

The Fellowship Room

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

3-13-2017 Good & Evil

God, through Moses, told Israelites:

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil"
(**Deuteronomy 30:15**).

Solomon ask God for "an understanding heart" "that I may discern between good and evil" (**1 Kings 3:9**). God's prophet, Amos, said:

Hate evil, love good (**Amos 5:15**).

To Christians, Paul wrote:

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good
(**Romans 12:9**).

The difference between "good" and "evil" is clearly drawn, described, and determined. Jesus said,

"The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation"
(**John 5:28-29**).

There are not enough "shades of gray" to confuse those who follow God's Word.

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3-14-2017 Evil Approved and Good Condemned

He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD (**Proverbs 17:15**).

Approving evil or condemning those who do good are "abomination to the LORD." That's as bad as it can get. Rulers are "God's minister to you for good," and "God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" (**Romans 13:3-4**). What makes it confusing for some people is when government policy or laws become abominable to God. Only the Bible gives a clear description of what is "good," and what is "evil."

Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house (**Proverbs 17:13**).

The Christian, however, must

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all (**1 Thessalonians 5:15**).

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3-15-2017 A Guided Conscience

Why study the Bible? It should be to correctly educate our "conscience." Paul wrote:

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) (**Romans 2:14-15**).

"Conscience" is our awareness of right and wrong, but it is our guide only when we learn from God's Word what is right or wrong! People who are not a Christian may do many things right because they have their consciences educated by God's Word. It would be good if their consciences guided them to what Jesus said what must be done to be saved:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**).

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3-16-2017 Little Children To Jesus

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.' And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (**Mark 10:13-16**).

- 1)** The "They" who "brought little children" knew Jesus' "touch" can give direction to precious souls. We're never too young for Jesus!
- 2)** Children are not "born in sin" or else "the kingdom of God" is made up of sinners!
- 3)** Adults must become trusting "children" who will be taught by Jesus.

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3-17-2017 Little Children Left Alone

The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother (**Proverbs 29:15**).

"The rod" is the last line of discipline to be applied (not the first or only line), but children must be reminded that *there is a limit* placed on their actions, beyond which they must not go in respect for parental authority. It is "the rod *and rebuke*" that "give wisdom," not just "the rod" without explanation and corrective instruction, but not "rebuke" without "the rod."

Unfortunately, in this society filled with divorce and remarriage, custody battles, sexual relations without marriage commitment, a child is "left to himself." The mother or father who thinks the child can handle things all alone is self-deceived and has abdicated the greatest authority on earth: nurturing a soul. They will give account on the Day of Judgment. Fornication fathers the fatherless!

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