The Bulwark

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"MEET GEORGE JETSON..."

Ah, yes, Saturday morning. Up early, flick on the television, grab a bowl of Sugar Pop cereal (or some other "fruti-tutti" cereal that by today's standards would be frowned upon greatly) then plop down ready to spend the next couple of hours "vegged" out on Mighty Mouse, Bugs Bunny or a host of other cartoon favorites. Then there were the Flintstones and the Jetsons, cartoons, yes, but clearly the antithesis of one another. One set during the age when dinosaurs roamed the land and the other set in the future. The Jetsons first appeared in 1962 and ran for a whooping three years (1962-1963, 1985-1987) and a total of 75 episodes. But here is where things get interesting. Think back, how many of the devices presented as coming way off in the future are now part of everyday life? Speaking face-to-face via what they called "Vistaphone", we have Zoom or Facetime. They had "smart watches" (Apple Watch), robot vacuums (Roomba), flat screen televisions, telecommuting/remote work and a host of other things that are now part of everyday life for us today. Why, a couple of weeks ago Elon Musk's company Tesla/Space X unveiled a car that could go from zero to 60 mph in one second and could really fly using thrusters! It will may be available on the market for purchase in 2028.



Indeed, man has made amazing use of the intelligence with which God has blessed him. It seems as if man is never quite content; always seeking to invent a better "better mouse trap". While this may be all well and good and something that could be touted as beneficial for mankind, such doesn't hold true when it comes to matters of a spiritual nature. Notice the directive seen in Deuteronomy 4:2, *"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandment of the Lord your God which I have commanded you."* A few chapters later the following is found, *"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it."* (Deuteronomy 12:32) Patently obvious what God was communicating, and we would do well to give even more earnest heed to precisely what He has said, nothing more and nothing less.

Solomon noted in Ecclesiastes 3:14, *"I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it, so that men should fear before Him."* Focus on the word fear. As it is used in the verse carries with it the meaning the deepest of respect, awe and humble respect for the absolute power and sovereignty that God possesses. Solomon is making the argument that out of total respect for God, one does not seek to change or alter whatsoever He has put in place. Whereas in Proverbs 30:5-6 Solomon writes, *"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."* To seek to change what God has put in place is to call into question the purity of His words. Who would dare do that? Just look around and you'll see the answer.

Job, noted to his friends the unique nature of God and no one has the right to change the nature of God, nor to alter what He has put in place. *"But He is unique, and who can make Him turn? Whatever His soul desires, He does it."* (Job 23:13) With this thought in mind, factor in Isaiah 14:27, *"For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out and who will turn it back?"* In short, what God has said cannot be stopped, changed or in any way "improved" by man.

"Consider the work of God, for who is able to straighten what He has bent?" (Ecclesiastes 7:13) Once again Solomon notes about the totality of the sovereignty that belongs to God. The clarity of what is being affirmed cannot be misunderstood; there is no way anyone can change or improve on what God has set in place. So, mankind has indeed invented so many devices that make life easier; all of which apply to the physical side of life. But when it comes to the spiritual side of man, that belongs solely to God. Take a moment and read over Revelation, chapter twenty-two and verses eighteen and nineteen. (wbe)