Howards Corner

Decay starts with a small infection

I am not a doctor but have been told and have observed that if you have a small cut or wound and you do not treat it then it becomes infected and will grow to a severe state and eventually death. It seems I have known this from the beginning —like it came from the inner knowledge in my mind. I think you could define this as conscience

So, we as men and women of this world have been given a natural understanding of what is right or wrong but that went haywire early. In the Garden of Eden, it went wrong when Adam did not believe God and it led quickly to a corrupted mind and soul. So, the infection became the norm, and our conscience was contaminated, or you might say infected. This came about not by accident but with intent by the Enemy of God who came in the form of a serpent but was a spiritual enemy. This continues today with not believing God but instead accepting one that came in his own name, and we believed him.

God did prescribe a medicine in Gen 3:15 but this medicine was not available right away but had to be ordered for a future time. Those who trusted God and believed Him had access to that medication right away, so they had a healing, but it was not evident immediately but was given as a promise. In God's prescribed time the source of healing for mankind did come and is a "balm in Gilead that heals the sin sick soul". For the meaning is interpreted in Hebrew as a "stone of testimony". So, Jesus came as the son of God to testify to the promise that God gave in Gen 3:15. So Jesus became the rock of promise and the rock of our salvation for in Him is our solid foundation which we can trust.

So, the promise did come but still had to be accepted in trust or faith therefore it is still by God's grace by faith alone in Jesus's work on the cross and by faith the eternal salvation will come. So, mankind came to the point where we have been given the words of acceptance from God that our rebellion from the Garden have been forgiven but it requires that we believe Him and accept this forgiveness. So, we have before us the question—Do I believe what God has said and accept his

medicine for our souls? Do I believe His word which is recorded in the bible, or do I change His word and believe the enemy who says, "Did God really say"?

Therefore, the question is still before us today after 2000 years of the word being spread to all the areas of the world "Did God really say"? We as mankind have had a wound and unless it is treated it will get worse and the eventual result will be death and this death is not only the death of the body but is the death of the spirit which leads to eternal death separated from God. So even those that have not heard the word of the gospel of Jesus Christ they know by the inner conscience what is right or wrong.

Romans 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things God has made. So they are without excuse, **21** for though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

The wound is all over the world, but they should know that they are sick because it is evident to them by observing the evidence of the world around them and their own conscience and behavior. But the medicine of God that heals of this eternal wound is being ignored today —not by just those living in remote places but in those countries that have said they believe and accept the eternal healing of Jesus that is available for them.

So, we today find ourselves in a world which is rapidly changing. The world has collapsed into moral decay. The wound was there from the beginning but now has taken on a new more fervent spirit which not only is immoral it is full of pride in their evil actions and evil attitudes. They are even celebrating that they are evil and even going to the streets in angry protest to try to persuade others to join them.

This sounds like Sodom and Gomorrah when the towns people by force tried to take the Lord's angels and have sex with them, but God had other plans. He as always sees and will eventually respond with His righteous judgement. This town was destroyed. It was the same with the generation before Noah. They had become so evil that violence and constant evil had infected everyone except Noah and family. It may seem that the world will continue their perverted ways without an

accounting, but the word of God says differently. Judgement will come when least expected as in the flood –it will come suddenly.

The world today has turned away from God and His word and the medicine of healing through the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. They consider the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as foolishness. There is little to do when the abscess of the rot in this world refuses to accept the healing balm of Gilead and chooses to chase their evil.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and injustice of those who by their injustice suppress the truth.

So, the world is on steroids of spiritual evil which is fueled by Satan the enemy of God trying to make himself God in this world and be worshiped by the many. This is the spirit of anti-Christ that has been trying to pollute the world from the beginning.

It is one thing for the world to chase evil, but it is another thing when those that profess to know the Lord Jesus have joined into that deception. Many of the churches of today have changed the word of God and said, "Did God really say"?

They refuse to believe the word as written in the bible and have instead put in their own words that they have made up. So, they do not believe God --not just do not believe in Jesus but have called the Lord a liar. It looks like the spirit of anti-Christ is in these churches and is joining into the evil deception. These churches have not gotten away with this, however, and are being sifted today and are being called to correction, but they are not listening.

These churches that suppress the truth and plainly teach evil will be judged soon. Those that are still seeking the truth must flee from them or they too will be caught up in judgement.

So, the wound that happened in the Garden has been severely infected and will lead to death. The medicine offered to heal is rejected and a false medicine has been substituted.

Do not be fooled by even churches but instead take the real medicine and be healed.

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