



The Pearland Harvester

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP
THE BODY OF CHRIST

MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? FAULTY ORIGINS OF MORALITY

By Justin Gonzalez

Secular moral philosophy is the idea that morals come from your environment. In other words, they suggest that we receive our moral understanding from the society that surrounds us. This, coupled with the idea of the conscience encoded into all of us in our DNA, brings us morality. This ideology does not propose an objective standard. Therefore, every culture would have a unique moral standard. This is true simply because in every culture man and humanism would be held up as the standard objective for morality.

It is not in man to set moral standards because of the varying nature of individuals. Rather, it is God that sets the standard for His creation. The Creator is the author of morality for what He has created, not any man, men, village, culture, or environment. Paul says in (1 Cor 15:33), "Do not be deceived: *Bad company ruins good morals*" (ESV). With this statement, Paul shows us that there is indeed a moral standard.

Solomon says that there is a way of understanding. "Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding" (Pro 9:6). Solomon is boldly proclaiming that God is the way of understanding. This means that Solomon understands and teaches us that God is the great Creator from which all wisdom comes from. With God's wisdom comes all the information that is needed for life and godliness. "As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," (2 Pet 1:3).

You see, it is God that calls us to virtue and godliness, not by chance or an idea, but through knowledge. Thus Solomon would come to the *conclusion* "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" (Eccl 12:13). Within God's commandments sits the root of man's understanding of right and wrong, and man's guide for morality.

Another problem with the secular moral philosophy idea is that it is based on human emotion. A key component to this theory is that humans are bliss-driven. Your moral compass is effected by your society, and your society then reacts to what is positive and what is negative. In other words, what causes bliss and happiness is good and accepted as part of the moral standard.

To the contrary, things that cause sadness, anger, and depression etc. are considered bad or not up to the moral standard. One of the problems with this idea is that what makes one person happy might not make another person happy. Some people achieve happiness when they commit murder and rape while others do not. According to secular morality, if the amount of people who become happy when they murder and rape outnumber the ones who don't, then murder and rape become the standard of morality. When man is lifted up as the standard of morality, then man will fall because of his standards.

To be continued next week...



Who had the only known case of halitosis in the Bible?

Answer to last week's question: Michal (2 Sam 6:20). Susan Lenamon was first to submit a correct answer.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, November 2, 2017:

Thursday—Hebrews 1-4

Friday—Numbers 25-28

Saturday—2 Chronicles 6-10

Sunday—Psalms 114-116

Monday—Proverbs 26-27

Tuesday—Obadiah

Wednesday—Acts 1-2

For the Record—10/29/2017

Sunday AM	131
Sunday PM	54
Wednesday (10-25)	26
Contribution	\$3,954
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$186,079
YTD Budget	\$249,400

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Please keep **Josh and Amy Woolard and their son, Lincoln**, in prayer. Lincoln is in the hospital for heart defects. Josh fell of a roof earlier this week breaking 11 ribs and his pelvis. They had to remove his spleen, but he is recovering well so far.
- **Jan Lemoine** visited the doctor recently and was diagnosed with two different skin cancers. It is not melanoma, but a biopsy was performed. She will find out more in ten days. Please pray for Jan's health.

Our Members:

Gary Adams, Jared Johnson, Bennie Sue Galindo, Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford & Nina Layton, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, Harold & Alice Moore, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry.

Others:

Eddie Parker, Kaye Waggoner, Ramona Williams, Christian Bazil, Daniel Ingram, Judy Moore, Thomas Mauney, Mike Humphries, Michael Smith, Jim Alford, Leona Anderson, Catherine & Cecilia Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Linda Bynum, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Judy Dame, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin & Celia Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Mark Pridgen, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trenna Russell, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin and Elijah Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Elder of the month: Gary Adams**

- Our minister is available upon request for personal Bible studies on any topic. Please see the back of the bulletin for his phone number.
- The church annex will be used as an early voting location from 10/22 to 11/05. During this time, all Sunday and Wednesday classes typically held the annex will be moved to the auditorium.
- Secret Sisters will meet Monday, November 6 at 6:30 PM at Jodi Briand's home (205 Greenbriar Dr., Friendswood). Jodi and Heather Brown are the hostesses.
- WNWTM has been moved to November 8th.
- There will be no Ladies' Bible Class on November 8th or December 13th.
- There will be a game night in the annex on November 17 @ 6PM.
- The ladies in the November food preparation group are Kristin Alatrash and Candice Townzen.
- A Ladies' Christmas Party will be held at Brenda Blair's home (2321 Francis St., Pearland) on December 1st at 6:30 PM.
- The December Secret Sister Party will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm at 2606 Gunpowder Lane in Pearland. The hostesses are Brenda Riggs and Jean Coe.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night (November 4th).

November Events

- 6** Secret Sisters - Jodi Briand's home - 6:30PM
- 8** WNWTM
- 17** Game night in the annex—6PM
- 22** Ladies Bible Class

November Anniversaries

5 Daniel & Sarah Brown

November Birthdays

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| 3 Ben Valdez | 4 Vi Price |
| 4 Karen Valdez | 5 Warren Hudman |
| 8 Mitzi Williams | 13 Laura Moss |
| 13 Carole Kriegel | 15 Tim Godwin |
| 18 Doris Stuteville | 21 Delores Truelove |
| 27 J.J. Martinez | |

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening November 1	Wednesday Evening November 8
Building Lock Up — James Maxcey	Building Lock Up — Chris Lindelof

Morning Worship November 5	Morning Worship November 12
<p>Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof</p> <p>Song Leader Wendell Romain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding James Maxcey</p> <p>Jimmy Terry Derek Mauney</p> <p>Jeremy Brown Mark Holmberg</p> <p>Russell Genaro Alan Pearson</p> <p>Announcements and Closing Prayer Gary Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> <p>Lianne Biegay Appeal Byers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Lynn Adams, Jacob Carriere, N Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> <p>Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> <p>Bob & Mitzi Williams</p> <p>Building Lock Up AM /PM K Scarsdale</p>	<p>Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton</p> <p>Song Leader TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding Gheath Alatrash</p> <p>Josh Hundley Phil Godwin</p> <p>Chris Wallace Tom Langford</p> <p>Bobby Parker Blake Williams</p> <p>Announcements and Closing Prayer Gary Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> <p>Laurie Maxcey Candice Townzen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Clifford Layton, G Townzen, J Satterwhite</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> <p>Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> <p>Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Building Lock Up AM/PM— Bob Williams</p>
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
<p>Song Leader Wendell Romain</p> <p>Communion Bob Williams, Alan Pearson</p> <p>Closing Prayer Daniel Brown</p>	<p>Song Leader TBD</p> <p>Communion Jimmy Terry, Zack Williams</p> <p>Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale</p>

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Bible Study9 am</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10 am</p> <p>Evening Worship.....6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm</p>

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MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:

Paul Tohionon - Bohicon

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Blaise Atta - Bétérou

Clément Djebede - Okéwo

Gaston Nda - Natitingou

Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou

André Assogba - Gobé

Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé

Paul Kouagou - N'Dali

Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua

Gabin Agbeci - Savalou

Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies

Lewis Romain