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**GOD'S GOODNESS ABUSED!:
(HOW DID WE GET HERE?)**

TEXT: Psalms 103:13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

Matthew 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: **for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee:** and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psalms 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, **to keep thee in all thy ways.**

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

"By a comparison of these passages, the sin of tempting God would seem to be that of **presumptuously**, or with an improper spirit, calling for or expecting miraculous interpositions from him."

(Abbott's New Testament Commentary)

"To make an undue and unwarrantable trial of God, is to tempt God, whether the trial **respecteth his power or his goodness**...casting of Himself down, when He had a plain way to go down by the stairs, would not have been an act of faith, **but presumption**..."
(Poole)

"The phrase, 'in all thy ways,' which is in the text quoted, meaning *in the path of duty*, Satan omitted, as if God would preserve a person from harm when out of the path of duty. This was a gross perversion of Scripture."

(Family Bible Notes)

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not

hurt them...

Matthew 5:45 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.

Luke 6:35...for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Psalms 145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalms 78:37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Job 22:13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?
14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

Zephaniah 1:12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are **settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.**

Psalms 94:7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Malachi 2:17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, **Where is the God of judgment?**

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Psalms 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Deuteronomy 29:19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him...

Luke 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Romans 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known:
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? ...

2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
4 And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

2 Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. **Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid** to speak evil of dignities.

Romans 11:22 Behold therefore **the goodness and severity of God:** on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in his goodness:** otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Isaiah 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and **let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.**
14 And he shall be for a sanctuary...

Hebrews 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...

1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Proverbs 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

"The age is as mad in its worship of education...It is far easier to educate for evil than for good, for children since the fall take to evil as naturally as ducks take to water. The enemies of religion and society understand this perfectly well...It is not without design that I have mentioned the name of Frances Wright...she and her friends were the great movers in the scheme of godless education, now the fashion in our country. I knew this remarkable woman well, and it was my shame to share, for a time, many of her views...I was for a brief time in her confidence, and one of those selected to carry into execution her plans. The great object was to get rid of Christianity, and to convert our churches into halls of science. The plan was not to make open attacks on religion...but to establish a system of state...we said national -schools...to which all parents were to be compelled by law to send their children. Our complete plan was to take the children from their parents at the age of twelve or eighteen months, and to have them nursed, fed, clothed, and trained in these schools at the public expense...For this purpose, a secret society was formed..."

(Orestes Augustus Brownson, *The Works of Orestes A. Brownson: Literary Criticisms*, 1885)

"In place of the fear of God...let us be attracted to a religion of...hope, cheer and of love."
(Henry Moorehouse Taber, *Faith or Fact?*, 1897)

"...every American school is a school of humanism...What can...meeting for an hour once a week...do to stem the tide of the five-day program of humanistic teaching?"
(Charles Potter, *Humanism: A New Religion*, 1930)

"I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be won in the public school classroom by teachers...as proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity...These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers...The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the new and the old..."

(John J. Dunphy, "A New Religion for a New Age," *The Humanist*, Jan/Feb., 1983)

"The birth of TV was a magical event foreshadowing its Satanic significance...TV's

infiltration has been so gradual, so complete that no one even noticed. People don't need to go to church any more; they get their morality plays on television...The TV set, **or Satanic family altar**, has grown more elaborate...covering entire walls...We can use TV as a potent propaganda machine. The stage is set for the infusion of true Satanic philosophy and potent (emotionally inspiring) music to accompany the inverted crosses and pentagrams..."

(Anton LaVey, *The Devil's Notebook*, 1992; founder of the Church of Satan)

1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
34 Awake to righteousness...

Psalms 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his **mercy toward them that fear him.**

13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so **the LORD pitieth them that fear him.**

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting **upon them that fear him,**

Luke 1:50 And his mercy is **on them that fear him** from generation to generation.

Psalms 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about **them that fear him**, and delivereth them.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Psalms 145:19 He will **fulfil the desire of them that fear him:** he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD preserveth **all them that love him:** but all the wicked will he destroy.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good **to them that love God...**

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, **and he will have mercy upon him;**

Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities **forsake their own mercy.**

Psalms 112:1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that **delighteth greatly** in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psalms 128:1 Blessed is every one **that feareth the LORD;** that **walketh in his ways.**

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and **it shall be well with thee.**

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