

HEROES AND VILLAINS

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More than 30 years ago I remember a morning quiet time with God as I walked around my bedroom in London, England and was reading Psalm 101.

I will sing of your love and justice; to you O Lord, I will sing praise. I will be careful to lead a blameless life - when will you come to me? I will walk in my house with blameless heart. I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil. - Psalm 101:1-4 NIV

God immediately caught my attention as I read those words, **I will walk in my house**. for I was walking in my house as I read those words! He went on to show me that I must be careful of what I set before my eyes and what I allow to come into my house. The faithless should not be my focus, but I was to set my eyes on the faithful and those who walk with God in righteousness.

*My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the Lord.
- Psalm 101:6-8 NIV*

For most of this year I have avoided much of the news, as I found it to be very depressing. In the past few weeks I have found myself paying much more attention to the news about Afghanistan, Covid and the governments around the world. It seems that the battle lines between good and evil, truth and lies and heroes and villains has become more distinct and divisive. Deception is rampant, therefore discernment has become increasingly important.

Since this is the second message in a series on balance, let's examine how we can apply it to our current societal situations. The Bible accounts, other world history and even movies, are full of the stories of heroes and villains. It makes for great drama and suspense.

HERO A person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities.

VILLAIN A character whose evil actions or motives are important to the plot. One who opposes the hero. A deliberate scoundrel or criminal. A cruelly malicious person involved in or devoted to wickedness.

In James Bond movies, there is always a ruthless villain who seeks to take over the world and often wants to gain control over weapon systems, gold or drugs etc., while also seeking to kill the hero James Bond. What lessons can we learn from Psalm 101 regarding heroes and villains in real life situations? We should be **aware of villains but admire heroes**.

The ultimate villain is the devil and the ultimate hero is Jesus Christ. We should always be **aware and alert** to the schemes and **strategies of Satan** but not obsessed with him. In contrast, we should be **in awe of Jesus** and fix our attention on him and his cosmic purposes.

When it comes to news, we should glance at the negative and gaze at the positive. So much of the news reminds us of what the devil is doing around the world. However, we would do well to seek out information that reminds us of the good things God is doing through those committed to truth and righteousness.

There are some present day villains that make me so angry that I have to fight off wrongful thoughts towards them. Psalm 101 and Jesus remind us that there is a difference between hating evil deeds and hating the persons behind them. **Jesus feared the Lord** and thus loved righteousness and hated wickedness. - Isaiah 11:2-3, Proverbs 8:13, Hebrews 1:8-9. When a person fears the Lord, it is the beginning of wisdom - Proverbs 9:10. Jesus walked in wisdom and thus made judgments not through his natural eyes and ears but by the supernatural perception of the Holy Spirit.

Notable Villains (a small sample, as there are numerous others you and I could list)

* Klaus Schwab - This German is the ultimate globalist and elitist who is the primary voice for the 'Great Reset' which is the brainchild of the World Economic Forum.

The Great Reset is just an innocuous sounding new label for what used to be called 'The New World Order'; a plan by the world's elite to rule the world. Their recent slogan is

'You will own nothing but be happy.'

This is the Marxist goal to seize all private property and create a majority class of serfs subservient to their tyrannical leadership.

China is viewed as the perfect model of how a society should be. (David Rockefeller believed this as does Justin Trudeau / Canadian PM) Why does Bill Gates now own the most farmland of anyone in the USA? The current global pandemic has bankrupted many small businesses but greatly enriched multi-national ones who subscribe to global government controls and favors.

* Most of the Media - We have covered some of their lies and suppression of truth in order to placate their prime advertisers such as big Pharma and also their Marxists world views acquired in their places of so called 'higher learning'. Their journalistic negligence led to the election of the most incompetent of Presidents, who has become a laughingstock around the world. (Watch **Sky News Australia** on You Tube for examples)

* Nancy Pelosi - She must rank as one of the most hate filled House Speakers ever in our government. She once tore up the state of the union address on TV right after the President gave his speech. She is corrupt, cunning, vindictive and lawless. On the House of Representatives floor, she refused to even read the names of the 13 fallen American heroes who died in Afghanistan. She just proposed to place our national elections in control of the Federal government, which would solidify election fraud into perpetuity.

* Dr. Fauci - Ever since 1984, he has been involved with experiments with viruses on vulnerable persons such as those with HIV and also black children in Africa. He has a propensity for suppressing safe and useful remedies for certain diseases. Like Bill Gates, he has a vested interest in vaccines and depopulation measures.

Other villains: There are plenty you and I could come up with. Pray for any that God brings to your mind.

PRAYING FOR VILLAINS

- * May God have mercy on their souls and lead them to repentance
- * May their devious plots and plans be exposed and thwarted
- * Just as God put confusion into Israel's enemies, may he confuse the plans of the wicked
- * All villains will give account to God's Supreme Court and justice will be served

HEROES

The Bible gives us many examples of heroes and villains. At times it looks like the villains will win, but in the end, God's hero shows up to bring the victory. During dark times God is always raising up heroes who sacrifice their own personal safety, security and comfort to do the right thing for a righteous cause that is on God's heart. The following examples from history and even in the present day are meant to inspire us and give us hope. We should pray for present day heroes who have a kindred spirit to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who risked their lives, reputations, fortunes and sacred honor to form our Constitutional republic.

Noah built an ark of safety because he feared God more than the crowd of scoffers.

Moses was a hero over the villain Pharaoh and his army.

Joshua attacked and conquered the powerful city of Jericho because he trusted in the one true living God who is all powerful.

David the shepherd boy, boldly faced and defeated the giant Goliath

Elijah bravely confronted the 450 false prophets of Baal in a great spiritual showdown!

Daniel and his **3 friends** were heroes too, who bravely resisted the decrees of an unrighteous king. We will explore their exploits in another message.

Today's Heroes

(We find them in various areas of society and causes; this is only a small sample as you may think of many others to pray for)

Rand Paul - U.S Senator and Physician (who does missionary medical trips on vacations)
Unlike most politicians, he understands the Constitution and seeks to serve

the voters with that in mind.

He often confronts waste and corruption not only in the government but also in the military industrial complex, but also the technological, medical and media establishments who often misuse their influence for power, profit and political agendas.

Mike Lindell - Business Entrepreneur, American Patriot, Courageous Christian

The 'My Pillow' guy is the foremost voice and sponsor of election fraud research and exposure. He has spent multiple millions of dollars and suffered undeserved cancellation from many sales outlets due to their cowardice, hatred and fear of the truth. He also has charity program to help those who have all sorts of addictions. Mike is a generous and courageous man who fears no one except God.

Tom Fitton - He heads up Judicial Watch, which is a super watchdog group which seeks to bring justice and exposure of corruption in our government etc. They often request 'Freedom of Information' documents in their quest to reveal the truth.

James O'Keefe - He leads the work of Project Veritas (Latin for truth), which does undercover exposure of various media, educational and political groups etc. which are misusing money, influence or people in nefarious ways.

Alex Jones - He is the ultimate Paul Revere of our generation to expose the plans of the deep state new world order proponents through his radio show and website Info Wars. His critics disdain him as a 'conspiracy theorist', but do not realize that most of his information comes from their own documents and white papers, which other journalists do not bother to read. Both Alex and myself read the same book from the 1970's, that opened our eyes to the plans of the globalist insiders.
None Dare Call It Conspiracy - Gary Allen
Evolutionists think that life's origin was accidental random chance. Many persons likely have a similar view of history's main events as being accidental. I do not.
History is a story of those who seek power, profit and pleasure, and are willing to manipulate and make deals to accomplish their pursuits.

Satan is the ultimate villain and schemer. He and those who are influenced by him live by this credo: "The end justifies the means."

GOD'S UNSUNG HEROES - God has many heroes who may not be famous, but they are making a difference in all areas of society. In coming messages we will highlight a few of these men and women who are being salt and light in areas like:

- Religion
- Family
- Education
- Government
- Media
- Business
- Arts and Entertainment

As a young teen I had a sports hero, baseball great Mickey Mantle. He once hit the longest home run of anyone in history on April 17, 1953. After that, such long balls were called 'tape measure home runs'. How long was Mantle's massive blast? 565 feet! As a boy, I walked off that length from the back of our barn into the back pasture. Wow!

Well, Mantle was a great player in all aspects of baseball. However, he also lived a life as a drinker and party goer. I was thrilled to later learn that before he died, one of his fellow players, Bobby Richardson, led him to Jesus as Lord and Savior. Praise God, I will get to meet my boyhood hero in heaven! Now let me tell you a little about my greatest hero.

JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE HERO

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given
And the government will be upon his shoulder. And
His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Father of everlasting life, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace there will
be no end. Upon the throne of David and over his
kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and
justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal
of the Lord of hosts will perform this. - Isaiah 9:6-7*

Mighty God = El Gibbor (Hebrew)

El = Elohim (God)

Gibbor = Strength, Power, Hero

Jesus is the greatest hero, for his might and strength are far superior to any who have been or ever will be. He defeated the greatest villain of all.

He purchased a bride and they will reign with him forever in a kingdom marked by righteousness, peace and joy. Jesus is my hero. The purpose of my website is to tell the world about him and his coming reign over the earth.

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