



Depravity

They have gone deep in depravity as in the days of Gibeah; He will remember their iniquity, He will punish their sins.

Hosea 9:9

It is not often in this day and age that one hears preaching about the depravity of this world and the coming judgment. If you are fortunate enough to sit under a pastor who still preaches this, then praise God for it. It used to be that there were a great many "hellfire and brimstone" preachers, burdened with the task of preaching against sin and all manner of depravity, calling sinners to repentance, revealing the truth from God's word that His mercy will not last forever and His wrath will pour out on this fallen world and all who remain in it. Those preachers are few and far between now. Over the last 50 years this country has devolved as a spiraling mass into absolute and utter depravity. We have "gone deep" into it. We have wallowed in it, reveling in our wickedness, celebrating and praising and parading our perversions in broad daylight. This wickedness has always had children as its focus. If evil can turn the children, good cannot survive. So we kill them to the tune of 886,000 per year and rising. Those that are allowed to live are inundated with the ridiculous hogwash of evolution, gender fluidity, alternative sexuality, pleasure, and entitlement, and anything, *anything* that pushes God out of view.

The truth is pushed away. No one wants to hear it now. Over the years it has been twisted, altered to fit wicked desires, to give permission to act how one wants. Now it is just outright dismissed as a myth, as useless as fairy tales. God is called upon when loved ones are desperately ill, or disaster strikes, but otherwise is solidly ignored. Can you fathom the temerity of created man looking into the face of the Creator and declaring that He doesn't exist? Science has gone out of its way to find absurd and convoluted means of explaining away the universe so that no one has to admit there is a God. If there is no Creator, there is no Judge. There is no Authority. There is no one to whom man must answer.

Where are His people now?! Why have we gone silent?! It is because we sat down and shut up that the decay of this world seems to have sped up. It seems hopeless to be a Bible-believing, born-again Christian in this day and age. But as Ecclesiastes says, there is nothing new under the sun. The Bible is filled with just such accounts.

There is a Judge. There is an Authority. And His cup of wrath is filling up and will soon overflow. Speak up! Consecrate yourselves before the Holy God, bring all your sins and wickedness to Him and allow Him to cleanse them. Stand up for His Word, for His truth. Suit up, army of God. The battle isn't over. Depravity *will not* win, but many will be lost in it. May we band together to win all that we can.

Father, we are Your servants. We consecrate our hearts to You. Allow us to suit up, stand up, and speak up for the truth of Your Word. Grant us Your strength, empower us to stand firm against the evil one and refuse to compromise. You are Creator, and You are Judge.