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Foreword

Barely no other subject of in our life and our future is so closely associated as the working world. Because to have a job, means to have an income. That in turn is the condition for a reasonable financially secured life.

Twenty years after the Second World War a boom and economic wonder with almost full employment occurred, so nobody could imagine that jobs would be lacking.

But today with three to four million jobless people it looks different despite of the existing economic situation. With the fear of being jobless and the threatening unemployment the pressure increases upon the working population. One is willing to work longer, for less money and even an increasing number of people drag themselves to their workplaces despite of sickness.

Out of fear to loose material security, an inner enslavement takes place under the labor market processes and the resulting consequences are accepted.

Walter Rapp, whose spiritual impulses I experienced and appreciated over years as his pastor has created in an unconventional and very interesting way this booklet about the subject of the working world. It describes an astonishing parallel of the working world of our time to that of ancient Egypt

As a non-theologian and member of the working class, he approaches carefree and unerring biblical –Old Testament scriptures, which leads to stunning results.

A booklet , that's worth reading , not only if you are interested in this subject ,but also because it can help to understand the significance of the working world from the biblical viewpoint , because it shows clearly that work can and should enrich our life, but also that it is not the goal and only purpose.

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Introduction

When there exists an influence in our society, that has formed and dominated the way we live, so it is the working work. That is not really understood, as we live in a time of much free time like never before in this century.

Even though no other subject moves politics more than this, maybe aside the area of marriage and family has an impact upon the social status and contentment like that of the workplace. As an indication of down breaking social relationship in marriage, family, friendship circle and public life the social significance of the workplace has enormously increased and often replaced the traditional social structures. Most friendships and contacts bases nowadays upon relationships that are established in the working environment, often the workplace is the location, where one get to know the partner in life.

Besides these positive aspects in the working world it becomes obviously clear, that nowadays another dangerous aspect comes to the surface: the social occupation of the personality through the working world. Not only the demand in qualification increases permanently, also all his lifetime the human being shall recklessly surrender to the economy. Still there is no opposition risen against these aspiration, the consequences for the individual and the society can not be ignored: physical breakdown, heart attack, depression, burnout syndrome and escape into alcohol, broken marriages and families to name just a few. Barely someone asks: How shall it move on? Because there is no alternative offer for the human being. Helplessly delivered into the laws of the economy, most people try survive and cope with this situation, many seek there salvation in the escape into movies, drugs and other adventures, and many end there lives silently and secretly through suicide. One threat has captured our society, that none is willing to realize, even it feared secretly by the most. Where does all this lead to?

There is someone, that has an answer for all this, that is God. HE, who knows everything has had a vision about this development thousand of years before and recorded it in the Bible. However God uses often a language expression that we are not used anymore-those of pictures and stories. Herein HE has packed an enormous mass of information, but not everybody is able to access them. The Lord Jesus Christ said about 2000 years ago to his disciples once:

And he said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." (Luke 8,10)

An instruction from God is necessary in order to understand what He means with those pictures- this instruction can only be received in His presence! Now I do not claim, to be someone special before God. But I am His child, this problem has kept me busy, now I want to share it with others, what I have understood out of His word. Before I will explain further, I need to tackle the understanding about biblical prophecy.

Irritated from scurrile end-time sects, most people have no positive picture about biblical prophecy on the foundation of the Bible: Either it is set on the same level of dark anticipations of many Nostradamus or disposed as spawn of fantasy out of visionary and unworldly crackpots. Christians see this subject naturally from a different point of view, but also here there are arguments about which form of prophecy is still existing: direct inspiration through the Spirit of God or indirect through the interpretation of biblical texts or both.

Well, I myself still believe both forms of prophecy are still existing, mainly I will further concentrate on the interpretation of biblical texts on biblical prophecy.

My interpretation of biblical prophecy is based upon faith, that God has not withdrawn from world events, but HE still rules them today, not arbitrarily and unpredictably, but does not want the believers to be uninformed about His plans and principles:

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Amos 3,7

And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Genesis 18,17

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This leads to the following , that one can recognize from the past events of former times the dealings of God and understand it for our time , because God is just and does not prefer or penalize a nation before the other.

With other words : Do I find in the Bible the story of a nation ,that shows the same attitudes as our nation in our time ,so God's dealing can be conveyed and future developments predicted, as far as our behavior does not change. Then we would reach one of the goals. that I desire to achieve with this booklet: warn people and move them to cry out to God as they look into the Holy Scripture-the Bible , so that HE will intervene before the consequences of wrongdoing (the Bible calls it sin) reach and effect us:

God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Galatians 6,7)

Israel in Egypt as a picture for our working world

Now we ask: Do we find an ancient folk in the Bible, which reflects the conditions in our working world respectively the culture? Does such an example exist at all? And what are the criteria upon which we compare it?

As we look into God's Word- The Bible, so we recognize, that the character of different nations in relation to God and His will is always described. And as one would mention one main characteristic of our nation in his relationship to God, so it would be this:

The society in Germany thinks mostly, that God and his dealing do not exist- They deny Him and try to muzzle Him. That God takes it very serious, we can see as Jesus, who said once times to the Pharisees:

*I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.
(John 8:37)*

What we do, is the same, as we want to kill Him, so an attempted murder. And in the Bible there exists a folk that has dealt with God in the same way, as our society does it nowadays: the ancient Egypt!

In the book of Exodus Moses is sent to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt with a prophetic message. The Pharaoh does not take Moses seriously and said: *Who is the LORD that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go (Exodus 5, 2)*. With other words he means: "Your God, from whom you talk, he does not exist, and if he exists, then not as you describe him:

Not as an authority and not even with an independent personality that has a demand over my life” Does this not sound familiar with modern thinking?

No wonder, that ancient Egypt in our society is still prestigious, it is a culture where it is early shown what humans are able to achieve. One may think about the pyramids or the monumental buildings, the invention of the writing or the art of healing of the Egyptians. Also in the words of Stephen it finds recognition.” *And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.*” (Acts 7:22) Egypt also had another attribute, which still impresses us today: It was very rich in comparison to his neighboring countries. That also is mentioned in the Bible:

“Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt” (Numeri 11:18)

“Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease ...” (Ezekiel 30,10)

But the outer parallels in our society today are nothing in comparison to the inner ones! So God talks about, that Egypt does not allow any other god to rule over them,, instead they have more idols (Ezekiel 30:13). And the greatest substitute god of the Egyptians is the same and greatest god in our society today. namely the human itself!

Because the Pharaoh was a king, that was adored as god. Consequently Egypt was a proud nation, as it is mentioned in the Bible several times (e.g. Ezekiel 31,2 , 31,12).

Proud were the Egyptians upon two further things: about their outer strength, in which they trusted (Isaiah 30,2+3 , 31,1) , and their ability to create the environment and the conditions of living, because it is said: *“Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself...”*

(Ezekiel 29,3) Likewise today the society trusts also in two things: their technique and also upon this, that all the things she possesses, she has achieved by herself and therefore praises herself.

How does God think about this? In the Bible it is clearly expressed! In Exodus 7,5 it is mentioned for the first time and later repeatedly: *“And they shall know that I am the LORD...”* *(also in Ezekiel 30,8 , 29,6)*. God feels also challenged by that godlessness. How does it show up?

God names Egypt” a people that could not profit them, For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose help nor profit” (Isaiah 30,6b+7a)

And later it says:” Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.” (Isa 31,3)

In conclusion one can say: God will show every nation, which like Egypt simply “disposes” Him and set them self in His place, that they remain humans, that have their destiny not in their hands.

According to this it says in Isaiah 19:15 clearly: *“Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.”*

God’s warning is valid for us

That is a very earnest warning to our nation. Is not the same God in our time in the same way at work? How many plans have been taken by the politics and the economy, greatly propagated and sold to the people as miracle cure and after a few weeks it has been disposed quietly? Which world changing discovery has been made in the last thirty years?- None! Not to forget the political agitation of the sixties and seventies, whose latest achievements in our days have been wiped away from the table by saving plans and poker about tariffs! Still there are little and no answers on the urgent questions and problems , some people continue as always, put their head into the sand, affirm themselves ,having everything in their control. As misery happens, then the first question is always: Who is guilty? For there must be *someone* existing, that has failed!

How far God must go with us, until we accept again, that He really still exists? In *Amos 4:6-11* it talks about, that God sent hunger, drought, bugs, war and destruction, Still the people of Israel did not respect Him, and so it continues in Vers 12: *“Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel !”*

One that sees the misery should first of all pray for revival and a new fear for God in our country. Because the destiny of our country will be determined upon it! Now, I want to concentrate upon the social situation of Egypt.

Of course an ancient culture can not by implication compared with our time, but there are parallels that make us listen attentively.

We will consider one biblical story together: the story is found in the chapters 37-48 of the book Genesis and talks About the one son of patriarch Jacob, that has been sold by his own brothers into the land of Egypt and after multiply difficulties he finally receives great honors from Pharaoh. Later on the reconciliation with his brothers and the reunion with his father Jacob take place
Now we reach the interesting part (Genesis 47:13-26)

And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh' house. And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh'.

And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh' servants.

And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part ; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh'

It is obvious to see in this passage, that riches are not a permanent property!

It is a valid fact for individuals and whole nations. Egypt was very prosperous compared to the other nations- even though it also hit them. Is this not also happening to us in Germany? In the sixties and seventies no one knew what unemployment is. It seemed that it would never go down again, one of the questions these days was: What shall we do with all that leisure time in the future? The paradise made by human hands seemed to be waiting for us. Nowadays the fear of losing one's livelihood is a problem of many, that would be willing to give all their leisure time to work! One should know and recognize, that godless nations – we have become one of them in part! Poverty is foretold !

To the prophet Ezekiel God says: *“Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof... “* (Ezekiel 14:13)

The impoverishment of a former prosperous country is not an accident and also not an inevitable process, but volitional from God! How should we then recognize, that not we are the ones, that made ourselves rich, but God? So it happened also to the Egyptians.

What happened then? First the state intervened, in that case in the person of Joseph, who sold grain. Take note: sold! Because in Egypt nothing has been given for free, absolutely nothing! Also this is a parallel to our society today. So the government and even though the rich circles of people more and more rich- those that had even less were poor. This development can also be seen in our country nowadays very clearly- a little percentage of the population holds the capital in their hands, that they mainly have not even labored for, but that has been robbed from people under the pressure of economic crisis and unemployment.

Rarely anyone asks why and complains, because the outer environment is seemingly claiming for it.

Impoverishment is not the end of this all. As the population had no more savings, they started to sell their cattle- meaning they lost their personal freedom. The world that is far away from God develops sooner or later to a system, in which a few rich (and rich countries) bring the goods of the world and the means of existence of the population (foremost land and natural resources) under their possession .Because they pay with goods of consumptions. So it leads to the oppression of major part of the humankind without goods and from there it is only a small step towards the voluntary slavery – That can be seen in our text very clearly. (Genesis 47, 18-20)

Also today most of our countrymen surrender major parts of their personal freedom , they work over hours , go to work sick being sick , drive to work for hours, disclaim their vacation , work in more jobs parallel etc. only driven by fear to loose their livelihood and the less that they still have remaining .

The Egyptians stuck to their fields for that they sold themselves to the king. To what sticks your heart, so that you surrender your lifetime to the economy voluntarily? If one dares to look into the future, then very obviously our free nation will become a society of slaves for wages, if-yes, if it does not find the way back to God.

Parallels in our time

It is interesting to see, that the Egyptians were thankful to Joseph for his “grace”, so they surrendered voluntarily. Why was it so? Joseph could justify his predatory deeds by the fact of the famine. It is the same nowadays: The politics and the economy create always new reasons to rob the pockets of the people and limit their personal freedom. But lastly no one dares to rise up, due to the outward conditions: economic crisis, globalization or dwindling resources. That the whole thing is a system, which uses these conditions, is recognized only by a few.

There is *one* group of people in our text, which are not in the dependency of pharaoh: the priests! They were the ones that taught the people to fear the gods of Egypt and worship pharaoh, the king of Egypt; of course they have been privileged. The same happens today with the “priests” of the economic systems, the big companies, banks, insurances, and chamber of handicrafts, associations, the print media, the TV media and many more:

Those that work in these areas, have a very good payment and a relatively secure job, “as long as the person plays the game”, thinks and talks as all there and also acts with his whole behavior, including the “outfit” and not dancing out of the row.

As higher one stands in the hierarchy, as more conform thinking and adoption of the “concept” is required. But woe to the person, male or female, that dares to desire an own lifestyle! Then one is fired and kicked out, this person has become intolerable for business and the colleagues – will become a target of bully. These persons will be found again at a psychiatrist.

One that believes in God, generally knows that the opponent of God exists, he fights against God and also desires to harm humans, so also have many contemporaries, which do not believe in a personal God, made the experience, that there are invisible powers existing, which possess a personality and desire to dominate and destroy human beings! The Bible confirms this fact and calls these personalities demons and their boss Satan or also devil (diabolos , confuser). In the letter of apostle Paul to the christians of Ephesus it says:

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others... For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 2:1-3 and 6:12)

It would be interesting to know , what these powers are going to do and what are their plans , as they take influence upon humans, that's don't want to know God. God has already revealed these plans for us. These are - How could it be like! Also part of a biblical story.

In this concrete case, that is found in the book of Exodus this spirit, which rules in godless Egypt and also the whole land is portrayed in the person of the king of Egypt-Pharaoh. And the people that believe in God have their model in the people of Israel, the ancestors of the patriarch Jacob. Let's read what happened to them in Egypt:

And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: (Exodus 1:6-9)

It is really interesting: The Egyptians had about thousand years ago the same fears as some German citizens today, Namely to lose their identity to "strangers". Likewise it is with the spirit in the country to the Christians-he fears, they could terminate him. There exists a healthy national feeling-but we Germans could never for a longer period of time keep the right measure ...The reason for this was that much (pagan) religion was part of the nationalism ! Very much in the Germanic religion is still found today in an unclouted form.

But I will not deal with that issue now, but further with the defense mechanism of that spirit against the presence of God. That will lead us to the spiritual effects of our problem upon believers. In the verses Exodus 1:10-14 it says:

Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour :And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

Finally: Labor is a means, a trick of Satan, to suppress the believers. That explains why the glorification of labor and the love for her in all godless philosophies was so rampant, in the Nazi regime the slogan: "labor makes one free", in the gulags of communism the saying was "hero of labor". But even in our time the saying is "flexibility of labor time"! The Bible tells, for the Israelites the life became a "sour life" and the labor enforcement was "unmerciful", without mercy .So don't be deceived by the words like "Trusted labor time" or "freelance employee"!

It is a spiritual law, that in godless nations it always leads to labor without **limits and purpose**, and works as an instrument of suppression of the enemy.

Work from God's point of view

With God, who holds labor for good, there is a **limit**. It is described in the Ten Commandments:

“Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it”. (Exodus 20:9-11)

Also in Psalms 104:23 *“Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.”*

The labor from God's viewpoint is not the end in itself, therefore it says:

All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness. Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion... .

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

(Ecclesiastes 5,17-18 ; 9:9)

Note: Labor has the purpose, and that's the welfare of the people, and so they can have the joy in their lives. It's of course great, as one can do something good, with which one can identify! But never for God the labor "itself" was desirable, even as laziness, the "sweet slothfulness" is criticized (Proverbs 6:6-11; 20:4), and especially then, as it would be the time do lay hands upon a project. But the human should also learn to enjoy his life and - spend time with God!

The way of God, that leads to the deliverance from slavery

The Israelites were enslaved and exploited unmercifully. But God did not look at it without intervention, even it seemed for the Israelites to be like that, He listened to their prayers (Exodus 3:7-10) ; but not let the Egyptians to become extinct people or rapture the people of Israel immediately and wondrously to Canaan, but through a normal person , whom he allowed to get knowledge about the world of the Egyptians formed her personality and took her quiet hardly into the school of character-development. That person was the already mentioned prophet Moses and him was nothing given into his hands as he was sent to the king of Egypt, only a staff, in order to challenge him. (Exodus 3:10-12)!

It is a picture for all believers in all countries and times, that have nothing in their hands, only the promises and prophecies to fight with the devil .Lets see together, what happened:

“And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens!”

(Exodus 5:1-5)

As expected Moses has not been accepted. And his attempt to get leisure time to seek God also was not granted. That remains the same nowadays: Sport, social affairs, education, yes even doubtful pleasures will be acceptable for being away from the workplaces– but not spiritual reasons. The world allows everybody his own “faith”, but as one claims for the resulting demand, it is counted as arrogance, as effrontery or as a lame excuse.

“And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein; and let them not regard vain words.”

(Exodus 5:6-9)

Here pharaoh announces the suspicion, that the only reason for the service before God of the Israelites is that they have nothing to do in their work, therefore they heed vain ideas and thoughts. Is it not the same today, the unbelievers have the opinion about the believer? “It’s going to well with them, that’s why they are going to be bonkers “. The reason for this is mostly, that the work for many godless people has become. a substitute-religion, that offers them security and identity.

Who now sets another value over labor, questions their purpose of life! The thing about labor has become suddenly a battle between two religions, namely the “I am god” - religion” and the “the Lord is God”-religion. And of course Pharaoh fought back and confirmed his words followed by actions!

“And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.

So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. And the taskmasters hasted them , saying, Fulfill your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh' taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore? Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD. Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks ". (Exodus 5:10-18)

As Pharaoh saw his rulership questioned, he answered with the second even nowadays applied method: He took the thing away with which they did their work and in addition burdened their duty.

The step by step down cuts of the benefits of the State or the economy to his workers under the demand of the same labor performance or the increase of the requested labor out come respectively in tax can not be prevented sometimes, but somehow there can be found a reason and it serves not seldom as a means for staying in power and oppression.

How is it nowadays? Also we need to invest more and more in order to be able to work respectively being allowed to work! Labor for the labor! The limit of reasonability, the distance to the workplace, change of the place of residence etc. are only one example for all this, also the “city charge” or generally road taxes. Then why highways are build and most required? - In order to travel to work!

The same is true for the “Eco”-Tax: Instead of lowering the costs for the local traffic, there is an increase in costs of the individual traffic. There is a new buzzword for prescribing the reduction of benefits of the state: it’s called “individual responsibility”

Lastly there is hidden behind all this a spiritual law, that the labor of believers and also unbelievers becomes more and more ineffective, in order to keep them away from their time with God. The little bit leisure time, which is left is killed in search for distraction... One must be aware, that also the “spirit of Egypt” is a religion, even it is not recognized as it. In this religion leisure time and service to God are useless and to be useless is a crime! Very different is it with God: God is helping us, to do our work, by Him creating the environment for success.

In Deuteronomy 11:11:10-15 it says:

“For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.”

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Not we need to create the requirements for our livelihood, by ourselves, HE does it! One who belongs to God is not spared from pains and efforts, but HE leads our lives so, that we don't need to worry about our income. Therefore it says:

“It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.” (Psalms 127,2)

And Jesus said to his disciples:

“And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?”

And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Luke 12:22-31)

What a difference to the spirit of Egypt! There they are proud, to take care about themselves- here one is joyful because God takes care. There they simply worry about the requirements and request for the labor itself- here one has a free mind, even during work and needs, also for being engaged into the work for the Kingdom of God. Does it not Pay to belong to this God? How did the Israelites react upon the results of the dealings of Moses with pharaoh?

“And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case , after it was said, Ye shall not minish ought from your bricks of your daily task. And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh:

And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? Why is it that thou hast sent me?

For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all. Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.”

(Exodus 5:19 – 6,1)

Do we not experience the same as the Israelites many times? We are in misery and call unto God, dare to step out in faith out of the secure net of the world, waiting- and it gets worse. Instead of God's intervention we only see the dealings of the devil. Why is it often like that? There are at least two reasons. The first reason is written in Luke 11:21
“*When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace* “. Who is fully in the hands of the spirit of the world will experience relative rest, as long as he keeps the rules. Woe then, as he starts to break out – or as God comes, who wants to deliver us! Then pressure starts to rise, because we should get fear of the power, that holds us captive, and to doubt about God's strength.

God allows that, obviously so we can see, that we really deal with the enemy! And the second reason is the following: As long as we do well, we trust ourself much. Yes God must come, but ... we can do it almost alone. God often allows an oversize of pressure, so that we see, that we **can't** do it by our own – to deliver our self and fight against the powers of the world with our own strength. The apostle Paul writes in 2. Corinthians 1:8-11:

“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.”

In our head we know that already, but in our heart we don't want to recognize the need of someone else. If it would be the case, it would make us proud and lead us away from God. The story goes on: Moses should then go to the people of Israel and tell them, that God had not forgotten them and wants to deliver them out of the oppression of the Egyptians. But *“but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage” (Exodus 6:9)*

The spirit of Egypt now seemingly has reached his goal- The speaking voice of God fades in this hard reality. They don't find time in order to seek God, and they don't want it anymore, because they are disappointed about Him. For God does not depend upon their approval, because He sends Moses again to pharaoh, that time not to pursue him, but to show him- yes, what? The fact, that not pharaoh, but God is the LORD! So then the following happens:

“And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron four score and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh. And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.”
(Exodus 7:7-13)

Now, as God starts to deal supernaturally, the spirit of the world *comes with his supernatural dealing against it. The goal is obvious: God's power shall be put into perspective, there shall be **another** god , but not **the** God!*

The occultism is the answer to this day against the working of the Holy Spirit, so that the believers starting to see the working of God as the work of the devil (see Acts 13:4-10) So the mass of occultism is a stronghold in our society today, that Satan raises in order to hinder the working of God beforehand, and mostly he has the same success as in the times of pharaoh: he takes their faith away. One that observes the situation more clearly recognizes that God's miracles are the bigger ones: because as the snake of Moses ate the snakes of the wizards, so the miracles of the devil fade quickly, as God's Spirit is involved-then they don't work anymore. Also pharaoh could have seen it! But he escaped into the hardening of his heart, in order not to change himself.

Then Moses did a further portion of miracles before pharaoh, which the wizards' could not copy. So they had to admit, that God was the Almighty one, even then they still were not will to bow before Him. So God did something new in the land of Egypt: We read about it for example in Exodus 8:16-20:

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments to

bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh' heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.”

God started to make a difference between Egypt and Israel! Of course the Israelites were still in Egypt, had to suffer under the oppression of labor and also the hostility of the Egyptians - but God's plagues did not strike them anymore. It is the same in times of misery nowadays: Not that we as christians would experience it differently, no God does not spare us from the misery of our environment! But let's to be honest to our self: How much we have been spared of, because we live differently as believers, not as the world used to live? God knows our problems as believers, so we see often those that in spite of their sin and unbelief seem to have a better life as us. That's why He said once:

“Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.” (Maleachi 3:14-18)

I personally believe, that one of the reasons, why it goes downward with our country Germany, is the fact that God wants to reveal Himself to the people that don't know Him through his own people, the christians, that He really exists! The church has the commission to bring the gospel to the people, which was not really successful lately. Now God Starts to intervene, through giving the people multiple reasons to cry out to Him, and to show them through His people, the believers, He is willing to help them, as they are willingly want to accept Him as their LORD.

Finally pharaoh had to let them go, even as he tried everything to bring them back with violence (*Exodus 14*). Exactly this attempt brought him the final defeat. But honestly would the Israelites have been able with their own strength to deliver themselves, perhaps through a revolution? Never! That also has been again proven throughout the ages. As a people suffers oppression, it makes no sense for a call to the weapons, even if one is able to drive away his oppressors, but one is not able to drive away the evil spirits that rule over the people.

God himself must intervene and destroy the lies, that have led the people into slavery of others – or have made them to become oppressors. Who then is the greater slave: the one who oppresses or the one, that is blind, that he must make others to become slaves?

Who has greater fear: the oppressed or the one, which must hold others down through violence? God wants to deliver both, first and foremost from themselves.

Then how fast the revolutionaries of the people became the new oppressors that often have used the same methods as their former lords? It does not work with violence, also not as it is about the oppression of our country through the “lords” of the economy (Mark 10, 42)!

The challenges of a life in freedom

Of course, the people of the Israelites were happy to be free from the oppression of the Egyptians, or? Well, in the beginning it was the case. But soon they began to be discontented, because around them there was only desert and no paradise. God did this with intention, because the believer first of all should learn to trust in an invisible God, that requires faith, that must be exercised. And then former slavery in Egypt appears in a different perspective!

“And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick”

(Numeri 11:4-5)

Yes, the world oppresses the people, but also offers something: Concrete securities! A person, that becomes a believer starts to change its priorities, that leads to the fact, that worldly securities, money, relationships, possessions, health, the workplace doesn't have that high priority anymore.

Although it is true and visible in former strong and burning believers that the fire of faith has been quenched and this persons quietly and secretly return back into the slavery of Egypt. Of course, the world laughs about someone, that does not believe his own words!

But to be honest: Is not a big part of the body of Christ in Germany- including me! - often a bunch of "lamenting people"? And, are we not all sneak back into the world from time to time back again into the world according to the motto: "here we know what we have"? Or "better to have the sparrow in your hand then the pigeon on the rooftop"? But what does God say about this?

One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill. (Isaiah 30:17)

In conclusion, one can learn a lot from this :

1. There is a move backward, as soon a one starts to make plans without God.
2. If we like is or not, the world can not remain good!
As christian lives conform to the world, him and her will not be able to get his or her sins under the feet, meaning, this christian can not have victory over sin in his or her life.

3. As we seek our protection in the world, then the world will laugh at us for this.
4. The help of the world has its price, and what we gain in material security, we will surely pay with the loss of spiritual treasures like peace, contentment, joy and love.
5. God says that us as believers the world can not help.
 “Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. “(Isaiah 31:3a)
 Even if we are successful, to create material securities, our soul remains poor and fearful, because the soul has been changed by God and does not find rest anymore in a world without God!

In the letter of the apostle Paul to the Romans it says:
 “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ...”But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. “(Romans 8:5, 9)

And there something additional:

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:7-9)

James explains: *“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whoso ever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. “*

(James 4,4)

And Jesus himself: *“ No man can serve two masters: For either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”*

(Matthew 6,24)

So, we see: In the long run, we can not live a life anymore, then like we used to live as non-christians-because we can not bear it anymore and also because God does not want it that way!!!

Resulting to it we would loose God's help and God wouldn't answer our prayers anymore- isn't that most badly?

The future of Egypt as an example for our time

Let's leave this story for a moment, and let us turn to What God has to say about the future of Egypt: because nothing in the world remains static, but matures, also the destiny and future of Egypt and the nations, those think like Egypt about God and work against Him! In the book of the prophet Isaiah we find a chapter about the destiny of Egypt, that can show us, what a nation will experience, as it does not turn back to God!

„The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither. The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded.

And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt. The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt,

even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof. The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.” (Isaiah 19:1-15)

In **verse 1**, the Lord says again, that He will not let go the godless world. Then the great plans of the humans, his spinning around himself, the body cult, the worship of youth, the beauty and the rich – will be covered by fear. In the news will be no more place for all this, because fear rules in the hearts of man.

In **verse 2**, points towards to a second characteristic of our days: the continuing and increasing quarrel and competition fights “everybody against everybody”. No one can be trusted anymore, one tries to cheat the other person Also among the nations and states there is war and mistrust one to the other, even against all efforts and defiance.

Then, how it looks inside of the human being, so it will effect the outside environment. Also, in peaceful times, that we-Praise God! Still have, the nations fight against each other more with determination, only more hidden in the economy or in sports.

Verse 3: adds something more, that is mentioned on further positions (verses 1.16.17) and therefore portrayed as a main characteristic for the judgment of God upon the godless people: Fear about the future and-cowardliness!

That is really remarkable, that even the attributes of courage and aggressiveness are highly favored nowadays and almost every movie has in its core the worship of the human will and courage in all its varieties.

What does God say about this? „The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.”

(Proverbs 28:1)

In fact, the believers are also not even more courageous , but they have a God, upon whom they can trust. So those in need turn then to their god: the devil and his servants, the fortune tellers the witches, Satanists and necromancers etc. The increasing occultism of our days is a characteristic for intervention of God upon our nation!

Verse 4 describes now the outward turning to the substitute god, like in *verse 3* describes the inward way: That god-less people don't want God as their protector and provider, they search for a “substitute-lord”, that of course can be found. It will be no loving substitute god, but a hard, maybe brutal one, because the democracy will only be permanent in a nation, that has high inner moral values that only can preserved by faith. Who then will abstain in this world from something, that he can have, “only”, because it's not okay to get it?

Though only, those that have a higher goal, than their own life!!! And if this is not the case, then the growing egoism will destroy the state as long, until someone comes from the outside to reestablish order through violence. But this always has its price for personal freedom.

As the state or the society will become “all”, then the individual freedom gets lost. The form of government of a godless nation will sooner or later surely not be called “democracy”, but “dictatorship”, no matter which pretty coat of humanity it wears. This tendency is for example already obviously visible. in the administration of the EU.

Verses 6-10: God will attack all the natural resources of a country and dry them up (compare Ezekiel 14,13)! Especially the lack of water is mentioned, also through the pollution of the remaining water. The first that are effected, are the people that work in the area of agriculture. But also all others, that "work for wages", meaning those that are employed, working dependant will get into great misery. Isn't it the same with us in the European Union these days, that the farmers are the ones, that earn less? And that the workers for wages are oppressed and in danger of getting unemployed or are already in existing unemployment?

Verses 11-12: The world is proud of the history of science, that has its roots in our form of society today. But God calls these scientists that make forecasts in politics and economy that explain us, what will be possible in the areas of medicine and technique in the near future“fools"! The forecasts, that they are proud upon, lead into disorientation, they are left behind the events.

Verses 13-14: Here God says, that even the governments themselves are cheated by the wise men of this time from their forecasts and "trends“, but also that they deceive the people intentionally.

The reason for this does not lay in the people them self. God sends an evil spirit that lies and cheats the people, so they act like drunk people: they are not able to evaluate the realistic situation anymore and stumble and fall while they try to achieve their own goals.

Verse 15: concludes repeatedly, what the future is for all godless people: they will not be successful anymore! Even if they have many great ideas- whether the government, nor the ordinary people will be able to change the situation, their reforms fail or create new problems, their plans are not executed. That all has become very obvious in our country Germany. Not, that there was a lack of good will, but our nation is wedged like a car on an overcrowded parking lot. As movement in one direction is possible, then shortly there is a crash in another place. As more as one destroys the hindrances, partially the social welfare is seen as a main hindrances, as more new hindrances appear and mount up!

As one reads this now , he or she can get a shock or anger- or both, and starts to ask himself: What kind of god is portrait here? Is this still a god of love or a monster! Well, the story is not finished yet! Because in Isaiah 19 it continues in the verses 19-22:

"In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them. "

Verse 19-20: the altar in that interpretation stands for the fellowship of God's people, the born again believers . Because it says in 1.Peter 2,4: *"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious."*

And as the people cry out to God in their misery , God will turn the destiny of our nation: If ..." *my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.* (2.Chronicles 7,14)

Verse 21-22: Here God says again, that his judgment will be the first, not his real intention. Because our people will experience a revival again and our people will be familiar with it. Then this will lead us Germans again to peace, security and prosperity.

End

Now, finally at the end one question only: What can we do in order for God to bless our land again and so it will be better again?

If you, while reading this have no personal relationship to God yet, I plead you to read the personal words from me to you in the appendix! Or are you already for a long time a Christian? Even better! Then I hope, that you felt through this writing, that our country needs God. You know already that you, as his child and in your calling as priest have more influence upon our nation than all politicians and people in the economy! Pray first and foremost for the repentance of the believers back to God, because:

" Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5,13-16)

That means: As the world does not see in us Christians anymore what faith is, then we have become guilty upon her! Yes, even more: As we run away from God, then the world has to carry the consequences! remember the prophet Jonah, who also has got a commission from God, but wanted, to live his own life (Jonah 1,1-5)! Because Jonah wanted to keep his own life and didn't take the commission seriously, yes, even slept as the storm came, his fellow sailors got in great misery and danger. I believe the situation with our country is almost the same:

We Christians- including me! have something better to do, than to proclaim the judgment of God over the people, because they are far away living from God. Yes the church seems to sleep, spiritually, even as the storm already roars! What remains is the hope that we wake up before the world comes to wake us up- in order for us to be thrown into the sea of scattering, so the whale of persecution swallows us! Please pray for revival, and not only around us, but within the church first! Because God has given us a wonderful promise for our contemporaries and our nation that I already mentioned before It clearly speaks without further explanation needed:

„If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn

from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

„(2.Chronicles 7:13-14)

Appendix

I want to ask you, to forgive me as I become personal to you! I want to ask you: Are you still caught in the paradigm thinking of Egypt and say to yourself like Pharaoh: "I don't know from any lord, I will not obey him also"? Or in the Opposite way you have the desire to meet this mighty God, Who protects and provides for his children like we have seen it for the Israelites? It is like that, we can not prevent from meeting with God, because HE wants to be the Lord over all humankind and also over your life. If you feel uncomfortable right now, it will be a comfort for you: likewise the first human beings Adam and Eve experienced it like you now:

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself". (Genesis 3:8-10)

Why then Adam and Eve kept hiding them self from God? Why did they fear Him in the past? One could say: "of course, I fear God, because I don't know, with whom I need to deal!" But in the case of Adam and Eve it was not the case, because we read that the first human beings had constant fellowship with God, they knew Him and there was nothing to be afraid of Him. . What happened then? In the former verse 7 it says: "because they were naked"!

Take a moment and be honest: Isn't it the main reason, why we don't want to know much about God's presence? This God is knowing us totally through and through, and He desires to be our Lord! Then different kind of things come to the surface at each one, because we know deep inside us, that this will cause problems with God - everybody! Because all our so smart explanations, why we do it this and that this way and not the other way, all fade as we look at it from God's point of view. Then it becomes obvious, that most of all those things are of selfish nature, to our advantage and to let our self be seen more better in the sight of others. This attitude is not right in God's sight. It is not good, but we all have become guilty before God !

Before you start to explain hundreds of arguments against this fact, I want to say right away, they are not needed anymore! Because God Himself has removed that guilt, that wants to separate us from Him, taken away, as it is written in Colossians 2,14, as He nailed it to the cross:

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross."

Why now this- nailed to the cross? Well, not to make it too difficult: God has not forgotten our sins, otherwise He would be unrighteous before our fellow men and his creation. Every sin truly **kills**: the sinner, his environment and as we have seen in a certain way also God.

This "*smell of death*" must go from us, otherwise the Heaven, in whom we are taken one day, will become hell.

God has solved that problem, as He has paid his own bill that was against us.

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. ,, (2 Corinthians 5:19; 21)

And **how** did He do that? His son Jesus Christ has taken all our guilt upon Himself through the cruel execution death on the cross:

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not .Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." Isaiah 53:4,5,11

Now we have peace with God, yes even more: We can become children of God, upon those God cares (1.John 3,1) and God's heirs (Ephesians 1,11), those whom God will give Heaven, as, yes **as** we not only accept Him as the Lord of the world, but also in our personal lives, and as we give our guilt to Jesus- first of all admit that we have sins (1.John 1,7-10 and that we are not able to correct them by ourselves And the fact that God is always around us, it makes it not necessary to go somewhere in order to search Him or ask someone for help. Simply call unto Him- he wants to answer and will answer (John 1,12; Acts 2,21), He has promised it.

To talk to God, meaning praying, you can do in your heart, loud or silent, as you like, most importantly it is to be honest

In case you don't know what and how you can stick to the following text:

"Great God, I come to You, because You have been searching me. I never wanted You ,not even as LORD, but now it is different. I want to give You my life, because it comes from You, and because I don't know how to live it right. What I have done in the past , it can not made undone by myself, therefore I thank You that You, that Jesus Christ has taken my place and died for my sins. Thank you Lord Jesus: YOU made me righteous before God. That's why I want to belong to You now. Loving God, I want to be your child. Thank You that You have offered me Your peace. I receive your peace right now."

If you don't feel any special change after this or a similar prayer, it is not worse, because you don't become a child of God by having feelings about it, but through a decision. Maybe now you sense a deep peace, then it's the most familiar working of the Holy Spirit that has taken residence in you. Search for other Christians and a living church- God will take care, as you ask Him. Start reading the Bible- there you will experience and know more about God and His character.

God bless you!

Barely no other subject of in our life and our future is so tightly associated as the working world. For keeping of the workplace one is willing to work longer for less money, even in spite of sickness people drag themselves to their workplace. How does God think and view that inner and outer enslavement?

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