

## 24. The Book of Galatians 4:9 (Topical)

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In our current topical study in the Book of Galatians we have been looking at the dangers of religion as a way to know God and draw close to God.

I think for most people to hear me say that religion is dangerous—would take them back because the majority of people in our country think that religion is what allows us to know God and draw near to Him.

However, that's not what Jesus taught—including Paul the apostle who wrote the Epistle to the Galatians and said in Chapter 4:9—

#### **Galatians 4:9 (NKJV)**

**<sup>9</sup> But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?**

When Paul used the word “**elements**” he used a Greek word that refers to the ‘*fundamental principles*’ of any human religious system that promises a person access to God.

The world is full of religions that promise a person access to God by keeping laws and other religious duties—which they are taught will cause God to bless them here on earth, as well as guarantee them a place in heaven someday.

And yet, Paul tells us that the religions of the world are “**weak**”—or in other words, there is no strength in religion to save a person no matter how many commandments they keep, church services they attend or holy days they observe.

Not only are religions and religious systems ‘**weak**’ (powerless to save)—Paul goes on to tell us that they lead to ‘**bondage**’—or in other words, religion doesn't save us it enslaves us!

As we pointed out last time—the insidious nature of religion is that the devil packages and presents it as a promise from God to set people free from sin and the devil's hold on their lives when in reality it does the very opposite—it turns them into the willing slaves of Satan who they blindly follow him like a Pied Piper down the religious ‘broadway’ to hell. (Matthew 7:13-14)

Human religion is truly a ‘*masterpiece*’ of deception in that—the very system that people are led to believe will bring them spiritual life—is the very system that will actually rob them of that life and cast them into hell forever!

There is no greater example of this than the final religion that the devil has been preparing the world to receive.

We are told in the New Testament that when the Antichrist comes to power—he will deceive the human race with the greatest lie mankind would ever be subjected to. ***This would be the very lie that Satan introduced in the Garden of Eden***—the lie he told Eve that caused the Fall of mankind.

So, the very lie that caused the human race to fall in the beginning will be the ultimate religious lie that the devil will use to cause the destruction of the human race in the end! There is no greater religious deception than the one Satan has been preparing the human race to embrace for the last six-thousand years!

I believe this religion will be rooted in the lie Satan fed Eve in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3—*“For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God...”* or in other words *“you will ascend to godhood”*.

### **This was the *first* and *greatest* lie in the Bible—the lie that man can become God.**

Now I believe that this very lie that Satan introduced into the human race in the Garden of Eden—is the lie the Antichrist will use to deceive the world with when he comes on the world scene. The Bible tells us that a *‘messiah-like’* leader will arise and unite the world in a one world government—we call this leader the *Antichrist*.

The Bible also tells us that he will have a cohort called the *False Prophet* who will unite the world in a one world religion. Together they will deceive the whole world with the exception of those who will come to Christ during the Tribulation Period.

This ultimate deception is what the Bible calls, ***‘The Lie’***—not just a lie but the lie! (Romans 1:25 and 2 Thessalonians 2:11)—the mother of all spiritual lies!

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup>The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe **the lie...**

This lie that the Antichrist and False Prophet will preach to the world is in the context of verses 3-4 of 2 Thessalonians 2—

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

I believe the Antichrist's religion will not only be rooted in the belief that he is God—but that mankind can also become a super-race of God-beings that will live forever.

Again, the desire for man to become God goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden and the lie Satan told Eve. The desire to become a god isn't just the passion of Hindus, Mormons, and New Agers—those of a *spiritual* mindset.

It is also being embraced by those in the *scientific* community who are working very hard to bring about the merger of man's consciousness with computers, or some other machine or 'avatar' in an effort to reach *‘godhood and eternal life’*—a process known as the singularity.

It's interesting that this idea is being promoted today in scientific circles—that the human race is on the brink of immortality and divinity.

One of the hottest fields in genetics today is *transhumanism*—which consists of two main branches—**Cybernetic Transhumanism** and **Biological Transhumanism**.

The dictionary defines *transhumanism* as “the belief or theory that the human race can evolve beyond its current physical and mental limitations, especially by means of science and technology.”

1. **Cybernetic transhumanism** is the combining of the human body with a machine (cyborg = ‘cybernetic organism’)—think of the movie Robocop.

Using mechanical prosthetics as a replacement for human limbs has been around for a while (popularized by the TV series ‘Six Million Dollar Man’)—but the fusing of the human consciousness with a robot called the ‘singularity’ is only a fantasy at this point.

I believe it is entirely possible that this will be the message (or some form of it) the Antichrist will preach to the world during the Tribulation Period—the ‘gospel’ of a new and exciting religion that allows mankind to finally reach its full potential as God!

A message that man’s consciousness can be ‘downloaded’ into a robot or machine (not simply through technology but through some kind of spiritual or religious ceremony (this is where the Antichrist’s religion comes into play) to give him or her the ability to live forever in a mechanical avatar containing incredible strength—is very popular among many in the scientific community.

But also having a super-computer for a brain connected with every other person on planet earth via some kind of internet technology (think of Elon Musk’s ‘starlink’ technology) giving mankind the ‘*collective consciousness*’ some have always dreamed of (think of the ‘Borg’)—is even more exciting for those who embrace this pursuit.

Could this technology be used by the Antichrist during the Tribulation Period and be the basis for his new religion—that man can become a god (just like the Antichrist) by having his or her consciousness downloaded into a robot which some have called ‘*cybernetic transhumanism*’?

If you think I’m crazy and am guilty of wild speculations that have no basis in biblical truth—check this out:

**Revelation 13:12-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> And he [the False Prophet] exercises all the authority of the first beast [Antichrist], in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast...<sup>14</sup> telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image [robot?] to the beast...<sup>15</sup> He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Could this be some kind of *robot* that they’re able to infuse with human consciousness so that it comes *alive* (not just ‘turns on’ like some kind of super-sophisticated animatronics you might see in Disney World) and becomes a living cybernetic organism?

Does the Antichrist demonstrate this to the world by downloading *his* consciousness into this image, this avatar and then declaring himself to be God? If so, could this be the prototype of a super race that will have incredible power and intelligence—a race of people that will be the perfect combination of man and machine who will live forever as gods upon the earth (or at least that’s what they’re led to believe)?

In that regard, could his mark be a computer chip of some kind that binds each of his followers together in a collective consciousness where they relinquish control of their free will by giving the Antichrist absolute power to control them and do his bidding?

I mean could this be the message the Antichrist will preach to the people of the world and why they so enthusiastically follow him and destroy all those who oppose him?

## 2. **Biological transhumanism** (splicing together the genes of man and animals)

The idea is to make superior human beings by splicing human DNA with animal DNA in an attempt to create human beings that have—the eyesight of an eagle, the hearing and smell of a bloodhound, the ability to regenerate limbs like a starfish and be cancer free like a shark!

Some want to take it even farther and use this genetic technology to create half-man, half-animal hybrids called '**Chimera.**'

Mark Harrington, executive director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Midwest and president of the Pro-life Institute, presented expert testimony— *"We all want to see treatments for sickness," he said. "We all want to see cures for disease. But the question is at what price?"* He added, *"I am becoming more and more convinced when it comes to emerging biotechnologies like human-animal hybrids that many of these researchers do not believe in any limits on research as long as it has the possibility to produce an economic end that suits their agenda."*

This has caused numerous states to pass legislation forbidding the splicing of human DNA with animal DNA. As of yet, the Federal Government hasn't passed anything in the way of legislation to prohibit these practices.

I firmly believe that genetic engineering through gene splicing is going on in secret across this planet. I shudder to think what hideous, genetically altered creatures are locked up in cages, as we speak, in laboratories sprinkled throughout the world.

This kind of genetic manipulation of splicing human DNA with animal (or even with demon DNA) is nothing new—and is in fact what Peter was talking about in his second epistle which caused the judgment of God to come upon the whole world during the days of Noah.

### **2 Peter 2:4-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; <sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

I believe that the angels Peter refers to in verse 4 that '**sinned**' was a reference to a group of Satan's fallen angels that came to the earth on a mission to stop Messiah from being born.

If they could stop Messiah from being born on the earth—He (Messiah) could never grow up to defeat Satan and his angels as God promised in Genesis 3:15.

**Genesis 6:1-2, 4 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,  
<sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose...<sup>4</sup> There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to [had sex with] the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown...

Those that disagree with the interpretation that this passage is teaching that fallen angels had sex with human woman and their offspring were half-man, half-demon hybrid giants (Nephilim) claim—that angels are spirit-beings and therefore *sexless* which means they are incapable of having sex with women let alone producing children with them.

Well, we know that angels can take human form—and did so many times in the Old Testament (Genesis 18 being one example)—and how about this verse in Hebrews 13:2—

**Hebrews 13:2 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

To say that angels are incapable of having sex with women is something the Bible never says—and history refutes.

There are many documented accounts of women in the occult or in pagan religious systems that have had sex with spirit beings (which they believed to be gods, but I believe were fallen angels)—with the promise that this would make their offspring gods (the same promise of Satan to Eve that human beings can become gods).

**Genesis 6:5, 7-9 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually...<sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."  
<sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God...<sup>12</sup> So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh [man and animals] had corrupted [Hebrew—'to ruin, to destroy' as in God's original creation?] their way on the earth.

Now there are many Christian scholars, pastors and teachers who hold the position that the only reason God brought the Flood was because of the *immorality* and evil of the human race at that time—and that it had nothing to do with the genetic corruption of species.

But if that is true then—why does the text say that the reason was because, "*All flesh (man and animals) had been corrupted on the earth*" (verse 12)?

Those that say the corruption had to do with *moral* corruption have to explain—how animals can act immorally?

Or is the text telling us that there was a concerted effort by the devil and his angels to use genetic manipulation to corrupt both man and animals on the face of the earth so that this world would be hopelessly corrupted (contaminated) and therefore irredeemable?

There are many ancient stories and legends from history of half-man and half-animal creatures that lived on the earth—most people consider them to be myths, but others believe they are rooted in fact.

It could be that this came about as a result of genetic manipulation as mankind opened doors more and more to the demonic in their cultures and the demons used willing women as hosts splicing their DNA with animal DNA and fertilizing their eggs to produce half-human, half-animal creatures.

In the seventh chapter of the Book of Enoch it says that the fallen angels also ‘sinned’ against the animals as well as against people—in other words, did what God had forbidden.

In another non-inspired book, the book of Jasher, we read in Chapter 4:18, *“Then the sons of men [began teaching] the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord”*

God had said of His creation that every living thing would only produce after its kind.

But certain fallen angels, under the direction of Satan, came to the earth in an effort to keep the Messiah from being born by contaminating the human race with demon *and* animal seed through genetic engineering — a process geneticists call the *“transgenic modification”* of species.

Many people, like me, believe that this practice eventually brought the judgment of God on every living thing the Lord had created that lived on the earth by destroying it with the Flood.

- If this was indeed what led God to destroy the world in Noah’s day—*could this be the main reason He will destroy the world once again (Revelation 6-19)?*

It could very well be that, under the Antichrist’s direction, mankind will seek (thru biological and/or cybernetic transhumanism) to make themselves gods on the earth in defiance of the One and only true God?

- *Is this what Jesus meant when He said in Luke 17:26, that the earth just prior to His return will be just like it was in Noah’s day—where man is playing God thru genetic engineering?*

As God judged the world in Noah’s day for attempting to become gods thru transgenic practices—so He will judge the world again for this very thing during the Tribulation Period. So, I believe that the very lie that caused the human race to fall in the beginning (that man can become God)—is going to be the ultimate deception that Satan is going to use against the human race in the end.

If you’re sitting there thinking, ***“What does all of this have to do with me?”***

Maybe nothing, except to enlighten you to the degree of spiritual warfare we are experiencing in this world—and in particular in the last days in which we are living!

I firmly believe that most Christians are woefully ignorant (or at very least incredibly naïve) when it comes to the depth and scope of spiritual warfare going on around them—and especially that which is directed *at* them.

The more people in our nation open doors to the demonic, the more the demonic will infiltrate our culture—and we’re seeing the effect of this everywhere in the form of ‘giants’ (societal Nephilim—Genesis 6:4) filling our land.

These giant social problems as people turn away from God and His Word have resulted in increased violence, lawlessness, and gross immorality—problems that no human being is going to be able to fix. Although for a time a leader will emerge on the world scene that will seem to have the answers to humanity’s problems and bring about a utopia on the earth—at least for a short while right before God’s judgment falls—

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

The human race is being *played*—and it's being *prepared*.

It's being *played* (deceived) into thinking that certain practices (occult and eastern mysticism which God has forbidden) will make them wiser, stronger and more enlightened to their own divinity.

In that regard, it's being *prepared* for the coming of a world leader who will be the perfect hybrid of man and demon—the Antichrist.

**1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

Peter admonished us in these last days—*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour—resist him steadfast in the faith."* (1 Peter 5:8)

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