

Pandora's Closet

According to Greek mythology, Pandora was the first woman created by the gods. The earth was a paradise filled with men and women who were pure in heart and lived in perfect harmony one with another. The gods had given Pandora a beautiful box and commanded her to never raise its lid. As time passed she became more and more curious as to what was in the box, and the day came in which she decided to open it just enough to peek inside. As she carefully lifted the lid to peek inside, the lid flew open and every evil known to man swarmed out of the box. She slammed the lid down, but it was too late. The evil was out of the box, and there was no possible way to control it or return it to the box.

Born out of Greek mythology, Pandora is obviously a fable built around the biblical account of Adam and Eve. They lived in paradise; their hearts were pure, and there no such thing as sin. There was, however, that evil angel Lucifer, who desired to take the place of God. He seduced Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit, and she, in turn, gave it to Adam, and he ate. This was Adam's transgression, which brought sin into the world, along with every other evil thing; sickness, pain, sorrow, death, etc.

In less than two life spans from Adam's transgression, the world became so sinful that *"every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually"* Genesis 6:5, and God sent a great flood to destroy every person on earth with the exception of Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives. Even so, having destroyed sinful man, God did not succeed in destroying evil.

Three hundred and fifty-two years after the flood, a child named Abram was born to an idol maker. Abram watched his father carve "gods" out of wood and sell them to be worshiped by the people. The child Abram understood that these images, which were worshiped by the people as their "creator" had been "created" by his own dad. In was in such a setting that the true and living God in Heaven revealed Himself to Abram. In Abram, God had a new beginning. God changed Abram's name to "Abraham" with the promise he would be the *"father of many nations."*

Four hundred years later, Abraham's descendants had increased to several million when Moses led them out of Egypt to bring them into the land which God had promised to Abraham and his seed forever. He brought them to the "mountain of God," which was Sinai in Horeb, where God promised them, *"If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the*

earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" Exodus 19:5-6. Three days later, God came down on the mountain and spoke to them His Ten Commandments in an audible voice. Rather than obey God's voice, the children of Israel refused to even listen to His voice. They cried to Moses, *"Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die"* Exodus 20:19. Because of these words from the congregation, God gave them the "Law of Moses."

Laws cannot *"take away sin;"* they can only "subdue sin" through the fear of punishment or death. Those who *"despised Moses law died without mercy before two or three witnesses"* Hebrews 10:28. An adulterer, a fornicator, or those who committed any of the sexual perversions which have filled America today would have been stoned to death under Moses' Law. Under American law before the Supreme Court removed the influence of prayer and bible readings from our public schools in 1963, these "abominations" did not carry the death sentence, but they were so "shameful," they were not public sins, but were called "closet sins." Sadly, with the removal of Godly influence on our children, our culture has degenerated to the extent everything is out of the "closet."

I have titled this article "Pandora's Closet," because just like "Pandora's box," the evil that has been turned loose upon our nation cannot be returned to the closet. How do we rid our nation of an immoral culture? We cannot do as some nations in history have done who used mass executions in an attempt to renew their culture. Jesus Christ taught us not to kill our enemies, but to love them, do good to them, and pray for them.

When the Apostle Paul assured us of what sort of people will never be a part of God's eternal kingdom, he wrote, *"Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God"* He did, however, show God's remedy for those who truly turned to Christ for a change of heart, saying, *"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God"* I Corinthians 6:9-11.

I do not know if the moral fiber of America will ever be renewed, but I do know that yours can be. It begins with faith in Jesus Christ who gave his life to *"wash us from our sins."* Rev 1:5.

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