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PARADIGM OF EVIL, BY PASTOR RONNIE WOLFE

The Paradigm Defined

Two paradigms exist in the world: good and evil. These two frameworks are in daily conflict one with the other. The whole Bible is taken up with the workings of these two paradigms with the coalition of the Savior's sacrifice to satisfy the justice of God and bring good and evil into perfect reconciliation with God's demands for perfect good, thus overcoming pure evil with perfect good, Jesus Christ.

On a more mundane level, however, evil and good are in operation in our daily lives. They meet on a daily basis and often collide amidst the daily lives of all of us. The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12:21 *Be not overcome of evil, but*



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overcome evil with good. This is good advice for believers in Jesus Christ. We must show forth the good that has been wrought in us by the grace of God. We know that no good is in any man (Rom. 3:12), but the goodness of God leads to repentance.

But in our own carnal world, without the benefit of the grace of God in its

application to the soul, we have inherent good and inherent bad in the world. This good is a benign good that reaches out only to this world and cannot reach to the perfect good required by God's demands.

In this world we also have a pure evil that resides in all of us from that lapsarian condition called the Fall of Man. This evil is manifested in individuals and groups of individuals commensurate with the amount of influence of good or bad a person has experienced and commensurate also with the amount of personal character that is developed in the individual. When good personal character is not developed in an individual, he tends to evil more

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THE SCAPEGOAT



A Commanded Ritual

We read in the sixteenth chapter of Leviticus about the Scapegoat. The ritual that was commanded in this chapter was an extremely important and emotional time for the children of Israel. God commanded this ritual through the law-

maker, Moses, for Aaron, the high priest, to perform.

A bullock was chosen for Aaron to offer as an offering for his own sins, because Aaron was not sinless as the Lord Jesus is. He must first give offering for his own sins, then for

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ATTACKED ISRAEL
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than good; but some people in this world have a predilection to evil; and no matter what character traits are presented to them, they tend toward evil every time. This is the paradigm of evil that interests us in this article.

The Paradigm Illustrated

Of the most familiar of instances of evil to us today, the war in Iraq and the Palestinian attack on Israel are among the many illustrations

that could be given. Whether one agrees or disagrees concerning the war in Iraq, he must consider the character of the people who are the catalyst of evil activity there. These men have hearts of pure evil. They care not for their own civilian population or for the welfare of their own state. They strap bombs on their children and offer them at the altar of war to measure out their hatred for others, this pure hatred that elicits from them the worst kind of horror and terror

upon their victims.

Palestine, without provocation, attacked Israel this very year. When reporting on this event, many in the news media frowned at Israel's retaliation, saying that it was "an overkill" and that it was "a disproportionate response."

The Paradigm Perspective

In a world where the New Age "global village" rules the day, evil is consid-

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LUMP OF CLAY BY STEVEN DAVIS

Don't judge this lump of clay
That doesn't look like much today
Not yet formed or pleasing to the eye
Making you question or wonder why

Still being shaped into something good
By God's hands into what I should
Not seen in the twinkling of an eye
But slowly in the by-and-by

Don't judge this lump of clay
Molded in His image day-by-day
Don't judge this lump of clay

"But now, O LORD, thou art our father;
we are the clay, and thou our potter;
and we all are the work of thy hand."

Isaiah 64:8

Take A Break And LAUGH

"My husband bought me a mood ring the other day," said one lady to another.

"When I'm in a good mood, it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a red mark on his forehead."

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the sins of the people of Israel (See Heb. 7:27).

Then two goats were chosen. One was to die, and the other was to live. The one goat was slain as an offering for the sins of the people of Israel; the other goat was to live, but that life was to be spent as a substitute for

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ered to be benign and even non-existent by many. Unaware of the seriousness of their statements, many in the news media give aid and comfort to the real minions of evil with their statements that deny the reality of pure evil in the world.

Having a difficult time understanding the existence of pure evil, many today fail to realize their contribution to the movement toward the

advancement of pure evil rather than overcoming it with good. For example, when Hamas and Hesbollah attacked Israel, time was awarded to Iran to make progress on their quest for nuclear weapons.

The workers of evil calculate their actions toward the innocent without any concern for the welfare of women, children and completely innocent people. The terrorists in the Arab world have a master plan to destroy

Israel and wipe it off the map and to annihilate Israel.

The teaching of situational ethics with its moral mesh of wrong ideas has planted in the minds of many of our own Americans that evil does not exist, especially pure evil. Many cannot understand that people do exist who are wont to execute their evil plans upon all of us.

Without sound instruction in Biblical standards that regulate human conduct, the moral compass goes uncali-

brated and will bring about our own demise as a nation. In this paradigm of evil, the Devil is at the helm.

1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

We as believers need never underestimate the power of the Devil. We must recognize his devices (2 Cor. 2:11), but we must be ever diligent to his tricks and continue to learn and teach the moral standards as set forth in God's word.

Remember, good people kill to live, but evil people live to kill. This is the differential in these two paradigms of good and evil. Pray to God that he will set in the hearts of his children a new zeal to be an example of the believers and to teach others to do likewise, reaching men with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; for the only real good that is in any of us comes from faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in Jesus Himself as the object of that faith. Only God is good, so our good only reflects his good.

There is no more serious matter than to be challenged to reach the heavenly goal as set forth in Matthew 5:48.

Matthew 5:48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

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the sins of Israel.

Upon the live goat Aaron placed both his hands and symbolically transferred the sins of the people of Israel onto the goat. Then the goat was released into the wilderness where it could not find its way back into the camp of Israel, thus signifying the ridding of the sins of Israel from themselves to the goat for the period of one year until the Day of Atonement came again the next year, when this ritual was to be repeated.

A Commensurate Promise

This Jewish ritual was given to the nation that God had chosen to receive the oracles of God in order that they may know that One may come in the future who would do in actuality what

this goat could do only symbolically.

Jesus Christ, our Messiah, was the Scapegoat for the sins of his people (Matt. 1:21). He took our sins upon him, which was symbolized by the transfer through Aaron's hands of Israel's sins into the goat. Jesus was our substitute.

1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Commensurate with the symbolism that was manifested in the old ritual, Jesus came and actually took our sins and removed them as far as the east is from the west when he died for his people on the cross (Psalm 103:12).

Commensurate with that symbolism, these sins never return. They have been taken

away in Christ to that wilderness from which they shall never return to us.

This promise being fulfilled in Christ is not just for the Jewish people, but it is also for people of every nation on earth. Jesus Christ has, therefore, broken down the middle wall of partition between us (Eph. 2:14).

A Canceled Law

Today no one on earth is required to perform this ritual from the Jewish Scriptures. Not even Jewish people are required to perform this ritual.

The promise in Genesis 3:15 has been brought to pass:

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

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There is no longer a priest on the face of the earth who can rightly perform this ritual as Aaron did it in his day.

There is no longer a temple into which the priest can take the blood and sprinkle it on the mercy seat, no altar on which to sacrifice the goats and bullocks. There is no more incense to use for the entrance into the holy place.

There is, then, no more blood that can be poured upon the mercy seat. This blood was replaced by the precious blood of the Lamb of God which takes away the

sin of the world.

This law of offering the blood of bulls and goats has been canceled by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Never again will God require Jews or Gentiles to give the blood of bulls and goats, because that has been accomplished forever through the blood of Jesus Christ.

To require this ritual be reinstated would make a mockery of the precious blood of the Lamb and shun the applied righteousness of Jesus Christ as our sacrifice for sins.

Notice the cancellation of this law in Hebrews Chapter 9

(read the entire chapter):

Hebrews 9:15 *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

Our Scapegoat is not a real goat; our Scapegoat is Jesus Christ. He has taken away the sins of all who believe on Him. He is our propitiation, our reconciliation, our mediator, our Savior. Praise God! My sins are gone!

Did You Know ...

“The essence of the new universal Christianity was that the Kingdom of God, which is sometimes also called the Kingdom of Christ or the Kingdom of Heaven, would be on the physical earth, set up by the reason of man through laws and the enforcement of those laws. Many world leaders have embraced Plato’s designs for establishing a global ‘Republic’ for the common good. Plato’s outline for such a society required rule by an ‘enlightened’ few who would enact laws of order to be enforced by ‘enforcers’ upon the ‘workers.’”

While Men Slept, by Kerby Fannin, Page 315

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