

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



1 Corinthians 9:25 “And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.”

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

February 25, 2018

Schedule of Services

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

Website: www.coc-gc.org

SERMONS

AM The Five Spiritual States Of Mankind

PM: Amalekites

MEMBERS

Cindy Atkinson—health

Joan Clodfelter—sick, Christena Apostolico-Joan's sister in Ohio— health, pray also for her family.

Al Haskell - kidney problems and heart problems. He had a successful procedure on 21 February 2018.

Tracy Clark—sick with flu

Dan Goddard-rehabilitation

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Eli Clark—address is on the bulletin board to send cards. He is a young boy that has a brain tumor and gets joy from receiving cards.

Hurley—Joan's brother (elder) health problems

Chere's— Pryia Vannoy (daughter)

Paul Siders-cancer- Joan's sister in law's brother

Pray for Mason and his parents.

Edith Taylor-Bill's mother

Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend.

Rachel Hall—health problems

Cindy's friends-Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy and Misty Davis, Jody Rynca-cancer

Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-Betty's Aunt, Susan Wills.-Betty's daughter- Kathy Roberts-cousin-had surgery, Lauren Weidner-Betty's grand-daughter.

Jeannie's cousin—McKenna Schummer-cancer (12 yrs. old)

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Food closet: Pasta, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce

Church of Christ of Genesee County

Worship Service	Bible Classes
House to House / Heart to Heart	Tracts and DVDs
Internet Telecast of Sermons	Evangelism / Gospel Meetings
Online Academy of Biblical Studies	Mission Work
Food Closet	Apologetics Press
Seek the Old Paths	World Video Bible School
Gospel Broadcasting Network	The Spiritual Sword

Ladies Bible Class February 27th, 2018 (10 am)

Does God "Create" Evil?

[NOTE: During the February 12, 2009 Darwin Day debate with Kyle Butt, Dan Barker listed 14 alleged Bible discrepancies as evidence against God's existence. He insisted (seven minutes and 25 seconds into his opening speech) that the Bible gives contradictory descriptions of God's being good, yet creating evil. His allegation is refuted in the following article written by Wayne Jackson in 1982.]

Q. The text of Isaiah 45:7 seems to indicate that God "creates evil." Is this correct?

A. In Isaiah 45:7, the prophet wrote of God: "I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am Jehovah, that doeth all these things." On occasion, unbelievers appeal to this verse in an attempt to involve the Bible in a moral difficulty, since the text seems to suggest that God "created" evil. How should a Christian respond to such a charge? First of all, the verse can have no reference to moral evil (wickedness) for such is opposed to the infinitely holy nature of God (Isaiah 6:3). Jehovah is a "God of faithfulness and

without iniquity" (Deuteronomy 32:4). He is "not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness" (Psalm 5:4). Nor can it be supposed that this verse has to do with Jehovah's original creation, for at the termination of the creation week, the Lord saw "everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

The context of Isaiah 45:7, along with several passages of similar import, reveals the truth of the matter. Jehovah—through the prophet Isaiah—prophetically announced to King Cyrus of Persia (a century-and-a-half before the monarch's birth!) His intention of using this pagan king as an instrument of His holy will. Within Isaiah 45:1-7 is a majestic affirmation of the universal sovereignty of the Almighty God; indeed, there is none like Him (vs. 5). He thus affirms: "I form light, and create darkness [i.e., control nature]; I make peace, and create evil [i.e., exercise control over the nations]; I am Jehovah that doeth all these things."

Notice how the word "evil" is used in obvious contrast to "peace." Isaiah simply was stating that Jehovah has the power to cause peaceful conditions to exist, or to bring about evil (i.e., destruction). Consider another verse. God warned the Israelites that if they made an alliance with Egypt, He would bring evil upon them [i.e., punishment (cf. Isaiah 31:1-2)]. Again, in describing the coming judgment upon ancient Babylon, the prophet declared: "Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know the dawning thereof and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it away; and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou knoweth not" (Isaiah 47:11). Thus, the evil that God sent was a desolation—a desolation due on account of their wickedness!

Scholars have observed that "evil" can be used with a purely secular meaning to denote physical injury (Jeremiah 39:12), or times of distress (Amos 6:3)—which is its significance in Isaiah 45:7 (see Harris, et al., 1980, 2:855). by Wayne Jackson