



When God is  
**not the Lion**  
you thought he was

*Hosea 4-5*

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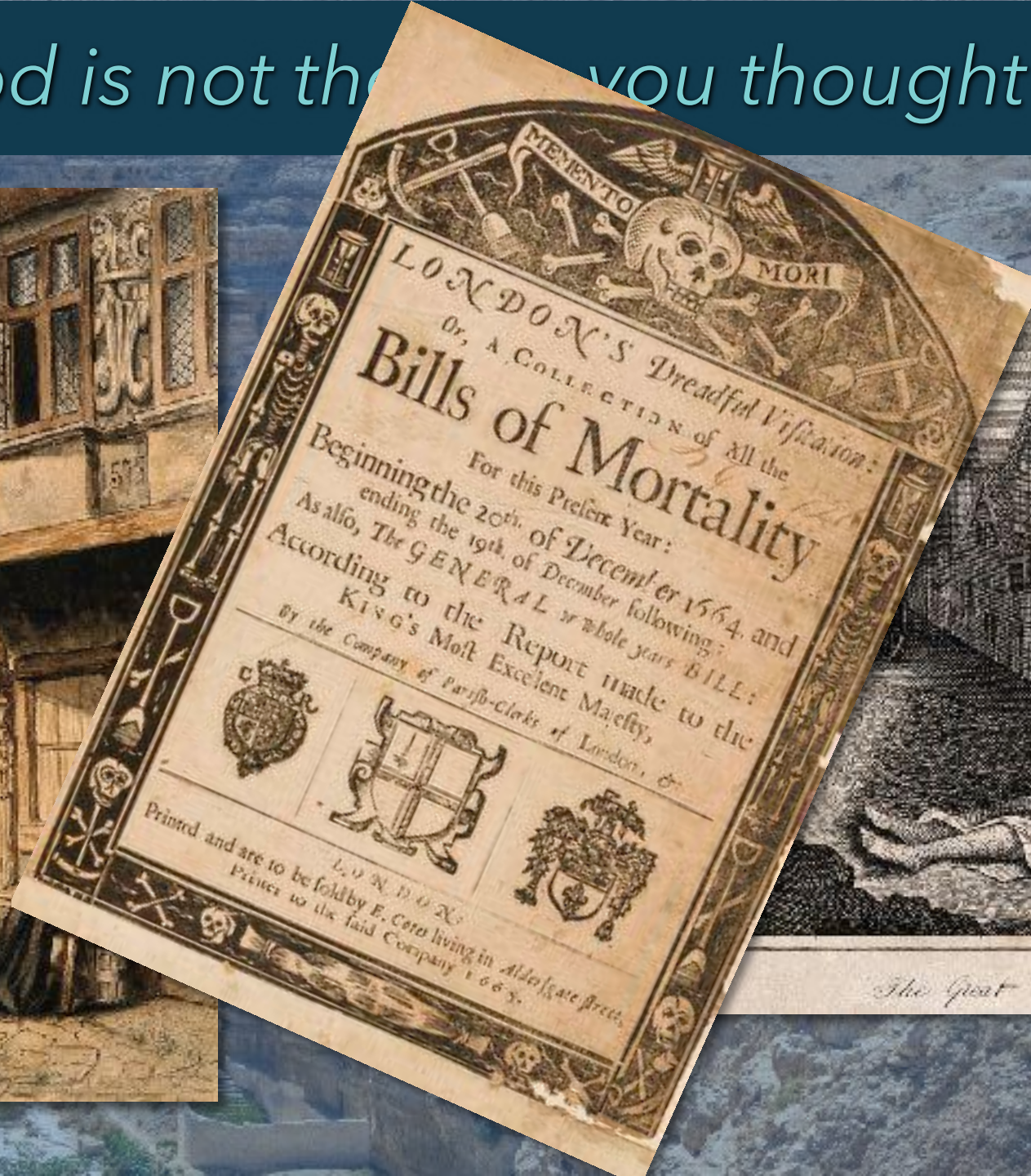
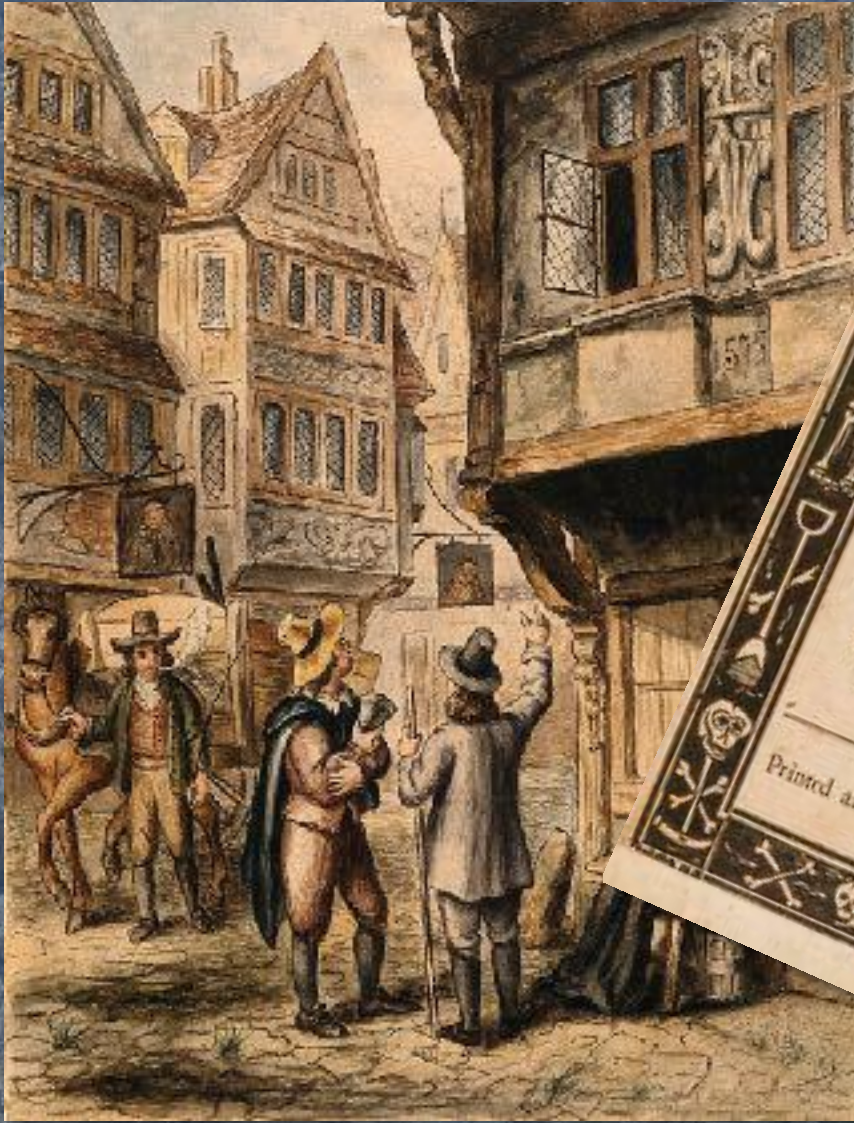
hearing  
God's Word

becoming  
like God's Son

serving  
God's Mission



## II. When God is not the God you thought he was



*The Great Plague in London 1665.*



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*Samuel Pepys  
(1633-1703)*



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... the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land:

*'There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land.*

Hosea 4:1



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### 1. There is **NO** Knowledge

I was **afraid of you**,  
because you are a **hard  
man**. You take out what  
you did not put in and  
**reap what you did not  
sow**. (*Luke 19:21*)



Parable of the Talents

*Andrei Mironov (2013)*



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1. There is **NO** Knowledge

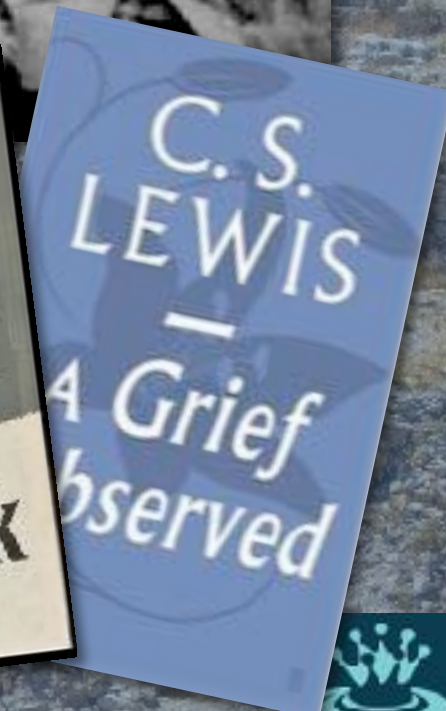
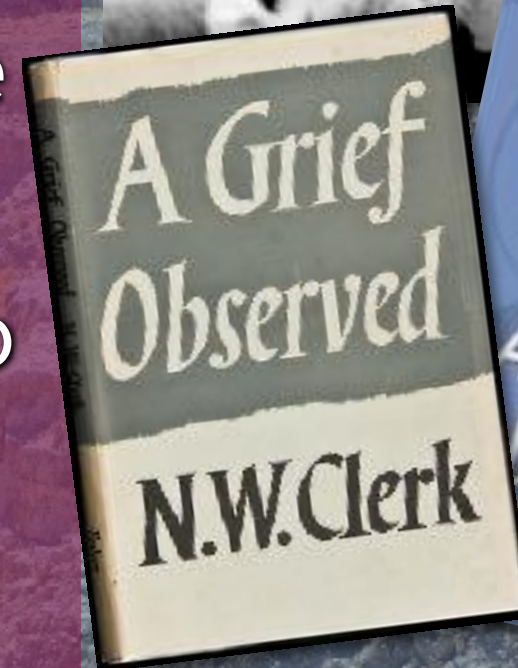
2. There is **NO** Love

- You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (*Deut 6:5*)
- Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but **love** your neighbour as yourself. (*Lev 19:18*)



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Not that I am (I think) in much danger of ceasing to believe in God. The real danger is of coming to believe such **dreadful things about Him**. The conclusion I dread is not 'So there's no God after all,' but 'So this is what God's really like. Deceive yourself no longer.



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1. There is **NO** Knowledge
  2. There is **NO** Love
  3. There is **NO** Faithfulness
- You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. *James 4:4*





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the 'great' god

**INDULGENCE**

the 'great' god

**INSURANCE**



the 'great' god

**INFLUENCE**

the 'great' god

**INDEPENDENCE**



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- God, like the **caring shepherd**
- God, like the **whirlwind**
- God, like the **invading army**
- God, like the **ravenous lion**

Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—  
in their misery they will earnestly seek me. (5:15)