

Who Can Change Wrong Into Right?

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What God has declared to be wrong, no power or person, on earth or in heaven, can make right. And what God has declared to be wrong, no power or person, on earth or in heaven, can make wrong. *"Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight which he hath made crooked?"* (Eccl. 7:13) The practice of disagreeing with God and switching of labels has been around a long time. *"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter"* (Is. 5:20). But what if, on some particular controversy, to conclude that God in His word is right, we have to conclude that every accountable person on earth must be wrong; then what? *"Yea, let God be found true, but every man a liar"* (Rom. 3:4). And this is a good place to remind ourselves of some passages that are still in the Bible, and still true, in spite of everything that man has thought, or said, or done:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). None of it evolved by chance over aeons of time; it was designed and created.

"For in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day" (Ex. 20: 11). If you think He couldn't, then you must not believe in God, or you must spell God with a little g (god).

"The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things ... for in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:24- 25,28). We can change neither the sovereignty of God nor our utter dependence upon Him.

"This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:13-14). This is our primary function in life. To fail in this is to have lived in vain. And we are going to have to answer to God.

"And Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35). Peter was sent to speak unto Cornelius and his house words by which they might be saved (Acts 11:13-14). By his mouth they heard the word of the gospel so that they could believe (Acts 15:7). To believe on Christ (Acts 10:43) must include fearing God and working righteousness, as well as obeying the command to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:48). Can one who does not fear God or work righteousness be acceptable to Him?

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Can anyone enter into the kingdom of heaven without doing the will of God?

"Though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:8-9). Can anyone have eternal salvation who will not obey the Son of God?

"And there came unto him Pharisees, trying him, and saying, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said, Have ye not read, that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh? So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it hath not been so. she is put away committeth adultery" (Matt. 19:3-9). God originated

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