

## The General Consensus

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The definitions of conscience is: the general agreement or the opinion of most people.

So in this article I will deal with the consensus of most of those who speak about world situations. Beginning with the actions of people here at home, and also abroad, when discussing the present world conditions, many seem to be convinced that things will not continue as they are. Again, looking at the news related to all the wars, struggles, and the dangerous conditions in general that make people to sit up and take notice, because they know that this condition is constantly growing worse. Then finally they get around to the topic of: How long will the Lord put up with it? When this is said, I always inject this thought: The best thing that one can do is to prepare their hearts to meet the Lord. Then it really won't matter what comes. One will not have to be worried to death. But now, this is the saddest of all that most have a dread of world conditions along with the knowledge of the Lord's return, but as yet have not prepared themselves for this uncertain event. Notice what our Lord says in Luke 21:34-36, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye

may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Most have the knowledge of God's dealings with the people of Noah's day, destroyed because of corruption and extreme violence, and disregarding his guidance, and then there were those Sodomites in the vale of Siddon, who were so full of evil, sinful sexual practices that God said this is enough, so He burned them all up with liquid fire called brimstone falling from the skies. Our Lord through the mouth of the Apostle Peter said in II Peter 3:7: "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved to fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." Then in II Thessalonians 1:7-8, Paul wrote: "and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

In closing, having this information of fore warning, just what are you waiting for? Your failure to hear and obey will guarantee you a seat in the Lake of Fire. Why? Simply because of your unwillingness to believe and receive the love of the truth that could have saved you!

But this does not have to be your end. Obey the Lord today. If we can help, as always we conclude with our phone number, 1-859 (Waco) 369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

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of the Bible? Zero, 1, 2, 3

4. Of these, who had 300 concubines? Pharaoh, King Solomon, Saul, Adam

5. What is the biblical interpretation of a concubine? Oven, Secondary wife, Chariot, Gold bracelet

6. In which city did King Ahasuerus mainly live? Corinth, Gath, Berea, Shushan

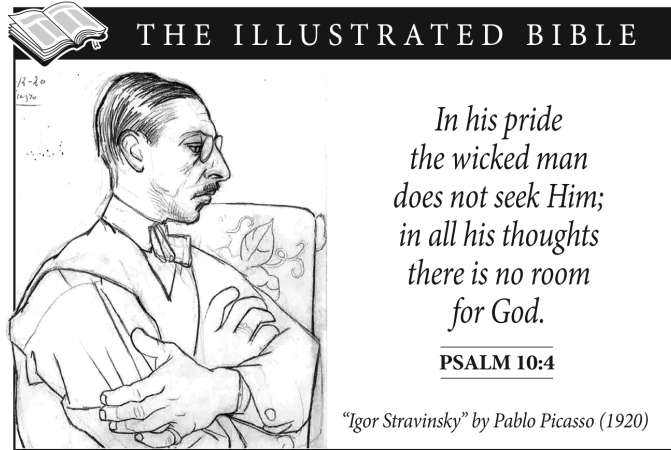
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1. Is the book of Deborah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Of these, who wasn't on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus? Peter, James, John, Andrew

3. From Matthew 13, how many of Jesus' "brothers" wrote books



*In his pride  
 the wicked man  
 does not seek Him;  
 in all his thoughts  
 there is no room  
 for God.*

PSALM 10:4

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## The Foolish to Shame the Wise (1 Corinthians 1:25-31)

25Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.



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## Seeds of Hope



There is an interesting theme that runs throughout the Bible. It is an if/then theme. If we are obedient to God, then we can be confident of His blessings, favor, gifts and a sense of His presence in our lives. If on the other hand, we are disobedient and willingly disobey His laws and teachings then we will experience guilt and a separation from Him.

Certainly the feelings of separation can be a good thing. It is God within us stirring up the gift He has given us - the gift of the Holy Spirit who is to guide us and guard us. When we become "disconnected" from God, He is to "alert us" of impending dangers and convict us to return to the path and plan God has designed

for us. He is eager to do His work if we are willing to allow Him to do so.

Our Psalmist reminds us that God "speaks peace to His people and to His saints." His peace is what brings us "wholeness and completeness" and unites us with Him. It dissolves the fear we have of Him and removes the guilt that we carry within us from being disobedient to Him.

So our Psalmist wisely adds, "but let them not return to their folly" - or perhaps a more appropriate translation of the word "folly" is "stupidity." What might this mean?

Often we become "presumptuous" and assume that we deserve God's blessings. We take an inventory of our lives and things appear to be "just about as wonderful as wonderful can be." We have no "fear" of God and take His goodness for granted. "What stupidity!" says the Psalmist. "Be careful of falling into Your past sinful ways."

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