

When All Human Worth is Gone

Perverts Have Been Led Astray

I was looking up the word *perversion*, or *pervert*. There are a lot of perverts in the world today. When you hear that word you think of some kind of person like a homosexual, but actually *perverts* are just those who have been led astray. They have no more worth in them to pay for their own sins. They have lost their human worth. They are selfish, living for no one else except themselves. They have gone off the road, off the way our Father gave man to live after the Fall. There are many places where it talks about perversions in the Bible — Pr 2:12-14; 8:13; 10:31-32; 16:28,30; 21:8 — and it goes on and on, including Dt 32:36.

A person who has lost all of his worth can hardly detect good and evil anymore. He calls good evil and evil good. The governor of the state of California has almost reached that point, judging by some of the laws he would like to put in. Not that he is a homosexual himself, but simply approving of them makes you a pervert. One who has lost all his glory is a pervert.

Pr 3:32 speaks about the one who is a pervert, that he is an abomination. He is very detestable. The word *abomination* or *detestable* is found in many places in the Bible. People who are an abomination or detestable to God are those who have degraded His image in them. They are detestable to Him. Just like the seventh one in Pr 6:19 is an abomination.

A person who sows discord among the brethren is an abomination. In Israel there should be peace. He doesn't have enough human worth to know that he is destroying by what he says with his tongue. The word is "he" in the KJV:

"A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

This is personal here: it is the *one* who sows discord who is an abomination. He is the lowest ebb of humanity. The person who sows discord makes you feel less. He is

sowing seeds of discord. If someone continues to do that, he is a destroyer and will be destroyed. That is what Paul said in 1 Cor 3:16-17. Those who destroy in that way, causing division and strife, will be destroyed. Sudden calamity will come upon them as Pr 6:15 says: *“Therefore, his calamity shall come suddenly; suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.”*

Even from Among Us

Maybe this is what happened to some of our brothers who have left already. Things in their soul continually drove them. One of them couldn't resist the evil one's tactics. He would talk about people and was very destructive. Now, he is certainly like many who have left, having become worthless, without any human worth left in them. They are perverts in society. That is what *perversion* actually means. They have a perverted character, like an apple that is rotten to the core. It is like a human soul which manifests perversion outwardly through bodily action, which Pr 2:15 speaks of:

“Whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.”

You can see in Pr 3:32 that the perverse person is an abomination to Him. Don't think that “God loves everyone,” for a pervert, depending on how far he has gone, how many lives he has destroyed, how many children he has ruined, how many homes he has ruined, becomes detestable to God. He makes himself disgusting. He becomes loathed by God and is utterly detested. These people have probably gone over the waterfall. They make themselves detestable to their Creator.

Detestable or abominable describes the person who has gone over the waterfall. The one who sows discord among the brethren is an abomination. Some people spread discord and are so perverted that they don't even know when they are doing it. They sow discord, meaning that what they say causes discord and strife in the Body. Sowing discord among (or to) our Father's holy people is one of the greatest sins anyone can commit. It turns you into something detestable to God. Their religion is obviously

worthless, for they don't bridle their tongue (Jms 1:26). Instead, out of their hearts flow all these worthless things.

Look at Rev 12:9. The evil one's job is to remove all human worth from people by all kinds of ways. You can see that in Rev 12:9 and in Rev 20:3 that he leads the world astray, and then will be let loose to do so again a thousand years later. Leads them astray from what? He leads them astray from the boundaries of conscience, the everlasting covenant. He is determined to make perverts out of them.

Those who love and practice lying (and other evils)

When a person hears the gospel, firmly hears it and rejects it, then the wrath of God remains upon him. It would be better not to hear than the gospel than to hear and reject it. A pervert is like one whom Rom 1:24-27 describes. Rev 21:8 talks about the kinds of sins that make a person perverted. He is led astray to the point that he or she does these things over and over again with hardly any remorse left in him.

Rev 22:15 speaks of those who love lying. They love it. They deceive people over the Internet, claiming they are selling a really great product. Then after someone buys it he finds it is an inferior product. All he gets out of it is "hurt" and there's nothing he can do about it. And it can make perverts out of the buyers, too, wanting to get even, and sell it to someone else. We have to be careful as salesman. If we don't believe maté is good for us, we had better not sell it. If we don't believe the gospel is good, we had better not try to persuade others. There are so many things we could talk about here.

As Isa 24:5-6 says, there are only a few left who are not perverted. 2 Ths 2:9-12 talks about how mankind is being totally perverted, so much so that God will have to pour out His wrath on them. They love pleasure rather than God, so He turns them over to a deluding influence. There is no more moral character in them, so He turns them over to believe a lie, because there is nothing in them to stand for the truth. There are so many places we could elaborate on this.

When all human worth is gone

Rev 21:8 and 22:15 describe those who are totally wasted, with no worth left in them, and that is why they are called dogs. (Concerning the animals themselves: they have no worth in them as far as being companions to humans, but they do serve humanity by eating up the bad things of the earth. They are scavengers. It is a perversion that man has made them into “man’s best friend,” brought them into their homes, and let them lick them. It shows where a man is fallen.)

A man who is worthless, and has become perverted from the right way, has no redeeming value left in him. His sins are those committed by a pervert. A murderer kills the image of God left in him by killing someone bearing who still bears God’s image. A murderer cannot receive eternal life for he has no image of God left in him (1 Jn 3:15).

As long as a human being has retained some human worth, bearing to some extent the image of His creator, there is hope. He even senses there is hope. There is something in him that knows about having eternal life, to some degree, according to the Bible. A person who has no human worth left has no hope. His conscience will always accuse him and never excuse them in death (Rom 2:15).

So, when all human worth has been wasted on folly and self-will, there is no worth left to pay with in the first death they go to. There, you are very cognitive and are paying, if you have any human worth left in you, for your sins. Our Master had ultimate human worth left in Him, able to pay for the sins of the whole world; He was not fallen in any way (1 Jn 2:1-2).

The premeditated murder of a person who still has the image of God left in him is a very destructive act. It is eliminating someone who still does good on the earth. The murderer is destroying the image of God and that is why, according to Gen 9:5-6, he must be executed. All he can do is breathe air. He can only continue to be a murderer, for his conscience is wrecked. He is one who calls good evil and evil good, about which

Gen 3:22 tells us all that all men know the truth. Gen 9:5-6 talks about the image of God, the moral goodness that reflects the character of God. So, it is the moral image of God that man bears. The physical image is there to express the moral character of a man. His morals come out in physical manifestations.

The Likeness of God was not Completely Lost in the Fall

You can see the good there in Carlos, the man who works for the Catholic charities. Even though he thinks he is serving God, he wants to do well, and is not out converting people. He still has human worth there, the quality that we love, and that is why he is attracted to us and we to him.

There is nothing recorded in the Word that gives us any indications that the image and likeness of God was lost in the Fall. There are so many places that speak about the image and likeness of God, such as Jms 3:9 and Gen 5:3 and 1 Cor 11:7. In all of these places we see that man has retained the image and likeness of God, especially if they do the good. But if they do evil, the demise sets in and they lose the image of God more and more. They become perverted, like the wicked and perverted generation the first disciples had to come out of. They had gone so far down that they actually murdered the One who bore the highest image of God, Yahshua (who was also an innocent man). That is why the land is the way it is now — a desert, as Num 35:34 says.

A man can retain the image of God by doing well. He retains his likeness and image of God, in a secondary degree, to be sure, but he has not lost it altogether. Man is still the image bearer of God. Gen 9:5-6 tells us that man was not totally depraved after the Fall, but continued bearing God's image and likeness. He then makes himself depraved by his choices. The knowledge of good and evil that men have (Gen 3:22) gives men their work. They are to work hard in their employment and the deeds they do, or they will make their living by lying. Salesmen and all kinds of people with unjust weights and scales and things of that nature do this (Rev 22:15).

The Holy are a light for those, like us, who had lost our way back to our Creator. We were becoming more and more depraved and would soon have become perverted, if we hadn't met the Body. We had almost reached that point of degradation of no more moral worth or human value in us. A lot of people from California, in Hollywood and in the churches, have almost reached that point, too. We are their way back to the Creator. Maybe our neighbors see a little bit in us, see things in us that are their way back to the Creator, to be reconciled to Him through His Son.¹ That is 1 Pet 2:12 and 1 Pet 3:15 — as they observe our behavior, they ask for the hope they see in us. Then men won't have to incur the first death penalty that all men have to incur who do not know Messiah. He came to save men from ever having to even taste death (Jn 8:51).

About Adam and Eve

Gen 3:6-7 — Adam and Eve already knew they were physically naked in Gen 2:25. It says they were. But they didn't *know* it, in another sense, because they didn't know any different. They didn't try to clothe themselves until after the Fall. In Gen 2:25 it says they were naked and unashamed, but in Gen 3:6-7 their knowledge of their nakedness took on new meaning. They had lost some of God's perfect holiness and innocence. Being naked together wasn't bad before, but after the Fall, they *recognized* they were naked. They had the knowledge of good and evil now. They knew something they didn't know before. What was it?

Even though they were righteous before the Fall, it was not enough to keep them from being deceived. Where was Adam when Eve was deceived? He was right there with her. What was Adam not doing at that time? Why didn't he do it, if he was righteous? Why didn't he rule over his wife at the time when she was talking to the serpent? He was supposed to be the protector and she the protectorate. The knowledge they had took on new meaning.

¹ As the song says, "Yahshua, You're the Bridge Back to the Father."

The whole thing about nakedness has caused a lot of perversion. Even clothing a person can cause perversion. How you dress, whether you show your midsection, how low you wear your pants, and it never ends. Then others don't like clothes and would like to go naked. You can see what this has caused, but it has to be straightened out somehow in the Body of Messiah. We dress modestly. It is commanded for both women and men to dress modestly.

Do you see the whole thing in Gen 3:1-6? Adam was with her all the time. What does it say?

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” (Gen 3:6)

Who was the head back then? The woman took the lead. Therefore, what happened in verse 16?

“To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’” (Gen 3:16)

This was the reversal back to the natural, intended order between men and women. Man is now the protector of the woman. Not that he is a dominant ruler, and is going to lord it over her, but she is not going to desire to overtake him, either. Certainly that is in a woman, but she has to put it under her feet in the Body in order for us to be a light to the world. Her desire for him has to be positive in order for him to protect her. His desire has to be positive, too. She is vulnerable and susceptible to the things that a woman is vulnerable and susceptible to, so now man needs to be her protector.

In the Garden the man didn't have that quality of being her protector. He didn't have that knowledge. The woman took the fruit and gave it to the man, and he ate it. The woman took the lead in talking to the serpent herself, but now he knows good and evil and he rules over his wife. When he was innocent and righteous, he did not. You can

see our Father's predetermined purpose in history, how man had to be tempted in every way.

The original righteousness didn't allow the conscience to work in that area. It kicked in, if you want to say that. They ate of the forbidden fruit, of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 3:6,13). It says Adam was with her and not "she was with him." It is a little different, isn't it? He allowed her to have the conversation with the serpent. They knew they were guilty after they ate.

Restoration of True Covering

Mostly in the New Covenant it is the man who has to watch over his wife. He watches over her. That is why woman will wear head coverings, for man watches over her. She is able to speak, prophesy, and pray, as long as she is in submission. For the single woman, it is the same thing when her elders know she is in submission. If it weren't for Paul, we wouldn't have this understanding of covering. The man watches over her mostly in her speech. In all the places it talks about that (1 Cor 14, Eph 5, and 1 Tim 2:8, etc.), it is always talking about speaking or clothing that a man is to watch over his wife in doing and wearing. Heb 13:17 — We are to submit to the authority over us.

Sometimes ha-êmeq asks me, what about this piece of clothing? And I will say, "It is too flashy. If you go that way, others will." It is not that I want her to be absolutely drab, but not too flashy. There's a balance. Even a nice beautiful shirt may really be too flashy. Then a spirit comes in that says, "Clothing makes the woman, and clothing makes the man."

Eph 5:22-33 speaks about how a man watches over and the woman submits. The man loves 100% and the woman respects and submits to the man 100%. That is salvation and security, and if a woman does not believe that, she does not believe right. She is vulnerable. She might be more intuitive, but he is more logical.

We just heard of a woman who is unsubmitive to her husband, but comes to the minchot and speaks glorious things. They seem glorious, anyway. We have heard of men acting that way, too, not in submission to his brothers, not loving his wife, but speaking at the gatherings. A woman can speak, pray, and prophesy only in total submission. A woman doesn't put her head covering on in rote. A man doesn't put on his diadem unless he is in expectation of assuming royal dignity one day. A woman is free to speak if she is in submission.

It seems like in the beginning the wife was taking the lead and the man allowed it. You have to read 1 Cor 11 to understand it. It seems like the women were taking the lead in the church there and the men allowed it.

Kepha – Can a man tell his wife not to speak if she is not being submissive?

Oh yes. He can tell her to ask her questions at home, especially the ones that would probably disturb. A woman obviously needs protection for she is weaker in a certain way. 1 Pet 3:6 doesn't make a woman inferior, but a man has to do his job. If a man doesn't love his wife, what happens to him? He is cut off, as well.

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.” (1 Pet 3:7)

Your prayers will be hindered if you don't treat her as a weaker vessel. She is not inferior, but weaker in the sense of needing protection. He sees when she is going off and going out of what she should do. Man protects woman in the Body. But a man can give his wife confidence to speak and act, as the woman in Proverbs 31. She did a lot, but she was a woman under covering. They are more vulnerable and susceptible to being deceived. Their only protection is a man, her husband, an elder, or Messiah Himself in the leadership of the community. Without that protection, she is vulnerable to deception. She can become subject to the evil one in every way.

A woman can't respect a man much who doesn't love her. It just requires 100% love on his part. We have to love as much as we possibly can. The woman tries to respect the husband who doesn't love her, but it is like with anyone, we submit to one another out of reverence for Messiah. The more glory a husband has the more she will submit to him. It is true for parents and children. The more glory the parents have, the more respect their children have for them.

Respect for Parents

The child in Dt 21:18 had no respect for his parents. He had gone to the nth degree. They took that child who wouldn't obey his parents to the elders, for he couldn't live anymore. He would scream and holler all the time instead of receiving his discipline (certainly a child will cry, but not scream to get out of his discipline). He grew up not receiving his discipline, doing all kinds of crazy, bad things. Then they had to give the child over to the elders, for they loved the nation more than their own child. So, what happened? They had to get big rocks and throw them and kill the child so he wouldn't destroy the community he was in. The child was only going to ruin others and destroy people's lives. It is better for one to die than for the whole nation to perish.

The parents weren't necessarily at fault, for they took the child to the elders for the whole community to throw stones at him and kill him. The child had lost his human worth and become a pervert. It was only going to hurt others, cause an underground, cause others to be defiled. In the same way we turn our children over to the world rather than stone them as they did. It is a terrible thing, uncontrolled children. Our children are very obedient and respectful. We are good examples to the world.

Dodavah – I was thankful to hear about how the disorder started. Eve took the initiative to speak to the evil one. Today, women are trying to take the lead, trying to do something great, but they are destroying families and destroying life. How much more powerful a thing it is when women are in order. She lets her husband know, through this, who he is. I am thankful that we can be part of the restoration of all things.

Havah Hadashah – It is amazing how we, as women, can hear about how women are unstable and the weaker vessel, and not be threatened at all. That's because it is 100% freedom and 0% oppression. Women say they want to be equal, but really they want to be the head.

I am thankful to be a wife in order. When I am submissive, I can say anything. When I start thinking Hilkiyah is wrong, there is trouble, instantly. It affects him, changes his person, when I am not in order. When I recognize that feeling and repent, then he is the same person again. There is nothing threatening about being in order. It is such freedom.

Shemuel – The serpent was sowing discord against our Father. If Eve had been in submission to her husband, she wouldn't have listened. If I am not in submission, I am open to the accusations of the evil one. Thoughts come to us, but we can put them under our feet. I want to really learn from what we heard this morning, to be in submission to my Father and to the Body and not be open, as Eve was, to the voice of the serpent.

Yowceph Rodriguez – Adam said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me" described a certain order. She was supposed to be his helper and she gave him this fruit instead. Our Father said, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me and I ate." The work of the evil one is to lead people astray from our Father's will and purpose. Her purpose was to be with man and support him, but she led him astray. Women are in the same place today, of being led astray by the evil one.

They are trying to do again what the evil one did, take the place of those in authority over them. Even if your husband becomes a tyrant, that doesn't mean you are not supposed to submit to him. But, according to 1 Pet 3:1-2 you will win him by your quiet and gentle spirit. It is really something. A woman has power to make a man change by her quiet and gentle spirit. If she reacts and talks back, it makes that thing in him keep going. It is like how a tyrant of a slave master can be won by a submissive slave, which is what Peter talks about right before that. Then the master says, "I have treated him wrong." That is just how it is.

Tendency is a driving force. It is why woman wanted to rule, to be in total control over her own life. Our Father told Cain he would have to rule over his tendency. It is within even fallen man's ability to keep himself from being perverted.