



Let us look at a scripture that makes clear the difference with the *little* nuances. Luke 13.3 in the Greek, the original language of the New Testament makes clear the difference in the usage of words that will please the people today versus speaking forth the truth of the Lord God Almighty.

I say to you, It is not so: but if your hearts are not changed, you will all come to the same end (BBE).

Not at all. Unless you turn to God, you too will die (MSG).

Not at all! But you can be sure that if you don't turn back to God, every one of you will also be killed (CEV).

I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent**, ye shall all likewise perish (KJV).

Are you aware that making a minuscule change in a chemical for a medicine or the water we drink or . . . could be lethal?

You may say that changes do not matter with the Bible. Oh, but it does. Eternity is before us, and our lives, our souls, depend on what is written and taught and understood – and then received by each of us. We are talking Life and Death in Christ Jesus. Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve."

**As for me and my house,
We will serve the Lord!**

Whom do you serve?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved **it is the power of God**" (1 Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

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I saw it Coming

I recall being stopped by a State Highway Trooper for speeding – years ago. Yes, I did get stopped. No, I was not at the racing speed. My mind was on my loss of the one I most enjoyed in life, the one who was a godly man, and loved the Lord Jesus Christ so beautifully with a simple child-like trust – when I saw a scene that was – well different than today, it seemed.

It was a motel with those of another creed, a different religion, *and ways of life*. It did not speak to me then, but as I began seeing more and more of this, it did. The data was seemingly collective in my mind. I felt as though I were living in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, a people who knew not the God of Israel, and much less wanted to worship a living God.

It seems people were enthralled with people who presented as did they. People are always wanting to experience new ways of life, that which is not in the Holy Bible, and that which is not a life of holiness. What is interesting is that people want to learn, but usually want to learn what may lead them down the wrong road. How sad that most are not hungry for the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ, He Who calls us to a life of holiness in Him.

We mock the Lord in our seeking the teachings of others, in seeking their ways of life. I am concerned that we give more time with the enemy, and his people, than seeking the Lord Jesus Christ who came to this earth and died on the Cross of Calvary for our sins, He Who loves us with His whole heart - and reaches out to us while we scorn Him.

Exo 20:2 I *[am]* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I am concerned that we care not for the Lord Jesus Christ. We want a genie that we can rub and have our wishes met. We want things that please us. We want to walk in sin that we might be happy, get our way, and be the center of attention. Life is all about Me-e-e-e, is it not?

Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

I sense we do not care about the Lord God of Israel, the only Begotten Son of the Lord God Almighty. We do not understand what this scripture is about. Every time we put any person or thing above the Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, we have walked in sin. We care not for the Lord and His ways of holiness to be lived unto Him.

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *[of any thing]* that *[is]* in heaven above, or that *[is]* in the earth beneath, or that *[is]* in the water under the earth:

Oh, have we broken the laws of the Lord that are for our good and for all eternity? We once again challenge the Lord God with our defiant attitude of I'll do well what I want to do and when I want to do it and how I want to do it – because this life is about me-e-e getting my-y-y way and doing what I-I-I-I want.

Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *[am]* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *[generation]* of them that hate me;

Here we stand again, walking in disobedience. Again, we defy the Lord to interfere with our lives as though we are the maker of all things, that the Lord is to follow after us, doing what we want and when and how and what we want. Oh, how we love our selves. This has been an erroneous-teaching, a teaching straight from hell: Love your self. God wants you to love your self.

Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

We have a mis-conception of life, what life is. It would do us each good to read the Book of Job and how he loved the Lord God, but how he was very angry with the Lord when Satan came against him in so many ways and through so many people. Job did not fail to disclose his anger and vent – appropriately. However, Job loved the Lord and did battle that he might rise victoriously. He did this as so much was coming against him. There was much to which he was not privy. But, but he walked on in his anger, trusting the Lord with more than he had realized. The beauty of this experience for Job is that he came to realize he was caught up in himself. He came to realize this life was/is not about himself. It is about the Lord God, and how we respond to Satan who comes to us through so many - throughout our lives. Oh, how we need to awaken as did Job in Chapter 38 – as he came to realize life is about the Lord God. We need to surrender to the Lord and think not about ourselves - but Him, trusting Him even in the midst of chaos.

Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Oh! how many do this very thing. I believe there are many ways to do this, one is by ignoring Him and His commandments. How many use His precious name lightly? How many use His Name by which to curse? How many times have I heard, God gave me a brain to think with and work things out, and I am capable – I do not need Him for the obvious. No, there are many more ways of expressing this. I could delineate this, but think back on your life. Are you aware of how you have perhaps made light of the Lord, His power, His love, His grace, and yet His commands and demands He makes upon His followers?

Now you ask, "What has all of this to do with the title of the *Message*?"

Satan comes to us in ways that we feel we cannot say, "No," to what we are seeing in this nation, what we are asked to do in this nation. I recall speaking against the beliefs, teachings of a "leader," knowing what lay behind what he was saying.

Yes, people, Satan's followers, know how to discredit you while they, themselves have discredited themselves in the light of the Lord – 'Oh, that is a hate crime; you are racist; You don't like people, that is what it is.' Or , the attitude that we must join the majority and go on; we have no choice but to "Follow the Leader." " Times change, and we must change with it." You cannot do anything about it, so just go with the flow, the Lord understands. Or, it will go against you if you do not do what you are told to do. And, on the sayings go.

Let us look at the Word of the Lord God Almighty through the Psalmist, and see what the Lord says about this in Psalm 115 and 134. There are many more passages regarding this, but let the following guide us in this word (Ex 20.5; Dt 5.9)

I *[am]* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make thee *[any]* graven image, *[or]* any likeness *[of any thing]* that *[is]* in heaven above, or that *[is]* in the earth beneath, or that *[is]* in the waters beneath the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *[am]* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *[generation]* of them that hate me,

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *[him]* guiltless that taketh his name in vain (Dt 5.6-11).

All through history, we have turned a deaf ear to the Lord God Almighty. No, not just those of whom we read in the Bible, but today as well. If ever there were a time of desecration of the Name of the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ, it is today. (Gen 19; II P 2.6; Rev 11.8)

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *[them]* down to hell, and delivered *[them]* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *[person]*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned *[them]* with an overthrow, making *[them]* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *[his]* righteous soul from day to day with *[their]* unlawful deeds;)

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2Pe 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *[are they]*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

We are a people who choose to walk with the world, and call it bringing souls to Jesus or is that Jesus. We are a people who go to "church" and sing the songs in the language of the world, reading the *bible* in a modern language so the people can understand what is written and spoken though it may not mean the same as the Bible does. We have followed the pagans in teaching on the level of the people, going down on their level, using their vocabulary which is empty one word grunts, desiring to be liked by the world – rather than teaching them and bringing them to where there is a standard set forth in the Word of the Lord.

An example, some write of Lydia in the Bible that she said to Paul, "if you think I believe . . ." rather than "And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *[us]*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *[there]*. And she constrained us. Act 16:15"

Oh, there is a difference in saying you believe -and being faithful unto the Lord Jesus Christ because you do believe in Him, because you have faith in Him, because you are walking the *Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross*.

How many have you heard say, Oh, "I believe" versus someone being "faithful to the Lord God." I have heard pastors say, oh, the little nuances in the word usage and the understanding of the Bible are okay. It does not matter.