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GIG47 - Woke & Critical Race Theory From The Scripture

I know we're witnessing many things happening today in our society that are concerning many. As I've talked to people and been asked questions about their concerns, I decided to do this podcast and see if I could bring some type of biblical input into the concepts that are taking place in our culture today.

In the culture, we are witnessing the invention of terms such as 'woke' and 'critical race theory'. We're also seeing the emergence of movements, all of which are focusing on the depravity of the degenerate, fallen, and sinful human nature.

This is one thing all of these happenings have in common, is that they are really focused upon the most negative aspects of mankind in our human nature. And it's not to say those things are not there, but the question is, how do we relate to them?

Satan wants humans to focus on our fallen nature because to do so validates it, declaring it to be the truth. When we believe the lie, we identify Satan as our father and thus we are taught to have his thinking. In truth, God is our father and our creator. He created man in his own image.

And when we were created, God said that his creation was very good, not just good, very good. It's not hateful, racist, wicked, evil, and depraved. These expressions and these qualities were actually injected into our nature when Adam and Eve got woke and were introduced to critical race theory.

That lying mentality is exactly what Satan used in the Garden of Eden when he told Eve in Genesis 3:5, "For God knows that in the day you eat from it, your eyes will be open and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So we know the story here in Genesis that God created man, put him in the garden, and gave him all of the trees and everything for food and all was wonderful. And he gave them just one requirement, "Of this tree, you will not eat."

And so, the serpent comes along and says to Eve, "Hey, did God say that you weren't supposed to eat of this tree?" And she says, "Well, we weren't supposed to eat it and weren't supposed to touch it." He didn't say don't touch it, he just said don't eat of it.

And so, Satan then comes back on that and says, "God knows that in the day you eat from it, your eyes are going to be open and you'll be like God." So now he's saying, "You'll be like God if you eat this fruit. And God told you not to eat it because God doesn't want you to be like him, knowing good from evil."

So this is the mental gymnastics that are going on between Satan and Eve in this conversation. And this is exactly the same mental gymnastics that we see going on today.

So we could say it in these terms: the devil woke Eve to the injustice of God keeping her and Adam blind, suppressed, and under his control and dominion. He also introduced them to critical race theory.

It should be totally obvious that that's what was happening because God being a spirit race and Adam and Eve being of the human race, which, by the way, they were created as people of color, and this proves that God did not want them to eat the fruit because it would make them like him.

So, the devil declares that God, being the racist that he was, wanted to remain superior to them. So then Eve was convinced that Satan was woke and was focused on racial justice for herself and Adam. And she decided then to engage in a little civil disobedience to God and follow the prescribed actions of her new cultural leader, so she ate from the fruit of the tree which was forbidden.

The result of which was that God removed his covering and his blessing from Adam and Eve, allowing them to be recreated into the likeness of Satan's fallen and depraved nature of sin. Remember, the Devil himself was fallen, so his nature was fallen.

So God allows then Adam and Eve, by their choice, their free will of choice, to be created in the image of Satan who they have chosen to follow. And Satan's nature is depraved, it's a depraved, fallen nature.

So, yes, their spirits were now woke to Satan. Problem is, they were dead to God. And this is what transpired in the garden. And when you study what's going on right now, all of these same elements are at play. Satan wants us to focus on these negative aspects of God, of one another. He wants us to get into this thing of following him and being obedient to him, and that's really what transpires.

So what is used here is these broad brushstroke lies about God and how he thinks and how he acts. And they were used by Satan to convince Adam and Eve that God was the opposite of his true nature by questioning his thinking and throwing in some of these ideas, "He doesn't want you to be like him. He doesn't want you to know the difference between good and evil."

Then it makes God look other than his true nature and other than his true thinking, and other than what he was really in the process of doing with Adam and Eve. So the woke and critical race theory of many socio-cultural movements today do the exact same thing, using broad and over-generalized rhetorical brush strokes to paint history, society, and all individual relationships with both inaccuracies and downright lies.

To paint a picture of the world and the people in it in ways that range anywhere from imbalanced and half-truths to purposeful deception. This is what transpires. You use this paintbrush of racial theory and you come across with the fact that everyone is racist then, because you can point to this thing or that thing.

And so you're creating a whole picture, you're creating a whole focus. And this is the intent and the purpose of what Satan is looking to see happen in this generation so that he becomes the one who can guide it and steer it.

The planned result of these philosophies is to create division, hatred, jealousy, and incite violence, which undermines society's ability to make true progress towards being a country that is one nation, and I mean a nation of oneness, people who are one. One nation under God, manifesting true liberty, and justice, and freedom for all. Because that, at least in America, is what this country is about, and that's what any good nation is striving for.

So what we are witnessing now is Satan's determination to cast the world into civil war, and ultimately, a world war. Every time you look around, you see the divisiveness, you see the rioting in the streets, you see the anger, you see people who are sitting in sidewalk cafés being confronted and beaten on the streets.

You see us going back into anti-Semitism on levels that we haven't seen in many, many years, where the Jews are being blamed for everything and they're being accosted and killed and hurt. This is where many unpleasant things started, including what led up to war. And so this was something that Satan would absolutely love to see happen.

Remember, he seeks to destroy all mankind. So civil war, hatred, riots, ultimately world war, all play into his endgame. The teaching and philosophies being used to accomplish this are all anti-God, they're

Antichrist, and they're anti-Bible. They strike at the very root of the Judeo-Christian morals and values that, at least in America, we've seen as the foundation of our country since its beginnings.

Believers need to wake up. Believers in Christ need to wake up, not to be woke. We need to pray, we need to begin to enter into intercession, which is capable, with authority, to bind and to loose and to plunder the house of him who is the ruler of this world.

Next, we need to speak up. After we wake up to what's going on, we need to speak up. Confronting the lies with God's biblical truths.

I'm going to read several verses of scripture today, maybe some will say too many, but I want to arm you with that which can be said and spoken, which contradicts absolutely the way in which these cultural norms are trying to be put in place and to be carried out.

So you need to understand the biblical truths in order to speak the truth against the lie. And we should be doing this at every opportunity. We cannot be a silent minority anymore. We've seen nothing in our history but disasters happen when we have a silent minority and a vicious... I mean a silent majority and a vicious minority that's driven to fulfill the purposes of the God of this world.

So we need to be speaking up in school board meetings, in neighborhood board meetings, in corporate boardrooms, at the water cooler at work. We need to be speaking up to our congressional representatives and to our senators. We need to be confronting and challenging the verbiage of this age. The age of the silent majority must come to an end.

I want to look at Bible verses that direct us to focus on God's nature and the new nature that is in Christ and being formed within us and perfected within us. This is in direct opposition to living with a focus on the qualities of the Adamic nature, which has been crucified with Christ.

Satan, however, wants to make all of us focus on the negative aspects of who we are as humans. We know that the reality of a fallen nature exists, but we don't get out of that by focusing on it, by declaring it to be the truth, and by seeking to make everyone be woke to that reality. That doesn't take us anywhere, except into the abyss, and into division, and into hatred.

We can't believe in this Adamic nature and focus upon it until it's resurrected and comes back to life. Listen, we know, if we've studied history, that mankind can do horrible things. But I'll tell you, most of those incidents have taken place surrounding the Holocaust, for instance, because it was pointing to "Here's the problem. Race is the problem. The Jews are the problem. This, we must deal with. This, we must get rid of."

When you do that, you foment people into that focus and into that lifestyle, you don't take them out of it. You're not going to get people out of the problem of racism by declaring everybody as a racist or bringing everyone's focus on how racism is the only thing that's driving relationships in this country, or woke theory that brings about a focus on the injustice.

Yes, injustice happens, it has happened down to our history, but we get out of it by focusing on becoming better people, different people. We don't focus on the fact that everybody in our society is the cause and causing and driven to bring about these injustices. That will never work, and therefore, these philosophies will never work.

The thing that will work is God's word. Say, well, for God's word to work, then people need to believe the Lord, believe the word, they need to come into Christ. I would agree with that. And I think that's what we as believers should be doing, is speaking to the world.

We should be ambassadors to Christ, speaking to all of the earth, saying, "Be reconciled to God." That is the ultimate solution of where we need to go.

So, here we find ourselves in this place, we know that what happened was there was a focus on the Adamic nature, which we know, in Christ, has been crucified. The devil, however, wants you to focus and believe in it until it's resurrected in your life, until that's what you are and that's what you become.

It's a fight of faith. The fight of faith chooses a father. I choose God to be my father or I choose the devil to be my father. That's what Adam and Eve were in the clutches of, and they chose the devil, they chose to believe his thinking. And when they did that, he became their father and they became obedient to what he wanted done in the earth.

This is not just my theory or terminology, this is what Yeshua, what Jesus said in John the 8th chapter, starting at verse 34, "Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever, the Son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'"

"'I know you are Abraham's descendants, yet you seek to kill me because my word has no place in you. I speak the things which I have seen with my father, therefore, you also do the things which you heard from your father.' They answered and said to him, 'Abraham is our father.'"

"Jesus said to them, 'If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. But as it is, you're seeking to kill me, a man who was told you the truth, which I heard from God. This, Abraham did not do. You are doing the deeds of your father. They said to him, 'We are not born of fornication.'"

Jesus is making a point here. When you listen to the devil, when you listen to these philosophies and they become your thinking, you're not just choosing a thought process, you're really choosing the father of those processes, you're choosing the father of the lie.

We either choose God, who is the truth, or we choose the devil, who's a lie. One is going to be a father to us. And we're going to follow that one that we choose. We as humans, the one thing God gave to every human is the right to choose, the right of free will to choose, that includes choosing him as our father or choosing the devil as our father.

But whoever we choose, we begin the process of becoming the nature of the one we choose. And like Christ is saying to these that he's talking to here, he's saying, "I know who you are by virtue of watching your actions." And we can do the same thing. You can discern a great deal by watching the actions.

Watch the actions of those who are woke. It's turned into something that requires violence, and anger, and hatred in the expression of those things. And so those are not the actions of God. God doesn't move that way. And that's what I want us to see as we go into these verses of scripture.

So what Adam and Eve did was choose a father. They chose God not to be their father and therefore, they began to act out the deprived nature of the devil himself, that introduced this, what we call Adamic nature into all the world. And we're still in the same fight.

Don't say, "Oh, Adam and Eve, they were so stupid. Why didn't they just follow the one rule? Just don't eat this dumb fruit." It's not that simple when you're caught in the middle of it. But we're in the same process, we can choose to be obedient to God or obedient to the actions and thoughts of the devil.

And we'll see those acts and thought processes as we go through these verses. In James 3:13 it says, "Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior, his deeds, and the gentleness of wisdom." See, wisdom isn't just a thought process. It's not something you have, it's something you do.

Verse 14, "But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant, and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic." How much more clear can we be? "For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing."

We've seen months and months of disorder in our country, in America, and many other countries, as these things ingrain themselves into the society and culture.

Verse 17 goes on to say, "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruit, unwavering without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

See, the difference can be seen, the difference can be felt, and we need to recognize that. And when we see the fruit of these philosophies and when we see the fruit of these ways of thinking, they act themselves out. And they are not acting themselves out in a very pleasant way.

They're not the types of things that we want to see our children doing and becoming. They're not the things that we want our society to become; angry and hateful and constantly in conflict with one another. Absolutely incapable of sitting and talking and listening and respecting one another.

June 17 says, "But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, 'In the last times, there will be mockers following after their own ungodly lusts.' These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit."

"But you, beloved, building yourself up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit," and we need a lot of prayer in the Holy Spirit right now, "Keep yourself in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life." Isn't that beautiful? This is the attitude. This is our positioning. These are our actions.

Romans 6:11 says, "Even so, consider yourself to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." This is how we think about the old nature. We reckon it dead. It is dead from the cross of Christ. We don't come back and focus on it. If you focus on it, you will create the miracle of resurrection of the old nature within yourself. Don't focus upon that which Christ went to the cross to destroy. Focus on the new life, the godly things.

"Even so, consider yourself dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey its lusts. And do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourself to God, as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."

"For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? May it never be. Do you not know that when you present yourself to someone as a slave for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either sin resulting in death, or obedience resulting in righteousness."

And this is exactly what we see in Eve, isn't it? She gave herself, she presented herself to the serpent to obey what he was telling her, obey his thinking about God and obey his actions of disobedience. And we see from there what transpired.

Verse 17 goes on to say, "But thanks be to God, that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching, to which you were committed. And having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

"I'm speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you present your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification."

That's where this goes. You watch it. It builds upon itself. When you submit yourself to this unruly, disobedient behavior, when you submit yourself to the actions of these philosophies and ways of culture, you find that you increase in those lawless actions and results.

And that's not where we want to go. That's not where we want our society and our culture to go.

"For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness." Adam and Eve became free in regards to God and what he told them to do. "Therefore, what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of these things is death."

So we want to see ourselves set free. We don't want to be focusing on this old nature. We want to be focusing on the new nature which God has made available to us and Christ has imparted and we begin to grow and mature into his likeness.

Romans 6:1 says, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be. How shall we who died to sin, live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ have been baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him, through baptism, into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

We are to walk in newness of life. We're not to go back to the old things of our nature that is depraved and sinful and lost. We are to walk in the new nature, to focus on the new nature.

"For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, certainly, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this, that the old self was crucified with him."

When someone comes up and says, "You're a racist. You're doing this. You're entering in. You're part of the injustice of the history and what..." No, I'm sorry. I was crucified with him. That old self now is dead, and I walk in newness of life. And in my life, and in my relationships, I pursue the life of God and his qualities and his attributes.

So, if you want to focus on those things and you want to call yourself a racist, and if you want to engage in all of the troubles of social injustice, saying that's what exists and that's what's alive, you will get what you focus on, you will become your focus. Just like you are what you eat, you will become your focus.

"Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we are no longer to be slaves to sin. For he who has died, is free from sin. Now, if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."

I want to live with him, I want to live like him, like he lived. I want to live with the qualities in my life, maturing and growing every day that he lived with when he was on the earth. He is my example. He is the one I determine to be like.

Romans 8, starting at verse 5 says, "For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace."

What's going to come out of these moves? Death. What's going to come out of our reaching into God to be like him? Life and peace.

"Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God." Just like Eve became. Her mind became hostile towards God. She thought he was her enemy, that he was trying to suppress her, so she was separated from him. "It does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so. And those who are in the flesh, cannot please God"

Romans 8:12 says, "So then, brethren, we are under obligation not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die." So we're not under obligation to live the life that these people and these societies and these philosophies are trying to tell us that we are. I'm sorry. I am not.

And you can say it a thousand times, and I'm still not that. You can say these things about America and the history of America, I'm sorry, that's not the true history of America. That's not the true history of these people.

It's a people who have been striving to be better people, to create a better society. Have there been problems? Absolutely. Do we deny those problems or turn away our face like they never existed? Stick our head in the sand? Absolutely not. But we don't get stuck there.

The point is we learn by our mistakes. If we can't learn by our mistakes and move on into something better, if we're just going to circle around in the old, then we are going to be self-destructive. That is what the scripture teaches us.

Romans 10, starting at verse 11 says, "For the scriptures say, 'Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in the riches of all who call on him.'"

See, there is no Jew, there is no Greek, there's no bond, there's no free. This racial thing, in God, it doesn't exist. We don't see color. We don't focus on color. That's not where we're going. That's not what it's about.

And if you try to get stuck in those things and work them out, you will never get there. Listen, he already worked it out. He went to the cross. And one of the things that died on the cross was racism. And that's one of the reasons we need to get rid of anti-Semitism and all other forms of racism. He took those to the cross.

And we need to stop trying to figure out, "Oh, am I this? Am I that?" No. I am dead to that, and I am trying to live a new life in God, and that's my determination.

In 1 Corinthians 12, we'll start at verse 14, it says, "The body is not one member but many." And I encourage you to read these scriptures in 1 Corinthians because it talks about the diversity of who we are as individuals, how God created us in diversity.

And we learn in the scriptures that diversity is not division. Diversity, in fact, because of the way God is, brings oneness. And our diversity, our differences, whether they be skin color, whether they be our mental acuity, whether they be our ability to study or our creative outlets, what we're good at, what we're not good at, all of those things are meant to create us into a people.

And the scripture is what makes us one body of Christ. But in society, it makes us one nation under God, that is unified and in oneness. Why? Because we need each person, we need the talents that are natural and native and imparted to us individually as God created us. We need who we are in God's creation.

And if we want to take those differences and we want to focus on the differences and say, "The differences are a problem," and make them a source of division, I guarantee you, it will work. And we will divide ourselves, and we will war against ourselves, and we will develop hatred, and we will destroy one another.

I don't want to go there, and I don't want to see this country, this nation of America that I live in, go there. And I don't want to see any other nation that's on the face of the Earth right now, going that direction. I want us to love one another, I want us to appreciate the diversity that we are, in every aspect of its diversity, and have that diversity come together in what we call a society that builds upon itself. And I love that concept.

In Galatians 5:13, it says, "For you were called to freedom, brother. And only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, serve one another." That's what we're talking about. We need to serve one another in who and what we are. "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in

the statement: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if we bite and devour one another, take care that you do not be consumed by one another."

That's what Satan is setting us up to do right now. He's setting us up to consume one another. Can we please, please not play into his hand? Can we please not do what he wants? This time, can we do what God wants? What does he want?

He's telling us right here. He said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." He said, in love, we should serve one another, we should be given to one another. And he warns us, if we bite and devour one another, we will consume one another and destroy one another.

"But I say," verse 16, "walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh, for the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh." Is there a war going on in our nature? Absolutely. No question about it.

And we have seen the worst of the worst. We've also seen the best of the best in those who have focus. But it depends, where are you focused? What are you giving yourself to? Because that is what you become. So this war is going on, but if you set yourself on the Spirit, then you will not become this deprived human nature.

"For these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you're led by the Spirit, you're not under the law. Now, the deeds of the flesh are evident." In other words, this is not hard. This is not some big challenge that nobody can figure out.

Just, again, watch the fruit. Watch what goes on through these teachings and these ways of really trying to direct our society, and our education programs, and our philosophies, and our ways of living.

"The deeds of the flesh are very evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities." Boy, we're seeing that come to the forefront. "Strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like this." In other words, this isn't the end of the list, but it's these types of things, and they're very easily discernible.

He says, "Which I warned you, just as I have warned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things, there is no law."

Again, when we are practicing, when we are reaching for this new nature that God is opening the door for us to have, we will see this fruit in abundance, we will see love come back, we will see joy and peace in our society, we will see patience, kindness, we'll see forgiveness, we'll see self-control.

All of these things will begin to manifest as we focus on that nature and we move towards that nature and we believe to become what we're focused upon.

"Now, those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, or envying one another. God, deliver us from all these things."

Going on to Ephesians, the 4th chapter. I know we have a lot of verses here, but you need these. These are ammunition for how you're going to be able to relate and respond in these days to come.

In this scripture, in Ephesians 4, we'll start at verse 22, "That in reference to your former manner of life, lay aside the old self which is being corrupted in accordance with the lust of deceit. And that you being renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created, in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

"Therefore, lay aside falsehood. Speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor. For we are members of one another." We are members of one another. We're members of the same country and society.

"Be angry, and yet, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger." What do we see? We see at night, many riots taking place. Don't let the sun go down on your anger and do not give the devil opportunity. That is what we're doing with these philosophies.

So jumping down to verse 30, it says, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

God, help us reach into these things. I'm going to give you a few more scripture references, which I would encourage you to read, but I think I've read and gone through enough of these at this point. Colossians 3:1-17 becomes very important because, again, it defines the way that we are not to walk. We lay aside anger, malice, wrath, slander, abusive speech from our mouth. We lay aside the old self and its evil practices. And we put on the new self and it shows us how we go about this.

In Hebrews 12, 14, and 15, it tells us to pursue peace with all men. 2 Corinthians 3:18 talks about the fact that with an unveiled face, we behold the Lord, and as we do, we're transformed into that image.

And I keep wanting to emphasize that. What we focus on, we become. If we focus on the Lord, if we focus on God, in the qualities that he is, we will become that. And that is what this is speaking to us about in 2 Corinthians 3:18. Read it and reread it.

Philippians 4, it says, and I'll read this one, starting with verse 8, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there's any excellence, if there's anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

Believe me, these philosophies don't do that. They do the exact opposite. They dwell on the negative. They dwell on everything that has been wrong, that is wrong, whatever.

The word of God is very clear, do not dwell on these things. Do not dwell on those things. Dwell on whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, whatever is excellent, whatever's worthy of praise.

Verse 9, Paul goes on to say, "The things you've learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." These are the things we practice, this is the way we walk, this is the way we live. And we practice it every day. We put it into practice, we focus on it, we exercise.

Yes, it's not going to just happen instantaneously overnight, but we have time to grow as individuals, as societies, as nations. We have time to grow into the good things, the righteous things, the pure things, and we need to do that.

I want to give us a few parting thoughts as we end this podcast. Number one is, we cannot afford to have a silent majority in this age. It's always the silent majority which allows God's agenda to be hijacked by the devil's purposes. That's number one.

Number two, we need to reject his lies, the teachings and philosophies about social justice and equality which require us to emphasize and focus on the deeds of the flesh, which are evident and definable; immorality, impurity, sensuality, enmity, strife, jealousy, hatred, outbursts of anger. It's definable.

We also, lastly, need to choose to focus on a new nature that is available to us through God in Christ. We need to build our families and our societies around God's qualities.

Emanating in our life, these things which are also evident and definable; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and above all, forgiveness.

Father, we ask that you help us in these days to focus on you, to focus on who and what you are, to reckon the old nature as something that's dead and laid aside, and to find ways that we can be the positive impetus in our societies, in our nations, in our communities. To bring about true change, to bring about true righteousness and love that leads us into the days of your kingdom. We ask these things in the name of Yeshua. Amen.