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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM COVID-19?

by Greg Barkman

Crises have a way of sharpening our focus. Things that were true, but not crystal clear before, may come into sharper focus in the vortex of societal turmoil. The Covid-19 pandemic has reinforced our understanding of several matters.

SCIENCE DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. Our nation has been pulled and tugged by a series of conflicting and changing predictions, requirements, and instructions. In the beginning, several prominent voices, such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, assured us that Covid posed very little threat to the United States. How wrong they were! A little later, we were told by some of these same experts, that wearing a mask was both unnecessary and ineffective. Before long, the exact opposite was announced, and now we are told that wearing masks is essential. Was the original statement factual or was it calculated to preserve scarce masks for medical personnel? If so, and many believe it was, how does that encourage us to trust scientific experts? We were originally told that contact with a sur-

face previously touched by an infected person was dangerous, only to hear later that transmission from hard surfaces, though possible, is actually rare. Or is it? And back and forth we go.

Granted, Covid-19 is a previously unknown virus, and the scientific community is scrambling to catch up. We know more today than we did six months ago, but though that explains some of the conflicting information, it also underscores the original point. Science really doesn't have all the answers. Truthfully, science has more unanswered questions than answers. When it comes to Covid-19, science is currently deficient in its ability to address this health crisis. That neither surprises nor disturbs those who recognize the limitations of science. But for those who base their lives upon the "god" of science, the inability of the scientific community to accurately predict and solve the Covid pandemic could produce a significant measure of anxiety. How much better to trust in the Eternal, Omniscient God as the foundation for life. Science is fallible.

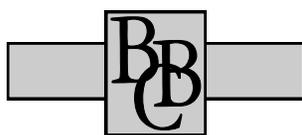
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ECONOMISTS STRUGGLE TO MAKE ACCURATE FORECASTS. Throughout the months of Covid-19, some economists have made weather forecasters look really good by comparison. We were told at the beginning that the stock market would collapse. Instead, it has soared. The housing market, we were warned, will tank, and lo, it is booming. Automobile sales will plunge, flooding dealers' lots with a surplus of unsold inventory. The plunging economy, coupled with rental car companies unloading half their inventory, will overwhelm the market. If you're looking to purchase a used car, you should be able to find some huge bargains. One article I read even listed the exact percentages that the price of different vehicles were expected to fall. Instead, used car lots are nearly empty, and prices have soared. So much for the experts. The greatest recession since the great depression is looking more like a

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minor blip instead of a major plunge. How did so many economists get it wrong?

Yes, many are unemployed or working fewer hours, and my sympathies are with them. They are hurting because of Covid-19 through no fault of their own. But overall, most economists have been very mistaken about the anticipated economic effects of this pandemic. Those who rely heavily upon human expertise are floundering, but those who trust in the sovereign Ruler of the universe, are calm and secure.

SOCIOLOGISTS CAN MISS THE MARK. I recently read that sociologists predicted that Covid-19 would produce a baby boom. It made sense. More people home because unemployed, working from home, or unable to go out to restaurants, theatres, and other places of entertainment would seem likely to produce a bumper crop of babies. But now we are being told that the pandemic will produce a short fall of babies in the range of five hundred thousand. That's a pretty big switcheroo! Personally, I think it's too early to make accurate predictions, but this serves as another reminder that experts are not as dependable as some people would like to think. "Some trust in chariots, some in horses, but we will

remember the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7). God is the only true expert.

POLITICAL FORECASTERS ARE NOT VERY ACCURATE. I'm beginning to wonder why I ever pay attention to political polls? I see them in the news several times a week, so it is impossible not to notice, but pollsters have been wrong more often than not. Do they really have any idea what they're doing? We might get a better forecast by tossing dice. When Covid-19 first appeared, many forecasters said that Donald Trump was toast. He could never survive this crisis. Today, as I write this article, some analysts are saying that Trump now has a slight edge over Joe Biden. But by the time you read this article, it's likely to have changed again. Frankly, I have no idea who will win the presidency, and I don't believe anyone else does either. Except God. He knows, because He determines. I plan to vote, and urge every Christian to vote as well, but I also know the outcome is in God's hands. We'll know the result when it's all over, and not before. Why worry about what the experts say, when they change with the wind? Trust in the unchanging God and all will be well.

PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY. Here's another lesson from Covid-19. Fallen human nature does not like authority. We already knew that. Our first parents demonstrated that in the Garden, and we, their children have been following suit ever since. "You must wear a mask," we are told. "Oh no I don't. Nobody's gonna tell me what to do!" "You must not congregate in groups larger than fifteen," or whatever the number is in your state. "I'll go where I want, hang out with whoever I choose, and nobody's gonna tell me otherwise!" And so it goes. Resistance to authority is displayed in defunding the police, protesting with no thought of social distancing, and in its more extreme forms, rioting and

looting. Clearly, people don't like to submit to authority, and Covid-19 has brought our innate rebellion into the sunlight for all to see.

Christians need to think this through carefully. Are we being governed by God's Word, or by political rhetoric? Should we refuse to submit to human authority, such as the requirement to wear a mask, simply because we don't like the requirement? Is that what God's Word teaches, or is that a manifestation of the same rebellion displayed by the world? You know, if you've studied the Scriptures, that Christians must resist human authority when that authority commands them to disobey God. Otherwise, the Christian requirement is to obey, not defy. Part of our testimony as Christians is to demonstrate that our highest authority is God's Word, not political position or personal preference. Covid-19 has turned our world upside down. Let's humbly submit to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and ask Him to let us serve as His agents to help turn it right side up.

Our Parents Should Have Told Us: Manners for Social Media in Polarized Times

By Jim Elliff

1. Describing others with demeaning epithets is arrogant and unbecoming. Let's run as far from it as we possibly can. Calling a person "stupid," or "an idiot," for instance, tells us more about our character than theirs.
2. Making uninvited humorous comments about physical characteristics of others is childish at best, but also rude and condescending. It often shows disrespect for God as creator. Even in jest, it should be cut out of our speech repertoire. It would help to take a look in the mirror first.
3. Reacting immediately to hearsay and unsubstantiated "news," rather than seeking out the facts is dangerous and demonstrates how much we love to be first with the bad news and last with the good. It's rejoicing in the downfall of others. Is immediate reaction the way we wish others to treat us? Delay your judgment. You may well be wrong in your assessment.
4. Wearing the judge's robe the first thing in the morning as if to say we are the all-knowing one shows a superior view of ourselves that no one really appreciates. Christians do evaluate in order to avoid evil and wrong associations and to lead others, but only after carefully understanding the facts. The ultimate judge is God, and he hasn't assigned that job to you or me, except in special cases (1 Cor 6). "Vengeance is mine," says the Lord . . ."
5. Catching a person in a word rather than seeking to know what he or she truly means reveals an impatience and determined bias against those we accuse. We want them to look bad. We should be among those who do not assume but discuss to know the heart and intentions.
6. Rejoicing over the calamity of others is calloused and truly reprehensible. It's the opposite of love. Such news should typically make us sad rather than happy, even if the Lord has wisely administered it for the good of all.

Christian friends, we must be careful to watch our heart and our words. Have we adopted the spirit of the age? Most of the time our family and social media friends can get along without our condescending viewpoint. Is all our careless ranting displaying the glory and beauty of Christ? Surely it is time to change.

Remember, if we "live by the sword, we'll die by the sword." The spirit and unloving way we give it out to others will be returned in kind.

As one pastor wisely stated, "Be careful who you pass on the way up, because you'll pass the same person on the way down."

I've often been stopped by this thought: We have a God in Heaven who has full knowledge of who we are—our thoughts, motives, hidden sins, biases, and sometimes untutored and distorted values.

Will you work on your words and attitude along with me?

"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be" . . .

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; and then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness" (James 3:9-10; 17).

THE MINDSET OF CONTENTMENT

Like all aspects of Christian growth, the battle for contentment is a battle for the mind. Paul says in Romans 12:2 that we are transformed by the renewing of our minds; so it will be as we learn the secret of contentment. Let us consider SEVEN ASPECTS of a contented mindset.

Being satisfied while at the same time dissatisfied. Burroughs says such a person is content in the most demeaning and humiliating circumstances that can be found in the world—prison, torture, public ridicule and censure, chronic pain, even death. But they would be completely discontent if you offered them the entire world instead of heaven. The combination of complete satisfaction in the world and complete dissatisfaction with the world is a mystery of contentment.

Subtracting desires until they equal God's providence. There is a heavenly arithmetic to Christian contentment: subtraction and addition. First, the subtraction. We become content not by adding to our possessions and pleasures, but by the subtracting from our desires, carving them down until they equal what our heavenly father chooses to provide. Worldly people are restless because they always desire more, more, a little more. John D. Rockefeller built an empire that controlled 90 percent of the oil industry in the United States. When asked, "How much is enough?" his famous reply was, "Just a little more." Contented Christians have learned to carve down their desires until they approximate what God wants for them. Paul said, it is the love of money, not money itself, that is the root of all manner of evil (I Tim. 6:10).

Cultivating and being reminded of what we truly deserve. The other half of the arithmetic of contentment is addition. We should not so much seek to rid ourselves of our afflictions

but to add to our souls a rightful appraisal of our sinfulness and what it deserves. There is a humility in contentment and an arrogance in discontentment. Jesus, likened our forgiveness to a debt of ten thousand talents that had been cancelled (Matthew 18:24). A talent was equivalent to 75 pounds of gold. The sum of ten thousand talents would be equivalent in the modern world of billions of dollars. When we first come to Christ, we only begin to see the sin problem. The Holy Spirit will spend the rest of our lives making us increasingly aware not only of the ten thousand talents of debt we owed at conversion, but the ongoing depth of depravity in our present hearts.

There is no condition on earth worse than hell. And as sinners, we all deserve to be in hell right now. But, thanks be to God, Christ drank hell for us on the cross, freeing us from the condemnation the law of God says we deserved (Romans 3:9-10: 8:1).

Embracing the absolute necessity of suffering. A person who has learned the secret of being content in any and every circumstance has learned it by experience through the school of suffering. Suffering is essential to kingdom growth. We must conquer the natural desire for a painless life if we are going to grow in contentment.

Doing the duty of the circumstance. Burroughs said every Christian should seek to do "the duty of the circumstance." That is to ask the question, What does God want me to do here and now? What is unique about this set of circumstances that enables me to glorify God and point others to Christ.

Purging inner corruptions. We earth-bound, unglorified Christians are deeply divided creatures. We are

new creatures in Christ, YET we are still infected with the disease of inner corruptions. Our indwelling sin will wage war against contentment continually. That indwelling sin is far deeper within us than we can possibly imagine. God the Holy Spirit is committed to a life long process of purging us and weaning us from this world and its allurements. Discontentment will continue to exert its strong pull on us.

Embracing that life is a mist. The brevity of life is a mediation that will help us in our struggle and battle for contentment. Time is brief and eternity is endless. Paul it could be argued had the greatest resume of human suffering is history said, "for this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4: 17). "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). The more that we really believe our sufferings don't begin to compare to our future glory, the more content we will be in suffering. Paul also says the sufferings are preparing us for that future glory.

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THE RARE JEWEL OF CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT

*The crowning achievement of Christian contentment is that it **delights** in God's decisions in every condition.*

Jeremiah Burroughs

This contentment proves most allusive and difficult to maintain! It is assaulted over and over by the three-headed monster; the world, the devil, and the flesh. The evil world system will consistently seek to pull our hearts away toward idols and lusts. The devil hates Christian contentment, and he unleashes wave upon wave of invisible flaming arrows of temptation to wound our hearts and drive us away from contentment. And our flesh responds shamefully and eagerly to these external assaults, opening the gates of our fortress to a besieging enemy. This a Christian must be a mighty warrior in order to stand firm in contentment. Proverbs 16:32 says, "Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." Winning these heart battles is as much a display of strength as anything ever done on any battlefield by any renowned hero of ancient times.

Christian contentment is a secret to be learned. It is NOT part of the original equipment of conversion! Since this is a secret to be learned, two things are implied: (1) not every Christian has learned it, and (2) it is possible to learn.

"Contentment is possible if you get skill in the art of it; you may attain to it, and it will prove to be not such a difficult thing either, if you but understand the mystery of it. There are many things that men do in their callings, that if a countryman comes and sees, he thinks it a mighty hard thing, and that he should never be able to do it. But that is because he does not understand the art of it: there is a twist of the hand by which you may do it with ease."

Not only does it take skill to attain it; it also takes immense strength to protect it. You must be a mighty warrior, protecting a treasure of incalculable value. Paul said the secret of being content in any and every circumstance was **strength**: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (Phil. 4:13). Picture a walled citadel in the ancient world, anticipating a siege from an invading army. See how diligently they prepare their defenses, how they stock up the fortress with food and water, with weapons and warriors, with defensive schemes to defeat the threatening enemy. The soldiers have the will to fight. They expect to engage the army, fight, suffer in the fight and ultimately prevail.

Just as contentment is a most excellent state of being, habitual complaining and murmuring is a most repulsive state of being. It is beneath the dignity of any Christian. Contentment is a force on your soul pulling you upward toward Christlikeness. Esteem contentment highly and hate complaining passionately.

THE EVILS OF COMPLAINING

1. Complaining is the opposite of praise and worship. We were created by God and redeemed by Christ for the praise and glory of God. Yet instead of praising Him we must admit that we have too often chosen to complain. God has given us a mind and the power of speech, and we are often guilty of using them to speak against Him, to murmur against what He has chosen to bring into our lives, whether great or small affliction. The same mouth that sings praises on Sunday can speak harsh words of complaint about some annoyance on Monday. "From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so" (James 3:10).

2. Complaining reveals corruption in the soul. Burroughs puts it this way,

"As contentment reveals much grace in the soul, strong grace, beautiful grace, so murmuring reveals much corruption, strong corruption, vile corruption in your heart."

3. Complaining is the mark of an ungodly generation. Every single day, God pours out his rich blessings, like sunshine and rain, on a population of people who never give Him thanks or praise. In fact, to the contrary they grumble against Him continually.

4. Complaining is considered rebellion. The definition of contentment settles that. It is a frame of spirit that freely submits to God. To be discontent is to fail to submit, and that is nothing less than rebellion.

5. Complaining is opposed to the entire work of conversion.

6. Complaining is unworthy of a child of the King.

7. Complaining makes no unbeliever want to be like you.

8. Complaining forgets the many blessings you have already received.

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Let Your Light Shine in the Darkness

by Bob LaTour

It has been said, **the darker the night, the brighter the light.** We live in a world that is becoming more brazenly godless and spiritually darker with each passing day. It is a world where the God-ordained institutions of family, government and church are being corrupted. It is a world where the voices of politicians, actors and false teachers drown out the voices of those who hold the Bible in high regard. It is a world that does not value virtue, a world where doing what you need to do to get what you want is becoming the norm, even to the point of sacrificing babies on the altar of so-called reproductive rights. It is a world where the natural man's love of darkness is becoming increasingly evident as sins once done in secret are exalted on prime-time television. It is a world where many "call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!"¹

Despite this, believers can take heart because we know the final glorious chapter of God's ordained script. "At the name of Jesus every knee **will** bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and every tongue **will** confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.**"² Until then, the response of those whose faith is in the Person and work of Christ must be to let our light shine in the darkness.

Christians are referred to as "children of light," "children of the day" and those who "have the light of life." We are called to "proclaim the praises of Him who called (us) out of darkness into His marvelous light." We do this for three reasons. 1) We are commanded to do so. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."³ 2) The Father is worthy to be glorified. "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."⁴ 3) We were cre-

ated to do so. "What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."⁵

After describing God's awesome power adorning the heavens, Job reminds us that "Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways, and how small a whisper we hear of Him, but the thunder of His power who can

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understand?"⁶ For most of human history, the Sun was thought to be the largest and brightest body in the heavens. Telescopes now enable us to see how woefully short our understanding of the universe was and is. The sun is but a "whisper" compared to the "thunder" of stars like UY Scuti which 1700 times larger than the Sun and 340,000 times brighter! The point of the illustration is that our best understanding of the glory of God falls far short the reality of Who He is. As we gaze upon Him through the "telescope" of His Word, our awe should deepen and our desire to make His excellent glory known through our lives should be evident to all.

What is the glory of God? God's glory is connected to His holiness. Jonathan Edwards wrote that "holiness is more than a mere attribute of God. It is 'the sum of all His attributes, the outshining of all that God is.'" A.W. Pink wrote that God is called The Holy One "because the sum of all moral Excellency is found in Him. He is absolute purity, unsullied even by the shadow of sin. Holiness is the very Excellency of the divine nature." In Exodus 15:11, Moses prayed, "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, *glorious in holiness*, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?" David admonished his people to "Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."⁷

John Piper defines the glory of God as "the infinite beauty and greatness of God's (revealed) perfections." God's perfections are revealed in the mystery, beauty and expanse of the universe. "To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing."⁸ (There are an estimated 100 billion stars in the observable universe!) God's perfections are revealed in the unique qualities of earth.⁹ "For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: 'I am the LORD, and there is no other.'" God's perfections are revealed in the person and work of Christ who is "the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person."¹⁰

When and where are Christians to give God the glory due to His name? Of I Corinthians 10:31, Charles Hodge writes, "*Do all to the glory of God* may refer either to our motives or our methods. Let self be forgotten. Let your eye be fixed on God. Let the promotion of His glory be your object in all you do. Strive in everything to act in such a way that people may praise the God you profess to serve."¹¹

How do Christians give God the glory due to His name? Glorify means "to esteem glorious; to honor or magnify." If God's holiness is "the sum of all His attributes, the outshining of all that God is and the very Excellency of the divine nature," then we best glorify Him by seeking to be holy as He has commanded. To be holy is to be godly and to be godly is to glorify Him. John Frame writes, "Giving honor or glory is to say that someone is deserving of respect, at-

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tention, obedience and imitation.” In seeking to glorify God, we must run our thoughts, words and deeds through the filter of His written Word.¹²

Wayne Grudem states that “we glorify God when “we reflect well upon His honor or excellent reputation that is ALREADY a reality.” We do not add to nor take away from the glory of God’s perfect character. To do either would be to influence Who He is and He Himself has said that He does not change. Here is a critical aspect of glorifying God that we must understand. Unless those who observe our lives know that we are Christians, our work might garner praise for us, but not for our Father. I Peter 4:11 drives home this important aspect of glorifying God. “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, *that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*” When someone sees your work or reflects upon your life, do all that you can to declare and demonstrate gratitude for God the Giver of gifts that enables you to do anything worthy of attention and commendation. “Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.”¹³

Psa.29:2 8 Isa. 40:25-26 9 Isa.45:18 10 Hebrews 1:3 11 Prov.3:6; 1 Cor.10:31 12 Psa.19:14; Luke 6:45; Col.3:17 13 Psa.115:1

Our Supreme and Glorious God

Great God, unsearchable Thy ways, supreme beyond compare.
In rev’rent adoration, LORD, Our feeble praise we share.
Thy glory is that excellence Unique to Thee alone—
Spectacular in majesty, vast universe Thy throne!

For hungry souls, Thy written Word grants a faint glimpse of Thee.
Though dim, the image awes the mind, and bows both heart and knee.
Thy grandeur, matchless King of kings and mighty Lord of lords,
Leads saints to meditate on Thee and silently adore.

Such blinding light, like dazzling flames, engulfs Thy sapphire throne
That rests upon a sea of glass, like clearest crystal stone!
The splendor of Thy glory draws the heart to holy thoughts.
Its brilliance shames the rainbow’s boast and pales heavn’s hosts to naught.

Thy whisper mutes the thunder crash of lightning ‘round Thy throne--
Jehovah, High and Lofty One, Who calls all things Thine own.
Pure worship of the Heav’nly throng envelops me in praise,
O’erwhelming me with joy that sets my grateful heart ablaze.

None but Thyself can fully know The glory that is Thine.
All tribute saints may offer Thee falls short by Thy design.
Yet fearing Thee and loving Thee and walking in Thy ways,
I’ll seek to glorify Thy name beyond my earth-bound days.

Exodus 24:10; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Revelation 4

1 Isa.5:20-21 2 Phil.2:10-11 3 Matt.5:13 4 Rev. 4:11 5 Westminster Catechism 6 Job 26:14 7

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05 Tri-State Particular Bible Fellowship
06 Coffee n' Courage-9:15 a.m.
13 Elders/Deacons Meeting
20 Coffee n' Courage-9:15 a.m.
27 Coffee n' Courage-9:15 a.m.

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- 04 Paul Holt
06 Carly Karns
08 Paul Ellis
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Christa Wilson
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13 Dale Evans
14 Mollie Harmon
15 Martina Boudreault
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20 Darin Rhue
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*Mark your calendar and plan to join us:
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