

THE TWO FACES OF EVIL

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Bible has been in circulation for years now, having been read by millions of people in the world yet the understanding of the contents or words therein remain a mystery to so many till date. Many of the meanings of the words as contained in the Bible are not just mere surface letters definitions. There are deep biblical meanings of words therein that are different from and superior to contemporary English dictionary meanings of them – wisdom from above meaning versus wisdom from beneath as it were. **Jam 3:15**

Jn 6:63 ... the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Jn 8: 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

I Cor 2:4-7 (Vr. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **Vr.7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

The true understanding thereof can only be gotten through divine revelations and insights that are given by the Spirit of truth to those amongst men that are made spiritually minded and to whom God chooses to reveal them. Unfortunately, the Many that read it are natural men that are carnally minded and therefore end up misinterpreting Scriptures and the gospel not knowing the power of God contained therein, because such are spiritually discerned. **Mtt 13:10-11,34-35; Mtt 22:29; I Cor 2:13-14**

Majority are simple minded and therefore find it hard to accept and comprehend the truths that those to whom it is given to understand bring forth, seeing it as foolishness. They therefore reject such truth in their ignorance and gainsaying nature. The truth of the matter is that the spiritual understanding of the Bible as a whole is not given to the Many to know but to the Few as it were. Pray that you may be found among the Few. **Acts 7:51; I Cor 1:18-24; I Cor 2:4-16; Mtt 16:19**

In this literature by the grace of our Lord Jesus, we shall be bringing to light divine spiritual perspective of a word whose meaning had been made singular and erroneously ascribed to a created being as the origin and epitome of it. By reason of which, lack of understand of the true

meaning and origin of it has led to the formulation of various discordant doctrines of men's wisdom as found in the Churches as business organizations (CAOs), peddled by their Ministers of the People (MOPs). We shall be looking at the topic titled "The Two Faces of Evil" wherein you have "evil with God" and "evil with Satan" as it were.

THE ORIGIN AND TRUE MEANING OF EVIL

God is good and therefore all that He created from the beginning was good and righteous. It is God that created both good and evil from the beginning, to be exercised by Him in judgment over all creation in relating with them as He alone willeth. In His hands lieth the power of good and evil, for our LORD is a God of judgment. **Isa 30:18; Deu 32:3-4,39-40**

Isa 45: 7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. **Vr.6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

I Sam 2: 6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. **Vr.7** The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

Mtt 19:16-17 (Vr.17) And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God:

I Tim 4: 4 For every creature of God is good,

Gen 1: 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

God created "Evil" to be used for judgment purposes in righteousness against any form of disobedience and rebellion to His commandments by created beings. This forms the basis upon which the fear of God is established and operated. Our Lord God exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the heavens and on earth. The Fear of the LORD falls under the judgment aspect of God.

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

God uses "evil" to punish, curse and judge the disobedient, unjust and sinful, while He uses "good" to bless and reward the obedient and just. And it all began in the heavens amongst the angels and hosts of heaven, way before the creation of man on earth as it were.

Hebr 2: 2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward [*from God which is evil*];

II Pet 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 [*for the evil determined for them*];

Evil in the hands of God is a tool for judgment, wrath, vengeance, punishment, chastisement, recompense, etc. Evil executed by God is righteousness because there is no unrighteousness with God. God is good and there is no wickedness or unrighteousness found in Him that can be ascribed as “evil” with Him. And therefore, He is the one in the right position to judge the heart and deeds of all creation rightly cum justly, and He does that with the kind of evil He metes out.

Ps 37: 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. **Vr.28** For the LORD loveth judgment,

God is the Judge of all, and therefore exercises the power of “good and evil” in His dealings with all His creations, either to reward or to punish such accordingly. **Gen 18:25; Hebr 12:22-23**

Hebr 11: 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Rom 6: 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evil with God is good and righteous. Evil as exercised by God against any being is actually judgment being executed against that creature. Such Evil is always grievous and unpalatable to those that experience it in one form or the other as it were. Evil was meant to be handled and exercised by God and God alone, who is the only righteous Judge of the heavens and the earth. To him alone belongeth Judgment. **Hebr 12:11-13**

The judgment of God that is seen as “evil” is actually the righteous wrath of God revealed against all wickedness and unrighteousness found amongst created beings in heaven and on earth. So the Evil that God alone can and do operate is good in His sight.

THE EVIL FOUND AMONGST CREATED BEINGS AS ANGELS

The “evil” found amongst created beings of God is a walk by them contrary to His will and righteous ways as it were. This evil is found in their hearts as iniquity, in their minds as vain imaginations, and in their works as sin. This is “the face of evil” that many people know about and relate with as evil, in their one-sided and myopic understanding of the meaning of “evil”

and what it is all about. This kind of evil is of sin, trespass and transgression against God and His word.

Jer 18: 10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice,

Unfortunately, this evil began and was found amongst the angels in Eden the garden of God. Evil found and operated amongst created beings is disobedience and rebellion to the commandment of God. And such evil committed by created beings which is of unrighteousness, God thus punishes with the evil that He does, which is of righteousness. This constitutes the two faces of evil as it were. **Jer 18:10-11**

God did not create any being "evil" as per rebellious, disobedient or unrighteous rather to the contrary He created all things good, clean and righteous from the onset of their creation. Created beings were made evil by their willing trespass and transgression against God's commandment. Such evil is of sin and of wicked inventions.

I Jn 3: 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law [*this is the evil that creatures do*].

The Bible in its allegory identified this nature of evil from the beginning amongst the holy angels of God in the archangel called Lucifer, who was created good but later on became evil as Satan by reason of iniquity being found in him.

Ezek 28: 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. **Vr.13** Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **Vr.14** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Vr.15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. **Vr.16** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Vr.17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **Vr.18** Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. **Vr.19** All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Isa 14: 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **Vr.14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **Vr.15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

God rewarded the evil of Lucifer and his cohort angels with evil, whereby they were cast down to hell, to the bottomless pit beneath to await the ultimate sentence of His everlasting judgment against them.

Jude 1: 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.

Lucifer that was created good was made evil as Satan from henceforth, condemned to a life of iniquity and unrighteousness forever. Satan is the chief doer of evil that is of rebellion and disobedience amongst the created beings of God in heaven and on earth. He was punished with the evil of hell and death as it were. **Jn 8:44; Mtt 25:41**

THE EVIL FOUND WITH THE CREATED BEING CALLED MAN

In the beginning God created all things very good including the Man called Adam. In order to try the heart of Man whether he would cling unto the LORD in obedience or go the way of “evil” as Satan had been found in rebellion and disobedience, God planted a garden eastward in Eden with two specific trees in the midst thereof, and put the Man in it.

While putting Man in the garden, God made him to know and understand the two faces of evil in his instructions to him on how to operate in the garden. How? the evil that he was to keep from doing and the evil that God would punish him with if he did so.

Gen 2: 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

In the day that Man shall commit evil in eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in disobedience, then shall God reward him with the evil of hell and death even as Lucifer was rewarded in his time. Unfortunately, Adam retained not/forsook the fear of God, but went the way of evil doing the lust of the chief evil doer, Satan through his beguilement of the Woman.

Gen 3:1-13 (Vr.11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou [*done evil by*] eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **Vr.12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it:

THE EVIL FOUND AMONGST HUMAN BEINGS IN THE WORLD

God in His mercy towards Man during His pronouncement of punishment for the Adamic sin made provision for atonement for the offspring of Adam that was from hence to come forth through Woman as human beings. That atonement was to be through His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. **Jn 1:29**

God brought evil upon the world of humankind by reason of the punishment that He meted out to Adam and Eve in the day that they were found in transgression in the garden episode. Man was downgraded from being equal to the angels to being made a little lower than the angels. Why? for the opportunity of being reconciled to God through Christ before compulsorily suffering physical death at the end in this world of sin and death.

Gen 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. **Vr.16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art , and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr.20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Hebr 9: 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Vr.27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **Vr.28** So Christ was

once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The Woman was from thence commissioned to be bringing forth children in sin unto death in this world but with the opportunity to be reconciled unto God as possible. **I Tim 2:13-14**

Ps 51: 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. **Vr.6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. **Vr.1** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **Vr.2** Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

The first human offspring of Adam and Eve as male called Cain carried on doing the lust of Satan that was evil in his operations in this world of sin and death. And so it had been with mankind till date.

Gen 4:1-16 (Vr.1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **Vr.2** And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **Vr.6** And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **Vr.7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. **Vr.8** And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

I Jn 3: 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Gen 6: 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **Vr.11** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **Vr.12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

GOOD AND EVIL IS OF BLESSINGS AND CURSES

The knowledge of good and evil is the knowledge of blessings and curses from the beginning and created beings are meant to be able to discern between the two. Good is blessings that go with obedience of the word of God, while Evil is curses that go with disobedience of the word of God.

The power of good and evil belongs to God alone and to whomsoever He giveth it to exercise therein, but majority of the time it is abused by such creatures doing “evil” with it that is of

wickedness and injustice instead. All power belongs to God, whether it be good or evil by which He judgeth righteously always. So fear God rather than Satan or man. **Jer 10:3-15; Gen 31:23-29**

Deu 11: 26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; **Vr.27** A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: **Vr.28** And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Rom 13:1-5 (Vr.1) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Jn 19: 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? **Vr.11** Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. **Vr.12** And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

God uses the power of good to favour, bless and reward those creatures of His that obey and please Him, while He uses the power of evil to curse and punish those creatures that disobey and displease Him.

Deu 28: 1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: **Vr.2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. **Vr.15** But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deu 29: 21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

Deu 30: 15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; **Vr.19** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

God exercised the power of evil unto curses in the punishment that He rendered unto all the parties that were involved in the sinful episode in the Garden of Eden.

Gen 3:14-15 -> The evil that God visited upon the serpent – “thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field;”

Gen 3:16 -> The evil that God visited upon Woman – “I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;”

Gen 3:17-19 -> The evil that God visited upon Man – “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return”.

Gen 3:17-18 -> The evil that God visited upon the whole of the earth –“cursed is the ground for thy sake”

It is only in Christ Jesus that God exercises His power of good unto blessings over humankind in the world of which He made provision of from the beginning. **2 Cor 1:18-20; Jn 1:29; I Jn 3:4-5**

Gen 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.

Acts 3: 25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed [*which is Christ*] shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. **Vr.26** Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Curses are also the evil that God created that He pronounces against those that rebel cum disobey His commandments. So any being that God curses becomes evil as a created being. Therefore, nothing is unclean or evil on its own except that which the LORD hath declared to be so. **Rom 14:14,20; Acts 10:14-15,28**

Satan is a cursed being that has been condemned by God to be doing evil continually. It is not in his power to do good any longer but rather evil. He is a captive of sin and the chief recruiter for sin amongst all creatures. Christ is blessed of God and given to doing good continually. Therein lieth the contention between good and evil in the world. **Acts 10:38; Acts 13:10; Eph 1:3; Jn 8:34-35,44**

Jn 8:28-29 (Vr. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Hebr 1: 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

I Jn 3: 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Mtt 12: 33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. **Vr.34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being

evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. **Vr.35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Christ came to overcome evil with good, sin with righteousness, curses with blessings. He thereby became the Saviour and Master of all those that follow his footsteps/example in the world. **Rom 12:14-21; Lk 9:51-56; I Pet 2:19-23**

God uses both good and evil to work His righteousness amongst men on earth as it were.

Jer 18: 10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. **Vr.11** Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

GOD DOES NOT WORK INIQUITY OR DO EVIL WORKS

As we had opined, the “evil” that many know of and relate with generally is that of iniquity, sin and of wicked/unrighteous works. That is why many cannot seem to associate God with evil at all. But unknowing to them there is an evil that God does which is of righteousness instead this we have revealed thus far herein.

It is amongst disobedient and rebellious created beings that works of iniquity and evil are found, not with the Holy God, who is righteous in all His ways.

Ps 145: 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

Deu 32: 3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. **Vr.4** He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Rom 9: 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

The evil that God does is not of evil works but of righteousness in judgment. God does terrible things in righteousness. God judges the world in righteousness even in His wrath unlike men’s judgment. The wrath of God is a judgment in righteousness, but the wrath of Satan is of unrighteousness as is that of men that doeth evil. **Rev 19:11; Ps 96:13; Ps 98:9; Isa 26:9-10; Isa 54:17**

Jam 1: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

The Lord, the Creator doeth evil which is of righteous works in judgment, while His created beings do evil which is of evil works in condemnation. This the latter do because of an evil heart being found in them, such being workers of iniquity.

Jer 18: 12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

Jer 17: 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:

Jer 29: 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

God does not tempt men with evil in order for them to do evil works thereby, rather it is Satan that does. But God brings evil upon men for trial purposes in order to see the works that such a person shall produce thereby. Such evil comes from God upon all men; those that have an evil heart shall produce evil works as a result, while those that have a good heart shall yet produce good works irrespective of the evil that have come upon them. **Jam 1:13-16**

THIS IS A WORLD OF SIN AND DEATH

This present world was made terrestrial in order to accommodate the offspring of fallen Man condemned to mortality and death as humans due to the transgression in the garden. It is a world full of evil/troubles and therefore tribulation is found therein.

Tribulation is the evil that naturally occurs in the world which God brings about upon the inhabitants of this evil and adulterous world. The fallen world is a world full of evils or troubles and troublemakers. Therefore, God pays the evil of sin that flesh commits with the evil of death for the flesh in this world as it were. **Gal 1:4; Jn 7:7; Jn 3:19-21**

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Isa 13: 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Rom 3: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6: 23 For the wages of sin is death;

Hebr 9: 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Gen 6: 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **Vr.12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. **Vr.13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Sin by man begets judgment by God in the form of death ultimately. So evil by Man begets an appropriate evil by God. And no one can resist the evil that comes from God because it shall accomplish the purpose for which He sends it. **Ezek 18:4,20**

Hebr 2: 2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; **Vr.3** How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;

GOD REPAYS EVIL WITH EVIL

God says vengeance and recompense belong to Him not to man; for He will repay all evil done against His commandments by His people and evil done to His people by the wicked, both in this world and in the world to come. **Jer 18:1-17**

Deu 7: 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; **Vr.10** And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

Isa 59: 18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. **Vr.19** So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun.

I Sam 2: 30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

Deu 30: 7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

Gen 12: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:

Ps 18: 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. **Vr.25** With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; **Vr.26** With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

What are some of these evils like on the earth?

2 Chron 20: 9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine,

Deu 32: 35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Vr.41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. **Vr.42** I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. **Vr.43** Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

God the Father had set out to show mercy and forgiveness upon mankind through His Son Jesus Christ in this New Testament dispensation. And therefore, He requires also those that are of Christ to show mercy rather than pay evil for evil, to bless rather than curse, to pay evil with good instead. Those that doeth so are children of our Father which art in heaven and are differentiated from the children of the world by it. We are to leave ultimate judgment and recompense to our God to do at His own appointed time hereafter. **Mtt 9:13; Rom 12:14-21**

Hebr 8:6-13 (Vr.12) For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Jam 2: 13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Mtt 5: 43-49 (Vr.43) Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **Vr.44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **Vr.45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **Vr.48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

At the second coming of Christ when he shall come to call the righteous and not sinners to repentance again, then shall he come to reveal the wrath of God against all those that have done unrighteousness and ungodliness. **Rom 1:18-19; Rev 2:26-28; Hebr 10:25-31**

2 Tim 2: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Mk 8: 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Rev 14: 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **Vr.10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **Vr.11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

The wrath of God exhibited in God executing vengeance and recompense against the wicked in judgment is the evil that God does. God repays evil with evil in that way.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, it can be seen that “evil” as created by God from the beginning was not sinful but rather for judgment sake in righteousness. It is the “evil” that creatures of God who are in rebellion and disobedience do that is sinful and of unrighteousness. And the latter is traceable to the chief evil doer, Satan. And subsequently, Satan was able to get the first man Adam to join him in his own evil, rather than joining God in carrying out His own evil against Satan and his cohorts on earth. **Gen 1:28**

From thence, we now had the two faces of evil – the evil that God does which is good cum right, and the evil that Satan with rebellious men does which is bad cum wicked. The former is of righteousness, chastisement, justice, judgment, while the latter is of sin, iniquity, evil works, transgression and wickedness.

Everything that God created He created good including evil, light and darkness. But any of these good creature of God that walks in disobedience to God becomes sinful. And therefore evil and darkness becomes sin in their hands, rather than righteous as they were created from the beginning.

Isa 45: 3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. **Vr.7** I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

There is evil that is according to the will of God and there is evil that is according to the will of the Devil. Those that are found resisting the former are the children of the Devil, while those that are found resisting the latter are the children of God. Resist not the former evil, rather submit to God, but resist the Devil and sin, the latter evil. **Mtt 5:39; Jam 4:7; Rom 8:28**

Jn 8: 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

I Jn 3: 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**Vr.9** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. **Vr.10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

May the good Lord grant thee understanding in the things written herein by his Holy Spirit unto being counted worthy to inherit His kingdom and to rule and reign with Christ Jesus at the end. Amen.

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