

## THE WAY OF MAN

Jeremiah 10:23-25

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- ✘ 1. In this life there are two roads: The road of God and the road of man.
- ✘ 2. Man often elevates himself above God thinking that his ways are better.
- ✘ 3. However when you compare the two roads, we find that man's road leads to death (**Proverbs 14:12**) for man in his finite wisdom cannot direct his own path (**Jeremiah 10:23**).

## I. THE WAY OF LIFE IS NOT IN MAN

- ✘ A. **Physical** Life is given by God, **Genesis 2:7 (Acts 17:25)**.
  - + 1. Today, man has elevated himself into the seat of God:
    - ✘ a. Abortion & euthanasia
    - ✘ b. Embryonic stem cell research
  - + 2. When life is not respected, the giver of life will not be revered.

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- ✘ B. **Spiritual** Life is given by God, **Hebrews 12:9**.
  - + 1. Salvation by grace through faith, **Ephesians 2:1-8**.
  - + 2. Sons of God, **Galatians 3:26-27**.
- ✘ C. **Eternal** Life is given by God, **John. 3:16; Romans 6:23; 1 John. 5:11; John. 14:6**.

## II. THE WAY OF MORALITY IS NOT IN MAN

- ✘ A. **Man** Teaches Immorality **1 Peter 4:3-4 (Isaiah 5:20)**:
  - + 1. *Situational ethics* (there are no moral absolutes).
  - + 2. Let your *conscience* be your guide (not revealed truth).
  - + 3. "*victimless crime*" (sin harms all, **Romans 3:23; 6:23**).
- ✘ B. The Grace of God teaches **Moral Purity, Titus 2:11-12**.

## III. THE WAY OF TRUTH IS NOT IN MAN

- ✘ A. What is Truth? (**John. 18:37**)
  - + 1. *God's word* is truth, **John. 17:17; Psalms 33:4, 119:142**.
    - ✘ a. Truth is revealed to man by God, **Ephesians 3:3-4 (Hebrews 1:2)**.
    - ✘ b. Truth is taught, **Ephesians 4:20-21**.
- ✘ B. **Jesus** is Truth, **John. 1:14, 14:6**.
  - + 1. Abide in His word, know truth & be freed, **John. 8:31-32**.

#### IV. THE WAY OF SOUND DOCTRINE IS NOT IN MAN

- × A. Man's Doctrine is not the Doctrine of God, **Matthew 15:7-9**
  - +1. Man's doctrine is false & carries one away from God, **Colossians 2:8; Ephesians 4:14.**
  - +2. The doctrine of Christ:
    - ×a. Is from God & is knowable, **John 7:16-17.**
    - ×b. Secures fellowship with God, **2 John 9.**
  - +3. We are to teach no other doctrine! **1 Timothy 1:3-4.**

#### V. THE WAY OF SALVATION IS NOT IN MAN

- × A. God's Plan of Salvation, **Romans 6:17-18.**
  - +1. Believe, **Mark 16:16.**
  - +2. Confess faith, **Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:30-38.**
  - +3. Repent of sins, **Romans 2:4; Luke 13:3, 5.**
  - +4. Be baptized into Christ, **Romans 6:3-4.**
  - +5. Be faithful to Jesus, **Romans 12:1-2 (Revelation 2:10); Matthew 24:13; Hebrews 3:12.**

#### V. THE WAY OF SALVATION IS NOT IN MAN

- × B. Man's Plan of Salvation
  - +1. "Faith only"
  - +2. Baptism not necessary
  - +3. Pray the "sinner's prayer"
  - +4. Be saved like the thief on the cross
  - +5. Once saved, always saved

#### CONCLUSION

- × 1. Our only hope is the Lord.
- × 2. Only when we acknowledge the Lord in all our ways will we be eternally blessed, **Proverbs 3:5-6.**