

“The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the Glory that shall be revealed:” 1 Peter 5:1 KJV



Hollywood’s promise of wealth and pleasure has made slaves of self-worshippers who spend their last dime trying to be a star, while, at the same time it totally destroys them with the excesses that fame and fortune provide! The TV show “American Idol,” appropriately named, has enslaved thousands more who want to have the adoration of the masses at their feet. And let’s not forget the millions of TV viewers who seek to live vicariously through the “successes” of others. The

great god “Entertainment” is offered sacrifices of time, money, and morals from all its worshippers! Children are paraded on stage dressed like harlots! Movies with killing, nudity, and vulgarity gross billions year after year! Even the news media only report the evil around us, because “good news” makes no money! TV is at least 30% advertisements whose only goal is to part fools from their money. We are surrounded by the fanfare of Vanity Fair and the sin of Sodom, all purporting to be the pleasure to end all pleasures, but God’s Word says *“The love of money is the root of ALL EVIL!”* Many work two jobs chasing *“filthy lucre”* instead of living within their means and being *“content with whatsoever things”* they have. Many are slaves to their paycheck, because they’ve succumbed to Satan’s “Buy now, pay later” credit card scheme. If you do not pay now, you do not buy now, you only use now! It’s not really yours until the debt is paid with interest! Even if you got it on sale and you pay with a credit card, you have saved nothing, because the interest on the debt cancels any “savings” you may have acquired! “On Sale” is the biggest gimmick of impulse buying there is, because if it’s “For Sale” it’s “On Sale!” I used to work in a “super” market, and we could put something on the floor at \$.33 each and sell a few, but if we raised it a penny and put “3 for \$1” on it, we couldn’t keep the display full! How incredibly gullible are shoppers? It’s not a “good deal” if you don’t need it! “But I saved a dollar! No, if you don’t need it, you just wasted the dollars you spent! If we trust God and only buy what we need, when we need it, God will make sure it’s “On Sale” when needed. *“My God shall supply ALL your need according to HIS Riches.”* Not according to our riches or lack thereof, but His riches! How rich is God? *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us ALL THINGS? Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think...be Glory.”* All the widow needed was a little oil, a bit of flour, and the faith to trust God’s Word. She even took her last bit and fed the prophet first. But lo, and behold! The oil never ceased and the flour never wasted! Each time she poured the oil and went to the flour jar, there was enough. Most think they have lack if tomorrow’s needs are not met today. Jesus told of a man. *“And He spake a parable unto them, saying, ‘The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, “What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?” And he said, “This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.’” But God said unto him, ‘Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?’ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”* Many build bigger barns and store for the future not knowing whether or not this day their soul may breathe its last breath of air!

Men scurry 'round like rats in maze,
Minds clouded by their lustful craze,
Rejecting Truth for pleasure's gain,
They end in Hell in endless pain! ~CGP

As beautiful as Creation is, from the starlit sky to the flower's hue, it is under a curse. *"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together."* God is going to make *"a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth [will pass] away."* How beautiful it will be with God in eternity!

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18 KJV

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