

## Open Air Witness 6 – Rogue Trader Type Rogues

***Rogue Traders from BBC Watchdog*** [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mg74](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mg74)

Today I draw your attention to rogue traders and rogue trader type rogues even if they don't do any rogue trading as such.

You all know about *Rogue Traders* on *BBC Watchdog* and the programme presenter Matt Allwright. You don't have to watch many episodes of *Rogue Traders* to see how those rogue traders usually react when Mr Allwright confronts them with those dreaded words:

*“Matt Allwright, BBC Rogue Traders.”*

The rogue traders usually do two things when they hear those dreaded words from Mr Allwright, *“Matt Allwright, BBC Rogue Traders.”*

1. They run and hide.
2. They say that it wasn't their fault.

### ***Rogue Traders – Proof Positive of “the scripture of truth” Daniel 10:21***

Those two things that rogue traders do when they meet Mr Allwright are proof positive that ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21, the Holy Bible, is ***“the words of truth and soberness”*** Acts 26:25.

Those two things that rogue traders do when they meet Mr Allwright are proof positive that ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21, the Holy Bible, knows what is in ***“the heart of man”*** Proverbs 18:12.

Those two things that rogue traders do when they meet Mr Allwright are proof positive that ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21, the Holy Bible, tells it like it is.

That expression *tells it like it is* is in the Holy Bible by the way. The Holy Bible has two parts, ***“the old testament”*** 2 Corinthians 3:14 and ***“the new testament”*** 2 Corinthians 3:6 and both those terms are themselves in the Holy Bible.

***“The old testament”*** 2 Corinthians 3:14 asks the question ***“how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?”*** Job 26:3. The answer is that the Holy Bible has always ***“plentifully declared the thing as it is”*** Job 26:3 about ***“the heart of man”*** Proverbs 18:12 right from the beginning. It shows that rogue trader types have always been.

### ***Rogue Traders – Way Back in the Beginning***

Way back in the beginning of ***“the old testament”*** 2 Corinthians 3:14 God created our first parents. They were Mr and Mrs Adam. That was their name. It was afterwards that ***“Adam called his wife’s name Eve”*** Genesis 3:20. She was Mrs Adam before that.

When God created Adam, He put him in a garden called Eden. The scripture says ***“And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed”*** Genesis 2:8. It is not surprising that to this day, folk are interested in gardening. As you probably know, this garden in Eden had fruit trees growing. God gave Adam and in turn Mrs Adam a command about these fruit trees.

### ***Rogue Traders – The Fruit of Evil and Death through Sin***

The scripture says **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”** Genesis 2:16-17. We know what happened. Our first parents, Mr and Mrs Adam, ate of the forbidden fruit. That is, they disobeyed God. Disobedience to God is sin. Sin brings death and our first parents, Mr and Mrs Adam, died. They did not die right then but eventually they died. Ever since then, men and women have died and they are still dying. Again the scripture tells it like it is. The scripture has **“plentifully declared the thing as it is”** Job 26:3 about sin and death. It says:

**“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”** Romans 5:12.

All men have sinned because all men have disobeyed God somewhere, like our first parents, Mr and Mrs Adam did. Like what happened with Mr and Mrs Adam, just one sin, just one instance of disobedience to God is enough to kill you, not right then but just one sin, one instance of disobedience to God eventually will kill you. It is useful to see what happened when God spoke to Mr and Mrs Adam after their sin.

### ***Rogue Traders – Then and Now, Run and Hide, Play the Blame Game***

What happened when God spoke to Mr and Mrs Adam after their sin shows that our first parents and all men and women since are like rogue traders when God confronts them about their sin against Him and their disobedience to Him. They are like rogue traders even if they don't do any trading. *They are rogue trader type rogues.*

The scripture says of Mr and Mrs Adam after their sin that **“...they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden”** Genesis 3:8. Like rogue traders that Matt Allwright susses, they ran and hid.

The scripture says of Adam when God confronted him about his sin **“the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat”** Genesis 3:12. Adam blamed his missus. He said it wasn't his fault. It was.

The scripture says of Mrs Adam when God confronted her about her sin **“the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat”** Genesis 3:13. Mrs Adam blamed the serpent. She said it wasn't her fault. It was. If the serpent could have blamed someone else, he no doubt would have. It's the same now when God confronts anyone about their sin, like rogue traders they run, hide, play the blame game, say it's not their fault, it's parents', teachers', society's, the government's fault. *It is your fault.* **“Every man shall die for his own sin”** 2 Chronicles 25:4 the scripture says.

### ***Rogue Traders – “his hand is stretched out still” Isaiah 5:25, 9:12, 17, 21, 10:4***

Yet there is hope. You'll recall that Matt Allwright always extends his right hand to shake the hand of the rogue trader. Jesus does that to you. The scripture says 5 times **“his hand is stretched out still”** and it is a *nail-pierced* hand. **We invite you to grasp that nail-pierced hand today and go from sin to salvation, from death unto life.**