffered but he also was vindicated. He was honored and lifted up. And now He has a name above every name

So we too need to be ready to stand in Christ. We need to be prepared for the arguments which are coming. We need to be prepared with the glories of the gospel. In this season the Gospel of Jesus Christ needs to be on display. *The one who is the source of all wisdom and knowledge, the one who has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, is the one who needs to be proclaimed*

- I believe that many of the problems that man is facing today are real
- I believe there is real suffering in the world
- I believe there are real abuse and real difficulties
- I don't believe the secular message on what the abuses are or what their remedies are. I believe God and His word

To understand our context today you need to understand the game plan of Satan. It is simple. It is the same game plan he has used with Eve in the garden. *It revolves around human suffering and the pursuit of pleasure.* Satan basically told Eve, you will not be truly happy until you take of what God has forbidden. She believed that lie and Adam followed. *From that time on mankind has been trying to find peace and pleasure while living under the threat of death.* But now mankind has the added difficulty of dealing with suffering and its ultimate expression, death. *So Satan has one objective, to destroy the work of God by enticing God's creation to turn against Him*

Satan knows the vulnerability of Man. *The natural heart of man is inclined to oppose human suffering and seek human flourishing. (This is the modern terminology)*

To put it in Biblical Categories – Man is inclined to oppose suffering and difficulty. And he seeks pleasure. It is these two lines of thinking that best capture the heart and minds of men and women today

- This is why the Black Lives Matter movement has become a great juggernaut of opposition to biblical values
- On one hand it feeds on the heart of human suffering and difficulty while on the other seeking pleasure through sexual freedom

Satan is at work trying to undo the message of God while appealing to man's desire to avoid suffering and seek pleasure

- Let me show you how this is at work in the ideologies being presented today
- To understand this you need to see the rise in Marxism, Post Modernism, and Critical Race Theory

The rise of Marxism, Post Modernism and Critical Race Theory

- Marxism is the basic ideology of the Communist Party
- Karl Marx was born on May 5, 1818
- He was a Jew born into a religious Jewish family. Both of his parents were children of Jewish Rabbis
- While his father did not pursue religious work, he was highly educated. In 1824 Marx's father converted to the Protestant faith. This is when Marx was 6 years old
- So Marx was certainly influenced by his Jewish ancestry and protestant doctrines. While he was culturally and socially religious, he was never a man of faith
- He went to the University of Berlin, the finest school at the time
- He considered himself a scholar

Paul Johnson – on the other hand says of Marx

“...in a deeper sense he was not really a scholar and not a scientist at all. He was not interested in finding the truth but proclaiming it.” Paul Johnson then demonstrates this claim from the life and writings of Marx

To understand Marx, you need to understand his view of coming calamity. Marx believed the whole system was going to come down. He was the secular version of a dooms day prophet. He believed that the system was built on injustices and it was just a matter of time before all the injustices caught up with the ruling powers and everything would come tumbling down

- He was, in an essence, the prophet of doom predicting the fall of society and seeking to capitalize on it

Brant Bosserman gives an excellent summary of the teaching of Marxism

“According to classical Marxism, contemporary societies are divided into a [ruling (Bourgeois) class] and a [working (proletariat) class]. The former inherits and sustains social/legal/political conditions which enables them to control the lion’s share of wealth and resources. The latter finds itself in the otherwise inescapable condition of poverty and social abuse. The only way to advance society to a more just state of affairs is by the unification of the [poor working class] against the ruling class by way of violent revolution.” (<https://gentlereformation.com/2020/06/18/marxism-postmodernism-and-critical-race-theory/>)

- So Marx as the prophet of doom highlighted the corruption found in an economic system and sought to undo the existing power base to recreate a new power base that would, theoretically, give those with less advantage, greater advantage
- The only way to do this was through the use of force
- The poor and under privileged needed to band together and fight for their justice. After all they had nothing to lose but their chains
- The only way those who were in power were going to listen was through the suffering of loss
- Once this power struggle balanced out you would have equal power and equal possession this would result in the birth of

“... a communist eutopia marked by the equal distribution of wealth and labor among all citizens. In this ideal condition, there may not be any need for rulers, political orders, or even law-enforcement.” - <https://gentlereformation.com/2020/06/18/marxism-postmodernism-and-critical-race-theory/>

The Brant goes on to say:

“Due to the facts that Marxist revolutions were (a) the leading ideological cause of death in the 20th century (claiming 100 million+ lives), and (b) widely regarded as unsuccessful at achieving more just conditions than had previously prevailed, the strict theory had fallen on rather hard times by the end of the 1900’s.”

Still some of the major tenants of Marxism exist today

1. Violent opposition towards those who disagree
 - a. In fact the need to create more violence to be heard
2. Don't let the facts get in the way of a good argument
 - a. Marx was notorious in using old data or misrepresented data to prove his point
 - b. This case is well documented by Paul Johnson and if we were in a class or had more time I would go into that for you. For now pick up Paul Johnson's book "Intellectuals" where he pulls back the curtains on the major thinkers who have influenced modern society

The Philosopher Karl Jaspers (1883-1969) summarizes Marx like this:

"The style of Marx's writings is not that of an investigator. . . he does not quote examples or adduce facts which run counter to his own theory but only those which clearly support or confirm that which he considers ultimate truth. *The whole approach is one of vindication, not investigation, but it is a vindication of something proclaimed as the perfect truth with the conviction not of the scientist but of the believer.*" Paul Johnson, "Intellectuals" page 62

- Marx was driven by an ideology. He was militant to proclaim it. And he would try to win the hearts of the oppressed to lead them into war against injustices
- He would use any ploy possible to convince others the injustices against them were real

In Summarizing what drove Marx

- The personification of a democratic dictator
- The dominant trait is unlimited ambition and the love of power
- The acquisition of personal power is the aim of all his endeavors
- A contemporary of Marx concluded of him: "Marx does not believe in God but he believes much in himself and makes everyone serve himself. His heart is not filled with love but of bitterness and he has very little sympathy for the human race." – Paul Johnson. page 72-73

The first tenant in Satan's strategy is to fight for what you want. Marxism provides the manifesto for this ideology. As history has shown us it has shed a lot of blood

A second tenant at work today is Post-Modernism:

A couple of observations from Brant on Post Modernism:

Post Modernism

"At its roots, postmodernism is radically relativist, *which is to say that it denies the reality of objective moral standards that ought to govern human conduct everywhere and at all times.* At the same time, it attempts to offer broad strategies for how to affect some sort of justice between fundamentally different visions of the world that prevail in different communities. Broadly speaking, postmodern political theories share with classical Marxists a deep suspicion of all prevailing power structures; not only of wealthy and powerful classes, but of the narratives (stories) with which we commend certain behaviors and condemn others; and of the manner in which language itself tends to favor some and suppress others"

Brant Continues:

“However, postmodernists have jettisoned the classical Marxist hope of achieving a utopia where perfect balance is finally achieved. More pessimistically, postmodernists are convinced that every political and social order, indeed, every language, is an assertion of power by some group over others.

To propound a particular worldview as capable of achieving “liberty and justice for all” (as enlightenment, constitutional republics consciously aimed at), or perfectly equitable distribution of resources (as Communist revolutionaries aimed at), is the most violent assertion of all. *Why? Because, says the postmodernist, there can be no perfect system which fosters total equality.* For, every community has its own distinct code of ideals that competes with others. Thus, when an ideology masquerades itself as equally interested in the well-being of all people, it is necessarily a ploy meant to achieve political power for some and the political domination of others.”

Post Modernism is inherently suspicious of any ideology

Thus in the post modern world there can be no absolutes. Since people use absolutes to control others. This control creates oppression and injustice. It is used as a ploy to keep people under control

This is the second aspect of Satan’s message. Deny any absolute authority or absolute truth. Deny the existence of God and His word so that each man is free to determine his own truth

So if you have people ready to fight for what they want. And you have people ready to lie and twist the facts because this is war. But you also have the denial of absolute truth and ideologies, what binds it all together? What can man be angry for, if he has no binding ideology? In comes Critical Race Theory and the narrative of human suffering

- Man now rages because he is suffering
- Suffering racial abuses
- Suffering from poverty
- Suffering disease, suffering from hostility
- The very real suffering of man is now the basis of open hostility

Critical Race Theory

Brant gives this helpful summary of CRT:

“Critical Race Theory is a branch of the postmodern tree. In its most basic form, Critical Race Theory holds that the “White (-male)” system which prevails in the Western world is inherently oppressive of minorities of all kinds, especially to people of color. White men are generally the most-wealthy, hold the highest positions of power in government and business, occupy the majority of seats on the highest courts, etc. White men who openly espouse racist views have been allowed to govern. They continue to be celebrated and commemorated as major contributors to society. The legal system created by white men protects their wealth and power, and disproportionately charges, incarcerates, and even executes people of color. It does not uphold a timeless, objective, God-given ideal of justice as it claims. For, there is no such thing

The very stories that we cherish feature white heroes—a white Christopher Columbus who courageously discovered America; a white George Washington who fought for independence; a

white Abraham Lincoln who saved the union; a white Santa Claus who regularly checks up on whether children have been good or bad; a white Jesus, who saves the world; etc. And these heroes are associated with what have been called “white” ideals of righteousness and success

Even if the predominantly white leadership in America were to “listen” to oppressed communities, and implement their very best ideas, it would do nothing to undermine the narrative of “white supremacy.” Rather, it would only confirm the narrative of a white savior who fools the masses into believing that he can achieve liberty and justice for all, while retaining ultimate power for his own community. Thus, critical race theorists have argued that the decision sought after (and won) in “Brown vs. the Board of Education” (rendering racial segregation in schools illegal) was not motivated by altruism or genuine love for black communities. It was motivated by the desire to foster a better image with potential third-world allies in the American fight against communism

Hence, the only solution to the problem of white privilege, [which is the cause of suffering for minorities], is a revolutionary one—a total restructuring of society, language, and of the very narrative that defines righteousness and justice, by and for those who have been oppressed

The rise of Critical Race Theory is what is now fueling the impassioned desire to overthrow the convictions and values this country was founded on and which we proclaim

Out of these secular ideologies is birthed the Black Lives Matter movement

- It is driven to war against those who oppose
- It seeks to undo the existing definitions by God of gender and family
- It hijacks the real suffering of those who have been hated and uses it for the basis of a sexual revolution. A revolution that will seek to throw off the righteous standards of God and replace it with the ever changing and conflicting passions of mankind

The injustice and suffering of a particular group of people is the fuel to overthrow the existing government and start afresh

- This is what people have called “Cultural Marxism”
- Or “Neo-Marxism”
- Or I would call Marxism 2.0

While Karl Marx was looking for the abuse of Capitalism to fuel his revolt, the new Marxist is looking for the increase of prejudice, racism, or oppression of any kind. Objective ideology is replaced with subjective unverifiable experiences

Now simply for being a white male I am oppressing someone else before I even say anything. If I speak God’s Word, I am committing an aggression which should be violently resisted. Because I represent values which contradict their value system I am immediately evil and hostile and I am at work to preserve the system which has enslaved them

- Thus the new Marxism is looking for oppression in any minority group
- Women, who out number men, are oppressed because they are limited in power
- LGBTQ+ are oppressed
- Minorities are oppressed
- Children are oppressed
- Single Mothers are oppressed

- Blacks are oppressed

In fact race relations have been hijacked by the LGBTQ+ community so that confronting or opposing one's sexual preferences is equal to hate towards a person of color

Satan is now ready to overthrow this society

1. Create a group of people ready to exercise violence to overthrow the existing values and authorities
2. Deny any objective truth and denounce any group which tries to rationally discuss the facts
3. Feed, cultivate, foster, encourage, a victim mentality that will not forgive and wants renumeration for the suffering it has faced

Why is this new current of secular philosophy working?

1. Because man should not suffer
2. Because man should be happy and the only way he will be happy is to allow him to have what he wants

How do we respond to this? What is God's message? Is God silent on this?

Why Should I set my mind on God's interest and suffer?

Why should I embrace the message of God and not be happy? Why wouldn't I seek happiness and pleasure?

Why should we seek after God?

Let me tell you simply today and then expound more next week

God's way is the way of truth and it leads to life

Satan promises life and peace without suffering. In reality, his ways lead to destruction and death and misery. There is always misery at the end of Satan's path because his ways increases man's guilt. But with God even in suffering there is hope and peace. God promises life and He might take us through suffering and difficulties to give it to us

Next week I will explain this to you. And answer the questions I have raised