



Watch Out!



ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

Alien Living in a Chaotic World

Ambassadors for Jesus represent Him in this chaotic world by:

1. Living with integrity within ourselves.
2. Living with integrity within the world.



Difficult Social Spheres

1. Submitting to governing authorities
2. Working for mean masters.
3. Loving spouses in difficult marriages.
4. Getting along with others





Even Nero?



Ancient Household Slave

Differences Between Ancient and American Slavery

- Race played no role
- Education was encouraged
- Slaves could own property (including slaves)
- Same cultural traditions
- No laws against slaves publicly assembling
- Majority emancipated by age 30

S.S. Bartchy, "Slavery (Greco-Roman)"



Slavery in the Ancient World

- Different types
- Between 25-40% of ancient population was slaves
- Temporary condition on path to freedom
- Many voluntary slaves
- Former slaves did not seek abolition
- Often, household slaves better off than freedmen
- Had high positions in home and government
- Viewed as property with no rights
- Inciting a revolt was suicidal

Be Sensitive

“African-Americans read their experiences of oppression as reenactments of the biblical descriptions of slavery. No matter how hard whites try to distance themselves from this experience, and no matter how thoroughly (and accurately) they argue that ancient slavery was not like modern slavery, African-Americans will still hear this text in modern tones.”

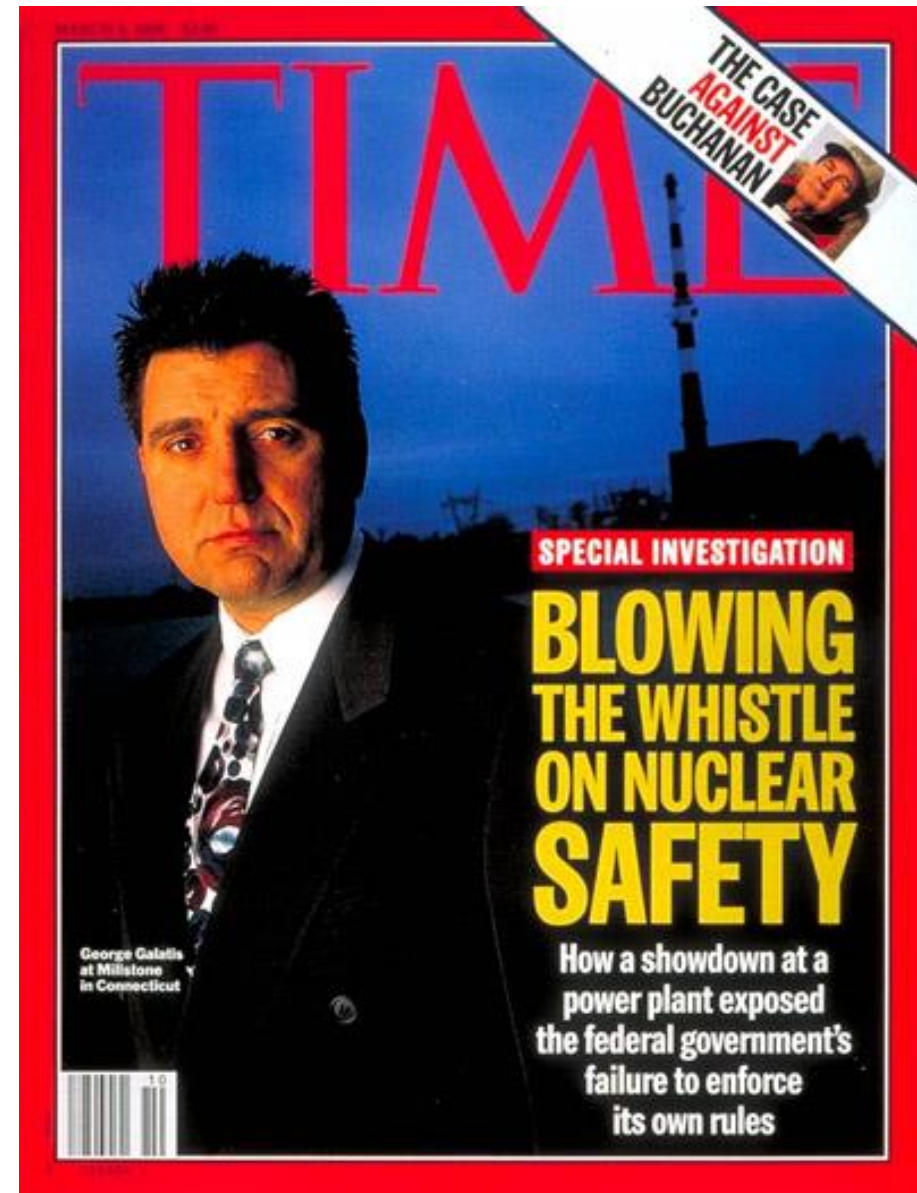
Scott McKnight, *The NIV Application Commentary: 1 Peter*

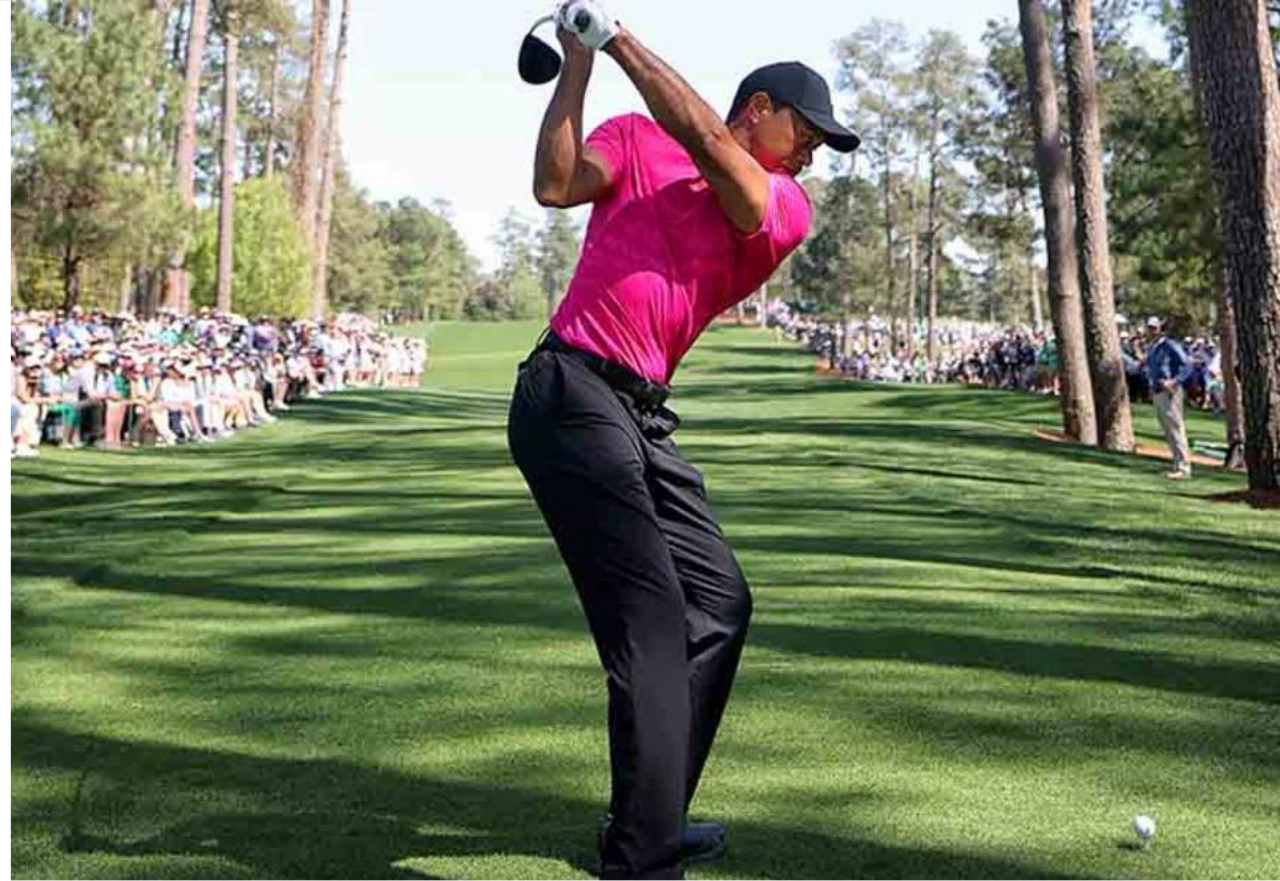
Work for God

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Colossians 3:22-24

Whistleblower George Galatis





What will I endure for?

The Passion of the Christ

Pascho

Πάσχω

“Suffer; submit”

Passion (Dictionary.com)

1. strong and barely controllable emotion.
2. the suffering and death of Jesus.



The Ultimate Unjust Suffering





The Lord deals in
futures!

The Risen Shepherd!

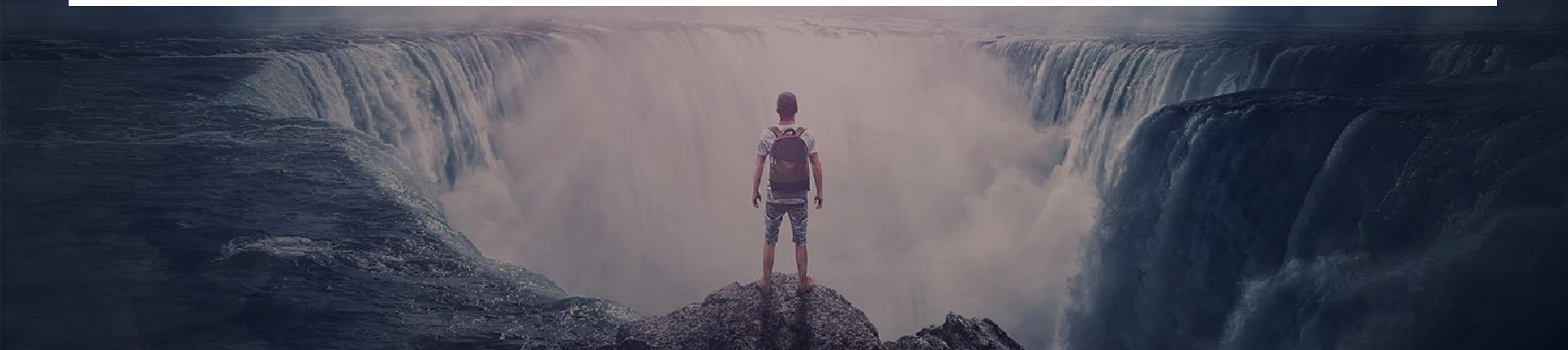
“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Psalm 23 (NKJV)

In His Steps

Ambassadors for Jesus represent Him in this chaotic world by remembering:

1. Our calling by God includes unjust suffering.
2. Our God suffers with us.
3. Our God deals in futures – entrust your situation to His justice.





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“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20-21

