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The subheading says, "As the latest bunch of innocent Americans are left lying in pools of blood, cowards who could truly end gun scourge continue to hide behind meaningless platitudes."

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Paul Ryan @SpeakerRyan Please keep the victims of #SanBernardino, California in your prayers.

Lindsey Graham @LindseyGrahamS Thoughts & prayers are with the victims, families, and brave first responders in San Bernardino ...

Ted Cruz @tedcruz Our prayers are with the victims, their families, and the first responders in San Bernardino ...

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"Dear thoughts and prayers people: Please shut up and slink away. You are the problem, and everyone knows it."

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<sup>1</sup> Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast** rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

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<sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" <sup>5</sup> And he was given a mouth **speaking great things and blasphemies**, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

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<sup>6</sup> Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

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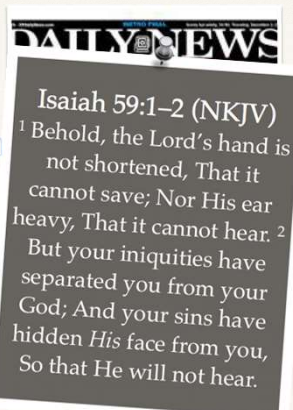
<sup>8</sup> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup> He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the **faith of the saints.**

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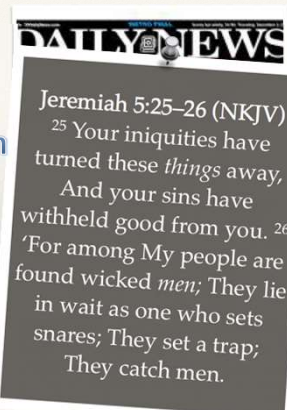
- ❖ God made everything GOOD - **Gen 1:27-31**
- ❖ God created man upright. In His image & after His likeness. (**Ecc. 7:29**).
- ❖ Free will can ONLY exist when choices exists! **Gen 3:15-17**

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 17 ... I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, ...

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 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' 18 And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

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Matthew 13:15 (NKJV)  
 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

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Ecclesiastes 8:11 (NKJV)  
 11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

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Romans 2:4 (NKJV)  
 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

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Matthew 13:24-30 (NKJV)  
 24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

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Matthew 13:24–30 (NKJV)  
<sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ”

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Romans 5:8 (NKJV)  
<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Romans 8:18–19 (NKJV)  
<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

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Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)  
<sup>34</sup> Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

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- > What if Adam & Eve chose NOT to sin?
- > What if all men LOVED God?
- > Laws forced upon society by government will NOT do away with evil!



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God Will Fix This!

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**Matt. 25:32**  
<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.


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**Rom. 2:5**

<sup>5</sup> But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God

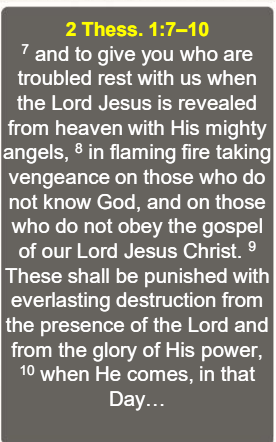
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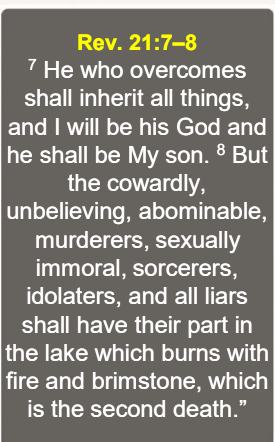
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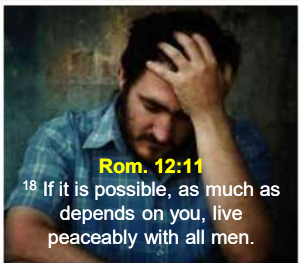
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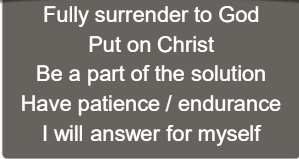
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- ✦ “God isn’t fixing my problems”
- ✦ “God isn’t fixing my home”
- ✦ “God isn’t fixing the church”
- ✦ “God isn’t fixing ME!”



**Rom. 12:11**

<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.




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- ✦ As long as the world stands, there will be evil.
- ✦ But God has prepared a better world for the righteous – **Heb. 11:13-16**
- ✦ God will “FIX IT!”



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