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Murder, Looting, and Anarchy - It's Sin



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I can’t believe it! What’s been happening this past week is shocking, horrific, sickening, some of the worst things I have ever seen in our country. It started with the brutal murder of George Floyd by that depraved and evil *“policeman*.” Then there were peaceful protests, people being rightly upset about the crime that had been committed. But then there were rioters, looters, gangs, and anarchists, smashing, stealing, shooting, and burning, creating mayhem in many of our cities – I have never seen such a blatant disregard for law and order. Some of the people were looking for *“excitement,”* others wanted *“loot”*, and others want a new *“American Revolution,”* with a goal to fundamentally transform this country.

What’s the reason for all these problems? It’s our sin – the root problem is our sin, our rejection of God. You may say that’s too simplistic, that some of the reasons relate to families, government, education, and the church. To some extent, I agree, but I am not here to analyze all the

factors contributing to our present problems. I am here to say that the underlying problem is sin, whether that's in the policeman's life, the lives of the rioters, or your own life. I was reading Jeremiah this morning, and what he said about God's judgment of man's sin motivated me to write this post. *"… The Lord pronounced this disaster against this place. The Lord brought it about, and has done as He said. Because you sinned against the Lord and did not obey His voice, this thing has come upon you."* Jeremiah 40:3

This verse, like hundreds of others, tells us that sin is our real problem, and it must be judged – and right now, it is being judged. Our country is spiritually going downhill, and our recent history is evidence of that – a country politically divided, a pandemic that has resulted in the loss of 109,000+ lives and has slammed our economy, and now this recent murder of a black man accompanied by this sudden outbreak of crime and violence. That Jeremiah verse, along with many others, is to let us know that God is righteously angry, and not pleased with our sinful and corrupt country.

But what is this sin? At it's heart, it means we are not loving God but, instead, are loving ourselves or things, whether that's our body, money, houses, cars, music, movies, etc. Sin is also seen when we are racist, when we are thinking and acting like we are better than those of a different race. Col. 3:8 describes sin as *"anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech."* 2 Tim. 3:2-4 says sinners *"will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God."* God gives us many lists of sins because He wants us to know that it is our main problem. Mark 7:20-23, Romans 1:28-31, Galatians 5:19-21

Sin started with Adam, and then spread to all mankind. Genesis 4 tells us about Cain's murder of Abel. Genesis 6 talks about an entire world greatly sinning against God, except for Noah and his family. Genesis 11

describes a rebellious world trying to build a tower to the heavens. Genesis 19 speaks about the hideous sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. And the prophets go into great detail about the sin of Israel and other countries. You and I then should not be shocked by the sin in our country, for it has always been evident during this evil age. And this most recent eruption of evil reveals once again the sin that is in the heart of man. As I said, God is now judging the sin in this country, and He will continue to judge it, and the time will come when she's no longer the world's number one power, paving the way for the devilish kingdom of the Antichrist to be raised up and become this world's last superpower. Revelation 13, 17:8-17

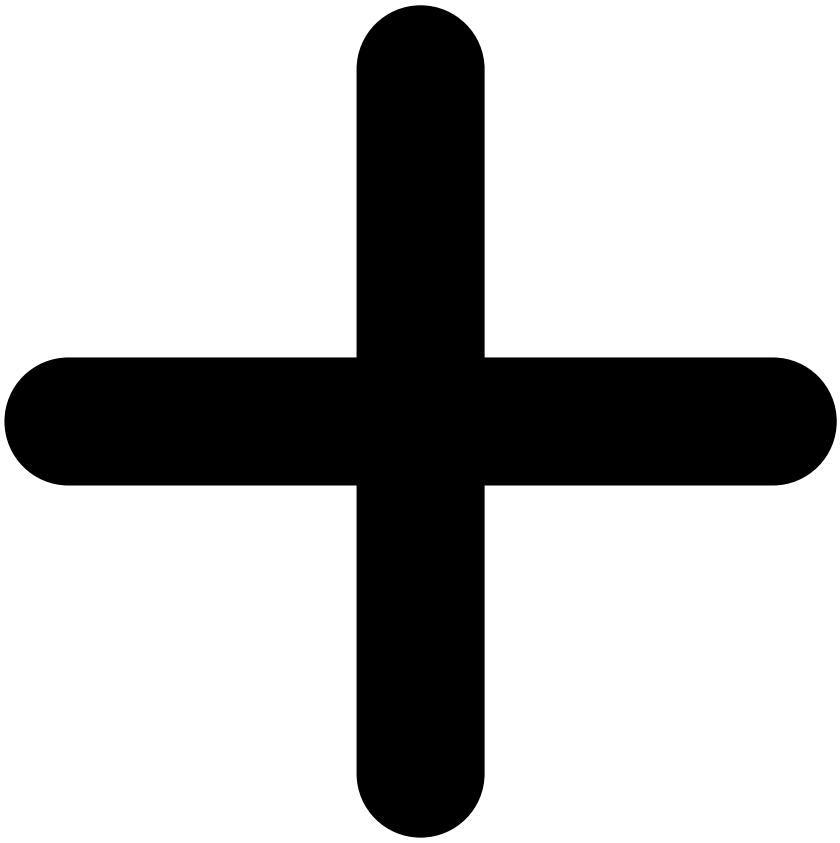
What's God's answer to the sin in this world, in your life, and to that most wicked Antichrist? It's Jesus Christ, sent by His Father to this earth to be a mediator between God and man. Christ died on a cross to deal with this sin, both paying for man's sin so God's justice would be satisfied, and disarming and defeating the devil. God could then forgive sinners, and give eternal life to all those who repent and believe that Jesus died to pay for their sins, and then rose again. This eternal and spiritual life that God gives a true believer is love, joy, peace, a relationship with Himself, and a purpose in life, that will satisfy their soul like nothing in the world can ever do. John 7:37-38; Rom. 5:8, 6:23; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:10; Col. 2:15

Now as Christians, we are part of the church, which has continued to grow for close to 2000 years, her holy light shining in the darkness. But since we still live in this evil age, this sin still greatly affects the entire world. And we wish things were better, that there would be no more hate, murder, racism, or riots, but instead, only love, peace, and unity. But that's not the way it is, and it's not going to really change until Jesus Christ comes back. In fact, Matt. 24:12 tells us lawlessness will increase in the end-times, which means this world will become even more evil and wicked, until that time when Christ returns to rapture the church. Matthew 24:30-31

I have mentioned this coming Antichrist, one described as *"the man of lawlessness,"* the *"son of destruction*" (2 Thess. 2:3). Yes, there's lawlessness and destruction now, but this most wicked man will make things much worse, especially for the Christians and Jews he will be persecuting. But in all this, don't be afraid – be strong, courageous, and loving, knowing that this is our time to live for God, to tell people the good news about how they can know Jesus, be forgiven, and be a member of His great and glorious kingdom. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

I write all this so you understand that sin is the main reason we are having all these problems, and that only Jesus Christ can truly make things better in your life, and in this world – and so don't be looking for the answer to be found in some President, governor, or mayor. While you are still here on earth, don't focus on politics, but instead seek God's kingdom, and do the work He wants you do. And soon, Christ will come back to take you to heaven, and will then judge this evil world and the Antichrist, during what's called the Day of the Lord. Then He will take back control of the world, and begin His 1000-year reign as King, and like never before, there will be glory to God, peace on earth, and good will toward men. Isaiah 6:3, Luke 2:14

P.S. This subject of sin and God's judgment of it is an important one, and one you need to understand. When you get time, read "It's Going to Get Worse Before It Gets Better," and "The Antichrist is Coming Soon, and It's Before the Coming of Christ."



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