

## Fables

(2 Timothy 4:3-4) Warns us that "... the time will come when they/we will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

**Fable 1:** That Christians will vanish one day, missing out on the persecutions:

Most of the Christian world has had to endure persecutions all throughout history: "A Lamp in the Dark: The Untold History of the Bible" by Adullum Films, or Foxes "Book of Martyrs", etc. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2Tim 3:12) But many Telling them in most Industrialized First world churches that we will be snatched away before the tribulation starts and we won't go through the same trials as our brothers and sisters in most of the world to see if we "keep the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end," (Heb 3:14) and won't have to go through any part of **the tribulation period**. "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." (Revelation 7:14) "... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." and (2 Timothy 3:12) "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (1Cor 3:13)

**Fable 2:** That Christians will obey God out of the goodness of our hearts and we are basically good people way down inside:

Jesus said "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." (Mark 10:18) "**The heart is deceitful** above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer 17:9) "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (Psalm 51:17) God does change our hearts after we confess our sinful state before men, accept Jesus as our new Lord instead of self, and receive the Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; " (Tit 3:5) "**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**" (Mathew 5:3)

**Fable 3:** That we will talk to God on His level:

"These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether **such an one as thyself**: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver." (Psalm 50:21-22) "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29) yet through the new covenant we can come to God with our requests and problems "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (1 Timothy 2:5)

**Fable 4:** That we don't need a fear of God:

I'm not talking about the unbiblical fear of God where we think we have to pray to Saints or Mary instead of to God in Jesus name, in order to get through to God, but the fear of him that moves us to depart from evil and is clean, enduring for ever. (Prov 16:6, Psalm 19:9) If we would seek for wisdom and understanding as we would seek for silver or hidden treasures" (Prov 2:4-5) "then we would understand the fear of the Lord". Jesus said "... I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.**" (Luke 12:5) he also said "..., **That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.** (Matthew 12:36) why would we not want to receive a wholesome fear of God for "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." (Proverbs 1:7)

**Fable 5:** That God does neither good nor bad:

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.” (Romans 11:22) ”For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord shall judge his people**. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:26-31)

Fable 6: that Gain is Godliness :

”If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain.” (1Timothy 6:3-6) are we talking about the gain before or after we have given up many things for the kingdom of God?

Fable 7: that all things continue as they were:

“And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. (2 Peter 3:4) “How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.” (Proverbs 1:22-23) “**But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**” (Matthew 24:37)

Fable 8: that the old testament is not relevant any more:

“Then said he unto them, **Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.**” (Matthew 13:52) “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Mathew 5:17-18)

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” (Eph 3:20-21)