

20:20 Vision Ministries – Devotions by Roger Browning Week 35 (August 21-27, 2016)

In these devotions, I often make reference to the politically correct vs. the Biblically correct worldviews. This week, I want to show you some texts that cause such a great division among liberal and conservative people today.

Sunday, August 21 (read Genesis 1:26-29)

He (Satan) said to the woman, "Did God really say . . . ?" (Genesis 3:1)

If you answer "yes" to Satan's question above, you are anxious to understand the Biblical worldview so that you can take a stand against the doctrines of man. As you can see in v. 27 of today's reading text, God created us male and female. We do not have an option of changing over to the opposite sex, nor do we have the option of using the public bathroom of our choice. I never thought I would see the day when I would be considered narrow-minded on that topic! Our permissive society is opening the door for rapes and child molestations by saying that we can use the restroom of our choice based on how we feel on that particular day. "Did God really say?"

Monday, August 22 (Genesis 6:5-8)

The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. (Genesis 6:5)

Political correctness is based on the fallacy that mankind is inwardly good; therefore, we can just open our borders to anyone who wants to cross them, legally or illegally. As you can clearly see from the printed verse above, God's Word says "that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart (is) only evil all the time!" Therein lies the conflict between the two worldviews. That's why our government refuses to say that a terrorist's action is religious in nature. **They want you to believe** that all religions are the same and that all roads lead to heaven (if they even believe that there is one). **God's Word says**, "For **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, emphasis mine). The entire truth of the Bible is under attack, but there are very few Christians who even see the connection. May God open our eyes to His truth!

Tuesday, August 23 (read Genesis 8:20-22)

"Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood." (v. 21b)

The government has fed our youth a steady diet of frightening global warming messages. They say that there is going to be a worldwide flood unless we "reduce our carbon footprint," which will mean closing down numerous factories and reducing the number of cars on the road. By the way, the date established by Al Gore for such a catastrophe has already passed. The government will give financial grants only to the institutions that believe in and teach global warming. They have even threatened to prosecute those who believe that global warming is a myth. God's Word says, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (v. 22). The Lord repeats His promise in Genesis 9:11 and 9:15. "Did God really say?" You must decide!

Wednesday, August 24 (read Genesis 11:1-9)

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11:4)

Using the threat of global warming, many are seeking to form a one-world global government, just like the one Satan tried to form in today's text. World peace has been the goal of politicians for decades, but they incorrectly think they can achieve it through a global government with a global language and a global bank. This has been Satan's plan from the very start! Notice the greed and selfishness of the people in the printed verse above. It's all about "**us, ourselves** and **we**." It's an effort to reach the heavens without God! It's known as the original "salvation by works!" We will see God's response in tomorrow's devotion.

Thursday, August 25 (reread Genesis 11:1-9)

"Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." (Genesis 11:7)

Did you notice the plural "us" in the printed verse above? The entire **Trinity** stands against the proposed one-world global government! Men build a tower as tall as they can in their own ability (v. 4), but the Lord decides to **come down** to see what the heck they are doing (v. 5, figuratively speaking, of course). These men are unified in their purpose, but they have removed God from their efforts. Actually, **Christian unity** is not only a good thing, but it is the main topic of Jesus' final public prayer on earth (see John 17:11, 23). However, political and religious unity, apart from Christ, is a horrible thing designed by the devil himself. God installs the different languages as well as the different races and locations so that mankind can not unite under Satan's plan (v. 8-9). Unfortunately, the world is closer to a global government than it has been since Babel!

Friday, August 26 (read Genesis 19:1-5)

They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." (Genesis 19:5)

Liberal theologians deny the sinfulness of homosexual behavior, but today's text leaves no room for doubt in my mind. Lot has chosen to live in Sodom for economic reasons, but he is well aware that the city is not safe for his angelic guests (v. 1-4). Earlier, when Abram allowed his nephew to choose the best location for himself (Genesis 13:9), Lot chose to live "**near Sodom**" (13:12) before moving "**in Sodom**" (14:12). Now he is seated at the gate, meaning he is **servicing on the town council** (v. 1). Can you see the progression of his poor choices based solely on the economy? Our country is making the exact same mistake! For political power, all lifestyles are being accepted and promoted. People say, "I vote the economy!" Christians should ask the following question before they vote: "Did God really say?"

Saturday, August 27 (read Genesis 19:6-14)

But his sons-in-law thought he was joking. (Genesis 19:14b)

You certainly need to befriend those in the homosexual community, but you must never condone their lifestyles (v. 6-8). Their sin is no worse than yours, according to James 2:10 which states that those who break one command are guilty of breaking them all. No matter which society you are talking about, however, one thing never changes: They accuse Lot of **judging** them (v. 9), just like liberals do today! God strikes the attackers with blindness to protect His people (v. 11), while salvation is offered to Lot's entire family (v. 12-13). Unfortunately, just like today, the younger generation thinks God's judgment on sinful lifestyles is a joke (v. 14). We can already see signs of God's judgments on America. Can it be long before He calls His chosen people away in the rapture?