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a reprobate - eyes wide open rushing headlong into hell

"and God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." gen 6:5

times were so much simpler when i was growing up. they are not simple anymore. it takes boldness to stand against the crowd for what one believes, but stand up we must. i think of what prime minister thatcher once said to president george bush - "remember, george, this is no time to go wobbly."

are we "wobbly" in our stance? i hate the thought of giving up on anyone, but i hate sin. God hates it even more, and yet ... "even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." rom 1:28 these are people who find their pleasure in wicked things. there seems to be many more of them now. being embolden by what they can "get away" with just makes them stretch their boundaries.

God has so much love to give and He does until it is rejected. rejected "continually." "who will rise up for me against the evildoers? who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity." psa 94:16 Jesus said, "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours." john 17:9 the blood was too costly to be spent of the world-ly. does it wound God's heart to see it? i believe it does but He will not allow the rock to be

struck a second time. it would be like casting pearls before swine.

but the "giving over" remains a purview of God. while hating the sin we must "continually" love the sinner. God alone can pierce the thoughts and intents of a heart, knowing when that limit is reached. from the cross Jesus offered forgiveness to all. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." luke 23:34 our heart must always hold that view ... "they know not what they do." they are in ignorance and darkness. we are in the "persuasion" business and "i am not ashamed, for i know whom i have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what i have committed to Him until that day." 2 tim 1:12

He is committed to keep His word! uncommitted everywhere, this is your time. today is the day of salvation. "we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 cor 5:20 don't let your ways and mind be given over to the point He considers you a reprobate. it does not just take a reprobate to miss out on the kingdom. "so then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth." rev 3:15

i recently came across a trailer on youtube for a new documentary. it's only about five minutes long, but i think that is long enough to frighten one about what a future without Jesus might look like. be warned of their possible plans beyond the current plague. it may be viewed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wj41HofNkQg>

"consider the goodness and severity of God." rom 11:22
do not "put off" seeking Him until a more convenient
time. that time may never come. none of us are
guaranteed a tomorrow. all our tomorrows will either
be with Him or without Him. if you can continue to
live and pleasure in sin and withstand all the
conviction the Holy Spirit is putting on you - or worse
still, you no longer even feel it - then perhaps you
are near to or even given over as a reprobate.

yes, have your eyes wide open about the decisions you
make and what is your heart's desire and then let it's
pursuit become your pleasure. it could be all you get
if you choose wrong.