



# The Pearland Harvester

SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

## MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? GOD'S WORD IS VERIFIABLE AND UNCHANGING

Justin Gonzalez

The ideas that the New Atheists have taught concerning morality and mankind are false. If these men and women were truly intellectuals, their studies would be based on facts and not theories. They would not base their beliefs on assumptions. If they were true scientists, they would not believe in evolution because it is not based on factual science. In fact, if they were honest concerning the facts, they would see that the Bible is factual. The Bible is verifiable on many levels such as historical record, archeological record, the fulfillment of prophecy, and so forth. There is too much evidence to write the God of the Bible off as a fantasy.

The Bible and the morality which is taught in it is no theory or assumption. It is the standard of the God and Creator of all things. The morality from carnal man does not speak in ways and knowledge of sin and righteousness, but rather of happiness and sadness. Man cannot have an understanding of right and wrong unless He knows the righteousness and holiness of God. The teaching that the standard of morality comes from self and society is dangerous and lacks authority. When people make these claims, the question must be raised: who gave these men the authority to author when, where and how morality is upheld?

The same leaders who herald that people should think for themselves bombard everyone with their own propaganda. They make themselves like gods for their movement and followers, thus contradict the very essence of free thinking. What they are really saying is, "let me think for you and/or guide you in the ways on my logic". If these men are so hypocritical in every facet which we have explored, they will be hypocritical even towards their standard and stance on morality. They will change their stance to appease their own intellect. Yet they will not appease the superior intellect which has been given to us in the Bible.

The great thing about the God we serve is that He never changes who He is. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Thus when He teaches us through Holy inspired men on morality, it will never change nor have any variant. Christ said: "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts,

covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man" (Mk. 7:20-23).

Friends, it is evil thoughts and corrupt standards that proceed from men. Look at man's standard of morality: "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due" (Rom. 1:26-27).

If it were up to man, unnatural and immoral things such as homosexuality would be perfectly moral. God's standard of morality stands up and calls all men to be better than what the lust of their flesh would have them be. God indeed gives us standards which are visible in His Bible. For instance, we see in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Because of the Lord's unchanging nature, these areas of morality will never change. Thus, because of its unchanging and divine nature, it is the standard. God, because He loves us and cares for us, shows us what is right and wrong, moral and immoral. "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21). If you will notice, these immoral works come from the mind and flesh of man and not that of God. This is why God is needed as the standard of morality and cannot be removed.

*To be continued next week...*



What man held a celebration that lasted about six months in order to show his wealth?

Answer to last week's question: Ben-Hur (1 Kings 4:7-8)

**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

Beginning Thursday, November 30, 2017:

- Thursday—James 1-3
- Friday— Deuteronomy 4-6
- Saturday—2 Chronicles 25-28
- Sunday—Psalms 122-124
- Monday—Ecclesiastes 1-2
- Tuesday—Habakkuk
- Wednesday—Acts 9-10

**For the Record—11/26/2017**

Sunday AM	155
Sunday PM	64
Contribution	\$4,429
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$203,830
YTD Budget	\$272,600

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

**Our Members:**

Harold Moore, Gary Adams, Jared Johnson, 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, Alice Moore, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry.

**Others:**

Briana Galindo, Eddie Parker, Daemane Hudson, Josh, Amy and Lincoln Woolard, 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, Tenna 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: Chris Lindelof**

- Our minister is available upon request for personal Bible studies on any topic. Please see the back of the bulletin for his phone number.
- Kevin Scarsdale's group will meet at his house for fellowship at 7pm on December 5th. Please RSVP for details on what to bring.
- WNWTM will be held on December 6th. The meal will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert.
- Dominica toy drive donations should be brought to the church by this Sunday, December 3rd.
- We are in need of volunteers for communion preparation in December.
- Ladies' Bible Class will be held December 13th. There is no class on December 27th.
- A Ladies' Christmas Party will be held at Brenda Blair's home (2321 Francis St., Pearland) on December 1st at 6:30pm.
- The December Secret Sister Party will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm (2606 Gunpowder Lane in Pearland). The hostesses are Brenda Riggs and Jean Coe.
- Our secretary will be out of the office from December 21-25.

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***December Events***

- 1 Brenda Blair's Christmas Party
- 6 WNWTM
- 5 Kevin Scarsdale's Group Meeting
- 7 Secret Sisters Party
- 13 Ladies Bible Class
- 31 Friends and Family Day

***December Anniversaries***

- 1 Jeremy and Heather Brown
- 9 Ricky and Janice Pearson
- 27 Bob and Mitzi Williams



Please contact our secretary if you are able to help with communion preparation during the month of December.

***December Birthdays***

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| 4 Zanna Osuorji      | 6 Gwendolyn Jones |
| 7 Jacob Carriere     | 12 Harold Moore   |
| 12 Lupita Garcia     | 16 Chase Shelton  |
| 18 Victor Osuorji    | 21 Bryan Hudman   |
| 24 Bob Williams      | 27 Haley Biegay   |
| 31 Maresha Scarsdale | 31 Loma Stone     |

## Those to Serve

## *Pearland Church of Christ*

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<b>Wednesday Evening November 29</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening December 6</b>
<b>Building Lock Up - Gary Adams</b>	<b>Building Lock Up— Chris Lindelof</b>

Morning Worship December 3	Morning Worship December 10
<p><b>Opening Prayer</b> Kevin Scarsdale</p> <p><b>Song Leader</b> Gary Adams</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Daniel Brown</p> <p>Russell Genaro      Jeremy Brown</p> <p>Grayson Townzen      Jake Satterwhite</p> <p>Mark Holmberg      Tom Langford</p> <p><b>Announcements and Closing Prayer</b> Chris Lindelof</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> <p>Candice Townzen      Appeal Byers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Lynn Adams, N Scarsdale, A Pearson</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 - K Scarsdale</b></p>	<p><b>Opening Prayer</b> Paul Hamilton</p> <p><b>Song Leader</b> Wendell Romain</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Bobby Parker</p> <p>James Maxcey      Jimmy Terry</p> <p>Jacob Carriere      Alan Pearson</p> <p>Derek Mauney      Blake Williams</p> <p><b>Announcements and Closing Prayer</b> Chris Lindelof</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> <p>Molly Godwin      Angela Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Phil Godwin, Josh Hundley, Chris Wallace</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— Bob Williams</b></p>

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
<p><b>Song Leader</b> Gary Adams</p> <p><b>Communion</b> Gheath Alatrash, C Wallace</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b> Blake Williams</p>	<p><b>Song Leader</b> Wendell Romain</p> <p><b>Communion</b> Kevin Scarsdale, Z Williams</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b> Lynn Adams</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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*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*