

Does God Exist?

I heard a story this week and thought you might enjoy the "insight." The story went something like this: A gentleman was seated in a barber's chair. During the course of the haircut, the topic of the existence of God came up in conversation. The barber stated, "I do not believe that God exists. The gentleman shocked at this statement, asked "Why not?" "Well," replied the barber, "All you have to do is go out into the! street and see the pain and suffering that humans endure. If God existed, He would not allow this to happen."

The Gentleman did not want to engage in an argument, so he did not respond. After the haircut, the gentleman left the barber shop. He saw, sitting on the sidewalk, a man with dirty clothes and long hair. He turned and went back into the barbershop. "Barbers do not exist!" he exclaimed. "What do you mean?" said the barber. "Of course we exist! Here I am standing right here to prove it!" The gentleman replied, "There is a man with long hair sitting on the street! If barbers existed, he would not have long, unkept hair!" "That's a ridiculous conclusion" said the barber. "People don't always come to me to get their hair cut!" "That's right" the gentleman responded, "and people don't always come to God!"

If all people always went to God and submitted to His Will, then every person on the planet would not be hungry! All the sick and dying would be well cared for! There would be no poverty! God's Will would be "done one earth as it is in heaven." However, most do not submit to God's will. Hence, the earth endures many things that God does not desire that it endure. God does exist! Glory to Him! ~ David Conley

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Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Don't Be Taken by The Satan Explanation

When Satan finally got Eve to seriously doubt both the goodness of God and His instruction to eat of every tree in the Garden of Eden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he said to her, "You will not surely die, For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5). Satan explained that Eve would not actually die, contradicting what God said (Genesis 2:16-17). Satan went on to explain that God did not actually want good for Eve. After all, according to Satan, God knew the benefits she would gain from the fruit, and He did not want her to have anything good.

Adding to the deception, what Satan explained seemed to be true. Adam did not physically die until over 500 years later (Genesis 5:5). Adam and Eve did become like God, in the sense that they did know "good and evil" after eating that fruit (Genesis 3:22).

However, what Eve thought was a bargain did not work out very well (Genesis 3:6-24)! She and Adam were taken by the Satan Explanation! We must not let anyone talk us out of what the Bible plainly teaches, whether it be on salvation, the necessity of baptism, church organization or marriage – divorce – and remarriage.

Most Bible doctrines are very easy to understand. We need help to misunderstand – and plenty of that kind of help is available. However, let us stand on God's Word and not be taken by the Satan Explanation! ~ Brian R. Kenyon

A Calling of Life

To what were you called, and from what were you called? The call of the master is found in Matthew 11:28-30. "Come unto me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." We are called from labor to rest (Matthew 11:28).

We are called from death to life (1 John 3:14). "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love, abides in death." We are called from bondage to liberty (Galatians 5:13). "For you were called to freedom brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." We are called from darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." We are called to the fellowship of his son (1 Corinthians 1:9). "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Above all, we are called by Jesus Christ from bondage to peace.

Have you answered the call of Jesus Christ? Our precious Lord calls upon each person to believe that He is the Son of God (John 8:24) and to be baptized into Him (Galatians 3:27) and His death (Romans 6:3-5). "He who believes and is baptized will be saved..." (Mark 16:16). ~Cliff Holmes

<i>Keep These Dates in Mind</i>	<i>May Birthdays and Anniversaries</i>		
05/05 First Sunday Potluck 05/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 05/12 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 05/15 Soup Night 05/24 Family Night 6:00p 06/02 First Sunday Potluck 06/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 06/09 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 06/21 Family Fun Night 6:00p	Lynette Jones 5/4 Gerald Funnell 5/5 Cathy Heston 5/6 Jared Bolt 5/7 Bill Lafferty 5/8 Barbara Goldsmith 5/16 Tom Gritzan 5/17 Dustin McCrickard 5/30	<i>And this is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their works were evil.</i>	
	<i>Bible Studies</i>		
	Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.–O.T. Beginning in Gen 12 Wed pm – Shadows of the church from the O.T	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m.

Therefore, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things That are God's.



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Amanda McCrickard's parents, Karen McBurney's father, Leland And Marilyn's daughter.

Don and Sheri Blackwell have been involved in a very serious accident. Sheri will recover from her injuries. Don likely will not, as his spinal cord was completely severed. At this point, It appears he will be in a wheelchair the

rest of his life. He had surgery and is in excruciating pain. He's currently in the hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. He should get transferred to Shepherd Center in Atlanta. He will be there for probably 3 months. (Update from their son Travis.) There are some methods of contributing for their living and medical costs if you wish. Please see Lynette Jones if you are interested.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

What Does the Lord Require of Me?

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)?

Have you ever looked around the world around you and felt overwhelmed with all the problems you see? When observing so much of the evil in the world, have you ever thought, "What does God want me to do? What does God require of me?"

The prophet Micah certainly lived in times when much evil was going on the world around him. The people of his day seemed to spend all their time devising iniquity and planning evil (cf. Micah 2:1-2). The rulers were oppressing the people (cf. Micah 3:1-3). Micah adds regarding their hypocrisy, "Her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the Lord, and say, 'Is not the Lord among us? No harm can come upon us' " (Micah 3:11).

Furthermore, Micah mentions how difficult it was to find people one could trust: "The faithful man has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; every man hunts his brother with a net" (Micah 7:2). He adds, "The best of them is like a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge..." (Micah 7:4). Things were so bad that one could not even trust his or her family members: "Do not trust in a friend; do not put your confidence in a companion; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom. For son dishonors father, daughter rises against her mother, daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own household" (Micah 7:5-6).

Living in such darkness, where could Micah turn for help and support? In the midst of such ungodliness, Micah knew that He could still turn to the Lord for support. God would not abandon Micah. Micah states, "Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me" (Micah 7:7).

How did God want Micah to serve Him in the midst of such an evil society? Micah wonders if God expects Him do make some great sacrifices: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" (Micah 6:6-7). God didn't expect anything like this. Instead, as the opening verses above indicate, what God required was simply "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly" with God (Micah 6:8).

Israel was about to face severe judgment for her sins (cf. Micah 3:9-12). In a great statement of faith, Israel is pictured as showing forth the kind of humility God had desired to see in her all along. She says, "Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness" (Micah 7:8-9).

What does God require of me? God doesn't heap unreasonable expectations upon me. Today, strive to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with my God!

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). ~Susquehanna Church of Christ, Daily Devo

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning And your faithfulness by night (Ps. 92:1, 2)