

Make the World Go Away
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If you look or feel as if you have the cares of the world on your shoulders, you look or feel very worried or sad.

I had been thinking of this for the majority of this past week. On Tuesday or Wednesday, I heard another old song on the radio. I doubt that it was meant to be a religious song in any way, but that is the way I heard it on that day.

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Written by Hank Cochran

Make The World Go Away...

And get it off my shoulders

Say the things you used to say...

The things God "used to say" have not changed

And Make the World Go Away

Do you remember when you loved me

God has always loved us and still does

Before the world took me astray

It is us who turn away from God and follow the ways of the world

If you do then forgive me

He will forgive us, but we need to ask for that forgiveness

And Make The World Go Away.

I'm sorry if I hurt you

When we sin, we do hurt God

I'll make it up - day by day

We have to change – repent and change our ways

Just say you love me like you used to

And Make The World Go Away.

I had already written many of today's notes when I heard a news flash yesterday. At about 3:40 in the afternoon, McKinney police responded to a call from Mia Brewer. She was disturbed by some suicidal statements from her husband, Tab. The police responded and were able to reach Tab by phone. They convinced him to let Mia and their 5 children leave their home. There were also 2 members of the Mormon ministry with them. The Brewers had bought the 2-story 4 bedroom home on August 15, 2006. Mia had filed for divorce and the divorce was finalized Friday morning. Moments after Mia, the children and the ministers left the house, Tab set off 2 detonations that destroyed the house along with the house next door. He was the sole fatality.

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Did Tab feel like he had the weight of the world on his shoulders? Do many people feel that level of despair today – out of work and not knowing where and how they will eat tomorrow? Nita deals with people daily that need assistance with their rent, with food, with utility bills.

We have touched on these troubles often. My sermon “Don’t Worry; Be Happy” continues to resonate in many of my messages.

The message on the First Day of Unleavened Bread highlighted our instruction from Jesus that we need to take Him as our unleavened bread from Heaven and to let Him take care of our needs – and our worries. While we have focused this past week on getting the leavening out of our houses, we should more importantly focus on taking in the Unleavened Bread – taking in the grace of God – taking Christ into our bodies and into our lives.

1 Samuel 8

- *1 Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel.*
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- *4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,*
- *5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."*
- *6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD.*
- *7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them."*

The people of Israel chose the ways of the world over the ways of God. They no longer had faith that God would work through His selected leaders. We often do the same thing today. We turn to people to make the world go away instead of turning to God.

Job definitely had the weight of the world on his shoulders. While God allowed Satan to torment him, Job never cursed God and God rewarded him for his faith.

David, too, had many challenges in his life. Saul persecuted him and tried to kill him. But God kept David safe.

Psalms 17:

- 14 With Your hand from men, O LORD, From men of the world who have their portion in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.
 - “Men of the world” are identified as those who are earthly minded, sensual, materialistic and who are so gorged that they leave an abundance to their children

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Matthew 13:

- 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."
- 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
- 38 "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.
 - The righteous and the wicked are to live together in this world until the End Time
 - We as human beings cannot tell the difference
- 39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.
- 40 "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.
- 41 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,
- 42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
 - It will be up to Jesus alone to separate the righteous from the unrighteous
- 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

John 1:

- 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 - John is referring to John the Baptist
- 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
 - John made the distinction between John the Baptist and Jesus
- 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
 - The world was not ready for the Messiah when He came as a human

John 14:

- 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--
- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
 - The world cannot receive the Spirit

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- The ways of the world are contrary to God's ways
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- 27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
 - The world does not know the way of true peace
- 28 "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.
- 29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.
- 30 "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.
- 31 "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.
 - Jesus speaks of the world as being anti-God
 - The ruler of the world is Satan

John 15:

- 18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.
- 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 16:

- 28 "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."
- 29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!"
- 30 "Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."
- 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"
- 32 "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
- 33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
 - Jesus overcame the world
 - He was tempted in the same manner as we are tempted
 - But He did not sin

We have read Jesus' final prayer this past week at Passover and on the First Day of Unleavened Bread. Today, we will look at what He said about the world in that prayer.

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John 17:

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- 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
 - He notes that God chose the disciples
 - They came out of the world
- 7 "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.
- 8 "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.
- 9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
 - Jesus did not pray for the world
 - He knows that the rest of the world, those who do not follow His commandments, will be judged at their resurrection
- 10 "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.
- 11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.
- 12 "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
 - As we saw before, the righteous and the unrighteous live together side by side until the end comes
- 13 "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.
- 14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.
 - Jesus acknowledges that the righteous stay living in this world
 - He prays for protection for them
- 16 "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
 - The disciples had also overcome the world
- 17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
- 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- 19 "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.
- 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

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- And He was praying for us because we study and believe what they have written about His life and His commandments

1 Corinthians 1:

- 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.
 - Paul did some baptizing, but very little
 - Each person has different gifts
 - Paul's calling was to preach – and to leave behind his letters for us
- 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."
- 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
- 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
- 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;
 - On Tuesday, we read about the many times that the Jews asked Jesus for a sign
- 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,
- 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
 - If your knowledge and wisdom comes from God, it is far superior to that achieved from any school or seminary
- 26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.
- 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;
- 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,
- 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

James 1:

- 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.
 - Overcome the powers of the world

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James 4:

- 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
 - Overcoming the world means getting carried away with its lures and temptations

1 John 2:

- 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 5:

- 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.
- 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
 - We must overcome the world, not become part of it

We have 149 people on our prayer list. Many of them feel they have the weight of the world on their shoulders. Our prayers can help. Our cards and notes can help. Even our financial assistance can help.

Remember:

- Elijah was protected from an attack of 50 men by God.
- David was protected from Saul by God.
- Daniel was protected from the lions by God.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were protected from the fire by God.
- Job's life was protected from Satan by God.
- The apostles were released from prison by an angel of God.
- The Israelites were provided food of quail and manna in the desert by God.

Overcoming the world is not easy. We don't "overcome" easy things. Don't let the weight of the world get you down. Make the world go away. The only way to do that is to obey the Word of God. Obey His commandments and He will provide for your every need. Don't worry; Be Happy!!!