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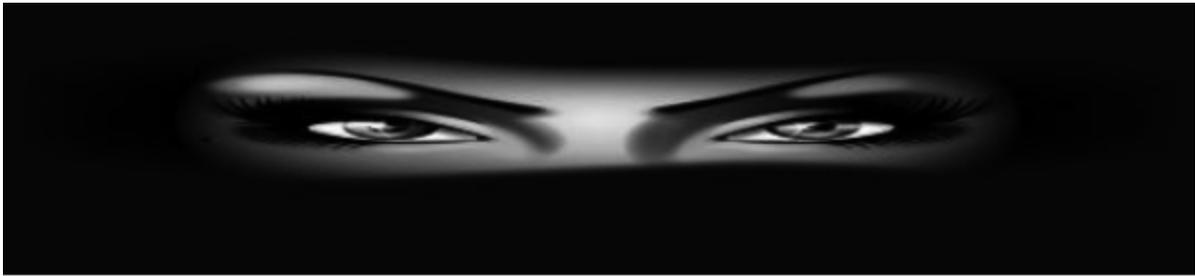
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## **Chapter 1**

### **In the Beginning**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1. On the sixth day God created man. Man and woman were placed in the Garden of Eden and were commanded not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge.

One day the serpent confronted Eve and convinced her to disobey what God said and eat of the tree. Notice, Satan appealed to Eve's eyes by convincing her that they would come open and see themselves as gods, knowing good and evil. Disregarding God's authority, Eve did what was right in her eyes and sent this world into total chaos.

The choice made by Adam and Eve got them removed from the Garden of Eden (Paradise), and placed in a bad agricultural area. Adam's curse was to till the grounds that were now cursed. Eve was to deal with the labor pains of childbirth. This was just the beginning of the downward spiral.

Before we go to their rocky ground, let's look at what her eyes saw. What Eve saw with her eyes was dictated through pride. Her eyes had her seeing herself as authority. She saw herself answering to no one. She saw herself making all the decisions. She saw herself doing exactly what God Himself was doing. What she saw was her taking God's place.

When Eve did what was right in her own eyes, her eyes prevented her from actually seeing the true results of her acts. Note that she had eyes, but truly did not see the devastating results of doing what was right in her own eyes.

What she didn't see was she and Adam having to leave the Garden. She did not see that they were naked. Eve did not see that the earth grounds were rocky and challenging to grow food on. Eve did not see or feel birth pangs until she did what was right in her own eyes. Her eyes hid the pain and the repercussions for doing what only she thought was right through them.

Adam and Eve's first two children were sons, Cain and Able, with others born later. One day the boys both offered sacrifices unto the Lord. What Eve did not see was one of her son's offerings would be accepted and the other son's rejected. If labor pains weren't enough to regret her choice, what happened after this surely had Eve regretting that she ever chose to do what was right in her own eyes. You see, the labor pain did not last forever but the pain of living with the death of her son would.

For whatever reason, whenever we do what is right in our own eyes, our vision becomes blurred and we never see consequences. What Adam and Eve did was set in motion utter confusion that repeats itself every time we do what is right in our own eyes. This act repeated itself in the lineage of Adam and Eve.

Cain had a son named Lamech that did what was right in his own eyes. Lamech married two women. That's where we see our first case of adultery. His eyes informed him that he could do it and he did just that, but this is just the beginning of his story.

Lamech committed the second murder on planet earth. What do you think Adam and Eve were thinking? The worse part about Lamech's murder is in his own eyes he declared that if God would avenge Cain seven times then because his was self-defense he would be avenged seventy-seven fold. In his own eyes he saw this as a reward and not as a curse or punishment.

I failed to mention that because Adam and Eve chose to do what was right in their own eyes, they didn't see death when it came either.



## **Chapter 2**

### **It only Gets Worse!**

By the time we get to Noah's day, mankind has taken to doing what right in their eyes to another level... or like the young folk say, "Off the chain."

Years ago there was a song titled, "Ain't No Stopping Us Now," sung by McFadden and Whitehead. Remember that one? This was the mindset in Noah's day. Mankind soared out of control. God said, "Man was doing evil continuously."

Whatever they imagined, they did. Laws? What laws? We do what we want, when we want, and how we want. Out of control! This is what happens when we live life to our own decisions and when we do what we feel is right.

They literally lived as though there was no God. I guess in their own eyes they were set to "Party til 1999!" Well, what they did not see was the creator had some vested interest in what goes on here in His earth.

By now you should see that when we do what is right in our own eyes, it always lead to devastating results. Leaning to our own understanding leads us away from what is right and pierces us with many unforeseen heartaches and pain.

One of Gods many attributes is His ability to show long suffering towards His creation. But I believe God can only take so much of our doing what we want to do and living as though He does not exist.

When God looked upon the earth and the mass chaos, declared that it repented Him that He made man and He would bring an end to mankind. Think about that, God Himself, creator of the universe, pained in Himself, because of men's actions. What were men's actions again? They were doing what was right in their own eyes.

Adam and Eve did what was right in their own eyes. Cain did what was right in his own eyes. Lamech did what was right in his own eyes. Now we have a whole world doing what is right in its own eyes. Man this stuff is contagious!

Before we get to the results of God's response, my question is; why is it that we keep repeating bad choices? The definition of insane is still the same; doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.

Could it be that our eyes have been opened and we don't see a need for God? Hmm!

Let's look at God's response to Noah's day (this won't take long). Noah built an ark just like he was instructed. He preached for 120 years while building it. Even then people still did what was right in their own eyes. Noah loaded up the ark like he was instructed. God sent rain like He said He would (40 days and nights). It's amazing but no one's eyes allowed them to see this coming. If doing what is right in our own eyes is so great, why didn't the people see it was necessary to get on the ark?

Let's look at what happens when we see ourselves as gods.

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