



# The Sanctity of God and People

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## Our two great priorities

**Matthew 22:35** And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

<sup>38</sup> "This is the great and foremost commandment.

(Reason: The sanctity of God)

<sup>39</sup> "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

(Reason: The sanctity of people)

<sup>40</sup> "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

## The gospel and humility (our approach from Romans)

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

<sup>17</sup> For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

<sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,...

... <sup>28</sup> And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

<sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are gossips*,

<sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

<sup>31</sup> without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

<sup>32</sup> and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

**2:1** Therefore you are without excuse, every man *of you* who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself;

for you who judge practice the same things.

**3:9** What then? Are we better than they? Not at all;

for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

<sup>10</sup> as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;

<sup>11</sup> There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;

...<sup>20</sup> by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight;  
for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

<sup>22</sup> even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

<sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

## The teaching of natural revelation (the obvious)

- See Romans 1:18-32
- *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.— The Declaration of Independence*
- *Google: My baby at \_\_\_\_\_ weeks*
- *Google: Dr Levatino's Story, What changed your mind?*

## The teaching of special revelation (the Bible)

**Psalm 8:1** O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth, Who hast displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!

<sup>2</sup> From the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast established strength, Because of Thine adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

<sup>3</sup> When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

<sup>4</sup> What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?

<sup>5</sup> Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty!

<sup>6</sup> Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet,

<sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Genesis 5:1** This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

<sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.

**Genesis 9:6** "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

**James 3:9.**With it (the tongue) we bless *our* Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

**Matthew 5:21** "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

<sup>22</sup> "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' (air head) shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

**Exodus 4:10** Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since Thou hast spoken to Thy servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?

<sup>12</sup> "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

**Job 31:15** "Did not He who made me in the womb make him, And the same one fashion us in the womb?

**Psalm 22:10** Upon Thee I was cast from birth; Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb.

**Psalm 100:3** Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**Psalm 119:73** Thy hands made me and fashioned me;...

**Psalm 127:3** Behold, children are a gift of the LORD;...

**Psalm 139:13** For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

**Isaiah 44:2** Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb,

**Isaiah 44:24** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb...

**Isaiah 45:9** "Woe to *the one* who quarrels with his Maker...

**Isaiah 49:1** ... The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. ...<sup>5</sup> And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,

**Isaiah 64:8** ... all of us are the work of Thy hand.

**Jeremiah 1:4** Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

**Galatians 1:15** But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, ...

**Luke 1:39** Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah,  
<sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women *are* you, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

<sup>43</sup> "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

## A choice of directions with major consequences

**1. 2 Corinthians 3:16** ...whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,

<sup>2</sup> but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**2. Psalm 106:35** But they mingled with the nations, And learned their practices,

<sup>36</sup> And served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

<sup>37</sup> They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

<sup>38</sup> And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with the blood.

<sup>39</sup> Thus they became unclean in their practices, And played the harlot in their deeds.

<sup>40</sup> Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against His people, And He abhorred His inheritance.

<sup>41</sup> Then He gave them into the hand of the nations; And those who hated them ruled over them.

**Proverbs 6:16** There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

<sup>17</sup> Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

## Response (stuff to do)

1. Trust the gospel of forgiveness and cleansing and confess sin against the sanctity of God and others

**1 John 1:5** And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

<sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (see Romans 3:21-24 above)

## 2. Worship and practice the presence of God

**Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure. (see Romans 8).

## 3. Resolve to set an example of humility, love and honor in word and action toward all people. (Humility, love and honor are choices)

**Ephesians 4:26** Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

<sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil an opportunity.

... <sup>29</sup> Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, that it may give grace to those who hear.

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

<sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**5:1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

<sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (Matthew 5:16)

## 4. Pray

**Ephesians 6:12** ...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

... <sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

<sup>19</sup> and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, (2Chronicles 7:14)

## 5. With humility and respect share with family and neighbors using at least natural revelation accompanied with the gospel.

**1 Peter 3:14** ...even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,

<sup>15</sup> but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence

## 6. Advocate (Stay up on legislation and contact representatives - see our *Sanctity of Life Resources Guide*)

**Psalms 82:3** Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

7. Join with us in our support of and involvement with the local ministries listed in our *Sanctity of Life Resources Guide*.

## 8. Adopt an abortion provider

**Romans 12:17** Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

<sup>19</sup> Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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# Sanctity of Life Resources

## LOCAL MINISTRIES

### 40 Days for Life

[40DaysForLife.com](http://40DaysForLife.com)

### North River Care

[NorthRiverCare.org](http://NorthRiverCare.org)

### Solve Maternity Homes

[SolveHomes.org](http://SolveHomes.org)

### CareNet Manasota Pregnancy Care

[CareNetManasota.com](http://CareNetManasota.com)

### Community Pregnancy Clinic

[CommunityPregnancyClinic.com](http://CommunityPregnancyClinic.com)

### Florida Baptist Children's Homes

[FBChomes.org/our-care/sanctity-of-human-life](http://FBChomes.org/our-care/sanctity-of-human-life)

## STAYING UP WITH THE LATEST SANCTITY OF LIFE NEWS

### American Center for Law and Justice

[ACLJ.org/prolife](http://ACLJ.org/prolife)

### LifeSite

[LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com)

### Facebook page of Florida Right to Life

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