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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
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Does Moral Law Demand a Moral Lawgiver?

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Have you ever wondered about how we know what is right or what is wrong? For instance, in most of the civilized societies around the world it is illegal and considered immoral to murder another person, or to steal from them. How is it that different groups of people, separated by geography, all came to the same realization that these activities are wrong?

Perhaps the sense of right and wrong is nothing more than the majority opinion within these civilized societies. Most people just think that these activities are the wrong thing to do. Is that it? If that is the basis for right and wrong, then what if a society decided by a vote that it was okay to kill off people from a certain race? Or that it was okay to enslave people who have a different skin color? Would the majority approval for such behavior make that behavior "right"?

It would seem clear that just because a majority of people say that something is right does not make it so. The civilized society of Nazi Germany made the determination that it was "right" to try to exterminate the Jews as a lesser race. While much can be said for how they arrived at that conclusion, at this time let us just notice that they felt they were right in what they were doing. At their war crimes trials after World War II many Nazis claimed that they were simply following orders and obeying the laws of their land. However, the prosecutors appealed to a higher law, a higher power, which made what these men did clearly wrong.

Where did that higher law come from? It had to have come from God. Since mankind is not capable of determining what is right and what is wrong on their own (Jeremiah 10:23), then a simple majority vote is not sufficient. In the argument of morals many will say something like, "who are you to decide what is right and what is wrong?" They are correct in that statement. It is not up to you and me to decide what is right and what is wrong. That is up to God, and He has specified right and wrong within His moral law. Paul said that he would not have known sin (what was wrong) without the law of God (Romans 7:7).

Since we as humans lack the authority to mandate moral law, let us then turn to God and to His law to determine what is right and what is wrong. Let us then speak with regards to morals as God's word directs us to (1 Peter 4:11).

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Ladies Gift Exchange

December 6, 9:00 AM



Holiday Gift Baskets

December 13, 9:00 AM



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

REVISITED: CREATION AND THE FALL

Genesis 1:26-27

- God's care for us- Genesis 1:1-30, 2:14-15, 1 Timothy 6:17, Acts 17:25
- God's view of us- Genesis 1:26-27, 31, Job 7:17, Psalm 8:4, 144:3
- God's rule over us- Genesis 2:16-17, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, 1 Timothy 6:15
- God's love for us- Genesis 2:16-17, 4:7, James 24:15, John 1:11-13
- God's compassion toward us- Genesis 2:18-25, Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 27:17
- God's justice- Genesis 3:1-24, Romans 6:23, Exodus 34:7, 2 Thesalonians 1:8-9
- God's plan for us- Genesis 3:15, 1 Timothy 2:14, Revelation 13:8

NOTES:

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 669 This Is My Father's World

Song: 694 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

Prayer

Song: 859 He Paid a Debt

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 247 Here We Are but Straying Pilgrims

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-27**Sermon**

Song: 822 Heaven Came Down

Song: 297 I Want to Be a Worker (Vs. 3)

Prayer**Genesis 1:26-27**

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 Let
 Make
 Man
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 cattle
 earth
 creeping
 thing
 male
 female
 created

Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)

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

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23