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“Then it shall come about **when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

Deuteronomy 6:10–12



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Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. 11 The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, **terror** and great darkness fell upon him. Genesis 15:10–12

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“You also say, ‘My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the LORD of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says the LORD. 14 “But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is **feared** among the nations.” Malachi 1:13–14

“You shall not dread them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and **awesome** God. Deuteronomy 7:21

He was **afraid** and said, “How **awesome** is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Genesis 28:17

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“But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

Deuteronomy 28:15

**“The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,**

**Deuteronomy 28:49**

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**Do homage to the Son,** that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. **How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!**

Psalm 2:12

## Why couldn't the Jews listening to Paul's careful proof of the gospel through Christ accept it?

- Christ's glory lost amid competing spectacles
- They thought they saw scripture correctly, had their own righteousness – religion
- Something that makes us choose sin rather than to bow to the Creator – independence better than repent & obey
- Too much work to rethink
- Eph. 6 Satan blinds – don't want to see our depravity
- Blindspot – need God to open our eyes
- Acts 13:44-45, jealousy concerning who has source of knowledge (knowledge comes with power, their knowledge served their own ends)

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**They have lied about the LORD And said, “Not He; Misfortune will not come on us,** And we will not see sword or famine. Jeremiah 5:12

“They have **healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ But there is no peace.** Jeremiah 6:14

“Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. 9 “Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10 then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations?

Jeremiah 7:8–10



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For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, 15 **who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God,** but hostile to all men, 16 hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; **with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them to the utmost.**

1 Thessalonians 2:14–16

## What purpose do the Matthew 6:25-32 illustrations serve in helping us obey Matthew 6:24 and 6:33?

- Birds cared for & they don't provide for themselves
- All still under His reign
- Die to our need for providing necessity so we are free to serve
- Since God is working to care for His own, we are free to seek Him first
- Other masters create needs that must be met, or we are anxious
- Putting earthly necessities in Heavenly perspective
- Luke 14:26 (Matt. 6:24) – When our necessities are all dependent on us, then we are not under God, seeking His pleasure and trusting His provision
- When we see how care-free the rest of creation under God's provision is, we should question how easily we exchange masters to provide for us.
- These basic provisions provided are not sufficient for life
- Why can't we use the same minds that worry/anxious to study evidences of God's care for His creation
- Pet. 4:19 – entrust soul to faithful creator while doing what is right

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Failure to see God rightly concerning judgment **leads to self-righteous judgment of God and others, looking to God to eliminate our fears rather than looking to Him to speak truth to us IN our fears.**

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Thus says the LORD, “Behold, a people is coming from the north land,  
And a great nation will be aroused from the remote parts of the earth.  
23 “They seize bow and spear; They are cruel and have no mercy; Their  
voice roars like the sea, And they ride on horses, Arrayed as a man for  
the battle Against you, O daughter of Zion!” 30 They call them rejected  
silver, Because the LORD has rejected them.

Jeremiah 6:22–23, 30

**We ALL know that pride is dangerous and that we are not the final word, yet how do we end up even as professing Christians being our own authority (their justice and authority originate with themselves)?**

- Our lack of trust in others interpretation of God's word makes us trust our own uncertain word
- James 1:23 – 26 – look at it, then do our own thing neglecting God's word
- Our own reasoning comes with natural acceptance and reasoning that supports – Eve's tests for eating the fruit were not sufficient to keep her from sinning because she is finite
- Less surrendered to what God would have us do and more focused on our dreams and "needs"

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For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

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2. You are His, not yours. See ALL circumstances as coming from under His hand.



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Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

1 Peter 4:12

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"The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print." William Gurnall

# Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

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**A mature faith is one that both sees the issues at hand and yet remains steadfast, living in light of God's providence.**