

## **Differing Opinions Between Godly And Ungodly People**

'A fool has no delight in understanding but only in revealing his own opinion' (Proverbs 18:2).

Opinions between Godly people and ungodly people are very different. This Bible study is about the vast differences of opinions and behaviours between the two groups of our society; the righteous and the unrighteous; believers and non-believers; the Godly and the ungodly; the repentant and the unrepentant; the obedient and the disobedient; the saved and the unsaved; the forgiven and the unforgiven; God's modern-day disciples and the wicked; those going to heaven and those who will end up in the eternal Lake of Fire unless they repent.

Godly people believe what the Bible teaches about creation (Genesis chapters 1 and 2); ungodly people believe in the lie of evolution. The deception of wickedness called evolution was given to ungodly people as an error and a lie because they take pleasure in unrighteousness. 'Given with all deception of wickedness for those who are being lost (for eternity) because they do not receive the love of the Truth (of God) so they might be saved. Because of this, God sent them a working of error so they should believe a lie, so they all might be judged who do not believe the Truth but have pleasure in unrighteousness' (2 Thessalonians 2:10 to 12). The lie of evolution has led more people away from God and His salvation than any other devilish thing ever.

The Bible teaches there is Heaven and hell, sheol, hades, destruction, perdition, also known as the Lake of Fire that burns with sulphur and will forever. Both Heaven and the Lake of fire are real places and Godly people know that very well, but the ungodly refuse to believe it. The invisible souls of all humanity will end up in one of these two places. We are made up body, soul and spirit or breath of life. The human body will eventually die but the soul and spirit will remain together and will live forever. Heaven is the rightful abode of God, Jesus, the holy angels, the cherubim and seraphim. Godly people will spend a glorious eternity living in the presence of God and His host of heavenly beings. Ungodly people who have rejected God or have the opinion there is no God will spend eternity separated from God in the Lake of Fire but constantly longing for Him. They will be filled with woe, sorrow, anguish, regret and hopelessness. They will be judged according to their earthly actions and the words they spoke while on earth (Revelation 20:12), 'By your own words you will be justified and by your own words you will be condemned' (Matthew 12:37). 'The cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars, their part is in the Lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death' (Revelation 21:8).

Jesus said, "I tell you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who mistreat and persecute you so you may be children of your Father Who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:44 & 45). Righteous people forgive their enemies, they bless people who mistreat them, they pray for their persecutors just as Jesus told us to. Our attitude is different to unrighteous people. Godly people are called good seed, children of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:38); Saints, 'As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the excellent ones in whom is all God's delight' (Psalm 16:3); Peacemakers and children of God, 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9); Christians and disciples, 'The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch' (Acts 11:26); Believers (Acts 5:14); Godly (2 Peter 2:9); righteous (1 Peter 4:18) and many other names are given to God's people. Unsaved and ungodly people are called the unrighteous (1 Corinthians 6:9); children of the evil one (Matthew 13:38); children of rebellion (Numbers 17:10); children of disobedience (Colossians 3:6); children of the devil (1 John 3:10); ungodly (2 Peter 3:7) and goats (Matthew 25:32) among other titles.

Godly people believe homosexuality, prostitution, paedophilia and all sexual activity is sin if it is conducted outside the realm of marriage between one man and one woman. Ungodly people

have the opinion, any kind of sexual activity is okay. No sexual sin is less or more sinful – it is all evil in the sight of God and sexual sin is the one and only sin that is conducted within the body. All other sin is conducted outside the body. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we should treat our bodies as God's vessel. We belong to Him and should remain pure and holy because He is Holy (Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16). 'Flee all sexual immorality! Every sin mankind does is outside the body but those who commit sexual immorality sins against their own body. Do you not know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a Price (the blood of Jesus). Therefore glorify God in your body and in your Spirit which belong to God' (1 Corinthians 6:18 to 20).

Godly people know God's intention at creation was for a covenant relationship (marriage) between one man and one women, joined together as a single unit. 'From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this cause (to raise a family, Malachi 2:15) a man will leave his father and mother and will join to his wife and the two will become one flesh so they are no longer two, but one flesh. What God has joined together, let no man separate' (Mark 10:6 to 9). Same sex marriage, which is ungodly, violates God's law for humanity because no homosexual couple can possibly have a covenant relationship with God while living in such abominable sin. All people who indulge in homosexuality risk being separated from God forever in the terrifying Lake of Fire unless they repent, give up their sin and walk righteously with God in a holy manner. 'Do you not realise, the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be fooled. The sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, slanderers nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of God' (1 Corinthians 6:9 & 10). 'The law is not made for righteous man, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers ... for manslayers, for the sexually immoral, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers and for any other thing contrary to sound doctrine' (1 Timothy 1:9 & 10).

Godly people read the Bible and use it as their guidebook to walk righteously while on earth. Ungodly people do not believe what the Bible teaches. 'This Book of the Law will not depart out of your mouth but you will meditate on it day and night so you may observe to do according to all that is written. Then you will make your way prosperous and you will have good success' (Joshua 1:8). Ungodly people do not have the blessing of God. He is far away from the wicked. 'Salvation is far from the wicked because they do not seek Your statutes' (Psalm 119:155). 'God is far from the wicked but He hears the prayers of the righteous' (Proverbs 15:29).

Godly people should not need to listen to ungodly counsellors because the Holy Spirit is our Counsellor. We are blessed if we do not listen to ungodly counsellors. Jesus said, "The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit Whom the Father will send in My name will teach you all things and will remind you of all I have said to you' (John 14:26). 'Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners nor sit in the seat of scoffers but their delight is in God's Law. On His Law they meditate day and night. They will be like a tree planted by the streams of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf does not wither and whatever they do will prosper' (Psalm 1:1 to 3). Ungodly people are often so messed up trying to walk through life without God, they go to counsellors in a vain attempt to sort out their troubles. If they would turn in God, He would take care of their problems.

Godly people embrace forgiveness because we know forgiveness is at the core of our salvation. Without forgiveness we cannot be saved. Ungodly people often hold grudges, they refuse to forgive and families can be torn apart by the refusal to forgive. 'If we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). 'If you forgive everyone their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive them neither will your Father forgive your sins' (Matthew 6:14 & 15). 'Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone so your Father Who is in heaven may

forgive you your transgressions. If you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions' (Mark 11:25 & 26).

Godly people pray for the weaknesses of others without any judgement. Ungodly hypocrites think they have the right to judge Christians, who are forgiven but are not perfect people. However, God will judge the ungodly with the same severity they judge and accuse Christians. Jesus said, "Do not judge so you will not be judged. With whatever judgement you judge, you will be judged, and with whatever (punishment) measure you measure, it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye but will not consider the beam in your own eye? ... You hypocrite! First remove the beam out of your own eye and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:1 to 5).

Godly people pray for those in authority. Ungodly people demonstrate in the streets, cause havoc, they riot and often disobey directions to stop their civil disobedience. The ungodly think genuine Christians are strange because they do not behave in the same way. 'Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God and those who exist are ordained by God' (Romans 13:1). 'The ungodly think it is strange that you do not run with them into the same excess of rioting and blaspheming. They are those who will give an account to God who is ready to judge the living and the dead' (1 Peter 4:4 & 5).

God speaks to us through His Word. His commands and His teaching are alive. They are not just words, concepts or ideas on paper. We need to cling to them and absorb them like as drink of cool water on a hot day. God's wisdom and guidance for us will be like a companion to keep us safe and as healthy as old age will allow. When we walk with God, His Words guide us. When we sleep, He watches over us giving us the blessing of a good night's sleep (Psalm 127:2). When we wake each morning God communes with us (Lamentations 3:23). The presence of God surrounds us. We need to live in His Word, meditate in His Word, accept the teachings and commands written within His Word and seek out the promises in the Bible that relate to us. The Bible is not a religion, it is a living holy entity – more than just a book. It is the wisdom and knowledge of the Ancient of Days, the Holy One, our Creator and the Highest Authority and absorbing the Scriptures puts us in fellowship and a relationship with Him. He actually comes down to us if we consciously draw close to Him (James 4:8). 'Every Word of God is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him' (Proverbs 30:5).

There are so many differences of opinion and behaviour it is impossible to list every difference. We hope the reader can understand the differences written here and can understand, ungodly people think and behave differently for two reasons. One reason is they do not know God and therefore walk in their own form of self-righteousness. They are spiritually lost and need salvation. They are spiritually deaf so they cannot listen to God's Word. The other reason they oppose Godly people is they are walking in the footsteps of their father, the devil. Jesus said, "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you cannot hear My Word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own for he is a liar, and the father of lies, but because I (Jesus) tell the truth, you do not believe Me" (John 8:43 to 45). The devil uses the mouths of the ungodly to accuse and judge the Godly ones day and night (Revelation 12:10). The Bible and truthful teaching about the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus is foolishness to all those who are going to the Lake of Fire (the second death) but it is life to all those who are going to heaven. 'The Word of the cross (of Jesus) is foolishness to those who are dying (eternally) but to us who are saved it is the power of God' (1 Corinthians 1:18). The Bible teaches us we are not always dealing with the flesh and blood person but we are dealing with the evil spirits that possess the person's soul and mind, and those evil beings are causing the strife. 'Our wrestling (life's struggles) is not against flesh and blood (people) but against the wicked principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers

of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places' (Ephesians 6:12).

We need to get to know God as He really is, not what misguided artists paint Him as, or what ungodly perceive Him to be. God really is The Holy One. 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One is understanding' (Proverbs 9:10). Holiness is an attribute not shared by any of God's creation. Humans have absolutely no holiness or righteous we can claim as our own. All holiness and righteousness comes from having faith in God and only from God. 'We are the ones who worship God in the Spirit and rejoice in Messiah Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh ... We must be found in Him, not having a righteousness of our own ... but what is through faith in Jesus, the righteousness is from God by faith' (Philippians 3:3 & 9). By learning to know God we learn from His wisdom. 'If any of you lacks wisdom, ask of God Who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to them' (James 1:5). From knowing God, our Spiritual life flows forth. 'This is eternal life, they should know You the only true God and Him Whom you sent, Jesus the Messiah' (John 17:3).

Amen and God bless you.

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