

**“Ignorance is no excuse.”**  
**“The Truth As We Know It”**  
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This week I want to talk about the dumbing down of our culture by not teaching the truth about our history or the Bible or so many other things. Being ignorant about something does not protect us from the harm that is associated with it. Drinking poison without knowing that it is poison will still get us killed. That is true in the spiritual as well as the natural. People's lack of spiritual knowledge is appalling. So many of us no longer read the Bible for ourselves. Even if we attend church, many of us are spiritually illiterate.

God tells us in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, ... seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children." And in Pro 1:22-23 we read, "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you."

Somehow we feel that if we do not see it, we can ignore it and then we will not be responsible, but ignorance of the law does not excuse us. In Pro 24:10-12 we read, "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. If you forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If you say, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that ponders the

heart consider it? and he that keeps your soul, does not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?" God will hold us accountable for what happens around us. If we do not get informed and involved, We get the government we deserve!

People want to live in darkness so that their ungodly lives are not exposed to the light. Job 21:14-16 tells us, "Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? Lo, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me."

Jesus tells us in John 3:19-20, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hates the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

When we reject truth, the devil will be more than happy to fill our mind with all kinds of superstition and error so that we wind up believing a lie. It matters not how sincerely we believe a lie, it will still be a lie. Paul warns us 2Ti 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." And in Romans 1:21-22 He tells us, "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. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," They became fools!

Far too many of us are only interested in being entertained. We remain uninformed about the trends and direction that our nation is going in, or to take the stand that we should to help correct it. We have abandoned God's truth for the current and latest fad or for whatever is accepted as good and proper by the latest movie star. While the nation is turning away from God in so many ways and because the people are not aware of God's truth, those trends become the norm. In Pro 1:29-31 he tells us, "For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."

When we reject God's word, He will let us believe a lie! Paul tells us in 2Th 2:10-12 where we read, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." They wanted to continue to live their ungodly lives while claiming Christianity. They will be sorely awakened when it is too late.

The people think they are alright because everybody else is doing it too. We read in Romans 10:2-3, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

Knowledge begins with God. Without an acknowledging and fear of God, we have no direction! Every man does what is right in his own eyes. Proverbs 1:7 tells us, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." And in Pro 9:10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." And in Job 28:28 we read, "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, said in, Ecc 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." David said in Psa 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." And in Psa 111:10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endures for ever."

In this nation we are calling evil good and good evil!  
We have called the killing of the most innocent of all,

the unborn child, a good and acceptable thing. And now we discover that they are harvesting and selling fetal body parts for profit! For research they say, so that is good! We have said that homosexuality is a normal and proper lifestyle choice and are teaching it as good in our public schools.

God disagrees! In Isa 5:20 we read, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" And in Pro 17:13 we read, "Whoso rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house." And in Pro 17:15, "He that justifies the wicked, and he that condemns the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD." And in Psa 38:20, "They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that is good." Please hear these powerful words!

In Malachi God says, "Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied Him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?" God admonishes us in Amo 5:14-15 to, "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph."

God help us to turn from our wicked way as a nation so that we can continue to be blessed and protected by God's

grace. That great promise in 2 Chon 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Please, dear Lord, hear our prayer!

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.