

8-16-20 MESSAGE
GOD ALONE DICTATES WHAT GOOD AND EVIL IS

Scripture text:

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

By Satan's own definition of divinity, or God, he says that the one that determines what is good and what is evil becomes a "god" Ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil..

According to the devil one of the greatest characteristics of God is that he alone knows and dictates what is good and what is evil, what is right and what is wrong.

Herein lies the crux of the whole matter. Who has the authority to dictate what is good and what is evil? That authority was off limits to mankind and this was symbolized by the forbidden tree and fruit called the tree of the knowledge of "GOOD AND EVIL" Men were forbidden to eat of the fruit.

Today all the confusion we are having in our nation today is because of that sin, and violating that command.

WHAT MAKES GOOD GOOD AND EVIL EVIL?
WHAT MAKES SOMETHING WRONG AND SOMETHING ELSE RIGHT?

This was the issue that caused man to sin and this is what has brought sin into the world. This is still the great dilemma that plagues men.

This is what causes conflict and wars wrath bitterness.
This is what causes divisions.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

All the problems we are having in our nation today is because we have conflicts over what is right and wrong, proper and improper behavior.

The Basic foundation of humanism is that man becomes God in this area of defining right and wrong, good and bad.

One of the great examples that the humanists give showing the need to break away from and divine authority over mankind, is the illustration of when in the dark ages the Catholic Church threatened the lives of scientist who dared to say that the earth revolved around the sun, making the sun the center of the solar system. So this was the call for the age of enlightenment. A cry to break free from the shackles of religion which held man back in the area of science.

The problem is this: It was the theology and superstitions of the dark ages that were the problem, not God and His Word and Scripture. It was the same church that forbade the reading of the Bible by the common man.

So there was a cry against the oppressions of the church, which ceased to be the true church and became this oppressive organization. There is no place in all the world that this became more observable than in France.

The French revolution took place after the American revolution. The only difference between the two was that in the American revolution our theme was we have no king but Jesus, and in the French revolution the theme was liberty from the King and the Church. In the American revolution the militia were were organized in churches. A vast majority of the patriots were Christians.

In the French revolution, the church became the enemy, the people were burning Bibles, burning churches, because by and large the clergy were seen as part of the enemy.

So a by product of the French revolution was the reign of terror, and a time where men unshackled themselves from Christian ethics and sought out humanistic answers for everything. The French revolution paved the way for such men as Charles Darwin, who basically wanted to undermine the biblical narrative of creation. Darwin was an admirer of Charles Lyell who postulated that there was no flood that formed the geological landscape of the earth, but it was formed by a natural process of gradualism, over millions of years. Charles Darwin took his concepts and applied them to biology. The subtle goal of both men was to undermine the biblical teachings about creation.

Once men thought they had science on their side to disprove the Bible, soon the ethics of the Bible would be tossed out the door also.

Unlike France. in the United States the revolution did not so readily cast off the Bible and biblical teaching. It was not till recent uprising of liberalism in our nation that we are seeing the casting away of Biblical standards.

Now the problem is simply this:

When men start dictating morality and right and wrong apart from the Biblical standard, it is only a matter of time before chaos takes over. This is what we are seeing in our nation today.

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Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Today we are a nation adrift morally. Because good and evil, right and wrong, is now being dictated by the mob, so this liberal crowd is somewhat like the mob in France that wanted to throw off all the vestiges of the old regime, which ushered in the reign of terror. What did the mob do, they chopped off the head of the King and then proceeded to chop off the heads of the aristocrats and clergy. This ushered in a time called the reign of terror where some 16,000 people were killed. Consider this, if you can justify chopping off the head of your King, how much less of a crime is it to kill the nobility?

Let me suggest to you our nation is undergoing a moral revolution. The most precious absolute and backbone of the moral system of any nation is the sanctity of the family and marriage. A few years ago we let the mob decapitate the moral fabric of our nation by blessing homosexual marriages. If you can decapitate that moral standard, anything is possible. This is what we are seeing in our nation today. We have mayors justifying rioting in the streets, destruction of property and out and out rebellion in our streets.

So many people find it wrong to tell people how they should their lives in the sexual realm. We are a nation gone astray.

Back in the days of the Bill Clinton scandal, the issue was not whether he had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, it was whether he lied under oath.

The issue is did he lie under oath? What a joke.
Choke on a gnat and swallow a camel.

Just a bunch of political chess playing. What is the greater sin according to the Bible? Adultery comes before thou shalt not lie? In the order of the ten commandments adultery is higher up in the commands. Adultery was punishable by death, a person who lied paid a fine.

No one wants to say there is a moral standard.

But to steal or lie everyone wants to keep someone else from doing that because they might hurt the economy, or someone else.

In the mind of the world it is unbearable to tell anyone that their lifestyle is morally wrong.

The debate with a homosexual goes something like this.

Homo: I am doing no one any harm if I decide to live with another man.
Woman with woman.
Who are you to tell me I am wrong?
You are mean and nasty and homophobic.

What gives you that right to make those type of decisions?

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The problem is that men are still trying to be god.
Men want to decide for themselves what is good and what is evil.

So it is with Abortion.
So it is with immorality.
So it is in every area of life.

Ultimately the further from the standards that God decreed that a people drift from the more debauched that nation becomes and that nation will fall into chaos and ruin.

CONCERNING THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

Now what is the solution?

I. GOOD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IS GOOD.

THOMAS A. THOMAS $2 + 2 = 4$ because God says so.

I had a friend one time whose favorite expression was this, "who cares what you think..."

It doesn't matter how logical and argument you can present.
It doesn't matter how it seems to work.

It doesn't matter if you can give 1000 examples of how an activity or idea is good in your own eyes, or society's eyes. Morality should not be something we vote on.

THE ONLY GOOD IS THE ACTIVITY OR THE IDEA OR THAT ACTION THAT GOD SAYS IS GOOD.

PEOPLE JEREMIAH PREACHED TO PRETTY WELL SUMS UP THE SPIRITUAL CLIMATE OF OUR CHURCH TODAY:

Jeremiah 18:12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR MORAL DECLINE:

1. God says that marriage is Good:

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

People today are making marriage evil.

People are blaspheming the institution that God has blessed.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

GOD SAID IT WAS NOT GOOD FOR A MAN TO LIVE HIS LIFE ALONE BUT GOD BLESSED AND CALLED MARRIAGE GOOD.

Before I was saved, for a few years I was a bartender.
Most of you know my background.
Played in night clubs bars at age 16 – 21.

For a short time I was behind the bar. Men would come up to me and tell me don't ever get married. They were miserable.
So they thought the institution of marriage was at fault.
NO, THEIR DRINKING WAS ONE OF THEIR BIGGEST FAULTS.
THEIR LACK OF A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST WAS THEIR MAIN FAULT. "So Marriage became evil to them.."

What if the majority of the people of this world decide that marriage is not good, does that make it not good?

Marriage is between one man and one woman, what if the world now redefines marriage and says it can be between a man and a man, a woman and a woman? Does that make it right?

GOOD IS WHAT GOD SAYS IS GOOD. God defined marriage not men:

Ephesians 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

A quote from Genesis 2:24

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

A. In the marriage the Bible says that it is good for a woman to be the keeper of the Home:

The world says it is ok to be a keeper of the home but it is better to be a woman in the business world.

B. In the marriage the Bible says it is good for a man to be the head of the home, the leader, the provider of the home, etc.

Eph. 5 Every husband is to be an example of Christ.
Every woman is to be to her husband what the Church is to be to Christ.

The Southern Baptists put out a resolution to that effect and the world just about had a cardiac arrest!

Before we got to the point that we justified homosexual marriages, we had to redefine the role of the husband and wife in society.

2. THE BIBLE DEFINES WHAT IS GOOD FOR EVERY YOUNG PERSON:

A. *IT IS GOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE CLEAN AND VIRGIN TILL MARRIED:*

I Corinthians 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

I Corinthians 7:2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

One of the worst things about the public school system is that a often a young person who goes there is made to feel like an odd duck if they want to live that kind of a moral life that God calls good.

THE WORLD SAYS IT IS GOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE HAD MANY SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS BEFORE THEY GET MARRIED.

NO, GOD SAYS IT IS NOT GOOD.

When a person enters into a marriage as a virgin they will have a much better marriage and greater chance of having a good marriage.

Now someone says I know people that have lived immoral lives but now have a good marriage. THAT IS THE GRACE OF GOD AND NO CREDIT TO THEM.

For every one of those there are 10 others that didn't make it.

What God says is good is good and it doesn't matter what you think and what you believe.

B. *IT IS GOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HONOR THEIR PARENTS. IT IS GOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE STUDENTS OF THE WORD.*

3. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT:

IT IS GOOD TO READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE: World says no:
IT IS GOOD TO WORK SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO GIVE:

IT IS GOOD TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF GOD THROUGH CHURCH: World hates the church

THE BIBLE DEFINES A GOOD LIFE FOR EVERY WOMAN TO LIVE.
THE BIBLE DEFINES A GOOD LIFE FOR EVERY MAN to live:
THE BIBLE DEFINES WHAT GOOD WORKS PLEASE GOD:

Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

THE BIBLE DEFINES THAT GOOD WAY TO EXPRESS LOVE.
THE BIBLE DEFINES THAT GOOD WAY TO LIVE WITH OTHERS AND FORGIVE.
THE BIBLE DEFINES WHAT GOOD THINGS WE NEED TO DO TO MAINTAIN HOLINESS.
THE BIBLE DEFINES THE GOOD WAY TO DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN.

The Bible from Genesis to Revelation gives examples, commands, and examples of what good is.

GOD DICTATES WHAT GOOD IS, WE DO NOT DICTATE IT!

II. EVIL IS WHAT GOD SAYS IS EVIL:

When the devil said to Eve ye shall be as Gods knowing good and evil.

I think the word "knowing" means more than just have an intellectual knowledge. Many times the Bible uses the word know to mean have intimate knowledge of, or experience.

The knowledge of good and evil means they would have a handle on it. They could decide for themselves.

And so mankind thinks that their consensus decides the issue of good and evil.

In the world evil is what the consensus says is evil. This is why in certain remote parts of the world, a society could decide to be cannibals and this then was good in their eyes.

In the world now it is evil to judge a person for their sexuality you are labeled as (HOMOPHOBIC)

It becomes evil to tell a woman that it is wrong to get an abortion.

It becomes evil to restrain a person from expressing themselves with vulgarity.

1. God says that homosexuality is an abominable sin in God's sight.

What if I can argue the contrary?

What if I can give 1000 examples of people who are living fruitful and productive lives but yet are homosexuals?

Truth is, on the average homosexuals have better paying jobs than heterosexuals.

They are more committed to their jobs.
They put in longer hours, etc.

So is it any wonder that so many companies are catering to this crowd?

After all, this is the crowd that is making them money.
DOES THAT MAKE IT GOOD?

2. What if we can argue for the good of Euthanasia?

What if we could show the economic benefits?

What if we could show the societal benefits?
What if we could show cultural benefits?

What if we can show historical examples of how different people have practiced Euthanasia with a good attitude?

In China, Grandpa would be given his opium and left somewhere to die.

The Eskimos, would say good by to an aged relative by letting them sail off in an ice berg.

In Sicily the widow was buried alive with her husband.

In Egypt everyone in the household joined the Pharaoh in the grave.

WHAT IF THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT EUTHANASIA IS RIGHT?
WHAT IF THE VOTE SHOWED THAT OVERWHELMINGLY PEOPLE AGREE?

3. Just like in France after they decapitated the King the mob could justify any abominable behavior.

Pedophilia, Cannibalism, Euthanasia, confiscation of property, radical environmentalism, just about any wacky behavior can be justified.

III. IN CONCLUSION, WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE WHO IS GOOD ENOUGH TO DEFINE GOOD AND EVIL.

Matthew 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Is there a definition of good apart from God?

Is right something that can be defined apart from God?

Does God ever do wrong?

We Need To Learn The Lesson of Job.

Job 40:1 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

Job 40:2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

Job 40:3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

Job 40:4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

Job 40:5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

Who will judge God?

Who will dictate to God what is right and wrong?

We need to sit back and let Him teach.

ARE WE GOING TO TEACH GOD GOOD AND EVIL?

Are we going to instruct Him?

IV. ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE POINT:

A. FATHER SON LONG DISTANCE CALLS:

What if Dad sits all his teen age children down and says to them, I don't want you making any long distance calls on the telephone. If it is long distance, you can't make the call unless I tell you.

Then one day Dad sits down and makes a long distance call.

Then Junior comes up to Dad and says,

How come you can make long distance calls but I can't?

REASON IS SIMPLE. I'm the Dad, you're not.

B. Boss employee.

What if a Boss forbids the use of a company vehicle for personal use?

But then the Boss uses a company car for a vacation trip. Does this make what he did wrong? He owns the car.

Is God bound by a law greater than Himself?

Is not right what God says is right?

Is not wrong what God says is wrong?

WHY IS THAT SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

For instance, we have people criticize the Bible with criticisms like this:

Where did Cain get his wife? But yet in Leviticus did not God forbid the Jews from marrying their sisters?

Again God could tell Cain to take a wife of his sister and it was not wrong, and then tell the Jews not to do so and now it is wrong. God is God. He dictates right and wrong. Right and wrong is not an absolute apart from God. He is God dictating right and wrong, good and evil. Remember there will be a time when no one has a wife. Marriage is what God defines as marriage, He gives the parameters because He created the institution.

Was it wrong for God to tell Abraham to sacrifice his Son Isaac for Him?

Again some would argue that would have been murder. God said thou shalt not murder. Again, murder is wrong because God said it, but if God tells the Israelites to kill all the Canaanites then to not do so is wrong. When Saul did not kill all the Amalikes that was wrong.

God dictates right and wrong, and those dictates are based on what God says, and nothing else.

When we become the author of good and evil right and wrong we seek to judge God by calling into question God Himself. For example we may say:

If God knew that Adam and Eve were going to eat the forbidden fruit why didn't He stop them before they did it?

How can God be good and still allow evil in this world?

ANSWER IS SIMPLE GOD IS GOOD.

GOD IS RIGHT. GOD ALONE DICTATES GOOD AND EVIL.

God is too kind to do anything cruel.
Too wise to make a mistake.
Too deep to explain himself.

Robert Ketchum Rom. 11:33

ROM 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

This is where faith comes in.

Can you trust God?

Can you rest in His goodness?

Do you believe He is indeed the supreme being who alone has the right to dictate what is right or wrong?

BEAUTIFUL WAY TO LIVE.

READ THE BIBLE: God says it and you decide to do it.

Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

GOD PROMISES TO BLESS PEOPLE AS THEY LIVE BY FAITH AND DO WHAT HE SAYS

The first sin entered into the human race because man doubted the integrity and goodness of his creator.

We get back in right standing with God as we place our trust in Him.

Rest in Him.
Believe on Him.
Give your life to Him.

Then and only then will you experience God's blessings.

GOD ALONE HAS THE POWER TO DICTATE RIGHT AND WRONG.

Now a proper understanding of God and His word will be a safeguard in your life to protect your moral compass.

Since Genesis Chapter 3 men have been questioning God, and seeking to sit on the throne and making themselves little (g o d's).

Satan said it when he said eat of the tree and:

Genesis 3:5 ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The one who dictates good and evil by definition has the ultimate authority is and is rightly defined as God!

If God says, kill and you don't it is wrong.

Jeremiah 48:10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

If God says don't kill and you kill it is wrong:

Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

If God says, eat and you don't eat you sin, if God says don't eat and you eat it is sin.

I Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

What makes something right or wrong, good or evil? GOD DOES. GOD ALONE DICTATES WHAT IS RIGHT WHAT IS WRONG WHAT IS GOOD WHAT IS EVIL.

Someone could argue, there are some people who have claimed God told them to do something that is evil and attributed that to God. That is confusion. God is not the author of confusion.

I Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

I Timothy 5:25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Someone who is nuts it is clear to all that they are nuts. God will give those who sincerely love Him a clear mind, clarity of thought.

I Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

II Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

What is becoming of our nation since we decapitate morality in our nation. We have gone into chaos. Our government has gone crazy, we are being told to wear masks outside to stop the Coronavirus, why? Do I need to wear a mask when I am working in my backyard? We are told if we go to church we can get coronavirus, but if thousands of people riot in our streets they are ok. We are told if you don't agree with homosexual marriages, you are hateful and evil they come up with new words.. HOMOPHOBIC to belittle people who believe the Bible.

Our nation is in confusion because we are trying to define good and evil right and wrong apart from the knowledge of God.

This is the inevitable consequence of men making themselves a "g o d"
God gives such people over to confusion. Our whole country is given to confusion!

The conclusion of the whole matter is let God dictate what is right or wrong good or bad in your life. Obey Him and Him alone..

To what extent are we as God's people willing to obey God and do what He says is right and avoid what He says is wrong?

Right now everyone is running scared because of the coronavirus. Could we get the coronavirus and die, yes. But we also could get in a car accident and die. We could suffer a heart attack and die. We could get cancer and die. To what point should we stop obeying God? Does the Bible say, stop serving Him because of the fear of death? I read this:

Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

You know the devil told God,

Job 2:4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

If serving God leads to your death, rejoice God will give you a crown. Do we really believe that? I do not say to tempt God, but I do say, obey God and put your life in his hands.

Did not Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego risk their lives to obey God?

How many of God's people through the ages suffered persecution and even death to obey God?

How is it that a little virus could cause so many to stop serving God? Abandon church. Stop doing what they know God wants them to do..

Let me suggest that each of us need to not do what is right in our own eyes, that is what Satan suggested to Eve. We need to let God and God alone dictate our actions, our behavior (GOOD AND EVIL, RIGHT AND WRONG..)

Let God and God alone sit on the throne of your life.

DEU 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know **that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.**

What is it in man, that makes him want to decide for himself what is good and what is evil, what is right and what is wrong. We read this,

GEN 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life is what motivates a person.

Men want to do what is forbidden, usually sexual activity.
Men want to pursue what they want "Lust of eyes."
Men want to be wise in their own eyes.

Many will say, how can you expect anyone to live by every word of God?

In the Old Testament, God told His people, what to eat, what to wear, how to live, when to take vacations and what to do on their vacations. He had regulations for every aspect of their lives.

Some will say well that is in the Old Testament, not the new.

No, in the New Testament we find this:

1CO 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

ROM 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

ROM 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

ROM 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

I don't think it is any different in the New Testament than the Old Testament.

What is it in man, that he wants to sit on the throne of God? It is the same thing that motivated the devil. It is sin, it is rebellion, self exaltation. This is the essence of Humanism. Man is on the throne and not God! Yet God sits in the heavens and laughs.

PSA 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

PSA 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

PSA 2:3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

PSA 2:4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Men will reap the fruit of their rebellion. But let it not be so with us. Let us say, we will agree with God.

We will seek to submit to His word.

We will live by His word and precepts.

We will say, GOD ALONE CAN DICTATE GOOD AND EVIL RIGHT AND WRONG. We need to subject our thoughts and thinking to His thoughts and Word!