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This time a year ago, the daily death toll in the United States from Covid was averaging about 2,000 people per day with and an overall death toll of 76,650. Our country had paused for three weeks to watch a horror show of epic proportions unfold in New York City, but now was growing restless. In Lansing, Michigan a large group of armed protesters would gather to denounce their Governor's efforts to keep the citizens of the state safe from Covid-19.

Since then, the death total exceeds 580,000, a number unfathomable a year ago. The pain and suffering the pandemic has wrought in the humanity of this world has compelled me to compare it to sin, the other great destroyer of humanity.

Covid is like sin in that it can lead to death. Covid is like sin in that it is pervasive and is all around us. Covid is like sin in that it is invisible and initially, undetectable. Covid is like sin in that it can isolates us from God and fellow believers. Covid is like sin in that it bullies those who speak against it. Covid is like sin in that those who try to avoid it are mocked and persecuted. Covid is like sin in that it causes strife and division. Covid is like sin in that it blames others for its evil. Covid is like sin in that it affects even the people who don't get it by way of loss, isolation, and anxiety. Covid is like sin in that it gives the strong a false sense of security, allowing them to believe they are impervious to it Covid is like sin in that there is a free cure that can prevent it for those who choose to accept it. Covid is like sin in that many reject the cure.

Covid is also like sin in that it will be conquered.

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33