

## Night Time in Nineveh

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disillusioned them.

Perhaps the pride of Nineveh is linked to the fact that the name Nineveh means “handsome!” Other than *deception*, there is no other characteristic more like the devil himself than *pride*. Both aspects go together, when God said through the prophet Obadiah, “*The pride of your heart has deceived you...You who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’*” (verse 3).

The 4-chapter book of the prophet Jonah took place in connection to Nineveh, and stands out among others in the Old Testament as proof-positive of God’s love for *all* people. **Jonah came with God’s brief message: “Forty days, and Nineveh will be destroyed!”** In English, that amounts to seven words, but it started a city-wide revival. Read it for yourself. This tells us, 1) Even “pagans” can utterly turn from their sin, from their false, pre-programmed religious beliefs and from their earthbound secularism, and 2) that such a widespread movement can take place as *suddenly* as it did *effectively*. Don’t tell me that London cannot repent sufficiently to have a national impact—even *international* impact. London is more populated and more cosmopolitan than Nineveh was, and this is the very reason the international impact can be so powerful. This being so, time is critical!

**Nineveh’s eventual destruction very likely came because they repented of their repentance.** They turned to God under Jonah’s preaching, then later turned back to the old ways. Many professing Christians today appear to be doing as Nineveh and face the same end.

Britain as a nation has had times of great revival, not only during the Great Awakening of the 18th century, but during the Welsh revival of 1904 and the Hebrides Revival of the late 1940s and early 1950s. No other religion can even hope to achieve among men and women, boys and girls, what God through Christ did in those times and in between. When people really get right with God, ALL sin *willingly* stops! Past wrongs are made right. Imagine what kind of citizens this makes. “Religion” cannot do this. **So, has Britain, too, repented of its repentance?**

As I said, Nineveh shows us that even pagans can truly turn to God, but who or what is a pagan? **Is atheism worse than practical atheism?** I mean, is it worse *not* to believe in God, or worse to say you believe and yet live like you don’t? In referring to His own coming and ministry, Jesus declared emphatically, “*The men of Nineveh shall rise in the Judgment with this generation, and condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah is here!*” (Matt.12:41). Atheists have no excuse, yet *practical* atheists are worse.

Jonah disobeyed God at first, and didn’t want to preach to the people of Nineveh. He didn’t want those people to obtain God’s mercy, pardon and salvation. If one professes to be a Christian, yet tells no one about Christ, then that person either doesn’t really know the Lord, or that person *wants* people to go to Hell. Where in Britain is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? **If we put out the Light, we bring in the Night**—and one day the final curtain will fall as it surely did for Nineveh. Night time came to the city of Nineveh, but it also came to each inhabitant of Nineveh; no one was excluded. As Jonah and Nahum declared the truth regarding Nineveh, *we* are trying to be faithful here

**Man Ever Tries to Make the Bible Look False or as Fairy Tales When they myth it, they miss it. God and “scholars” were sure that Isaiah was wrong, (so making the Bible wrong), since they argued that there was no King Sargon in Nineveh (Isa.20:1). When British archaeologist Layard sent bricks to Berlin from Nineveh with Sargon’s name baked into them, they claimed he had forged the bricks! None are blind as he who WILL not see!**

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## NIGHT TIME IN NINEVEH



“Watchmen, what of the night?  
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(Isaiah 21:11)

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Our various UK camping times have made it possible for us to enjoy some of **the castles and ruins of Wales**. One needs to use great imagination in those places where very little remains. The long road of history has seen castles, cities and empires come and go.

Even in our own very-troubled modern world, there are cities and sites placed before our eyes to attract us to visit. Do the involved primary nations of WW2 overly pride themselves that destroyed cities were rebuilt? The sad fact is that prosperity destroys where bombs and armies could not. In the Old Testament, King Uzziah reigned for 52 prosperous years, but **true worship of the true God had so deteriorated that God finally said “I can’t stand this!”** (Isaiah 1). It wasn’t the first time, nor the last.

**Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian**

**Empire was one of the most ancient cities of the world, founded by Nimrod (Gen.10:11,12), a great-grandson of Noah. Assyria and Babylonia struggled with each other for top place, until finally Nineveh fell. In time, Babylon also fell, as did the later Greek and the Roman Empires.**

Nineveh is mentioned much by the Bible prophets, Isaiah, Micah and also **Nahum, whose description of chariots rushing through the wide streets of Nineveh, makes the city sound like congested London.** Apparently, Assyria was more warlike, living in more mountainous areas and Babylon more cultured, though equally efficient in war; yet both fell. Though the cities and empires had aspects of uniqueness making them different from each other, they were alike in at least one major way: pride. God used both of these peoples to punish Israel for Israel’s idolatry and unfaithfulness, but these people got the mistaken idea that their victory over Israel was due to their own power and greatness. **God soon enough**

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**Man Continues to Try (In Vain) to Evade Accountability to God. Ori es have changed from “God is dead” to “God is dangerous.” Now, blasphemers shifting from “The Devil made me do it,” to the more materialistic “My DNA made me do it.” As Wesley wrote in his 1700s song, “We have a never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky!”**

## Time to Think Time to Act

by Gabriel L. Mancino



An *Evening Standard* article not long ago revealed that “**The nation is being ‘carpet bombed’ by a staggering 3.4 billion pieces of junk mail a year—**with 750 million going straight into the bin unopened. I had read some time ago that over 95% of computer emails are likewise junk mail, called “spam.” My personal experience with “spam” confirms this dreadful plague, for I am inundated with this time-consuming and mind-distressing rubbish; much of which is sexually oriented.

The bombardment with sex also comes from the unending avalanche of the perverted, monopolising fashion industry and its helpers, such as Brent Cross Shopping Centre...which continues its motto: Feed Your Addiction. Most of the junk mail listed in the *Evening Standard* article comes from credit card companies and banks, which, like Brent Cross and the fashion industry, want to have their hands in your pocket and own you.

I have always enjoyed getting *The Evening Standard*, but I admit a sense of overwhelming lately with its **extra street presence with the Free London Lite**. I believe the extra push has been necessitated **due to competition** from that other Free newspaper, which may be published by the same people who produce that legalised pornography called *The Sun*... or am I wrong?

Then, added to this pavement presence of papers, are the **hordes of mostly Eastern Europeans thrusting**

**Nero fiddled while Rome burned, apparently blaming the Christians. The world in general, and London in particular is in a mess, yet people blame others and play in the mess. Unthinkable, unbelievable things are sometimes faithfully reported in the Press, yet the Press can't change the Mess. Friends, only the genuine salvation of God can help us!**

phone cards at passers-by— left, right and centre. One of them told me they knew the cards were a rip-off!

Of course, **even transportation keeps people pre-occupied.** The roads are often plugged up and the trains often have dreadfully predictable delays, etc. So much is happening that I am persuaded that people in general are being kept so busy they cannot even think about their soul and where they will spend eternity.

The flip-side of that fact is, that **even if many would have more time, they would simply waste it.** Many people are enduring awful pressure, and I know that “the System” helps to create and sustain the mess. However, I also know that **much of the problem can be eliminated by the engaged action of a person's own will and choice.** AND...in all of the calculation we cannot...we MUST NOT forget God. There IS some truth to the saying, “**God helps those that help themselves.**”

**When I left the drug scene my drug friends left me!** But as much as I loved my friends, I made up my mind that I wanted to walk with God, whether or not they would join me. This principle applies to all circles of self-living—harmful and “not harmful.” Thankfully, I found out years later that some of my former drug friends did follow! Someone has to make a start, and that could be you... and you... and you! If people can apply the brakes on a car, they can also do so with other things in life. Television generally robs a person of time, as well as filling the mind with things antagonistic to God and the welfare of their own soul. The Media will not care for you. You must care for yourself, and others...but, will you? If you *will*, then all formerly wasted time, wasted resources, etc. can be applied to things that matter most... *eternally*.

## Temptation and Sin

More Thoughts From  
The Lord's Prayer

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**Temptation is not sin.** The Bible clearly states of Jesus, “*He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin*” (Hebrews 4:15). People commit sin because they are sinful within and choose to cooperate with the inward, inborn sinful nature. Sin, of whatever type, brings condemnation or guilt... whether or not in *feelings*, certainly in *fact*. You see, “condemnation” is a legal term, so that **whether or not a murderer feels guilty, he is found guilty.** So are sinners in the sight of our holy God.

**Most people don't see themselves as “being tempted”—they just do it.** Like a fish in water, they are in their element, until God begins to open the eyes and spiritual sensibilities.

**Temptation has an alluring process,** but James says, “*and sin, when it is finished!*” (James 1:12, etc.). Sin WILL finish a person off—that's for sure. And in the temptation, how can people honestly expect God's help if they refuse to let loose of the chain? Or if they put themselves in harm's way, then the end result is rather predictable. James is clear that God cannot do evil, nor does He tempt people to do evil. Instead of a God who tries to get you to do evil, we see God who has gifts and a purpose for us all!

**God promises** that for whatever temptation or trial comes our way, if we live for Him He will give grace, make the way of escape and not stretch us so far that the elastic snaps!

The Bible is full of living examples of victories or defeats in temptation, and **you may choose which team you'll be on.**

**Crime is epidemic, yet police face the sack if they chase, and thereby endanger the health of the criminals. From “white lies” at home to world lies in politics, and from all the mafias in London (from whatever country!) to the petty thief, true salvation will stop it. In 1666, the Fire stopped the Plague. Only God's Holy Spirit can burn away all this sin today!**



**Years ago, I drove 20 miles south on a motorway to take a very nice girl to a restaurant.** However, I was so taken up with her presence in the car that, after eating, I didn't realise that I continued driving south on that motorway instead of returning north! Various signs for strange cities seemed to puzzle me, but I carried on. When I began seeing road signs for the State Capitol, I knew I had made a big mistake!

The Bible says that God is “the true and faithful witness.” Yet people can be so taken up with their love of something that they either don't see or *don't want to see* the road signs of God.

On another occasion, but *before* God saved me, **I was sitting in a parked car doing something I shouldn't,** when suddenly over the car's radio came the voice of a preacher...HOW, I do not know. But I reached over and turned his voice off. We can do the same with God. No doubt, God was trying to reach me even back then just like He is trying to reach *YOU* right now.

If we are willing to let loose of our sins, God will receive us, pardon our sins and make us new. If we choose to hold on to our sins...embrace, protect and excuse them, then we prefer to go to Hell and take others with us. Professing to “believe in God” will not matter, nor that you profess to be “born again.” If people are wilfully sinning, they are away from God in both *fellowship* AND *relationship*. **We cannot go north and south at the same time. So, what will it be?**