Good Over Greed

Reading about the various sin-related offerings in **Leviticus**, I thought about God's intentions for His people in the sacrifices and some possibilities for us. The multiple offerings connected the people to God and, at the same time, supported the priests who worked in the Tabernacle and Temple. Remember, the people were to offer God the best of what they had, whether animals, oil, or grain. When the priests took portions of the sacrifices, they ate the best, the filet mignon cuts of meat, instead of making hot dogs of the leftover scraps. They had the finest bread, not the day-old loaves.

The sacrifices show God's generosity to His people. First, He is generous in His grace to forgive sins. Second, He showed His generosity and willingness to share the best with His people. In the early days of the Hebrews' conquest of Canaan, God blessed the land with abundance, and the people returned those blessings to Him in the form of tithes, offerings, and sacrifices. The Levites depended on Him for their survival in the people's obedience. Eventually, He gave us the best in His Son's sacrifice at the cross, and reminds us in the crucifixion that we are wholly dependent on Him.

What would you think if your children's dentist gave candy to your child after their visit? What if your cardiologist had a cigarette machine in his lobby? Either would raise our eyebrows. Imagine greedy and corrupt priests who encouraged the people to sin rather than abstain from it. The more the people sinned, the more they would sacrifice. The more they offered, the more the priests would profit. Listen to God's perspective from the prophet Hosea:

⁶My people are being destroyed because they don't know me. Since you priests refuse to know me, I refuse to recognize you as my priests. Since you have forgotten the laws of your God, I will forget to bless your children. ⁷The more priests there are, the more they sin against me. They have exchanged the glory of God for the shame of idols. ⁸"When the people bring their sin offerings, the priests get fed. So the priests are glad when the people sin! ⁹'And what the priests do, the people also do.' So now I will punish both priests and people for their wicked deeds. ¹⁰ They will eat and still be hungry. They will play the prostitute and gain nothing from it, for they have deserted the LORD to worship other gods.¹

So many things in life were intended for good. Still, corrupt people have a way of twisting and distorting them into self-promoting, evil actions. It is the opposite of Joseph's words to his brothers, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good ..." What was intended for good has been turned into evil. Think of a few examples.

- **Nikola Tesla** purportedly had a means to offer the world FREE electricity. Instead the power brokers took over the power industry and we pay higher and higher prices.
- I'm sure **Al Gore** had good intentions in inventing the internet, but we have seen how it has been turned from possible good uses to evil. Now that we are using it to speak freely, the cabal wants to censor who can use it and threaten to shut it down.
- TV and movies originally had entertainment value but the powers that be use them to brainwash us with "programming" in their Psyop.
- I understand T-Mobile is threatening to fine us if we text messages they disapprove. A convenience has turned into another form of control. Other woke companies will follow.

We could go on, but you get the point. Satan and his cohorts have twisted virtually everything. They have gone from beneficial to detrimental. This has been his MO from the beginning when he distorted Adam's

¹ Hosea 4:6-10 (NLT, emphasis added)

² Genesis 50:20 (NKJV)

and Eve's thinking in the Garden. This resulted in man's abdication of dominion and Satan's control of the earth.

Satan further influenced Nimrod to create a **One World Government** at Babel in contradiction to God's will. God scattered the people and confused the languages so there would be local governments rather than a universal one. Nimrod's plan is still in effect. The UN and others promote removing sovereign states and incorporating countries into a **New World Order**.

Greedy priests wanted their people to be unholy and sin rather than act righteously. The more the people sinned, the greater the priests' livelihood and power over the masses. This all sounds familiar. The more laws Congress makes, the more control they have and the more taxes they impose on us. As we allow the government to raise its dominion, the less privacy and freedom "we the people" have.

Just like some of ancient Israel's leaders, our leaders encourage us to immorality and dependence on government rather than God. As we have seen, our government officials practice abominations in the heart of the republic and promote it among their staffers and constituents.

I have used **Samuel Adams**' quote about declaring our freedom. Let me mention the last part. "... wherever Tyranny is establish'd, Immorality of every Kind comes in like a Torrent. It is in the Interest of Tyrants to reduce the People to Ignorance and Vice."

We are trapped in our sins, and the only way out is surrendering to God, not government. In repentance we turn from our wickedness and embrace God's direction. When we do, we return to God's original good intentions for us and resist the evil thrust upon us.

We need to tell people that God's good intentions have continued. He wants the best for us. He has said:

- ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.³
- ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ⁴

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³ Romans 5:8-11 (NKJV)

⁴ Romans 8:31-32 (NKJV)