

SIN!

Genesis 3:1-6

Genesis 3:7-19

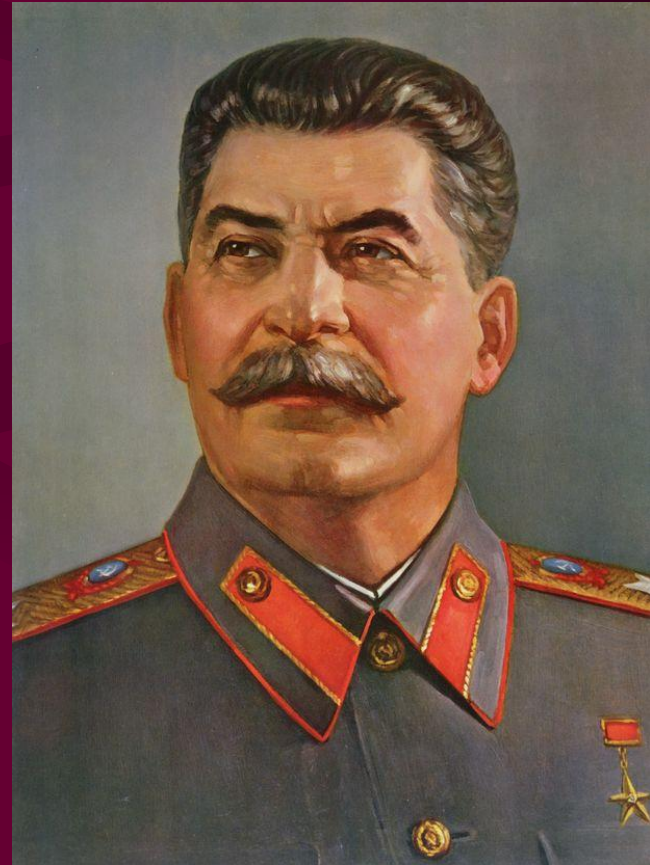
Today we live in a sin-cursed world

- Babies murdered by abortion—900 a day
- 1.5 million since Roe vs. Wade in 1973

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- Mao Zedong murdered up to 67,000,000





(John 8:44) You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



Be Not Deceived...

The Deceitfulness of Riches

The parable of the sower

- (**Matt. 13:22**) “And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that hears the word; and the care of the world, **and the deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

The parable of the sower

- **(I Tim. 6:6-10)** “But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content....

The parable of the sower

- ...But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

A rich man's wisdom

- (**Ecc. 5:10-15**) “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity. When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on? The sleep of the working man is pleasant, whether he eats little or much; but the full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep....”

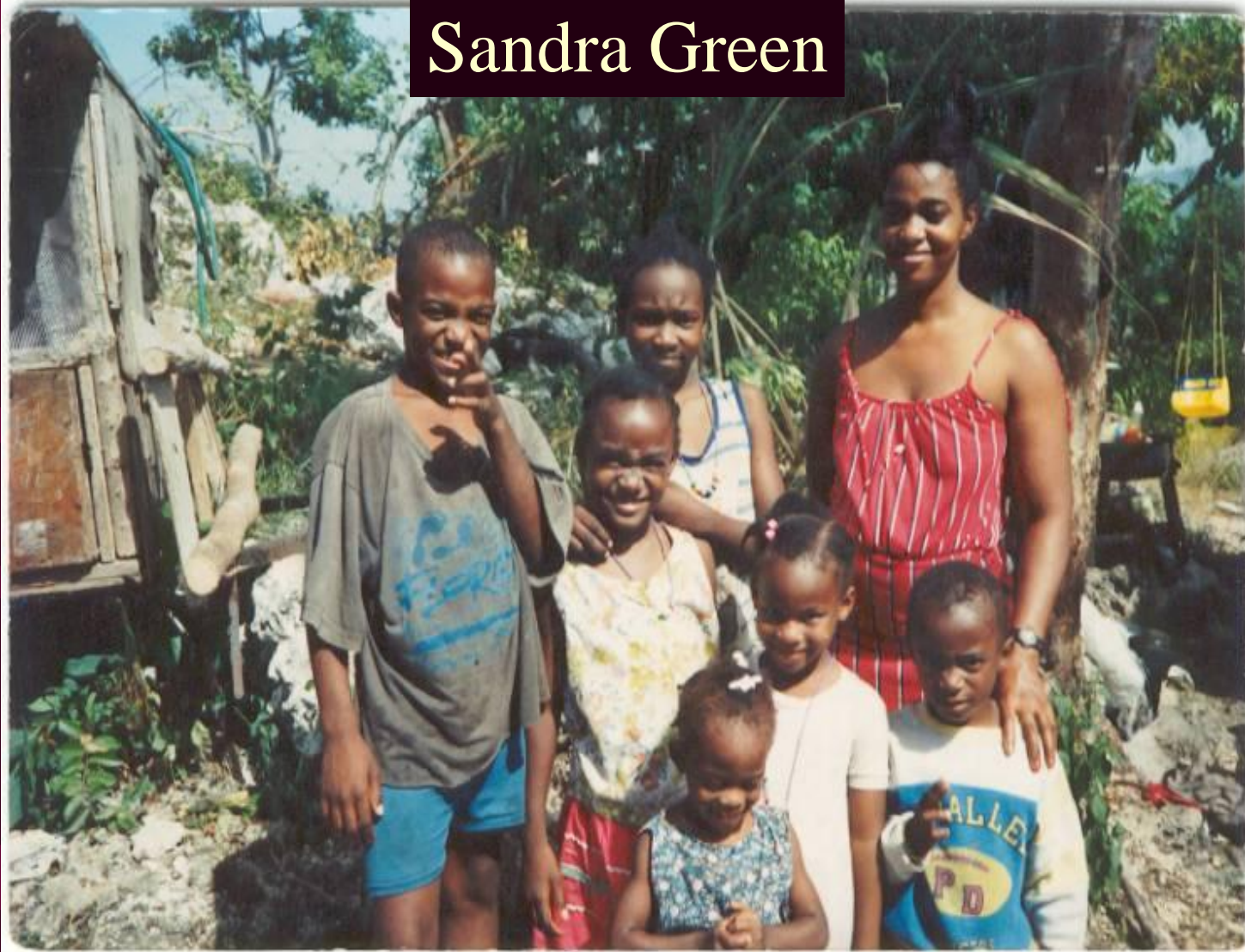
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.... There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: riches being hoarded by their owner to his hurt. When those riches were lost through a bad investment and he had fathered a son, then there was nothing to support him. As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.”



Learning contentment is a
great blessing

Sandra Green





THANK YOU
LORD
MY NEEDS
ARE MET AND
HEALING IS MINE
• HALLELUJAH
• THANK YOU JESUS

Let Not your
Be Trouble
I will come
Again
Heart
JOHN 14:18

Help
me
labour
heavy
and I will
rest
MATH 11:28



Mamartine Prison in Rome



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(Phil. 4:11-13) “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



Evil Companions/False Teachers

(I Cor. 15:33) “Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.”

The context refers to false teachers

- **(I John 4:1)** “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

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- **(II Cor. 11:13-15)** “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”

Friends of the world

- Who are our closest companions?
 - **Those who encourage us spiritually?**
 - **Or those who walk in the ways of the world?**
- (**Ex. 23:2**) “You shall not follow the masses in doing evil...”
- (**Prov. 1:10**) “My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.”

Friends of the world

- (**Psalm 1:1**) “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!”
- (**II Tim. 2:22**) “Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”

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Sowing and Reaping

This is a law of God, and of nature

- (**Gal. 6:7-8**) “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

In the spiritual realm, sin has its consequences

- **(Jas. 1:13-16)** “Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”



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- A recent study showed 110 million cases of STDs in the U.S.A.
- 20% in ages 15-24
- 20 million new cases recently with 50% among the young

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Actor Rock Hudson is dead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock Hudson, the cinema idol whose gallant admission of a wearying battle against AIDS won sympathy and attention for victims of the disease, died Wednesday at his home. He was 56.



Rock Hudson

"Please God, he has not died in vain," his friend and one-time costar Elizabeth Taylor said in a statement.

Hudson, star of "Giant" and "A Gathering of Eagles" and several frank comedies with Doree Day on film and "McMillan and Wife" and "Do as You Would" on television, "died peacefully in his sleep at 9 o'clock this morning," political aide Glen said.

At the White House, President Reagan issued a statement saying "Nancy and I are saddened by the news of Rock Hudson's death. He will always be remembered for his dynamic impact on the film industry, and fans all over the world will certainly mourn his loss. He will be remembered for his humanity, his sympathetic spirit and well-deserved

reputation for kindness. May God rest his soul."

Mrs. Taylor, who starred with Hudson in "Giant" and "The Mirror Crack'd," was one of his closest supporters in his final days, and was co-host for an AIDS benefit Sept. 19 with actor Burt Reynolds.

Hudson donated \$250,000 to the benefit, which grossed more than \$1.2 million for AIDS research, and sent his last public words.

"I am not happy that I am sick. I am not happy that I have AIDS, but if that is helping others, I can, at least, know that my own misfortune has had some positive worth."

He had known for more than a year that he suffered from acquired immune deficiency syndrome, but it became publicly known only after a guest Hudson checked into the American Hospital in Paris on July 21. The hospital decided that Hudson was too weak to be a good candidate for its experimental therapy with an unproven drug.

He returned to Los Angeles Aug. 6, on a chartered Air France jet which cost \$250,000, and spent the next 19 days in UCLA Medical Center.

Glen said Hudson had been seeing friends and seemed unchanged recently. He said the actor had not suffered

pain or taken pain medication for complications of AIDS, which disarmed the body's resistance to disease.

The office of Sanford Krimmer, Hudson's physician, said it would not comment on the immediate cause of the actor's death. Coroner's spokesman Bill Gold said it would not be a coroner's case, since Hudson had been under the care of a physician.

Funeral services were not set immediately.

The most common victims of AIDS are homosexuals, intravenous drug users and hemophiliacs. The disease is believed to be spread through sexual contact, contaminated needles and blood transfusions.

As of July 28, there were 12,067 reported cases of AIDS in the United States, and 4,879 of the victims had died, according to the national Centers for Disease Control.

Hudson's homosexuality had been rumored for years. Even after his illness became known and several magazines carried sympathetic articles describing Hudson as gay, the rumor kept alive.

Hudson, slender and ruggedly handsome, was a perennial top-of-his-office attraction during the 1950s and 1960s when big studios created stars and built movies around them.

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Self-Deception

(I Cor. 3:18) “Let no man deceive himself....”

We can deceive ourselves in different ways

- By thinking we do not sin
 - (**I John 1:8**) “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
 - (**Rom. 3:23**) “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”

We can deceive ourselves in different ways

- By not watching our tongue
 - (**Jas. 1:26**) “If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Perhaps our greatest deception is found in James 1:22

- “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”
- *“I’d rather be just an ordinary Christian.”*

Some people are “good,” but “good for nothing”

- (**Matt. 25:24-26**) And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.

Note the words used to describe us

- “...always **abounding** in the work of the Lord...” (I Cor. 15:58)
- “...I wish that you were...**hot**” (Rev. 3:15)
- “...be **diligent** to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless...” (II Pet. 3:14)
- “...be **zealous**.... (Rev. 3:19)
- “My Father is glorified by this, that you **bear much fruit**...” (John 15:8)

Note a word NOT used to describe us

“Ordinary” is not in the true
Christian’s vocabulary

- When all is said and done, Satan has many schemes to ensnare us
 - Paul’s desire for Corinth was “that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes” (**II Cor. 2:11**)

- (**Num. 32:23**) “But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.”

- **(I Cor. 10:12-13)** “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”

How is your life right now?

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- “Why do you delay? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (**Acts 22:16**)

