



# The Pearland Harvester

SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

## MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? PROBLEM WITH GOD'S AUTHORITY (PART 2)

Justin Gonzalez

The Word of God is the authority for all men. The Bible is the inspired Word of God. "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16). God has always used His Word to communicate with His creation. "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; (Heb 1:1-2). God has never left His people in the dark, but has instead enlightened mankind with His Word. God's Word is truth, and is the standard for all things to be measured against. John wrote, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth" (Jn 17:17).

Friends, this great debate over whether God and Jesus are real and the objective standard has been contemplated for two thousand plus years. The Apostle Paul's teacher in Judaism, Gamaliel, contemplated and reasoned over the validity of Jesus. When discussing what to do with Jesus' apostles and the message they preached concerning Him, he came to this conclusion: "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four

hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God" (Acts 5:36-39).

Gamaliel was questioning Jesus' authority and whether or not He was from God. It is clear that it has been two thousand plus years and still Jesus has not been overthrown. Not only is He from God, He *is* God. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14). Jesus said to Phillip "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'" (Jn 14:9). The writer of the Book of Hebrews states that Jesus the Christ is the "express image of His person" (Heb 1:3a), that is that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.

To be continued next week...



What type of heart is the Lord near to?

Answer to last week's question: Apple of the eye (Deuteronomy 32:10, Psalm 17:8, Proverbs 7:2).

**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

Beginning Thursday, November 16, 2017:

- Thursday—Hebrews 8-10
- Friday— Numbers 33-36
- Saturday—2 Chronicles 16-20
- Sunday—Psalm 119
- Monday—Proverbs 29-30
- Tuesday—Micah
- Wednesday—Acts 5-6

For the Record—11/12/2017	
Sunday AM	141
Sunday PM	50
Wednesday (11/8)	63
Contribution	\$3,873
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$195,233
YTD Budget	\$261,000

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

- Please keep **Daemane Hudson** in prayer. She is the 13-year-old daughter of Damon Hudson (one of James Maxcey's employees), and has battled sickle cell disease her entire life. At this point, it does not appear she will survive.

**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.

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<b>Wednesday Evening November 15</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening November 22</b>
<b>Building Lock Up</b> - Kevin Scarsdale	<b>Building Lock Up</b> — Bob Williams

Morning Worship November 19	Morning Worship November 26
<b>Opening Prayer</b> Paul Hamilton <b>Song Leader</b> Blake Williams  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Bob Williams</p> Mark Holmberg Derek Mauney Daniel Brown Jeremy Brown Russell Genaro Grayson Townzen  <b>Announcements and Closing Prayer</b> Gary Adams  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> Sarah White Angela Parker  <b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher) *Lynn Adams, N Scarsdale, P Godwin  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> Kevin and Maresha Scarsdale  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audio/Projector</b></p> Bob and Mitzi Williams  <b>Building Lock Up AM /PM</b> - Gary Adams	<b>Opening Prayer</b> Lynn Adams <b>Song Leader</b> TBD  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Wendell Romain</p> Derek Mauney Chris Wallace Josh Hundley James Maxcey Bobby Parker Gheath Alatrash  <b>Announcements and Closing Prayer</b> Gary Adams  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> Tracey Mauney Molly Godwin  <b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher) *Clifford Layton, J Carriere, T Langford  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> Kevin and Maresha Scarsdale  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audio/Projector</b></p> Bob and Mitzi Williams  <b>Building Lock Up AM/PM</b> — Chris Lindelof

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
<b>Song Leader</b> Blake Williams  <b>Communion</b> James Maxcey, B Parker  <b>Closing Prayer</b> Alan Pearson	<b>Song Leader</b> TBD  <b>Communion</b> Zack Williams, Jimmy Terry  <b>Closing Prayer</b> Phil Godwin

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p><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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*Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou*  
*André Assogba - Gobé*  
*Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé*  
*Paul Kouagou - N'Dali*  
*Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua*  
*Gabin Agbeci - Savalou*

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