



The Sanctity of God and People

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷ All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field,

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

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

A choice of directions with major consequences

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

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.

¹⁸ 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,

² 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,

³⁶ And served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

³⁷ They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

³⁸ 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.

³⁹ Thus they became unclean in their practices, And played the harlot in their deeds.

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

⁴¹ 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:

¹⁷ 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.

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

⁷ 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.

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

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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;

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

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, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

... ²⁹ 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.

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

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

³² 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;

² 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*.

... ¹⁸ 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,

¹⁹ 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,

¹⁵ 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*)

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

⁴ 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.

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

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ "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."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

9. Minister to those involved in sin against the sanctity of life

10. Vote pro-sanctity of life