



## The Pearland Harvester

SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

### MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? PROBLEM WITH GOD'S AUTHORITY

Justin Gonzalez

The problem with the New Atheist movement for morality without God stems from humanism and a lack of obedience towards God the Father. When one holds a humanist mindset, the individual becomes god to himself. One just lives life fulfilling the lust of his flesh. This does not mean that they are sinful in a sexual nature, but rather the sin of their flesh is the denouncement of God. They lack a fear of God and His authority because they are unlearned in the way of God. They have not come to the knowledge of the truth. Instead, they have become knowledgeable in the ways of man, making themselves like gods for their disciples.

These pioneers go to great lengths to teach that if you don't believe what they are saying then you are foolish. To the contrary, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Pro 1:7). The man that directs his own steps and denounces the Lord is the one that is foolish, not those who love the Lord and walk in His ways. "The fear of the LORD is the

beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Pro 9:10).

In a similar fashion we see that real wisdom begins with a fear of the Lord, and that a real knowledgeable understanding comes with knowing God. Yes indeed "The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God.*" (Ps 14:1a). Thus when one believes there is no God and becomes his own standard of righteousness, "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good" (Ps 14:1b).

The followers of this movement are void of understanding that God's ways are better than their own. "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Is 55:8-9). The real problem here is that these advocates and their followers don't respect the Biblical authority of God and His Word.

*To be continued next week...*

# TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

What "optical" phrase, found three times in the Bible, is a common phrase meaning "something dear and precious?"

Answer to last week's question: Job—his wife found his breath offensive (Job 19:17).

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, November 8, 2017:

- Thursday—Hebrews 5-7
- Friday— Numbers 29-32
- Saturday—2 Chronicles 11-15
- Sunday—Psalms 117-118
- Monday—Proverbs 28
- Tuesday—Jonah
- Wednesday—Acts 3-4

### For the Record—11/5/2017

Sunday AM	149
Sunday PM	68
Wednesday (11/1)	58
Contribution	\$5,282
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$191,361
YTD Budget	\$255,200

### 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, Trena 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.
- Bob Williams' group will meet on Saturday, November 18th at 5 PM at Don and Connie Powell's home (1011 Falling Leaf Dr., Friendswood). They will have BBQ sandwiches and dessert along with a devotional and singing. Please contact Bob if you have any questions.
- WNWTM has been moved to November 8th.
- There will be no Ladies' Bible Class on November 22nd or December 27th. The next class will be held December 13th.
- A game night will be held in the annex on November 17 at 6 PM. Food will be provided.
- 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 7th at 6:30 PM at 2606 Gunpowder Lane in Pearland. The hostesses are Brenda Riggs and Jean Coe.

***November Events***

- 8 WNWTM
- 17 Game night in the annex—6PM
- 18 Bob Williams's Group Meeting

***December Events***

- 1 Brenda Blair's Christmas Party
- 7 Secret Sisters Party
- 13 Ladies Bible Class

***November Birthdays***

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 8 Mitzi Williams    | 13 Laura Moss       |
| 13 Carole Kriegel   | 15 Tim Godwin       |
| 18 Doris Stuteville | 21 Delores Truelove |
| 27 J.J. Martinez    |                     |

***November Anniversaries***

- 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown

**One of our members is missing an iPad that may have been left in the church.  
Please contact Candice Townzen if it is found (806) 474-4108.**

## Those to Serve

## *Pearland Church of Christ*

...equipping the saints for the work  
of service, building up the body of Christ...

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<b>Wednesday Evening November 8</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening November 15</b>
<b>Building Lock Up</b> - Chris Lindelof	<b>Building Lock Up</b> — Kevin Scarsdale

Morning Worship November 12	Morning Worship November 19
<p><b>Opening Prayer</b> Gheath Alatrash  <b>Song Leader</b> Bobby Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Wendell Romain</p> <p>Josh Hundley Phil Godwin  Chris Wallace Tom Langford  Alan Pearson Blake Williams</p> <p><b>Announcements and Closing Prayer</b> Gary Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> <p>Laurie Maxcey Candice Townzen</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Paul Hamilton, J Terry, J Satterwhite</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>Kevin and Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audio/Projector</b></p> <p>Derek and Tracey Mauney</p> <p><b>Building Lock Up AM /PM</b> - Bob Williams</p>	<p><b>Opening Prayer</b> Paul Hamilton  <b>Song Leader</b> Blake Williams</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Bob Williams</p> <p>Mark Holmberg Derek Mauney  Daniel Brown Jeremy Brown  Russell Genaro Grayson Townzen</p> <p><b>Announcements and Closing Prayer</b> Gary Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> <p>Sarah White Angela Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Lynn Adams, N Scarsdale, P Godwin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>Kevin and Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audio/Projector</b></p> <p>Bob and Mitzi Williams</p> <p><b>Building Lock Up AM/PM</b>— Gary Adams</p>

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
<p><b>Song Leader</b> Bobby Parker</p> <p><b>Communion</b> Jimmy Terry, Zack Williams</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b> Bob Williams</p>	<p><b>Song Leader</b> Blake Williams</p> <p><b>Communion</b> James Maxcey, B Parker</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b> Alan Pearson</p>

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Bible Study .....9 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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### ELDERS

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*Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866*

### DEACONS

*Bobby Parker 832-293-3833*  
*Bob Williams 281-798-4631*

### MINISTERS

*Justin Gonzalez Minister 832-724-4502*  
*Zack Williams Youth Minister 832-904-3965*

### MISSIONARIES

*Benin, West Africa:*  
*Paul Tohionon - Bohicon*  
*Pascal Djedatin - Dassa*  
*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*