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**Isaiah 33:22**

Psalm 96; 1 Timothy 6:11-21

### **We Live in a Dangerous Place on Earth**

- The place we live is a comfortable place.
- We live in a place where there is no threat of war, no terrorism, no high crime, no persecution, no food shortage, no drought, no plagues, etc. . . .
- Compared to a large part of the world we are all rich.
- We live in a place where Church, by God's definition, is not taken seriously.
- We live in place where world demands are more important than God's commands. Where science is held in more esteem than God. Where government is trusted more than God.
- We live is a place where God's Word is basically ignored.
- This is dangerous because this is exactly the kind of place where we forget God, become complacent, sluggish, and lazy. (Deuteronomy 6:10-12)
- Very few here are prepared for calamity, crises, difficulties, hardships, etc.
- It is in the midst of calamities, crises, difficulties, hardships that disciples grow. (1 Peter 1:6-9; Acts 14:22; James 1:2)

### **Are We Doing What We Heard Last Week?** (Hebrews 2:1-4)



- Are you giving a more earnest heed to the things preached and taught so that you do not drift away? Are you NOT neglecting so great a salvation?

### **Do You Know God?**

## Are You in a Genuine Relationship with the God of the Bible?

- Are you in a religion or are you in an intimate relationship with God?

### The God of the Bible So Far

- GOD IS . . . eternal, UNIQUE, self-existent, self-sufficient, unchanging, all knowing, *intolerant*, spirit, immense, omnipresent, ALLmighty, SOVEREIGN over EVERYONE, EVERYTHING, and ALL history, Creator, Lord, Owner, Ruler, Master, Potter of our DNA, hearts, and days, God loves, God hates, God is gracious, God is merciful, . . .  
★ **GOD is serious about who He is.**

### God Is King

- A king is **sovereign** over all His kingdom. (See Daniel 5:18-19)
- A king's word, his desire, his pleasure is the Law of the kingdom.
- A king is above the law because he is the law. There is no law above the king.
- A king's word is final.
- A king is sovereign and all those who are in his kingdom are his servants.  
Everyone serves the king.
- Disobedience to the king is HIGH TREASON.
- ☆ **GOD** is the King of kings! (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; 19:16)
- ☆ **GOD** is sovereign over ALL. He does whatever He pleases, with whatever He pleases, whenever He pleases, wherever He pleases, and **always** as He pleases. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:8-11)
- ☆ **GOD** holds the hearts (minds, emotions, wills) of kings (and everyone below him) in His hand and He turns those heart as He pleases. (Proverbs 21:1; Ezra 6:22; 7:27; Daniel 5:23; Proverbs 16:9; 20:24; Jer 10:23; Rev 17:17)

### God Is Judge

- A king is the high judge of his kingdom.
- A king's word is the Law and he judges according to NO OTHER word.
- **GOD** is the "Judge of All the Earth". (Genesis 18:25)
- **EVERYONE** will stand before God as their Judge. (John 5:22-27; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Timothy 4:1; Romans 2:16; 14:9-12; Revelation 20:11-15; Hebrews 4:13; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)
- **UNBELIEVERS** will be judged and found guilty of all their sins and will be sentenced to spend eternity suffering the wrath of God in hell. (Rev 20:11-20)
- **BELIEVERS** will be judged for their stewardship of the gifts and grace God had bestowed on them. (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 2:6-11; 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:7, 16; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10)
- **GOD** will judge in accordance with His truth - and His Word is truth. (Psalm 119:43, 142, 151, 160; **96:13**, 10; 67:4)

## God Is the Only Lawgiver

- As king, the king is the Lawgiver of his kingdom.
- The king decides what is right and what is wrong in his kingdom.
- The king's word is the law of the kingdom.
- Citizen of the kingdom, servants, are obligated to keep the king's law. They are obligated to live their lives in accordance with every word that comes from the king.
- **GOD's** Law is holy, just and good. (Romans 7:12)
- Those who keep God's Law abide in His love. (John 15:10)
- Those who say they know God keep His Law. (1 John 2:3-6)
- Those who say they love God keep His Law. (1 John 5:3; John 14:15, 21,23-24; 15:13-14)
- Those who are the children of God have a lifestyle of practicing righteousness (what God says is right in His commandments). (1 John 2:29-3:10)

## God's Law and You?

- Are you one who calls themselves a Christian who believe that we are no longer under law but under grace (Romans 6:14) and therefore you do not have to concern yourself with God's Law? Do you believe that you can live your life as you please? Have you set yourself up as your own lawgiver?
- Are God's commandments a burden to you? (1 John 5:3)
- Are you one who says doing the commandments of God are not necessary because Christ died from you? (James 1:22; 1 John 2:3-4; Luke 12:47-48)
- Are you one who ignores the commands given in the New Testament for the same reason? (Philippians 4:9; Matt 7:24-29; 12:50; Luke 8:21; John 15:14)

## • OR

- (Psalm 119:25) Are you a **servant** ( x) of the LORD?
- (Psalm 119:1) Are you one who walks (lives) in the Law of the LORD?
- (Psalm 119:2) Do you keep God's testimonies and seek Him with your **whole heart** ( x)? (Psalm 119:10, 34, 44, 69)
- (Psalm 119:4) Do you obey His command that you keep His precepts **diligently**?
- (Psalm 119:9) Are you one who cleanses your way by taking heed to God's Word?
- (Psalm 119:11) Are you hiding God's Word in your heart so that you might not sin against Him?
- (Psalm 119:15) Do you **meditate** ( x) on God's precepts and contemplate His ways? (Psalm 119:97)
- (Psalm 119:16) Do you **delight** ( x) in God's precepts?
- (Psalm 119:30) Have you chosen the way of **truth** (Psalm 119:160) and laid His judgments before you as you live your daily life?
- (Psalm 119:31) Do you cling to His testimonies?

- (Psalm 119:35) Do you delight in walking in the path of God's commandments?
- (Psalm 119:47) Do you **love** ( x) God's commandments?
- (Psalm 119:54) Are God's commandments your song as you pilgrim through you days?
- (Psalm 119:59) As you examine your life in Christ do your feet turn to His commandments?
- (Psalm 119:60) Is your obedience to God's Law swift?
- (Psalm 119:72) Is God's Law more precious to you than money, silver, gold, a great treasure, etc.? (Psalm 119:14, 127, 162; Psalm 19:10)
- (Psalm 119:99-100) Are you wiser because you keep God's commandments?
- (Psalm 119:105) Is the Word of God "a lamp to your feet and a light to your path"? Do you make all your decisions based on what God says or what you think?

### **Sin is Lawlessness** (1 John 3:4)

- Sin is LAWLESSNESS - ignoring God's Law, disobeying God's Law.
  - God's Law includes His eternal moral Law - the Ten Commandments and His commands found in the New Testament.
- Because it is God's Law **all** sin is against God. (Psalm 51:4)
- ALL disciples sin. (1 John 1:8-10)
- ALL disciples continually repent. (Mark 1:14-15)
- Repentance is turning away from ignoring His commands to obey His commandments.

### **The Disciple and the Law**

- A disciple of Christ knows that God's Word is settled in heaven forever. (Psalm 119:89, 160)
- A disciple of Christ has God's Laws written on his/her heart. (Ezekiel 36:26; Hebrews 8:10)
- A disciple of Christ has been given the Holy Spirit to "**cause** you to walk in My statutes, and you **will** keep My judgments and **do** them." (Ezekiel 36:27)
- A disciple knows that he/she is still a sinner and so he/she asks their Lord and Saviour for mercy ( x). (Psalm 119:41, 58, 64, 76, 77, 124, 132, **156**)
- A disciple lives on the promises of the Lawgiver:
  - ★ Psalm 1 - Blessed is the man who's meditate is on the Law of the Lord day and night. He shall . . .
  - ★ Psalm 119:165 - "**GREAT PEACE** have those who love Your Law, and nothing causes them to stumble." (Proverbs 3:1-2, 17; Philip 4:6-9)
  - ★ (Psalm 112:1) Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments.