

In our last podcast we discussed the Judgment of God from Yahweh's perspective verses that of Eliphaz. We learned that it is a privilege and a blessing to fall under the judgment of God, for it is how He makes us His own. In fact, we are instructed to arm ourselves with this purpose because he who has been suffering in the flesh has chosen to cease from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. How blessed is a man who **now** perseveres under trial; for once he has chosen to being approved, he will in the **future** choose to receive the crown of life which the Lord chose to promise those who are **now** loving Him.

Let's pick up with the "Best of Lies" and **EP19 Yahweh According to Job, Job 5:17-18** wrapping up our discussion of the if/then religion.

Best The Best Lies

Oddly enough, even though the if/then religion rules Eliphaz's worldview, and he believes there is always a "cause" for our tragedy, he still builds his theology around the truth which is very similar to what we just read in Peter and James. The best lies are always built on the truth; it makes them more believable.

Job 5:17-18

Behold, happy is the man whom God reproves, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For He inflicts pain and gives relief; He wounds, and His hands heal.

It took a moment, but then it dawned on me, beginning in **Job 5:17** all the way through **Job 5:26**, Eliphaz is speaking prophetically. Suddenly, as if overcome by the Spirit of God, he speaks truth that is undistorted. He still blows it by trying to apply the truth through the lens of his if/then religion, but he speaks the truth, nonetheless.

Eliphaz believes God inflicts pain as a reaction to our sin and He gives relief as a reaction to our repentance, as opposed to using pain as a tool to get us to come face-to-face our fears which inspire our wrong belief and unbelief. But correctly understanding this issue of God reproving, disciplining, wounding, and inflicting pain is vital to a mature understanding of judgment versus punishment, grace verses legalism. This understanding forms the basis as to why we do not have to live in shame. We will address both statements in detail, but let's start with **5:18** and then **5:17**.

When Eliphaz said that man is born for trouble (**5:7**), he was correct, but not in the way he envisioned. **Yahweh** personally brings trouble as He inflicts pain and wounds those who belong to Him. Unbeknownst to most, pain is our best friend, just as it is our worse enemy. Though it is hard to process that God who is *agape* love, and who says He passionately loves us, intentionally wounds us causing us great pain. Yet, His love demands that He wounds us and causes us pain. It is His method of beckoning us to Him; and it is the only way we come to open our eyes and our ears to all of which we have been blind and deaf. It is the only way we can share in His divine nature.

Sarah McLachlan once sang that we were all born innocent; but that is nowhere near the truth. Every person is a product of what has come before them. Like a big snowball of unhealed wounds and reactions, we are all a product of our parent's unhealed wounds, and their reactions and chosen coping mechanisms, which they adopted because of their parent's unhealed wounds and reactions, and on and on it goes. The snowball grows with each generation. As a result, everyone lives in a self-protected state as we all try to

avoid any further pain in our lives. Let's understand this dynamic and how God works in and through it all.

A Predetermined Plan

We have previously addressed **Plan-A** in the sense that there is no Plan-B, or Plan-C or Plan-D. There is only **Plan-A**, i.e., God's predetermined plan for humanity, for each soul ever brought to life. **Plan-A** included Adam choosing to sin and spreading that sin to all of mankind. However, many people believe that Adam sinning was a surprise, thus God found himself having to react to this tragedy. Scrambling for a solution, and that is when He thought of the cross. But we know that is not true, for the cross, and **Yahweh Yasha (Yahweh who saves)** coming in the flesh as a man, was all part of **Plan-A** – a plan which was set forth before time began.

1 Peter 1:18-20

Knowing that you were not caused to be redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, of Christ. For He was caused to being foreknown before the foundation of the world (or "**God chose him as your ransom long before the world began**") but has been caused to be appearing in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who has been raising Him from the dead and giving Him glory, so that your faith and hope are **now** in God.¹

Acts 2:22-24

Men of Israel, you are commanded to listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man caused to being attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — this Man, **delivered over by the plan caused to being predetermined and foreknowledge of God**, nailing to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Before God created the heavens and the earth, before the garden, before the tree bearing fruit, before Adam and Eve, before the slithering serpent, **Yahweh** established a plan for the redemption of those who are believers in God.

What does this tell us?

Sin was **Plan-A**, as was the brutality of the cross being the avenue for redemption through the precious and spotless blood of **Yahweh Yasha**. This was no reaction; it was a plan that was caused to being determined. And this plan was no crapshoot; it was based on the foreknowledge of God.

In like manner, our having been chosen in Christ was also part of God's predetermined **Plan-A**. Before the foundation of the world, we were chosen, and our lives predestined according to the kind intention of His will, according to His foreknowledge of all that we would choose given each-and-every circumstance that He would ordain for our lives. Yes, every step of our lives was set forth such that now we are merely walking out **Plan-A**. Which if you think of it, is one huge reason we do not have to live in shame. Everything

¹ See also *Proverbs 8:23; Micah 5:2; Ephesians 1:4, 3:11; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2; Revelation 13:8*

in our lives is from Him and through Him and to Him.² And He is the one who establishes our steps, all of them, all according to His **Plan-A**. Despite the desires of our hearts, it is simply not within man to chart his own course.³

Ephesians 1:3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been blessing us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would **now** be holy and blameless before Him. In love He was predestining us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in those caused to being beloved. In Him we **now** have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.

Psalms 139:16

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

And God ensures that He will fulfill this **Plan-A** in our lives, for **Yahweh** will accomplish what concerns us.⁴

Psalms 138:8

Yahweh will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love, O **Yahweh**, endures forever.

Philippians 1:6; 2:13

Being confident of this very thing, that He who was caused to beginning a good work in you will in the **future** perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus... for it is **now** God who is **now** working in you, both to **now** will and to **now** work for His good pleasure

Those who are true believers have been chosen of God before they were ever created, all based on the foreknowledge of the choice each one of them would make to now be believing in Him, and with His foreknowledge He predestined all things in their lives.

² *Romans 11:36*

³ *Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 16:9, 19:21, 20:24; Psalm 37:23,*

⁴ *Psalm 57:2*

Romans 8:29-31

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined conformity to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. What then shall we in the **future** say to these things? If God for us, who against us?

This frames for us this issue of pain, why bad things happen to good people (and why bad things happen to bad people), and it affirms that the Satan and his demonic hoards, though hateful of our very existence, are technically not against us. Why? Because they are just tools, servants of **Yahweh Sabaoth**. They are sent out by God to work on behalf of those who are **now** about to **now** be inhering salvation.⁵ God uses their evil intent and evil nature to accomplish His purposes in our lives, to reach into those places of our deepest wounding and stir things up and to press on our wounds, so we can get in touch with our need for **Haya**, for the one who will be our **I AM**, if we are *willing* to let Him be.

The need for pain arises simply because of the fact that Adam fulfilled **Plan-A** and sinned, and his sin was passed down through the blood line of all humanity; as such, we were all born into sin.⁶ The result being that none of us, *left to ourselves*, would ever want God, would ever seek Him, for no one has the fear of God.⁷ We are all self-seeking and mercenary through-and-through, with hearts that are deceitful and wicked, beyond what any of us could ever imagine.⁸ Thus, even our best attempts at goodness are corrupted by our own self-interest.

In addition to our own self-seeking disposition, there is this problem of the sins of our ancestors—that snowball of unhealed wounds, reactions, and coping mechanisms which tracks family lines (our “generational sin”).

Exodus 34:6-7

Yahweh! Yahweh! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations.

As a result of our generational sin, we end up being this product of years and years of reactions and frantic attempts to cope with the pain from the wounds that have been incurred by those who came before us. Then from the earliest of ages, we are wounded both by those who should love us and by those who don't really care. For some, this wounding begins while they are in the womb.

As we become wounded, often by the very people whose job it was to love and protect us, we add to that snowball with our own special blend of reactions and complex coping mechanisms. Unless this cycle

⁵ **Hebrews 1:7, 14**

⁶ **Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5**

⁷ **Romans 3:10-18**

⁸ **Jeremiah 17:9**

is broken by God, most people remain trapped and imprisoned by their pain, never truly trusting anyone, always living in fear, always seeking but never finding true intimacy in relationship.

With this as our spiritual reality, God steps in with radical action to beckon us to Him, and this is where evil plays a pivotal role in our lives. Many (including myself) have brought incriminating railings against God because of the presence and the impact of evil in our lives. Little do we know how important of a tool evil is in accomplishing our personal **Plan-A**.

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It is God's predetermined plan to use the selfishness and brokenness (the evil) of others to wound us; it is the only way to break through the sin of Adam which has hardened the heart of all humanity against God. It is how He wakes us to our need for something more – to our need for Him.

Regardless of the source of our pain, every wound goes deep into our soul and causes some level of agonizing and even crippling pain. This pain wakes us up, subconsciously, to the realization that we are innately vulnerable and need protection. However, since it seems that God, and practically everyone else in our lives, has done a terrible job of protecting us and cannot be depended upon to keep us safe, we gather armor to cover up and protect ourselves from the reality of evil in our lives. And the older we get, the more armor we layer on to keep us from having to live in vulnerability and weakness.

The picture that comes to my mind is not a big suit of armor, but a bunch of individual pieces that we layer over the areas of our personhood that have been subject to attack in one way, shape, or form. In some areas, these pieces are stacked, and the armor is thick. Whereas, in other areas it is layered on a bit thin, but it is there, nonetheless.

This armor however is not some detached contraption that we can take on and off; rather, it is alive, and it grows with us and mutates over time as is necessary to both absorb and react to an attack against our soul. Our armor becomes imbedded within our being and is a part of our limbic system, our fight or flight mechanism that drives our survival, such that it subconsciously kicks into action whenever we even remotely feel a threat.

With this picture in mind, think about the surgery that is required to detach and remove this armor. And it must be removed if God is ever going to be able to take up full and complete residency in our soul, for it is our way of keeping Him, as well as others, out. This armor is not something that we can remove ourselves, we would not even know how; we do not even understand how it got there. But here is the twist, God will not force its removal. These layers of self-protection are something He will remove as we become *willing* and make the active choice to let Him be our covering, our only defense.

When we become sick of ourselves in some area of our life, sick of how we treat others, sick of the rotten fruit that comes forth from that area and begin to desire to have everything removed that stands in the way of our relationship with **Yahweh**, then He will begin to act on our behalf, fulfilling our desire for more of Him.

Matthew 21:43-44

Therefore, I **now** say to you, the kingdom of God will in the **future** be caused to be taken away from you and in the **future** be caused to be given to a people, **now** producing the fruit of it. And he who falling on this stone will in the **future** be caused to be broken to pieces; but on whomever it may fall, it will in the **future** scatter him grinded in the **future** to dust.

Jesus is clear, if you choose to fall on the Rock (on **Yahweh Yasha – Yahweh** who will save you from yourself), He will break you to pieces. He will dismantle that armor and rout out all the enemies living in your soul. This sounds brutal, and it is! But it is far better than those who never choose to fall on Him; instead, He will fall on them in eternal judgment, and they will be as if ground to dust.

What's Our Take Away?**Lessons of the Heavenly Realms 26**

Our wounding is used by God to help us realize three critical truths:

- 1. We cannot control others who also live defensively looking to protect their own personal interests and protect themselves from harm.**
- 2. Despite our armor, we cannot prevent ourselves from being wounded.**
- 3. We cannot control the outcomes of our life.**

These three truths can be summed up in the phrase: **We are not God!** This is probably the most important truth for us to learn and to which is wise to acquiesce.

The Journey of Surrender!

God inflicts us with evil, utilizing the tools of the enemy and the people in our lives, to teach us that we need help! It sounds a bit twisted and upside down, but is all intended to wake us up to the reality of our humanity and our need for a Protector, Provider, Helper, Guide, Healer, Savior, and a true Lover. It is all intended to induce us to seek help, to seek His help, and to causes us to become *willing* to let Him help.

This whole dynamic also works in reverse and reveals the depth of our self- seeking corruption. As we cling to our self-protection, God will use us as His instrument to wound the very people that we care for and should be loving. Sometimes this harsh reality also wakes us up to our need to be free from being the instrument of other's pain.

You might be thinking that you would respond better if God just showered you with blessing and kindness instead of evil, wounds, and pain. Well, unfortunately, that is a delusional ideal. The history of humanity tells us that no one, *on their own*, seeks after God.⁹ All suppress the truth in unrighteousness. In fact, **Romans 1** tells us people are so innately selfish and self-seeking that even though God is good to everyone and showers compassion on them, takes care of them, feeds them, and ensures the rain comes at its appointed times for the crops to grow and so on, most people do not even thanks Him.¹⁰ He has

⁹ **Romans 3:10-18**

¹⁰ **Psalm 145:9**

made His existence obvious to all, but they simply are not interested despite His blessings on their lives.

Romans 1:20-25

For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are **now** caused to be clearly seen, **now** caused to being understood by the things that are made, His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are **now** without excuse: Because that, when they were knowing God, they glorified not as God, neither were thankful; but were caused to become vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was caused to be darkened.

Now professing themselves to **now** be wise, they were caused to become fools and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to **now** be caused to dishonor, to **now** be caused to choose to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped, by choice, and served the creature more than the Him creating, who **now** is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:28-32

And even as they did not like to **now** retain God in knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to **now** do those things which are not **now** fitting. Caused to being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which are **now** committing such things are **now** worthy of death, not only **now** do the same, but **now** have pleasure in them **now** doing them.

God knows man; He knows what sin has done to our souls and what it will take to break our protection and to get us to relent from our ways. And the one thing we can count on, even though we may not personally like His methodology, all He does is just and true. He is the Rock. His ways are perfect. He is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness. **Yahweh** is good and does what is right; He shows the proper path to those who go astray.¹¹ And despite our feelings on the matter, God has chosen the best method to beckon us to Him such that we become *willing* to give Him the chance to become our Protector, Provider, Helper, Guide, Healer, Savior, and true Lover.

Herein lies one of the greatest spiritual conundrums, or ironies: the kindness of God involves great pain. And despite this inside-out-and-upside-down reality, we know that all those who choose to follow Him down the path of trouble will one day boldly declare:

Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of

¹¹ *Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 18:30; 145:17; Revelation 15:3, 16:7; Psalm 25:8*

the nations. Who may not be caused to fear you, Lord, and in the future glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will in the future come and in the future worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been caused to be revealed.

Ironically, those who have incurred the greatest pain will come to understand the wisdom in all His dealings, and will consider every wound, every infliction of pain, a marvelous work, a righteous deed that is just and true. For without their wounds, they would never have known life, peace, joy, and all that comes with being called and chosen of God. Without their wounds, they would have remained dead in their sin, with nothing but themselves to secure their life in the now and in their eternity.

God is in Control, We are Not!

One of the issues we are going to get in to in **Job 9** is the absolute sovereignty of God. In other words, God is personally responsible for every single wound we have ever incurred. It is God's calling card over our lives, so we can realize our need for Him. And even though He works through agency and uses various cutting, sawing, and hammering tools, such as Lucifer and his demonic cohorts, as well as the people in our lives, He makes no bones about it, He takes complete responsibility for all of it. He wields the hammer!

Deuteronomy 32:39

See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; it is I who put to death and give life. **I have wounded** and it is I who heal, and there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to **Yahweh**. For **He has torn us**, but He will heal us; **He has wounded us**, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him. So let us know, let us press on to know **Yahweh**. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth."

Isaiah 30:26

The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day **Yahweh** binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise **He has inflicted**.

Psalms 147:3

He heals the broken hearted and binds up their sorrows.

Our Awareness & Need

It is safe to say that as most people become aware of their need for a Protector, Provider, Helper,

Guide, Healer, Savior, and a true Lover, they start looking everywhere to find the solution, even deeper into themselves as they seek empowerment and enlightenment. But only a few people turn to **Yahweh**. Perhaps, at some deep subconscious level they know that God is behind all things and they are just angry at Him and could never imagine loving Him. Which is why it is easy for them to pretend He either does not exist or does not really care about the matters of humanity.

Sadly, most people go throughout their lives reacting to their wounding by piling on the armor and living in a way that is void of intimacy, love, peace, rest, and trust; for at the root of it all, the only one they really love, or trust, is themselves.

This is the ultimate form of idolatry. In our study in the book of *Revelation*, we referred to this as the love of the **ME**. The **ME** acts as our “I Am,” and the **ME** sits in the seat of control that **Yahweh Qanna** (**Yahweh** who is jealous) yearns to possess. The **ME** is ruled by fear and reacts to anything, real or imagined, that feels like a threat.

Sure, people say they want intimacy, love, peace, rest, and trust, but the risks are far too great for them to surrender their armor and protection which keeps everyone (including God) at a reasonably safe distance.

By way of contrast, God boldly proclaims that His firmness, His truth, His stability, His faithfulness, one might even say His promises, is armor and protection for those who declare that He alone is their refuge, their place of safety.¹² He is the substitute, the replacement for the **ME**.

Even “love” or marriage does not change this reality. Few who enter marriage shed their armor, instead, most couples are forced to learn how to work around the armor of one another. It is a terrible cycle. Most people, especially in the case of those who incurred wounding at a very early age, are not even aware of many of the layers they have built. The trauma happened at too young of an age, but it is there, nonetheless. And give it time, it will rear its ugly head, and it will cause relational harm and even destruction in a marriage.

The Users

Of course, there are those who like the idea that God promises to be their Protector, Provider, Helper, Guide, Healer, Savior, and true Lover, and they come to Him wanting Him to live up to His name in this regard. However, they come to Him solely because of what they can get from Him, and not so much because of who He is and what He wants from them. They do not appreciate that He is a conquering King who will fulfill all His promises as they are *willing* to let Him do what must be done for Him to possess each of those roles in their life, i.e., displace the **ME**. As such, they tend to miss the whole reason God told us He is a great Protector, Provider, Helper, Guide, Healer, Savior, and true Lover. It seems no one has told them about the **Substitution Principle**.

Still, God is so kind that even though they are seeking something to help them feel better, they experience a level of healing and relief, because that is the nature of our God. They even come to know what it means to be forgiven and released from the burden of sin. Again, that is the nature of our God. But that does not mean that they have agreed to let God be their God, to let Him be that conquering King.

The idea of trusting everything to God, of betting their life on everything He has said about Himself, of being completely circumscribed from this world, of letting Him dig down deep in the areas of our deepest

¹² *Psalm 91:2, 4*

wounding, and being crucified to their *Old Sinful Nature* (to the **ME**) is far too terrifying. Too much pain and disruption are involved in that process, and they have a life to live, responsibilities to take care of, and so on. They have been through so much already, all they really want is some peace and blessing.

As a result, they never ever get to know Him. They may learn all about Him, they may even fear Him (as in they are afraid of Him), but they don't understand what it truly means to love Him with their heart, mind, soul, and strength and to have His name imprinted into the DNA of their soul. As a result, like the seed that is cast on the rocky soil, they quickly plateau in this relationship, and instead of knowing Him by His name, **Yahweh**, they turn and grasp tightly to the religion that has been built around God. They love their religion and invest all they have in this religion believing it is essentially the same as giving themselves to Him.¹³

After all, religion provides a way to "love" God but still be in control of one's own life. Religion provides all the most amazing if/then rules which dictate what it means to be good for God, and what it means to be bad or evil. They are taught that if they will be good for God more than they are evil, then they will receive His blessings and promises. And they are terrified every time they are seduced by the evil desires in their soul, for they live in fear of punishment. Hence, they dig deeper-and-deeper into their religion, with the effect that religion becomes another layer of armor which they pile on top of what is already there.

The Receivers

Some people, however, in response to their wounding, come to realize that since God is a Protector, Provider, Helper, Guide, Healer, Savior, and true Lover that He must be amazing and worthy of everything they have: their heart, mind, soul, and strength. They choose to give themselves to Him on their own volition, and He receives them as His own. He calls them His sons and daughters, a people of God's own possession.¹⁴ They begin the journey of becoming the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**.¹⁵

This starts a very difficult but more than satisfying journey whereby God continues to wound His children to show them how to let go of their armor and how to let Him into the places they have been protecting for so long so His faithfulness can be their armor and protection.

He shows them why their armor does not help them but keeps them lonely, isolated, and always longing for more. He shows them how much better it is when He is given access to transform an area of wounding and bring true healing. As a conquering King, His goal for their life is to possess every aspect of their being, such that He is free to live in-and-through their lives, enabling them to know His love and power at work in their lives.

**Yahweh has promised that those who are willing to let Him cause
them to now and continually choose Him, will be like Him,
for He will transform them into His image.**

¹³ See **Matthew 13:20-21**

¹⁴ **1 Peter 2:9-10**

¹⁵ **Revelation 17:14**

This transformation process is life-long, and it is only accomplished by faith. By believing who He is and betting one's life on all that He has said about Himself. It is not accomplished through effort, through strength, or through the "works of our hands" – i.e., what one can do in terms of their own personal goodness; therefore, transformation is not about "not" sinning. Not sinning (generically speaking) will be a result of transformation, the evidence of transformation, but it does not lead the process.

Our transformation occurs as we learn **WHY** we can believe in His name, **Yahweh**, and **HOW** to believe in His name. For instance, He says He is our Provider. And He wants to teach us what it means to bet our lives on that reality. Therefore, He orchestrates circumstances and puts us in positions where we must choose to either take matters into our own hands, e.g., be our own provider, or wait on God and trust He is who He claims to be. And when we are *willing*, when we choose not to trust in on ourselves (or in anyone or anything else for that matter), He proves Himself and He heals us in that area of deepest fear where we once believed that if we do not take matters into our own hands, we will be without. Then He moves on to the next area He wants to possess, and the next, and the next. And He does not stop until we live as those who have truly surrendered to His majesty, manifesting His life in our very own body.

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God wounds us and inflicts pain. We either turn to Him and learn to rest in Him, or we turn from Him and give ourselves to the ME, to the world, to the spiritual forces of wickedness, or to some twisted semblance of Him in the form of idolatrous religion.

Let's stop here and we will pick back up with our freedom to choose.

I am glad you tuned in and have been ready to listen.