

## Men Displeased with God

- I. Introduction: This is a basic evil from the beginning of time to the present and future.
  - a. Are We Displeased with God?
- II. Naaman was displeased with God:
  - a. **(II Kings 5:1-14)**
  - b. **(Vs. 1)** Great and honorable man
    - i. Many good men have been displeased with God
  - c. He wished to follow his own opinion – **(Vs.)** “Behold I thought...”
    - i. Man doesn’t have the mind of God – **(1 Cor 1:25)** “...The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”
    - ii. Man can’t direct his steps without God – **(Jer 10:23)** “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
  - d. He wanted to substitute **(Vs. 12)**
  - e. Many are like Naaman – displease with God; wish to follow opinions and substitutes
- III. Rich young ruler was displease with the Lord
  - a. **(Matt 19:16-22)**
  - b. Covetousness is idolatry – **(Col 3:5)** “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”
    - i. Keep from these – Mortify – put to death your self from these – be dead to sin
  - c. The Love of money is the root of all evil **(1 Tim 6:10)**
  - d. He wanted worldly first and the kingdom second – **(Matt 6:44)** “But Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.”
  - e. He wanted to trust in riches first and the Lord second
    - i. Trust in the Lord must come first
    - ii. **(1 Tim 6:17)** “Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.”
    - iii. **(Proverbs 3:5)** “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.”
- IV. The men who crucified Jesus were so displeased with him that they took his life **(Matt 27)**
  - a. Displeased in his doctrine of the Kingdom – as are some today
    - i. Jesus speaking with Pilate, **(John 18:36)** “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”
      - 1. Kingdom was never meant to be an earthly kingdom – but a spiritual kingdom
    - ii. **(John 6:14-15)** “Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come

into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.”

1. Christ knew what they believed – They were looking for an earthly kingdom – like some today
  2. Jesus departed – he knew what the eternal plan was
- iii. **(Eph 3:9-11)** “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
1. The Church was the plan from the beginning – it is the eternal plan that God had before the beginning of the world. He accomplished the plan through his Son.
- b. Some today are displeased with him and crucify him afresh.
- i. **(Heb 6:6)** “If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”
- V. Many groups today are displeased with God
- a. Atheists are displeased with the thought of God.
    - i. **(Ps 14:1)** “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.”
    - ii. It’s more logical to believe in God than not.
      1. In this physical world something cannot come from nothing.
      2. Must start with something – if single ball of mass, where did that come from? More logical to start with God. **(Gen 1:1)**
      3. Intelligent beings must be created from Intelligence – not chance **(Gen 1:26)** “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”
  - b. Modernist are displeased with the inspiration of the scriptures
    - i. **(2 Tim 3:16,17)** “All Scriptures...”
    - ii. **(2 Peter 1:21)** “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”
  - c. Roman Catholic Church is displeased with the completeness of the Bible
    - i. **(Jude 3)** “Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.”
    - ii. **(1 Cor 13:10)** “But when that which is perfect is come that which is in part shall be done away.”
      1. that which is perfect was speaking of complete revelation
      2. In part – was the revelation they had
      3. **(Vs. 9)** “For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.”
      4. Now we have the complete revealed word

- iii. We are not to add to the word or take away (**Deut 4:2**) “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”
- iv. They want to make the church just as authoritative as the Bible – Not Scriptural – never an example of this is in the word of God
  - 1. The phrase “the church teaches...” – Wrong
  - 2. The Bible teaches the church Follows
- d. Protestant Denominations are displeased with God
  - i. They want unity with diversity – claim the church is made up of denominations
  - ii. (**Eph 4:3-6**) “There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”
    - 1. Body – Church
      - a. (**Eph 1:22-23**) “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”
      - b. Paul said One Body – meaning one Church
  - iii. Is one church as good as another? If seeking a certain medicine, is another just as good?
  - iv. One church made up of individual and independent congregations – this is scriptural – what you read of in the new testament
  - v. Is one founder better than another? The church founded by Christ is surly better than one founded by a man
    - 1. (**Matt 15:13**) “Every plant, which my Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.”
    - 2. (**Matt 16:18**) “Upon this rock I will build my church...”
  - vi. Is one Doctrine as good as another?
    - 1. (**Gal 1:8**) “But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”
  - vii. Only one doctrine will led us to salvation
    - 1. (**Rom 1:16**) “For I am not ashamed of the doctrine of Christ...”
- e. Churches which have women preachers are displeased with God
  - i. (**1 Cor 14:34-35**) “Let you women keep silence in the Churches: For it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.”
    - 1. Was this Paul’s opinion?
      - a. (**1 Cor 14:37**) “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the

things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.”

2. Some have said that God chose someone to preach – Would God contradict himself?
- ii. **(1 Tim 2:11-12)** “Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.”
- f. Many are displeased with God’s plan of Salvation
  - i. They claim that conditions cannot be placed on Grace
    1. They Claim that conditions destroy Grace – Does it?
  - ii. **(Heb 9:15-17)** “And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.”
    1. If one would write a will and place conditions upon that will, does it destroy the grace of the will maker?
    2. The will – product of Grace
    3. Conditions do not destroy Grace
  - i. The Bible declares that we are saved by:
    1. Grace
      - a. “...by grace ye are saved” **(Eph 2:5)**
    2. Faith
      - a. “...whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **(John 3:16)**
    3. Repentance
      - a. “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” **(Acts 3:19)**
    4. Good Confession
      - a. “...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” **(Rom 10:10)**
    5. Jesus’ Blood
      - a. “This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” **(Matt 26:28)**
    6. Jesus’ Life
      - a. “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.” **(Rom 5:10)**
    7. Baptism
      - a. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” **(Mark 16:16)**