

## Daily Devotional, March 5, 2021

### 'Neanderthal Thinking', (1 Corinthians 8:2-3, NKJV)

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On March 3, 2021, Fox News reported that “President Biden took a swipe at Republican governors in Texas and Mississippi Wednesday, accusing them of “Neanderthal thinking” following their decision to reverse COVID safety policies, including mask mandates.” The self-proclaimed unifier in chief described the thinking of these folks who made a determination based upon many complex factors as “primitive, unenlightened, or reactionary; culturally or intellectually backward” (dictionary.com). Similar phrases have been used of Christians, who are not enlightened to the “standards” of the evolution pseudo-science of the day. The beliefs about which the Bible is clear and that we hold dear such as a young earth, a literal seven day creation, and the personhood of babies in the womb are likewise mocked by many. In fact, according to the Bible, we have no warrant whatever to believe that there ever was such a thing as “Neanderthal man” that actually existed in history. Whatever your view on the duty of human government to restrict people’s liberties for health reasons, all individuals and states should have a right to dissent. Our government is by consent of the people. We do not live under the aegis of the thought police. At least not yet.

All of this got me thinking about the personal application. Am I guilty of ‘Neanderthal thinking?’ Do I give heed to thoughts and theories of unenlightened humanism? Or do I seek to have my thinking informed by the word of God? ***“And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright—words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil”*** (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14). ***“And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.”*** (1 Corinthians 8:2-3)