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(PART 2)

Acts 5:27-40

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Man Cannot Carry Anything Out Of This World.

- 1 Timothy 6:7, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." KIV
- Proverbs 11:4, "Riches profit not in the day of wrath; But righteousness delivereth from death."
- Psalms 49:17, "For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him."
- Ecclesiastes 5:15, "As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labor, which he may carry away in his hand."
- Redemption comes not by means of silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ! (1 Peter 1:18-19)

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Man Cannot Tame The Tongue.

James 3:7-8, "For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by mankind. <u>But the tongue can no man tame</u>; (it is) a restless evil, (it is) full of deadly poison."

- Proverbs 10:20, "The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver."
- Psalms 141:3, "Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips"

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- Proverbs 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in network of silver"
- Psalms 34:13, "<u>Keep thy tongue from evil</u>, and thy lips from speaking guile."
- Proverbs 21:23, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue Keepeth his soul from troubles."

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- Proverbs 10:19, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely."
- Proverbs 13:3, "<u>He that guardeth his mouth</u> keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction."
- Proverbs 29:20, "Seest thou a man that is <u>hasty in</u> <u>his words?</u> There is more hope of a fool than of him."

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- Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turneth away wrath; but a grievous word stireth up anger."
- Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."
- James 1:19-20, "Ye know (this), my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."
- James 1:26, "If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain."

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Man Cannot Hide His Sins From God.

Numbers 32:23, "... be sure your sin will find you out."

- Psalms 69:5, "O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee."
- Jeremiah 16:17, "For mine eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from mine eyes."
- Jeremiah 23:24, "Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah."

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- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, "(This is) the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole (duty) of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (cf. Hebrews 4:13)
 - Sinners will not get away with their evil deeds! God sees! God knows! God will judge! And, that judgment will be "in righteousness"! (Acts 17:31)

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- Some have pleased God while in their bodies of flesh
 - Enoch. (Hebrews 11:5)
 - John and others. (1 John 3:22)
 - Jesus. (John 8:29)
 - Paul's prayer for the Colossians.
 (Colossians 1:10)

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- Those who "mind the things of the flesh." (Romans 8:5)
- Those who are "carnally minded" as opposed to being "spiritually minded." (Romans 8:6)

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- Why?
 - Because, following the "carnal mind," they engage in the "works of the flesh." (cf. Galatians 5:19-21;
 1 Corinthians 2:14ff; Matthew 15:18)

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- A great gulf fixed! No crossing it in either direction!
- Compare with the doctrine of Universal Salvation.
- Purgatory

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- Destiny is determined in this life, not after death.
 - Now is the accepted time ... (2 Corinthians 6:2)
 - Today is the time to hear His voice. (Hebrews 3:7)
 - The dead are to be raised to life or damnation, not to a second chance. (John 5:28-29)
 - We will be condemned or rewarded for the deeds of this life. (Matthew 25:31-46)
 - The wicked shall go into "everlasting punishment" (Matthew 25:46) and suffer the "second death" (Revelation 20:11-15), not to be offered a second chance!

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Man Cannot Avoid The Judgment Of God. Romans 2:3, "And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practise such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"

- He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world. (Acts 17:31)
- All shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and every one shall give account of himself to God. (Romans 14:20-21)
- God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)
- Before the Son of man shall be gathered all nations for judgment (Matthew 25:31-46).

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