

Problems of the World

The world has many issues that we face every day. We are told in fact to not love the things that are of or in the world. The world provides many opportunities to turn from God and the truth. We must constantly work at being the best servants of God we can possibly be.

The things of the world has since the beginning of time caused us to sin. It was started from deception by Satan and has come to the point of plainly neglecting God (**Deut. 8:6**). It has stretched to the point of practicing works of the flesh which are condemned by God (**Galatians 5:19-21**).

These problems that have caused one to stray from the truth need to be addressed. The sooner we realize these problems the sooner we can fix the problems. The more we know the better prepared we can be to address these problems.

Problem #1 Lack of Knowledge

We all need knowledge like in our jobs, school, and even or life in service to God. Today in the world, we see that people have a lack of knowledge of God and His will. When you ask someone questions about the scriptures today people in giving response start out with “I think” or “maybe”. One comes up with some quote or has heard about it and thinks it is so good that it must be from the Bible.

This lack of knowledge was going on also in the Old Testament (**Hosea 4:6**). This should give us reminder that this isn’t something new. If we forget or show a lack of knowledge God in return will forget us.

In order to fix the problem, we need to give attention to reading, exhortation, and doctrine. This means we need to gain more knowledge. We do this through having faith in what we read and hear through the word of God (**Romans 10:17**). We need to make it our aim and goal to be pleasing to Him (**II Corinthians 5:9**). Never stop studying.

Problem #2 Lack of Standing

It is sad to see that one who has the knowledge and applies the knowledge of God is not willing to stand for God. It may be from us being cowardly. What is the result of one being cowardly (**Revelation 21:8**)? We may need more knowledge. It may be from peer pressure causing us to not stand for truth (**I Corinthians 15:33**). Or it may even just be us choosing not to follow God entirely.

We are commanded to stand and defend the truth (**I Peter 3:15-17**). We need to defend the knowledge of God that we have heard and understood. What does this mean?

It means to be ready at all times. It means answering questions. We should never turn one away that has a question pertaining to God. If we don’t know we need to search and find the answer and if that doesn’t work, we need to find someone who will know the answer. **Never turn away a question!** It means to choose God over the world. It is well worth it all in the end if we make this choice for God rather than evil. We must stand for God and choose God and share with others the reason for our obedience.

Problem #3 Compromise

I am afraid that the biggest problem we face in the world today is compromise. This comes when two come at butting heads. Someone may say yes on a matter and the other may say no. The problem is instead of finding the correct answer, the two will compromise and meet in the middle.

This Is Wrong!

The Bible is a book that should never be compromised on! In fact, we should never take away or add to the scriptures (**Revelation 22:18-19**). The Bible is complete and entirely inspired by God (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). If we should ever compromise the scriptures, we are in direct violation of the commandments of God. Before man was even created was the Word of God (**John 1:1**). How can we then think that God will accept us compromising His word?

If we compromise when it comes to the scriptures we are **Perverting the Gospel**. What is the doom of those that do these things (**Galatians 1:6-10**). If we are even an angel do these things we are considered to be accursed! Do we need to persuade God with man's doctrine? Or do we persuade men with God's doctrine? Do we seek to please men or God? We need to seek to rightly divide the word of truth (**I Timothy 2:15**). The question is "Are you?" **Daniel N Sanders**