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Attitude

The truth convicts people and is able to set them free, especially if spoken through those who continue on in His word. They are the only ones who are truly disciples. Many things are going on in the world. The fate of the world or society is determined by society's attitude. Our fate is determined by our attitude. Paul admonished us to have a certain attitude. That's a marvellous thing. This means we can change our attitude and our thoughts.

If we couldn't that would mean we were still under the control of the evil one. But even people in the nations can change their thoughts and attitudes too. The basis of judgment is the attitudes and thoughts people choose to have. It would be ridiculous to have a judgment without a person being able to change their thoughts and attitudes. If society is to be judged by the attitudes they had, how much more can we who have received the Holy Spirit choose our thoughts and attitudes.

People in the world have a will; so do we. They use theirs for a particular reason; so do we. We have to learn what the will is for. The nations live by their will and self-determination. They are more worthy of the nations than we are of the Holy City. They live according to their willpower. They choose their path. We use our will differently. We use our will to have His will done through our lives. We surrender our will to the will of God. This is the covenant.

Pollution, etc., doesn't just happen. Man's attitudes and daily choices are what counts. If man didn't go against the basic covenant of Genesis 3:19, working by the sweat of his brow, there wouldn't be such a thing as pollution. Pollution means man has broken the covenant. The righteousness of righteous Lot was derived a different way than ours.

It is all according to how man expresses the instinctive knowledge of God. The Bible doesn't prove the existence of God; it assumes you are a fool if you don't believe it. Astronomers deny the existence of God with their big bang theory. The most intelligent men are most unwise. (The moon is such a marvellous witness of our Father's creation. It almost makes you cry.)

Psalm 19 — The creation is God's way of preaching His word and power to the world. Man will have no excuse on judgment day; he will be speechless. God has put the knowledge in their hearts (Romans 1). Man knows of the covenant of Eden and the instinctive laws. They are in man's conscience. So who is responsible here, the individual or society? In our case who is responsible, the Edah or the individual?

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)

On a recent Joan Rivers television show a doctor who treats patients with STDs said, "No one's faithful today." She, the woman doctor, assumes no one is faithful to their partners today. We know there are people but they are getting fewer and fewer. Morality was the norm before the sixties. The sixties brought change and moral decay. She was preaching the facts as she saw them -- millions of married patients are treated for STDs. STDs will affect us. Our virgin daughters may marry someone who has been here five years who was sexually active before they came. These things can take five years to show up.

The world is getting worse and worse. Television is putting ideas in the minds of youths. There are millions, even billions, who have STDs (1/3 the population of the entire earth). Some STDs are undetectable. You don't know if you have them unless you go to a doctor. Herpes, genital warts, are incurable. These things will affect us without supernatural protection.

Kharash: Because people won't allow themselves to be plagued by guilt these things are coming upon them. They are a last warning.

The doctor recommended that married people use condoms. Society is so degenerate they don't see the evil in it. STDs can keep a person from having children by causing sterility. The doctor asked, almost as an absurd idea, "Should one not have sex until one is married?" Joan Rivers responded, "Without sex there is no reason to live." The doctor said, "Don't have sex or you will have STD. It is a great and increasing risk. Even Mr. Wonderful, you don't know his history. Maybe he gets around more than you think he does. Maybe he is a flatterer." (Like a homosexual.)

The doctor said, "Before you get married, go to the doctor. But still some STDs are undetectable. Condoms are not foolproof for STDs but still use them all the time. It is safer than not using them." They cause infertility, a slight scar on the fallopian tube makes conception impossible. The fate of society is determined by its attitude towards these things. The sixties gave way to sexual experimentation, divorce, decline of values, faithfulness waned. The changing values are major causes of what is happening today. The sixties gave in to fulfilling yourself. "Till death do us part" is unheard of today. Now it is until the least bit of difference parts you. It is not the covenant of marriage anymore. With casual marriage, divorce set in.

In the 1970s one out of four children were born out of wedlock. Abortion set in to correct this trend. Woman was created to fill a special place, to fill the loneliness in man. Marriage with one wife is for this. Marriage is a covenant.