



From Where I Sit . . .

“It’s a Jungle Out There”

Imagine with me living in the heart of Africa where you and all the other boys and girls, men and women have to run down the jungle path to the river to jump in and bathe? Climb up trees to get the fruit you’ll be eating for supper? Settle down in a thatched roof hut on a dirt floor with nothing but a piece of palmetto to sleep on at night? I assure you that to millions of people in the world, this is reality.

To these individuals, danger is an everyday watchword. There’s the dreaded snake kingdom---serpents large enough to swallow very large animals. There are mosquitoes that pit and rot the flesh, And, oh, yes, the dreaded animals of the wild---like the lions. Many a man, woman, boy or girl has lost his life to the hungry lion.

Yes, It’s a Jungle Out There!!!! And the lion is on the loose. Suppose in your village, natives are being devoured left and right, and a few of the tribesmen are finally getting a little upset. They’ve had a few committee meetings about it, but to date, not much action has been taken. I don’t know how many more natives will be eaten “alive” before the people will insist on an all out attack on the lion, but he’s got to be stopped. **Somebody has got to take a stand!!**

But there are other kinds of jungles out there as well, and another lion is on the prowl. ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8).*** Indeed, there is a jungle! Right where you and I live. **Something has gone wrong in America.** We seem to be on a course that is destined to cause us to self-destruct. The “land of the free and the home of the brave” which at one time was proud of her National Motto, “In God We Trust,” is now so bent on separating “church and state,” that the voice of religious people can barely be heard without a court battle ensuing. An all-out war is in progress by Humanists who are determined to choke out the religious voice of hope for America. Immorality of the rankest kind dominates our airwaves and night life. It is good that we ask: “How shall the young secure their hearts, and guard their lives from sin?”

Something fundamental has changed. It happened so subtly that few people noticed at first. Little by little, morality and freedom started to crumble. It came first in government, in education, in the media---and finally it began to shake our families, our churches, and our own lives. Someone has changed the price tags. Yes, Satan has managed to swap the values in our country. He said to Eve, and I believe he says to us: “God knows this is good and He’s just keeping it from you. Go ahead and eat.”

Debbie Boone reflected the mood of our age in a popular song a few years back: “It can’t be wrong if it feels so right.” Friends, the situation ethics crowd has been saying that for years! The prophet of God offers a different message, however: **Isaiah 5:20-21** -- ***“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!”***

Our permissive society has chosen to “give up a knowledge of God” (see Romans 1), and when people give up on God, He finally gives up on them, and turns them over to Satan to devour as he wills. ***“And 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” (Romans 1:28).*** It’s time we restore personal righteousness back to our country, our homes, the church.

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