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Did we elders leave you with a world that is headed toward perfection or headed toward more evil?

Will we humans move the earth more and more toward perfection?

Scriptures tell us that: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13) A rather lengthy statement about where the world is headed is: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was." (2 Timothy 3:1-9) If you get news from various sources, you know that these things are in truth headed that way in our own land as well as in the world. We your elders have not had to live with these things greatly in our lifetime as these terrible things now seem to be headed more and more the way of you young ones.

Some history.

Scriptures say that the world will get much worse than it has been in my lifetime. We your elders think about and talk about where the world is currently headed. We worry about you young ones.

In my lifetime I have seen a number of civilizations collapse. Germany was a great Christian nation with leading scientific advances with some of the highest arts in the world such as in music yet in a few years it went under as a civilization ending with a world war. Germany became one of the most murderous governments of horror in human history. By the time uninformed and inactive citizens belatedly realized what was going on, they could not stop the killing unless they wanted to be one of the killed and meanwhile their civilization then went under. The German Christians waited until it was too late as poignantly and sadly illustrated by one event in the world war. It was Christmas Eve. The German army of Christians wanted to be home celebrating Christmas instead of being on a battlefield. Likewise the opposing army from another country was an army of Christians who wanted to be home celebrating Christmas. In that battlefield of heavy hearts, that Christmas Eve someone started singing "Silent Night" and this quickly became both armies singing "Silent Night" to each other. The soldiers laid down their arms and walk out to meet each other to celebrate Christmas. They exchanged small items as Christmas gifts. Then, hours later when they had returned to their respective sides they returned to shooting and killing each other - - Christian against Christian because German Christians did not get politically involved soon enough to save their civilization if possible and the world history of humans became an unbelievable mess. I recently saw an old, old soldier tell about the end of that horrible war after it ended. He went into the Jewish death camps run by the nazis. The soldier was there to help free the prisoners. They were not much more than a bag of bones. As he approached a Jewish gentleman: the skinny, frail, struggling man got up and hugged the soldier. Then the old soldier wept as he said the man got down and kissed his feet. In France not that long ago in human history before my life, other horrible things happened. In our time we cringe seeing terrorists cutting off the heads of people. But in France back in those days, the hatred was so great between groups that they made a machine called the guillotine to cut people's heads off. It has been said that England would have likely

had the same bloodbath had it not been for the preaching of John Wesley. In our country just a few generations back, in the area of the United States where I grew up, people made devices to propel hard objects at each other with the expressed purpose of killing each other which they did - - killing thousands of us! We did this to our own people! Where I grew up during that war a 16 miles long column of fleeing refugees in a 1,600 wagon train left Rockingham County, Virginia and went to Martinsburg, West Virginia to escape the burning of the fertile Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where the food for one side of the war was raised. This happen in the United States of America! Had it not been for Abraham Lincoln, America as the United States would have gone under. Some of the problem was due to misinterpreting the Bible. The Devil tried to tempt people to use the Bible to justify their ideas rather than letting the Bible justify their souls with God's grace of Jesus Christ. Then there are others like the terrible government atrocities of Idi Amin, and murderous communist dictators. And others that we do not know about because they did not get the publicity. The famous advanced Roman civilization in the time of Jesus became corrupt with moral depravity and could not tax their conquered people enough to sustain the government. Romans who were in power attended their social and culture events while the civilization rotted out from under them. However, even though the Romans did not survive, the Christian religion of Jesus Christ in Rome still survives today. The book in the New Testament part of the Bible which was specifically written for the first Romans in the Christian religion of Jesus Christ is called the "Book Of Romans". The Roman civilization decayed and collapsed but the Christian religion of Jesus is still here today and was also the religion of our Founders. To start to know the religion of our Founders, the Book Of Romans and the New Testament book of "John" are a good place to start. The Book Of Romans can show us how some people made it through a civilization on its way to collapse. The book of John in the New Testament is a good introduction to Jesus. I have set a reading of the book of John to art music which you can get at the danielhookemusic.com website; available as a music video or as recordings.

Our American Founders like Washington, Madison, Jefferson, Mason, and Patrick Henry were gifted, studied, contemplative thinkers and most were adult life-long Christian converts of Christian families. During the several decades preceding the Revolutionary War, the colonies were going through what was called a religious Great Awakening. There were many powerful preachers who were great orators. Many people became Christians. Three notable of these preachers were Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, and Samuel Davies. George Whitefield was an actor who became a traveling preacher. He preached very dramatic sermons. He preached outside because he drew such large crowds that the community did not have a hall large enough to hold these crowds. Benjamin Franklin became a friend of George Whitefield and printed many of his sermons. These powerful preachers gave a rather complete picture of the relationship of life on this earth and life after earthly death so that it makes more sense. They spoke of heaven and hell to believers and unbelievers just like Jesus Christ did in Luke 16:1, 14-31. Jesus also talked about a place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus told the repentant thief crucified beside Him that today they would be in a place of Paradise. These Great Awakening preachers presented Jesus Christ as our Savior who died for our sins for those who accept Him. The Bible tells us that God loves us and has mercy on us as sinners compare to His holy standards thus He gave us Jesus. Although the Bible is for believers; in settings addressed to unbelievers, the Bible presents Jesus as God's Way for us in Acts 4:12, Acts 17, John 3, John 14:6, actually all the book of John is written for unbelievers as shown by the fact that John gave a summary of his book by saying in 29:30-31, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His Name". Jesus came into world to save the world not to condemn the world. We mentioned earlier one of our Founders, George Mason, he concluded his life by saying, "humbly hoping from His (God's) unbounded mercy and benevolence, through the merits of my blessed Savior, a remission of my sins". When Patrick Henry was a youth, his Mother took Patrick to these Great Awakening revival Church services and she drilled the message of the service into Patrick and made him

memorize the Scripture. The preacher was Samuel Davies whom Patrick called the greatest orator that he had ever heard. Patrick became a fervent Christian from this powerful preaching. Hearing Davies led Patrick to also become a powerful orator. Working out his thoughts and seeing the terrible things that the King of Great-Britain was doing to the colonies led Patrick Henry to use oratory skills. His most famous speech summed the King's deeds and showed that they were really at war. Then with great oratory skill he shouted, "Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!". These words and the speech they came from were instrumental in sparking the American Revolutionary War. Our Founders were traitors to the King of Great-Britain which meant death if they were not right and successful which was one reason being right with God was so very important to them. Furthermore, being right with our Creator was assumed by our Founders for this new nation to be sustained which is a matter of the heart and cannot be legislated - - only religion can do that. Speaking of our new nation Patrick Henry said, "Whether this will prove a blessing or a curse, will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God had bestowed on us. If they are wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable."

Through His Prophet Moses, God said something similar to the Children of Israel when they were now at the Promise Land, "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you forget not the Lord your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you this day: lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers knew not, that He might humble you, and that He might prove

you, to do you good at your latter end; and you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand has gotten me'. But you shall remember the Lord your God: for it is He that gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto your fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if you do at all forget the Lord your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroyed before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God."

The preceding idea is found elsewhere in the Bible: "If you forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that He has done you good."

We should not let our civilization deteriorate until it is too late like the Germans did. We should not let our civilization rot out from under us like the Romans did.

In an earlier time in another civilization Esther and her family faced extinction because they were Jews. Mordecai asked Esther to approach the king to make supplication because Esther lived in the king's house. However, to approach the king when he did not call for you could by law lead to possible death unless the king excused your interruption to let you live. Esther related to Mordecai that the king had not called for her for thirty days and the penalty for approaching the king was known. Ester did not see her collapsing situation. "Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, 'Think not with yourself that you shall escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if you altogether hold your peace at this time, then shall their enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but you and your father's house shall be destroyed: and who knows whether you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"

Freedom: Please keep in mind that the American system of civilization offers more Freedom and opportunity to the human condition than has ever been in the history of the human race. However, furthermore, being right with our

Creator concerning this new America nation was assumed by our Founders for this new nation to be sustained which is a matter of the heart and cannot be legislated - - only religion can do that. Hear again: Speaking of our new nation Patrick Henry, the great Christian leader who started the Revolutionary War with his famous speech, he later said, "Whether this {new American civilization} will prove a blessing or a curse, will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God had bestowed on us. If they are wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable."

That's some history. Scriptures say that things may get worse than that. We elders see some bad things on the horizon possibly for you young ones.

But you may say: if the world is moving more and more toward evil, then why should we try to make thing better?

In spite of the way our land and the world seem to be going, the prayer of Jesus is to give the world a glimpse of heaven while we are still on earth: "Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven".

You may say that the world is getting better with all kinds of new things.

Yes, these things are better but the heart of mankind is getting more evil and self-centered while using these things. You cannot make laws that will completely surround evil. The evil heart can even still do evil while obeying the law. Personal destruction has become the poison gas of politics - - do not breathe it! The ideas of others are by evil trying to be stopped with ways other than killing the other person but rather by seeking to destroy someone ideas by seeking to destroy the name of the other individual rather than discussing their ideas. Evil will even take out lawsuits to destroy a person and their wealth in order to eliminate their ideas. Satan the Devil and his legions has many ways to spread evil in the hearts of the selfish willing.

So, then, is there no hope for you younger ones?

Not true! There are things that can happen individually and/or as a group.

On an individual basis, Jesus will help His followers.

Jesus Christ the risen Son of God said, “In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) He does not seek to necessarily eliminate all evil at this time but rather to be with us as we go through evil tribulations. These tribulations are not the same as the worldwide very terrible period of time on earth called the tribulation.

Jesus also talks about joy.

But also remember (Paul speaking): “Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:11-12)

You young ones are very special! Let’s see your history so far.

In the Holy Writings of the predominate religion of our civilization throughout our history, it tells us that God does a miraculous thing by putting a living soul in the belly of a woman. This is where we all come from. We know several things in the Scriptures from God’s Word to the prophet Jeremiah. “Then the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto the nations.’” God knows us before He puts our living souls into our Mother’s belly. From the very beginning God knits and forms a human body around your soul. The Psalmist said that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”. And while God knits us together, God has for us a purpose in life.

However, at conception of a soul into human history, Satan enters the picture medically and otherwise. See Luke 13:10-17; Job 2:7; and in Psalm 78:49 God loosens Satan forces as an execution of God’s anger and wrath. Some of our peers suffered an untimely death and were never born. The Psalmist, Job, and Ecclesiastes speak of an untimely death that never sees the light of the sun. But if you are reading this document, you were born. In Psalm 137 the Jewish people, their civilization, killing people even babies by

a barbaric people. The Jewish people looked to God to smash the babies of this barbaric people. But if you are reading this document, you were not killed in war as a baby. In America and other places there are children used as hidden slaves in bad situations. There is not much of an outcry about or trying to end this hidden slavery! But if you are reading this document, you are not likely trapped in this hidden slavery. There are things in life that leave a hole in your heart that is never filled. But meanwhile David in Psalm 23 he tells us that God will restore our soul even though the hole remains. This is the David that wrote the worlds greatest confession in Psalm 51 for when our selfishness and sin gets out of hand.

If it hasn't already happened, the greatest thing facing you is the period of human history called the tribulation. **YOU DO NOT WANT TO GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION!!!** You can miss the very worse time to come on earth by being a Biblical follower of Jesus Christ. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." It will be a "snare that shall come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth". It is an "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." During this Tribulation an evil, deceiving world ruler will come to power called The Antichrist. There is a great world tribulation coming with this one world ruler who falsely sets himself up as God ruling the earth. Date of this time is unknown but it will end with the battle of Armageddon which you have probably heard of. People in this horrible time will flee to the hills. People will say, "Mountains fall on us." There will be many new converts to Christianity who likely be martyred. Jesus Christ will remove those who are His to spare them of the horrible time. Then there will be a 1,000 years millennium of great peace and prosperity on the earth. Then the earth as we know it will soon no longer be and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. You and your family need to admit that you are sinners and that Jesus Christ died for your sins so that you can live with a holy God forever in heaven. Jesus will remove His people before the tribulation. In Revelation 3:10 Jesus said to the Church in Philadelphia, "Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." In Luke 21:36 when Jesus talked about the snare that shall come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole

earth, He said, “You watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. ”We need to be ready for the tribulation at any time!

For your group, your land can be able to be healed by God.

If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14) But someone may say that not everyone in the nation will become God’s “My people”. We are freewill creatures and this is unrealistic that all will become God’s “My people”. Such is not even prophesied. But how many people will be enough as God’s “My people” before God will “heal our land”? Abraham once had a discussion in Genesis 18:20-33 about how many of His people is enough. God agreed that there was a number that would be “enough”. In another place (1 Kings 19:18), God told dejected Elijah that “Yet I have left Me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which have not kissed him”. Thus, we see that God is realistic about how many is “enough” to fit the situation.

Further comments.

The family structure in much of America is weak. No civilization can survive without family structure. God made it so that children cannot come into the world without a father and a mother – a male and a female. This maintains the family. For a wide variety of reasons this structure breaks down in America. It can be something as serious as someone getting their head rammed through a wall which could mean that someone has broken the marriage commitment. Or it could mean that a couple does not see even the legal benefit of marriage over just living together in something like a common law marriage. Marriage takes more commitment than living together and it takes away years of being committed to someone in marriage which often is more appreciated as the years go by in this most unique relationship on earth. Those years of missed marriage commitment cannot be added on at the end. I am a hopeless romantic. But Christ Himself compared the close relationship between a husband and wife to be as close a relationship as the relationship between Christ and His Church.

Things the law cannot do:

- In a democracy the majority can be wrong meaning that the Government cannot do everything. Slavery was a troubling big problem to many of our Founders but Government cannot solve all problems. George Washington solved the slavery problem personally before he died by seeing that his slaves were freed and trained to have a job skill. Some things we must do ourselves, we cannot leave it to the Government. It is written that the poor we will always have with us. We need charities because the government can't do all. We need big, cheerful hearts to make charity work.
- We cannot make enough laws and have enough law enforcement to solve all problems of evil and human suffering.
- We can't legalize love.
- Democracy will not work without a moral people who are the majority.
- Morality's ultimate solution lies in religion not laws. George Washington's Farewell Address included this conclusion on religion and morality: "And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."
- We cannot look to laws for all of our opportunities. Booker T. Washington, a young black man after American slavery ended, walked 500 miles for a great opportunity. He also had an opportunity to build many schools for the freed blacks. He did not just give the schools to the communities, the communities had to make large commitments to the projects also.
- Freedom of the press, which includes all media, is in the Constitution but we have few safeguards on the press/media protecting persons from false information. Most safeguards in the form of laws can unnecessarily restrict the press/media. We can do our own safeguards from false information. Don't believe the media, political ads, anonymous reports, off-the-record reports, this 'could' be, smears, etc. until checked and proved true. Avoid things whose purpose might be a smear. Consider

everything false until proven otherwise. Consider people innocent until well proven otherwise. It is up to us to do things like use our minds to evaluate press/media; find sources that help us see which press/media people deliver truth and not false things or misleading half-truths, overlooking facts, not reporting facts, etc. Press/media, movies/TV-shows/dramas/books, internet, etc., and other free speech people plus we ourselves need to be careful what we believe and say - - we are told that Satan himself can transform himself into an angel light!

- There is life after Washington (political life) regardless of how you leave. One person in one of the nation's biggest scandals was afterward converted by a friend who told him that he needed Jesus Christ. That person later began a prison ministry. In a very bad prison that ministry converted and shepherded a large number of hardened prisoners who left prison and never returned.

"Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." (Luke 11:28)

You need to know the facts. Jesus used Psalm 1 as a Bible Study method. See also the Berean method. (Acts 17:10-12) Furthermore see danielhookemusic.com website on the Documents Link for "The Bible Loop For Complete Confidence In The Bible Old And New Testaments Based On The Authority Of Jesus Christ, Correctly Interpreted, And Under His Guidance" – A 3rd Addendum To "The Authority Of The Bible". This is one of four documents on that link on the Authority Of The Bible.

Ask Jesus Christ to help you fight Satan the Devil:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod

with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Have A Good Life! God Bless You!