In God's Eyes

Introduction

1. Christians know and understand that all that really matters in our life is that when our life ends, how were we seen "in God's eyes?"

A. God will judge us and He will do so righteously without partiality. His Word states this fact.

Romans 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Romans 14:11 For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD."

2. The only thing that will save us is a knowledge of God's will and the desire to act on that knowledge to do ALL things according to His authoritative instruction.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Where Does Our Nation Stand In God's Eyes?

1. The prophet Isaiah said of Judah who had turned away from God:

Isaiah 1:4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.

2. Many religious people realize and recognize that our nation has turned from God and have prayed for a return to Him.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

- God hates evil. He hates evil so much that He instructed the Israelites to destroy all the wicked nations.
 Deuteronomy 7:1-2
- 4. Here is something for us to consider. If God's chosen people were about to enter our nation this very day, would God command them to wipe us out?
 - A. Some say this country was founded on Christian beliefs by those who believed in almighty God. There is some truth to that.
 - 1) But the nation that I see today is much different than it was when I was a little boy. It certainly is much, much different than it was 200 years ago.
 - 2) It does not remotely resemble a nation that was founded on Christian principles Consider:

- We are the largest producer of pornography in the world.
- We have legalized the killing of the unborn child.
 - The culture of death to innocent infants continues to spread. Now legal for 16 year olds in Massachusetts.
- We have desecrated God's institution of marriage.
 - About 55% of marriages end in divorce. This means that most children are being raised by one parent or being transferred back and forth between two households.
- People can decide that they don't want to be the male or female they were born to be.
 - Male and Female bathrooms are used by those who claim to be male or female, not necessarily their God given sex.
- We have celebrated the premature deaths of our elderly in many states.
- We celebrate and give out awards to an entertainment industry that is evil and crude.
- We push for the legalization of drugs, while a the same time defund those who seek to uphold the law.
- We gather around television sets with our friends to watch immoral TV programs and laugh.
- We use cuss words like they are the very breath we breathe.
- The drinking of alcohol is glamorized.

3) We are living in an upside-down world where right is wrong and wrong is right, where moral is immoral and immoral is moral, where good is evil and evil is good, where killing murderers is wrong, but killing innocent babies is right.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

- 5. In Deuteronomy 7, Moses continued by saying: Deuteronomy 7:4-5
- 6. God has always wanted and demanded His special people to be holy. He asked them to destroy idols that would come before Him.
 - A. What would God do to our nation today?

Conclusion

1. We must make sure that we are seeking Him and serving Him first and foremost in our daily lives.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- 2. God has extended His patience to our nation again and again!
 - A. Someday this hardening of the heart will bring down His wrath.
- 3. As God holds the universe in His hand, so He holds nations in His hand to let them rise or fall according to their moral character. Proverbs 14:34

- A. There needs to be a lot of repentance that must take place in our nation today.
 - 1) There needs to truly be a returning to God. A failure to do so will result in eternal condemnation.
- 4. What about each of us here?

A. Are we giving God "lip service" or are we truly devoted in our love and service to Him above all else?

Matthew 15:7-9 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

- 5. God never has and never will accept second best. We can't serve Him and Mammon together (Matthew 6:24).
- 6. Lack of knowledge will prove to be man's downfall. It is not enough to say "I love God" and "I believe in God" if one does not actually do the things which He says.

Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Luke 9:62"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

7. In God's Eyes, does He see us living for the world, or meditating on Him and practicing righteousness?

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

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