

"Demons on the Increase"

Genesis 6 and Matthew 24

Introduction: As your pastor it is my responsibility to warn you concerning the dangers that are in this world today. Therefore, this morning I want to help you to understand what is happening in our world so that you and your family can be better prepared. We are seeing demon possession right before our eyes today and recently this has been manifested in the open. We see this in the rage of the liberals over what the Supreme Court did with Roe V Wade. When they handed the decision over to the states to determine if a woman could have an abortion in her state, this infuriated the liberals. They have been marching and burning down the nation because they want to have the freedom to kill the unborn babies. I have read some of the statements made by the celebrities and it is ridiculous what they are saying. I heard the President talk about the need for gun control to save lives and then say he would do all he could for women to have the right to abortion.

There are many people who are so furious that they desire to burn this country down. Some would rather have the right to kill babies than to live in a free country.

Where does all of this insanity come from?

What we are seeing today is demonic influence and possession of many people. When a person is outraged because they cannot kill the unborn that mentality is strait from the pit of hell.

This demonic activity is going to increase as our world moves closer to the Tribulation. It is going to grow darker as the days move on. This morning I want to use the Bible to help you to see what is happening.

I. The Prophecy of Jesus

Matthew 24:29-30, 37-41

²⁹ *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

³⁰ *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

³⁷ *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Jesus tells us that just as it was in the days of Noah so it will be the same at the end of the Great Tribulation when He returns to the earth. Let us notice what it was like in Noah's day.

Notice Genesis 6:1-2

Let us notice who the "SONS OF GOD" are.

Job 1:6

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 38:4-7

⁴ Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

⁵ Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

⁶ Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

⁷ When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

The sons of God are the fallen angels and in Noah's day they possessed the men to get to the women. These angels/demons crossed the line in the sin which they committed. Jude and Peter both write about these fallen angels.

Jude 1:6

⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The demons that are active today are not the demons of Noah's day because those demons are chained up.

2 Peter 2:4

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;

These angels will be released during the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 9:1-4

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

² And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

³ And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

⁴ And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Now let us get back to Genesis.

The demons possessed the men to get to the women and this must have been through most of the population.

Notice Genesis 6:5, 11, 13

Society in Noah's day we extremely wicked. Every imagination of man's heart was evil continually. We are told that the earth was FILLED with violence. This is the result of the demonic possession.

This is the direction our world is headed. The climax will not happen until the Great Tribulation, but it is truly building today and therefore we are seeing the prelude of what is to come.

After the rapture, the conditions will deteriorate even faster than they are today.

II. After the Rapture

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

² *That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

³ *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

⁴ *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

⁵ *Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

⁶ ***And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.***

⁷ ***For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.***

⁸ ***And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:***

This is one of the greatest proofs that the church will not go through the Tribulation. These people were terrified because they thought they were in the Tribulation. If the plan were for church to go through the Tribulation, they would have been excited knowing that they would soon be in the presence of the Lord. But they were terrified because they thought they missed the rapture. Paul went on to explain that two things had to happen.

1. The falling away/the rapture.
2. The man of sin revealed. The Anti-Christ.

He then went on to explain why the Anti-Christ was not yet revealed. The Restrainer had to be removed. The Restrainer is the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ or in the Church. Once the rapture happens the Satanic and demonic restraints will be lifted, and it will be hell on earth.

After the rapture there will not be one saved person on the earth for a period of time. There will be no restrains on the demons and therefore we can only imagine what this world will be like.

We are seeing a prelude to it today because the demons are already pushing at the gate in order to get to the world's population.

Why are we seeing this in our day?

III. Today's Demons

One reason we are seeing this in our day is because the stage is being set for the Kingdom of the Anti-Christ. These things **MUST** come to pass because they are in the plan of God. God allows sinful man to carry out their plans while God works it all together for His purpose and plan.

Acts 2:22-23

²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Acts 4:25-28

²⁵ Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

²⁶ The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

²⁷ For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

²⁸ For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Let us notice what is happening today that is fulfilling the purpose and the plan of God.

Romans 1:

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

²² *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

²³ *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

²⁸ *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;***

²⁹ *Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,*

³⁰ *Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,*

³¹ *Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

³² *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

Conclusion:

This is where we are today. God has lifted the restraints from man and man's depravity is on display. Then add to that the demonic activity and possession. We are in a time very much like the days when the judges ruled.

Judges 21:25

²⁵ *In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*