

**"If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they."
(Ecclesiastes 5:8)**

Perverting Of Judgment

"Look at the world today. Is there anything more pitiful? What madness there is. What blindness. What unintelligent leadership. A furiously racing mass of bewildered humanity, strengthening, not in wisdom but in vulgar passions, crashing headlong into each other, motivated by greed and propelled into brutality. The time must come when evil will destroy itself."

"When the day comes that the world begins to look for a new life, it is our hope they may find it here in Shangri-La. Here we shall be with our way of life based on one simple rule--love. And it is our hope that Shangri-La's brotherly love will then spread throughout the world. And when the strong have devoured each other, then at last the meek shall inherit the Earth."

No words more perfectly describe the global plight of today and yet they were written almost 60 years ago by the late James Hilton [1900-1954] to express the philosophy of the High Lama of Shangri-La, his classic novel, Lost Horizon [1933].

In the madness that is the world today, the injustice, the wars, the inequality amongst man, the corruption, the greed etc. we can find solace in knowing He knows what is happening and will some day soon return to right the wrongs that evil men have wrought upon this world through their lack of love and concern for others.

"The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."
(Proverbs 15:3)

Chapter five of the book of James made it very clear it when he said:

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Job also said:

"He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression." (Job 36:15)

We just need to hang on and continue by faith knowing that the day is coming when

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."(Isaiah 11:9)