



The Pearland Harvester

SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? CONCLUSION

Justin Gonzalez

The notion that is presented by New Atheists states that God's morality, which stems from His Word, is the cause of suffering, slavery, and women's oppression among other things. God is the author of love, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn 3:16). Jesus does not proclaim oppression, suffering, and war, but rather He teaches God's authority and love.

"Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment" (Mk 12:29-30). If we used their logic of majority rules in society, then the majority has ruled and claims God as the authority. Therefore, by their own standards, they must conform to God's standards and recognize His authority.

Friends, without God as our objective standard, there is no standard. God does not cause suffering; He promotes joy, peace, and love. One of the atheists' favorite claims is that the Bible shows God as an evil monster who murders babies, etc. They go on to say the only reason that one can be a Christian and believe in God is because they haven't read the Bible. Brethren and friends, the only reason they are not Christians is because they haven't read the Bible!

It is truth that not all will believe in their creator, but will be as swine to our pearls (Matt 7:6). Brethren, there will always be people out to

take souls from Christ. It is our duty to put on the whole armor of God to fend off such advances (Eph 6:11). We must study to show ourselves approved (2 Tim 2:15). A lack of knowledge on our part will not be sufficient in the Day of Judgment (Hos 4:6). We must always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Pet 3:15).

Friends, the hope that should be in all of us is that of Jesus Christ, His superior covenant, and His superior morality. What we need to remember is this: man says "listen to me and let me guide you". Christ says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn 14:6). Make no exceptions for any teaching of man, because Jesus Christ is the only way unto salvation.

The New Atheist says that his own word and logic is sufficient for morality and righteousness. They believe that there is no God, therefore there is no judgment. Jesus says, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (Jn 14:28). Let us never forget the authority of God, and let us never forget that we have to make the choice to serve Him and not self. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Josh 24:15).



Does scripture ever record the disciples singing a hymn in the presence of Jesus?

Answer to last week's question: Ahasuerus (Est 1:1-4 KJV). Susan Lenamon was first to submit the correct answer.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, December 7th, 2017)

- Thursday—James 4-5
- Friday— Deuteronomy 7-9
- Saturday—2 Chronicles 29-32
- Sunday—Psalms 125-127
- Monday—Ecclesiastes 3-4
- Tuesday—Zephaniah
- Wednesday—Acts 11-12

For the Record—12/3/2017

Sunday AM	154
Sunday PM	54
Contribution	\$6,145
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$209,975
YTD Budget	\$278,400

KEEP IN PRAYER

Our sincerest condolences go out to the **family and friends of Paul Tohoionon**, who passed away on December 3rd. Paul was one of the missionaries we supported in West Africa. Please keep his loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

From George Akpabli:

"The Benin church of Christ has lost one of our most effective preachers. The report is that he finished with his weekly Saturday night radio preaching yesterday. On his ride back home, a distance of about 30 miles from the radio station to his home, he got sick and got off the motorbike. An ambulance was called. He was rushed to the hospital in a coma. He passed away at the hospital in Bohicon. Paul came to see me in the office on Wednesday. He left behind a wife and 8 children."

Andrew Shock has been in the hospital with a severe staff infection. His pain level is somewhat better and he may be released soon. Please pray for his recovery.

John Hudman is in the hospital and needs prayer for his health.

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, 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.

Elder of the month: Kevin Scarsdale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 Golden Agers are getting a group together to go to the buffet and light show at Moody Gardens next Thursday, December 14th. If you are interested in going, please call Brenda Blair at 713-412-1591 (this is a new phone number). The group will travel together in the church van. A buffet is \$17.95 and the light show is \$10.95. A departure time will be decided upon when they know who is going.
- Our secretary will be out of the office from December 21-25.



December Events

- 6 WNWTM
- 7 Secret Sisters Party - 6:30pm
2606 Gunpowder Ln. Pearland
- 13 Ladies Bible Class
- 31 Friends and Family Day

Address Update:

Fran Barnhill
780 West Bay Area Blvd.
Apt. 1348
Webster, TX 77598

December Anniversaries

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

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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Wednesday Evening December 6	Wednesday Evening December 13
Building Lock Up - Chris Lindelof	Building Lock Up—

Morning Worship December 10	Morning Worship December 17
Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton Song Leader Wendell Romain <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding Bobby Parker</p> James Maxcey Jimmy Terry Jacob Carriere Alan Pearson Derek Mauney Blake Williams Announcements and Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> Molly Godwin Angela Parker <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> *Phil Godwin, Josh Hundley, Chris Wallace <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> Kevin and Maresha Scarsdale <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> Bob and Mitzi Williams Building Lock Up AM /PM - Bob Williams	Opening Prayer Gheath Alatrash Song Leader Gary Adams <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding Wendell Romain</p> Zack Williams Grayson Townzen Chris Wallace Jeremy Brown Jake Satterwhite Tom Langford Announcements and Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> Sarah White Laurie Maxcey <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> *Paul Hamilton, N Scarsdale, J Carriere <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> Kevin and Maresha Scarsdale <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> Bob and Mitzi Williams Building Lock Up AM/PM— K Scarsdale

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Wendell Romain Communion Kevin Scarsdale, Z Williams Closing Prayer Lynn Adams	Song Leader Gary Adams Communion Bob Williams, J Maxcey Closing Prayer Bobby Parker

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

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-797-2575
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
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:
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Béterou
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