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the circus of end times

"for the foolish person will speak foolishness, and his heart will work iniquity: to practice ungodliness, to utter error against the Lord, to keep the hungry unsatisfied, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail." isa 32:6

i recently came across that phrase, "the circus of end times." one would normally think about the circus as a place of fun and entertainment. this is not that kind of circus. though, if it were not so deceptive and deadly, one could almost find the ridiculousness of it all strangely laughable. but the truth is, the days of noah have nothing on this generation. the rebellion, the wickedness, the confusion, the lawlessness, they are all being manifested in strength in these end times. new layers of sin are revealed while technology serves to enhance it.

as we look at the world around us one would almost be overwhelmed by the brashness and stupidity of it all. in man's quest for self-pleasure they have adopted any and all fallacies. the intellectual seeks to obtain knowledge enough to "become as a god" while the simple minded delve into frivolity and madness. each entertain their own pursuits, not knowing they are edging ever closer to being given over. "and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting." rom 1:28

they, like the original deceiver, willingly ask, "has God indeed said?" perhaps in their blindness they even boastfully claim, "there is no God." then there are those claiming His name, "having a form of godliness but denying its power. and from such people turn away!" 2 tim 3:5 "for certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." jude 1:4

a new level of deception has arrived. a new level of darkness is encroaching. the old boundaries has been broached, in the natural and in the spiritual realm. when someone crosses our boundaries, it can create strong feelings of anger, hurt, frustration, sadness, anxiety, or fear. therefore it is necessary to understand what boundaries are and how they serve to keep us safe.

there is only one safe harbor. we must return to the rock, "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting." eph 4:14 "buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding." pro 23:23

as we witness this circus all around us, we must be pillars of truth that cannot be swayed. this circus will be bringing with it many attractions, as circuses do. there will be strange sights and wonders with clowns to amuse. but there will also be subtle deception, not unlike wild beasts, some appearing

lovable enough to pet, others will prance around while secretly waiting to devour the unsuspecting and ill prepared. there be beasts all around us, secretly seeking to make each of us their next victim.

there is only one way and one truth and it alone leads to life. "there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." prov 14:12 travel your road cautiously and be fully equipped with your armament, beseeching all bystanders you pass to join you on the road to life. "enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." matt 7:13-14