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**TOGETHER**

**I**t has been worldwide in its impact: every continent and country; every sector of society, old and young. No considerations of class or creed have halted the march of this deadly virus and, as we are often reminded, 'We are all in this together.' No one can stand apart and say, 'It doesn't apply to me.' We are all vulnerable; we are all involved. None can claim exemption. It is a pandemic – affecting everyone, everywhere. The whole globe is in the grip of Covid-19. It is not often that something is so universal in its reach and so sweeping in its impact. However, in the Holy Bible we are directed to three significant realities which apply to all human beings, and 'we are all in these together.'

**LIFE IS SHORT:** Scripture affirms, **"WE ALL fade as a leaf"** (ISAIAH 64:6). This is the Bible picture of the brevity of life and how true to life it is! The leaf commences as the bud; then there is the unfurling of the leaf but soon the green, glossy leaf of spring and summer becomes the yellow leaf of autumn. The fading leaf is eventually detached from the tree and falls to the earth, to be re-absorbed into the soil. Such is the story of life. The bud of early life blossoms into the strength and vigour of youth and maturity. Then come signs of failing health and strength and, before long, the leaf of a human life falls in death, and we return to the dust of the earth. However, there is a difference here! The Bible makes it clear that every human being has a spiritual dimension, an inner

self. When we die and our bodies return to dust, this invisible part of the real person travels on to eternity. As we make our calculations for life, it is vitally important for us to think seriously about destiny and eternity. The Bible asks the pertinent question – **“man dies ... and where is he?”** (JOB 14:10). ‘We are all in this together’ and each must answer the question, ‘ETERNITY WHERE?’

**MAN'S PROBLEM:** Again, Scripture declares **“WE ARE ALL like an unclean thing”** (ISAIAH 64:6). However, this is not how the human story commenced. When God created Adam and Eve, they were a couple in innocence. However, that idyllic situation suddenly and sadly changed when they sinned against their Maker. The consequences have been, and still are, devastating and we all have been affected by the pollutant of sin. Tragically, ‘we are all in this together’! Sin has soaked into the human personality and left its deep-dyed stain on each one. We are damaged masterpieces, still retaining something of our original majesty and yet sadly marred and marked by sin and ‘we are all in this together’. Again, the Bible asks the pertinent question, **“Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?”** (JOB 14:4). Is it possible? Humanly it is an impossible challenge for we, by our own efforts, are incapable of removing the stain of sin. But, in His marvellous grace, God has provided the answer.

**GOD'S SOLUTION:** The Bible realistically and accurately describes the universal human situation when we are described as wandering sheep, **"ALL WE like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way"** (ISAIAH 53:6).

This is a bleak picture, accurately depicting us as wayward and wilful sinners. But in this very same text of the Holy Bible, we are told of God's solution to our situation in the staggering words, **"And the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus Christ) the iniquity of US ALL"** (ISAIAH 53:6). How amazing is the story of grace! Instead of guilty sinners receiving the punishment which their sins rightly deserve, God placed the sentence of sin upon His own Son, Jesus the Saviour. When Jesus died on the cross, He carried the burden and paid the penalty for US ALL. Thankfully, 'we are all in this together'. What great news to discover that each and every sinner was included in the provision God made in the sacrifice of His own Son that day at Calvary.

Again, Scripture asks the vital question, **"Who has believed our report?"** (ISAIAH 53:1). God's provision for us all demands a personal response of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Trust today in God's Son and you will be personally and eternally blessed for the Scripture declares, **"Whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins"** (ACTS 10:43). -D.G.

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