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What this 'World' is All About!

"With majestic simplicity, the Bible reveals to us that 'God created man in his own image', Genesis 1:27.

It further reveals that man was created to serve God, enjoy Him, and glorify Him forever.

What higher philosophy of life than that - the divine origin, and intended divine end, for man?

Man alone is able to frustrate the benevolent purposes of his Creator when he deliberately chooses sin and refuses to submit to His plan of blessing. As to the presence of evil in the world, man either denies it, tries to explain it away, or worships it (to protect himself from it). The Bible teaches that *evil* emanates originally from a created intelligence,

a free moral agent, that once was perfect but introduced evil into the Universe by pride and envy (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28). The name of this being is Satan, or the Devil. In the end, all evil will be subjugated and segregated, and God will create a 'New' universe in which dwells absolute righteousness (Revelation 21 & 22).

This universe is ruled by a faithful God Who punishes sin and rewards faith and obedience.

The vicarious sufferings of Christ on the cross is God's remedy for man's sin. Those who repent and trust Christ are saved from sin and its consequences. "Christ died for our sins ... and rose again" (I Corinthians 15:3,4).

All of man's philosophies are dismal failures. Frederick Nietzsche taught that 'might makes right', and plunged

civilization into the catastrophe of the World War ... the Epicurean philosophy of 'eat, drink, and be merry' makes beasts of men; the Stoic philosophy makes cruel, unfeeling monsters out of men; the Marxist socialism and 'collectivism' rules God out, calls 'religion' the 'opium of the people', and ends in a selfish, degrading materialism.

BUT THE BIBLE, when accepted, lifts and ennobles man, and makes him altruistic and Christ-like."

- Fred John Meldau, '57 Reasons Why we know the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD' #29

"... always abounding in the work of the Lord."

- I Corinthians 15:58

Helpers or Hinderers?
Pushers or Pullers?
Forwards or Backwards?
Workers or Shirkers?
Doers or Watchers?
Givers or Takers?
Faithful or Fickle?
Dependable or Undependable?
Laborers or Spectators?
Grudgingly or Cheerfully?
Encouragers or Discouragers?
Backers or Slackers?
Content or Critical?
You?



WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT MODESTY

"Today, more and more women are discovering the principle of modesty as they read God's Word. They are appalled by modern society's lack of it, or their own conscience is troubled as God personally convicts them. Modesty was defined in Noah Webster's original 1828 Dictionary as 'not forward or bold; not boastful; not loose or lewd; not excessive or extreme; moderate; decent; in females it is used synonymously with chastity or purity of manners.' Webster reflected Biblical principles that Early American homes, churches, and schools were established on. The 'World Book Dictionary' defines it as 'Freedom from vanity; the quality of being shy or bashful; the quality of being decent or chaste; not calling attention to one's body.' The Word of God commands that we are not to cause others to stumble. 'But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.' Matthew 5:28.

If just looking has such an effect on a man, then women do them a great disservice by dressing immodestly. 'He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.' I John 2:10. 'Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.' Romans 14:13. - copied

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

— Quotes —

"The fool fattens on the inconsistencies (imperfections) of Christians."

"Reading can do serious damage to your ignorance."

"The ballot box does not reflect what will happen, but what has already happened."

"What wicked men do, should not disturb the good man's tranquility."

"A man's patience is tested by THREE Things: God, himself and other people."

"A wise man once said ... nothing."

"A frequent listener is more likely to become a fervent believer."

"HAPPINESS is being completely satisfied with what you haven't got."

"It is an old policy the devil hath, to jostle out a greater good by a less."

"It takes God a long time to get us out of the way of thinking that unless everyone sees as we do, they must be wrong."

- Oswald Chambers

"The harder it is to serve the LORD, the greater is the Christian's reward."

The Heart Within

"The trouble with man is not that he does certain things that he should not do; it is that he ever has a heart to do them.

It is this thing within us that makes us desire; though our conscience tells us that we should not do these things, yet we do them.

That is the curse, this thing in the heart. We need a clean heart."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

An Expensive Meal

"The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.

At a special ceremony, two of the most costly animals were released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers.

A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both!"

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"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." - John 17:3

A Wrong Salvation Prayer

"In the video that accompanies the '40 Days of Purpose', (Rick) Warren leads his listeners in prayer at the end of the first session.

The prayer does like this ... 'Dear God, I want to know your purpose for my life. I don't want to base the rest of my life on wrong things. I want to take the first step in preparing for eternity by getting to know you. Jesus Christ, I don't understand how but as much as I know how I want to open up my life to you. Make yourself real to me. And use this series in my life to help me know what you made me for.' Warren goes on to say: 'Now if you've just prayed that prayer for the very first time I want to congratulate you. You've just become a part of the family of God.'

Warren would be hard pressed to find biblical backing for this presentation of the gospel. We find nothing here about sin, grace, repentance, the Person of Christ, Calvary, faith, judgment, or the resurrection. This is the ultimate in a mutilated, seeker-sensitive gospel; the seeker comes to Christ in order to find his purpose in life, not to receive forgiveness from sin and the righteousness of God ... the New Testament never tells us to learn to love and trust Christ in order to be saved. We are told to repent (Acts 17:30) and place our faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9), not to learn to love and trust ...

Warren has said nothing about who Jesus is, why He died on the cross, in what manner He is their Saviour, the cleansing power of the blood of Christ, repentance or confession of sin, the consequences of sin, or again, the resurrection of Christ. - Gary Gilley

"This Little Church Went to Market" (Revised and updated), p 106-107

(Although this article is somewhat dated, the subject of false salvation prayers is still a serious problem today.)

"DEFENDING THE FAITH IS ULTIMATELY ABOUT DEFENDING THE BIBLE."

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May 2021

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Federal 'Debt'

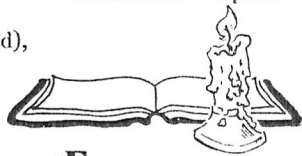
"The Federal government's total debt is expected to exceed \$21 trillion this year and eclipse the size of the U.S. economy; according to the Congressional Budget Office." - copied

Words

"The Lord's Prayer has 56 words; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address has 266; the Declaration of Independence has 300; but a government order on cabbage prices contained 26,911 words." - William Windhall

Old Testament Quotes

"There are over 332 direct quotations and references to the Old Testament in the New Testament; and a total of over 1,000 quotes, references and allusions." - copied



"Except ye be converted ... ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"
(Matthew 18:3)

Overemphasizing God's Love

"Such is true of many in Christian circles today who overemphasize the love of God while underemphasizing the holiness and wrath of God. One may protest that it is not possible to overemphasize God's love. However, if love is always the focus, and God's holiness and judgment and wrath are rarely or never mentioned, love is being overemphasized. In fact, in such a case the 'love' proclaimed tends to fall far short of the love that is actually true of God. Often it becomes little more than sentimentalism." - Robert P. Pruitt

Three important things

"We should learn three important things from the fact that God is Holy ...

- First**, that there is a chasm between God and the sinner; Isaiah 59:1,2, Habakkuk 1:13; not only is the sinner estranged ("to turn from an affectionate and friendly attitude, to an indifferent, unfriendly, or hostile one; alienated") from God, but God is estranged from the sinner. Before sin came, man and God had fellowship with each other; now that fellowship is broken and impossible.
- Secondly**, that man must approach God through the merits of another, if he is to approach Him at all. Man neither possesses nor can acquire the sinlessness that is necessary for access to God. But Christ has come and made access possible; Romans 5:2, Ephesians 2:18, Hebrews 10:19,20.
- Thirdly**, we should approach God 'with reverence and godly fear.' Hebrews 12:28,29.

Right views of the holiness of God lead to right views of sin; Job 40:3-5 and Isaiah 6:5-7 are striking examples of the relation between the two.

IMPORTANT - Humiliation, contrition, and confession flow from a Scriptural view of the holiness of God." (Henry C. Thiessen, "Lectures in Systematic Theology", p 129)

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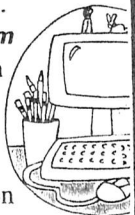
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Point of REBELLION

The god that had to be de-throned

"The demands laid down by our Lord in a passage like Luke 14:25-33 are broad and all inclusive, for He is addressing the multitudes of followers. The application however, would be varied and specific, depending on the individual upon whom the demands of Christ are pressed. This is why, in the case of the rich young ruler, the demands are specifically addressed to his wealth, because this was the god that had to be de-throned in the young man's heart.

The issue of repentance means that each sinner will be crossed at his point of rebellion. It is there that he must be willing to acknowledge the Lordship authority of Jesus Christ in coming to Him for salvation from sin."

- Robert Lescelius, 'Lordship Salvation'



"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

- Psalm 84:10