

Dear reader again, there are so many warnings and so many examples from GOD through CHRIST and his apostles, against CARNAL Prosperity in this World. They teach against; being conformed to this WORLD (**Rom.12:1-2**), loving this world and the things that are in it (**1John2:15-17**), loving our lives here (**John12:25-26**), minding HIGH things (**Rom.12:16; James2:1-7**), or EARTHLY, SECULAR, TEMPORAL things (**Phil.3:16-20; Col.3:1-4; 2Cor.4:18; 5:16**). We will again ask this question, why then are there so many religious leaders teaching such? They are teaching that GOD has chosen these things and that God blesses one with CARNAL PROSPERITY, and through these things He is glorified. Why would he, when he did not choose these things for his Son Christ Jesus to have, and to glorify Him with. According to scripture, it is simply because HE HAS NOT CHOSEN these things. We have chosen to believe the Lord for we know His intents, how about you? “**2 Pet 3:7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. **8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

If we profess to be Christians, thereby saying we believe on Christ Jesus, then we MUST follow Christ through his apostle’s word, to be right (righteous) with GOD; “**John 17:19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, **but for them also which shall believe on me through their word**; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

In the past two months we have attempted to study in depth, the things GOD HATH CHOSEN, thereby understanding the things He hath not chosen. With CARNAL Prosperity in this World being one, and Worldly Wisdom, which is prudence, intelligence being another, that He has not chosen (**Matt.11:25-26; 1Cor.1:18-31; 1Cor.3:16-23**); let us now study, according to scripture WHY? The answer is simple; GOD has delivered these carnal, worldly things and their advantages to someone else. God the Father has delivered them to the god of this WORLD, the Devil (**Luke 4:6-7; 2Cor.4:1-6**). Again, we believe this is why the Lord warns us AGAINST, loving this world and the things that are in it (**1John2:15-17**). Dear reader, if we honestly think about it, if something has been given over to someone and it has become theirs to do with as they please, then we, under their conditions, are blessed by the one that HAS it; “**Luke 4:6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7** **If thou therefore wilt worship me, ALL shall be thine.**” As pertaining to **verses 6 and 7**, someone once said, “The Devil was really fooled”. We MUST be careful of that train of thought; so that we will not be fooled, for it is certain the Devil was not and is not fooled. This can be scripturally proven by Jesus’ reply in **verse 8**. Note, he never denied anything that the Devil said in **verses 6 and 7**, but he refused the things offered because he knew to accept them, would be to Worship and to Serve him. “**Luke 4:8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

THE LESSON: FOR THAT IS DELIVERED UNTO ME (Luke 4:6)

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the

wilderness, **2** Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. **3** And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. **4** And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. **5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

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Definitions:**(1)all**-3956 pas- 1) individually: each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything 2) collectively: some of all types.....**(2)all the kingdoms**-basileia- 1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom.....**(3)of the world**-3625 oikoumene- 1) the inhabited earth a) the portion of the earth inhabited by the Greeks, in distinction from the lands of the barbarians b) the Roman empire, all the subjects of the empire c) the whole inhabited earth, the world d) the inhabitants of the earth, men, mankind 2) the universe, the world.....**(4)All**-537 hapas- quite, all, the whole, all together, all...**(5)all this power**-1849 exousia- 1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases, permission, physical and mental power, the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises, the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege), the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed) universally, authority over mankind.....**(6)I give**-1325 didomi (did'-o-mee); a prolonged form of a primary verb (which is used as an altern. in most of the tenses); to give KJV-- adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver (up), give, grant, hinder, make, minister, number, offer, have power, put, receive, set, shew,.....**(7)glory of them**-1391 doxa (dox'-ah); from the base of 1380; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): KJV-- dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.....**(8) for that is delivered unto me**-3860 paradidomi- 1) to give into the hands (of another) 2) to give over into (one's) power or use a) to deliver to one something to keep, to use, to take care of, to manage...**(9) to whomsoever I will I give it**-1325 didomi (did'-o-mee); a prolonged form of a primary verb (which is used as an altern. in most of the tenses); to give KJV-- adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver (up), give, grant, hinder, make, minister, number, offer, have power, put, receive, set, shew.

Dear reader, Christians MUST follow the example of the apostles; and be NOT ignorant of Satan's devices, nor of his power, so that he will not take advantage of us; thereby making us his children **2 Cor 2:11 (1)Lest Satan (2)should get an advantage** of us: for we are not **(3)ignorant** of his **(4)devices**.

Definitions:**(1)Lest** Satan-3363 hina me (hin'-ah may); i.e. 2443 and 3361; in order (or so) that not: KJV-- albeit not, lest, that, no (-t, [-thing]).....**(2)should get an advantage** of us-4122 pleonekteo-1) to have more, or a greater part or share, to be superior, to excel, to surpass, to have an advantage over 2) to gain or take advantage of another, to overreach.....**(3)we are NOT ignorant** 50 agnoeo (ag-no-eh'-o); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 3539; not to know (through lack of information or intelligence), 3) to err or sin through mistake, to be wrong; by implication, to ignore (through disinclination): KJV-- (be) ignorant (-ly), not know, not understand, unknown.....**(4)of his devices** 3540 noema (no'-ay-mah); from 3539; a perception, i.e. purpose, 2) an evil purpose, or (by implication) the intellect, disposition, itself, thoughts or purposes: KJV-- device, the mind, thought. **“John 8:42** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **44** Ye are of

your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **45** And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. **46** Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." Satan intends that ALL should PERISH along with him, and his devices are the Carnal, Fleshly, Earthly, Secular, Worldly things that he has put in place for this to occur. His power is enormous, though no match for the GOD HEAD, but much, much more than ANY man. We believe according to scripture this power MUST be RESPECTED; **Michael, the ARCHANGEL** did, why shouldn't we? Are we stronger than Michael the archangel? (Please read; **2 Cor 11:13-15; Jude 1:9**)

Luke 4:6 ... All this power... Ref. Scriptures:

2 Cor 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.** **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.(KJV)

Jude 1:9 Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, **(1)durst not bring against him a (2)railing (3)accusation**, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)durst not-5111 tolmao (tol-mah'-o); from tolma (boldness; probably itself from the base of 5056 through the idea of extreme conduct); to venture (objectively or in act; while 2292 is rather subjective or in feeling); by implication, to be courageous: KJV-- be bold, boldly, **dare, durst...****(2)railing**-988 blasphemia (blas-fay-me'-ah);from 989; vilification (especially against God) 1) slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another's good name 2) impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty: KJV-- blasphemy, evil speaking, railing.....**(3)accusation**-2920 krisis (kree'-sis); decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice (especially, divine law) a) opinion or decision given concerning anything, especially concerning justice and injustice, right or wrong b) sentence of condemnation, damnatory judgment, condemnation and punishment : KJV-- accustion, condemnation, damnation, judgment.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. **12** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. **13** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.(KJV)

Rev 13:7 And **it was given unto him** to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **8** And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **9** If any man have an ear, let him hear. (KJV)

How then do we **not** WORSHIP the DEVIL? Again this is done simply by taking up our cross **daily** and following Christ (**Luke9:22-26**). According to scripture, this is done not by doing what JESUS would do, but by doing what **JESUS** and his apostles **SAY DO, in his written Word**. If we want to be worshipers

of GOD rather than worshipers of the Devil, then we must suffer, just as Christ DID and do not accept these worldly carnal things, which is Temporal Prosperity and the glory of them. This would be a good start to getting our names written in the book of LIFE. Please read again **Luke 4: 5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** **And Jesus answered and said unto him,** Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Note again the admonishment of the apostle Paul; **Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, **brethren**, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**2** **And be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.(KJV)

Luke 4:6 ... and the glory of them... Ref. Scriptures:

Isa 5:13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and **(1)their multitude** dried up with thirst. **14** Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and **(2)their glory**, and **(3)their multitude**, and **(4)their pomp**, and **(5)he that rejoiceth**, shall descend into it. **15** And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: **16** But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Definitions:(1)their multitude-1995 hamown (haw-mone'); or hamon (Ezek. 5:7) (haw-mone'); from 1993; a noise, tumult, crowd; also disquietude, wealth: KJV-- abundance, company, many, multitude, multiply, noise, riches, rumbling, sounding, store, tumult....**(2)their glory**-1926 hadar (haw-dawr'); from 1921; magnificence, i.e. ornament or splendor: -beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, majesty....**(3)their multitude**-1995 hamown (haw-mone'); or hamon (Ezek. 5:7) (haw-mone'); from 1993; a noise, tumult, crowd; also disquietude, wealth: KJV-- abundance, company, many, multitude, multiply, noise, riches, rumbling, sounding, store, tumult....**(4)their pomp**-7588 sha'own-b) uproar (used of revellers).....**(5)he that rejoiceth**-5938 `alez (aw-laze'); from 5937; exultant, jubilant: KJV-- that rejoiceth.

Isa 23:8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth? **9** The LORD of hosts **(1)hath purposed** it, **(2)to stain** **(3)the pride of all** **(4)glory**, and **(5)to bring into contempt** all the honourable of the earth.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)hath purposed it-3289 ya` ats-to advise, to consult, to give counsel, to counsel, to purpose, to devise, to plan a) (Qal)....**(2)to stain**-2490 chalal-1) to profane, to defile, to pollute, to desecrate, to begin a) (Niphal) 2) to wound (fatally), to bore through, to pierce, to bore....**(3)the pride of**-1347 ga'own (gaw-ohn'); from 1342; the same as 1346: KJV-- arrogancy, excellency (-lent), majesty, pomp, pride, proud, swelling....**(4)all glory**-6643 tsebiy (tseb-ee'); from 6638 in the sense of prominence; splendor (as conspicuous); also a gazelle (as beautiful), honor, decoration: KJV-- beautiful (-ty), glorious (-ry), goodly, pleasant, roe (-buck)....**(5)to bring into contempt**-7043 qalal-to be slight, to be swift, to be trifling, to be of little account, to be light a) (Qal) 2) to appear trifling, to be too trifling, to be insignificant 3) to be lightly esteemed c) (Piel) 1) to make despicable 2) to curse d) (Pual) to be cursed e) (Hiphil) 1) to make light, to lighten 2) to treat with contempt, to bring contempt or dishonor

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **(1)Mind** not **(2)high things**, but **(3)condescend** to men of **(4)low estate**. Be not wise in your own conceits.(KJV)

Definitions:(1) **Mind not**-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, c) to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for a) to seek one's interest or advantage....(2)**NOT high things**-5308 hupselos- 1) high, lofty a) exalted on high b) with an uplifted arm, that is, with signal power 2) metaphorically, eminent, exalted a) in influence and honor b) to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), NOT to be aspiring.....(3) **condescend to men of** 1) to lead away with or together 2) metaphorically, to be carried away with a) used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what carries away to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power a primary preposition denoting union; with or together (but much closer than 3326 or 3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: KJV-- beside, with.....(4) **low estate**-5011 tapeinos- 1) not rising far from the ground 2) metaphorically: a) as a condition, lowly, of low degree b) brought low with grief, depressed c) lowly in spirit, humble

According to the above scripture (**Rom.12:16**) Christians are NOT to mind high things, **NEITHER be aspiring in this world**, toward worldly, carnal, earthly things, including Prosperity. Because, these things have been Delivered unto the DEVIL, by GOD. The Church MUST be indifferent and lazy toward these CARNAL things, and a ZELOT in SPIRITUAL things. **Note: aspiring**; seeking to attain a desired position or status, ambitious> ambition, mod. 1. [Eager desire]--*Syn.* hope, earnestness, aspiration, yearning, eagerness, longing, hankering, craving, passion, lust, itch, hunger, thirst, appetite, avidly, energy, ardor, zeal, zealous, designing, bent upon, high reaching, enthusiasm, spirit, vigor, desire for superiority, love of glory, eagerness for distinction, emulation, enterprise; *all* (D): umph, drive, get up and go. (Antonym. **indifference***, **apathy**, **laziness**)

1 Pet 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.(KJV)

I Jn 2:15 (1)Love not the **(2)world**, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16 For all** that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:** but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)**Love not**- 25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense): KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). Compare 5368.1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing.....(2) **the world**-2889 kosmos- 1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ.

Luke 4:6 ... and to whomsoever I will I give it... Ref. Scriptures:

John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.(KJV)

1 Cor 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. **6** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: (KJV)

1 Cor 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.(KJV)

1 Cor 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? (KJV)

2 Cor 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.(KJV)

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.(KJV)

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the (1)wiles of the devil. **12** 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. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.(KJV)

Definition:(1)wiles of the devil-3180 methodeia (meth-od-i'-ah); from a compound of 3326 and 3593 [compare "method"]; travelling over, i.e. travesty (trickery) cunning arts, deceit, craft [y]: KJV-- wile, lie in wait.

II Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but (1)had pleasure in unrighteousness. (Please read also; John3:17-22; Rom.1:16-32; Rom.2:1-11; Rom.12:9; 2Pet.2:9-22; 3John1:11.)

Definition:(1)had pleasure in unrighteousness-2106 eudokeo (yoo-dok-eh'-o);from 2095 and 1380; to

think well of, i.e. approve (an act); specially, to approbate (a person or thing), 1) it seems good to one, is one's good pleasure a) to think it good, to choose, to determine, to decide b) to do willingly c) to be ready to, to prefer, to choose rather 2) to be well pleased with, to take pleasure in, to be favorably inclined toward one: KJV-- think good, (be well) please (-d), be the good (have, take) pleasure, be willing.

Again according to scripture, if we proclaim to be Christians then we MUST deny ourselves, take up our cross DAILY, thereby hating our lives in this world, making our bodies a living sacrifice; this then would make us followers of Christ and his apostles (**Luke 9:22-26; John 12:25-26; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 3:17-20**). Why, because according to scripture, the kingdoms of the world and the glories of them have been delivered by God the father, unto the god of this WORLD, which is the Devil (**2 Cor 4:1-6**). Remember carnal prosperity shall be ours under the one condition given by the Devil, and that is if we WORSHIP him ALL shall be our, thereby GLORIFYING the Devil, NOT GOD (**Luke 4:5-8**). According to the apostle John, as he and all of the apostles were guided by The Holy Spirit; the whole world lieth in wickedness; "**I Jn 5:19** And we know that we are of God, and the **(1)whole (2)world (3)lieth in (4)wickedness.**"

Definitions:(1)the **whole**-3650 holos (hol'-os); a primary word; "whole" or "all", i.e. complete (in extent, amount, time or degree), especially (neuter) as noun or adverb: KJV-- all, altogether, every whit, + throughout.....(2)**world**-2889 kosmos-3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ....(3)**lieth**-2749 keimai (ki'-mahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to lie outstretched (literally or figuratively): KJV-- be (appointed, laid up, made, set), lay, lie; a) to be (by God's intent) set,, that is, destined, appointed **c) lies in the power of the Evil One,, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil.....(4)in wickedness**-4190 poneros (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of 4192; hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners b) bringing toils, annoyances, perils; used of a time full of peril to Christian faith and steadfastness; causing pain and trouble b) in an ethical sense: evil wicked, bad : KJV-- bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also 4191.

Note the admonishment of the apostle Paul to the Church in Galatia and in Philippi; also note the lifestyle for a **true** Christian in this WORLD, as admonished by the apostle Peter.

Gal 5:16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.(KJV)

Phil 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who (1)mind earthly things.) **20** For our **(2)conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

Definitions: (1)**mind** earthly things-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be) like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. (2)**conversation** is in heaven- 4175 politeuma; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV-- conversation.

1 Pet 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. **12** Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. **13** Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14 As obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **15** But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of (1)conversation; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. **17** And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your **(2)sojourning** here in **(3)fear**: **18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:(KJV)

Definitions:(1)conversation-391 anastrophe-manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment...(2)your **sojourning** here-3940 paroikia (par-oy-kee'-ah);from 3941; foreign residence, 2) a sojourning, dwelling in a strange land: KJV-- sojourning, X as strangers.....(3)in **fear**-5401 phobos (fob'-os); from a primary phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright, 1) fear, dread, terror; what strikes terror: KJV-- be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

1 Pet 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as **(1)strangers** and **(2)pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; (KJV)

Definitions:(1)you as strangers-3941 paroikos (par'-oy-kos); from 3844 and 3624; having a home near, i.e. (as noun) a by-dweller (alien resident): KJV-- foreigner, sojourn, stranger.....(2)and **pilgrims**-3927 parepidemos (par-ep-id'-ay-mos); from 3844 and the base of 1927; an alien alongside, i.e. a resident foreigner: KJV-- pilgrim, stranger.

1 Pet 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for **us in the flesh**, **(1)arm** yourselves likewise **with the same mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh **(2)hath ceased (3)from sin**; **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, **(4)revellings**, banquetings, and abominable **(5)idolatrics**:

Definitions: (1)arm yourselves-3695 hoplizo (hop-lid'-zo); from 3696; to equip (with weapons [middle voice and figuratively]) 2) to provide 3) to furnish oneself with a thing (as with arms) 4) metaphorically, to take on the same mind: KJV-- armself.....(2)**hath ceased**-3973 pauo (pow'-o); a primary verb ("pause"); to stop (transitively or intransitively), i.e. restrain, quit, desist, come to an end 2) to restrain a thing or person from something 4) to have gotten release from sin; no longer stirred by its incitements and seductions: KJV-- cease, leave, refrain.....(3)**from sin**-266 hamartia-1) equivalent to 0264 a) to be without a share in b) to miss the mark c) to err, be mistaken d) to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong e) to wander from the law of God, to violate God's law, to sin 2) that which is done wrong, sin, an offence, a violation of the divine law in thought or in act...(4)**revellings** 2970 komos (ko'-mos);from 2749; a carousal (as if letting loose), a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence, used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry, **rev·el** (rɪvˈel) *intr.v.* **rev·eled** also **rev·elled**, **rev·el·ing** **rev·el·ling**, **rev·els** **rev·els**. **1.** To take great pleasure or delight, fun, celebrate. **2.** To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. --**rev·el n.** A boisterous festivity or celebration; merrymaking. Often used in the plural. --**rev“el·ler** or **rev“el·er**: KJV-- revelling, rioting (Antonym-be downcast).....(5) abominable **idolatrics** 1495 eidololatreia-1) the worship of false gods, idolatry b) used of avarice, as a worship of Mammon 2) in the plural, the vices

springing from idolatry and peculiar to it.

1 Pet 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. **12** Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: **13** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. **14** If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. **15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. **16** Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. **17** For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? **18** And if the (1)righteous (2)scarcely (3)be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? **19** Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)righteous-1342 dikaios (dik'-ah-yos); from 1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively) righteous, observing divine laws : KJV-- just, meet, right (-eous).....**(2)scarcely**-3433 molis (mol'-is); probably by var. for 3425; with difficulty, 1) with difficulty, hardly 2) not easily, that is, scarcely, very rarely: KJV-- hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work. **(3)be saved**-4982 sozo (sode'-zo); from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saoz, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): KJV-- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

Dear readers remember as always, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, for the purpose of **saving our souls**. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the **WORD of TRUTH**; GRACE and SALVATION; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, and the **continuance in it**, is the **ONLY** thing that allows the man of God to be perfect, **2Tim.3:12-17!**

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