

OASIS: November 27-December 3, 2025: What About Hard Places



"Listen! I Stand at the door and knock; if any hear My voice and open the door, I will come into their house and eat with them, and they will eat with Me. If you have ears, then, listen to what the Spirit says to the Churches!" Rev.3:20, 22. (GNT).

Last week's meditation ended on a note of lament to the effect that, the actions and behaviours of a section of the Church is not only creating Hard Places on this side of eternity, which must be seen as the immediate consequence of evil, but also building and preparing the mass of the people for eternal condemnation in the lake of Fire.¹ The Lake of Fire, which was designed as the ultimate destination for satan and his angels, has now also become the ULTIMATE END for everyone who is disobedient to God, just like satan and his angels/demons and false prophets.² This process progresses with deceivers who will themselves be deceived, on the increase.³ But why this focus in the last number of weeks? It is to point to the dangerous paradox of human existence, where they deliberately choose the wrong over the right. Jesus stated that human beings are judged because they refused the Light -Way of righteousness – shown to them and preferred darkness so that they can continue in their wicked ways.⁴ The passage for our meditation for this week is the conclusion of the messages to the seven Churches in Bible time, which represented the different kinds of churches that were in existence then, and even now. People were reminded of the option open to them and the action required of them.⁵ One of the passages that children who attend the Church learn is, **"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**⁶ This is not just a New Testament teaching, but one which runs through the whole Bible. God created for relationship, and even when He was going to destroy all living things, because of the depravity of human beings, He found a reason not to do so because there was Noah who pleased Him.⁷ **The Rainbow is God's commitment to that promise not to destroy all living things again,⁸ the fact that a group that has no respect for the laws of God has decided to use it for their symbol notwithstanding.**

Jesus in teaching a teacher of the law, Nicodemus, about the Only way of Salvation stated clearly the inevitable- **"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."**⁹ Jesus Christ is the Only Way, that is the standard – the gold standard. There can be no reconciliation with God, no forgiveness of sin and no eternal life with God outside of Jesus Christ. This is irrespective of status, belief system, convictions, persuasions or any other form of inclination of human beings.¹⁰ Jesus further stated, **"For You have granted Him (Jesus Christ) authority over all people, so that He may give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."**¹¹ Human beings did not create or make themselves, their teachings to the contrary notwithstanding. The same human beings who will not obey God, make laws and demand that they be obeyed at the risk of punishment, including death penalty. If fallen, sinful, and mere human beings can make laws and demand obedience, can these same human beings **be reminded that God who created the universe including them have the absolute right to make laws that He demands to be obeyed? Why should mere mortals arrogate themselves the right to make laws that should be obeyed, and cannot accept that the One who made them has greater Authority and Power To Make Laws That Must Be Obeyed?**¹² Why should it be difficult for them to know and accept this fact, if not for the truth that they have allowed the great and wicked deceiver satan, to deceive and continue to deceive them so that he can take them with him to the Lake of Fire?¹³ As Apostle Paul wondered, **"Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the Philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? The answer is in the verse before this, "For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."**¹⁴ So, there is no intelligence or wisdom in the world outside of Jesus Christ, hence the most intelligent among human beings still disbelieve God and teach others to do so, and call such wisdom, knowledge, and intelligence. **Whatever wisdom and intelligence that they thought that they had have become foolishness. This is the reason that "wise" human beings will worship created things and themselves, instead of their Maker, the Almighty God.**¹⁵

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This deliberate decision not to obey the Creator, but obey creatures, is clearly an indication of self-destruction and suicide!¹⁶ This is an important point to make, and a reminder to you who have the privileged opportunity to end one month and move into the last month, December, of the year 2025, named after the Lord of the whole universe, Jesus Christ. The fact of the brevity of life, and how powerless human beings are to do anything really meaningful about it, came home to me within the last one week. My dear older sister answered the call of her Maker, and we just laid her body to rest. **Death is a stubborn and real reminder of the frailty of human existence, and the need not to joke or trifle with the fact of accountability after our short stay on this side of eternity.**¹⁷ As I have noted on this platform on a number of times, **those who deny accountability after death are the greatest deceivers, who start by deceiving themselves, and then others like them.**¹⁸ **Death reminds us that not minding whatever we choose to believe, a day of reckoning is coming, when we must answer to the command of the Creator to return to Him for the judgment that we deserve.** Human beings make the decision as to what kind of judgment they will have while they still have the breath of God, the Creator in them. **That is why to toy with the fact of Heaven and Hell and the Lake of Fire is the greatest gamble that any human being can make, which will end in eternal colossal loss.**¹⁹ God is not interested in the eternal death of anyone, and hence He is patient, and even allowing the wicked to live for a long time, so that the wicked person may take the opportunity of time to be reconciled with Him.²⁰ **Those who reject or mock this opportunity will only have themselves to blame, when they find themselves in the Lake of Fire, with satan, his demons, and false prophets whom they have listened to and obeyed.**²¹

So, your Loving God and Creator says, ***“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, in the day at Massah in the wilderness, where your fathers tested and tried me, though they had seen my work.”***²² Everyone who is alive and is an adult has seen the work of God. They are the primary work of God, and all the created things they see around them and enjoy further bear testimony to the works of God.²³ With Prophet Hosea, I plead with you, do not destroy yourself by going against God your Maker and the Creator of the universe, who is the only One who can defend and save you.²⁴ **Choose Jesus Christ And Live!**²⁵

Have a Blessed, God-Centred, and Victorious Week.

Further & Daily Readings: Rev.3:20-22; 1.2Tim3:1-8.13;4:3-4; 2. Rev.2:10; 3. 2Tim.3:13; 4. John 3:19-20; 5.Rev.3:20,22; 6.John 3:16; 7.Gen.6:8; 8.Gen.9:9-16; 9.John 3:1:15; 10.John 14:6-7; 11.John 17:3; 12.Isaiah 43:7, 11-13; 13. Rev.12:9; 14.1Cor.1:19-20; 15.Rom.1:21-23; 16. Isaiah 5:21; 17.Heb.9:27; 18. 2Tim.3:13; 19. Rev. 20:11-15; 20.Ezek.33:11; 2Pet.3:9-10; 21.RTev. 20:3, 10; 22. Psalm 95:7-9; 23. Psalm 19:1-6; 24. Hosea 13:1, 9; 25. Deut.30:19-20; Acts 4:10-12.