

Smarter Than Your Teachers?

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School will begin in a few days and summer vacation will be over for children and teachers alike. I remember going to school and observing those students who *thought* they were smarter than the teacher. They liked to disrupt the class, embarrass the teacher before everyone else, and proclaim loudly that they didn't need school but were forced to attend against their wishes. Everyone knows somebody like this because their "tribe" never seems to die out, and that personality continues from generation to generation. However, the Psalmist in Psalms 119 proclaimed in verses 99-100:

"I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts."

What an interesting way to teach the truth that God is wiser than man! God's Word is where all mankind should **begin** to attain wisdom and knowledge. How much wiser would man be if he adopted the attitude that if a supposed "truth" was contrary to God's Word then it could not possibly be true? *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..."* Solomon said (Prov. 1:7). Do we believe it?

Now think of how many current "issues" would be solved immediately if we just took God at His word. Man would be viewed as made in the image of God, not an evolved accident (Gen. 1:26). Homosexuality would not have "rights" but "remedies" (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Transgender people would be encouraged to repent of their sordid ways (Deut. 22:5; 1 Pet. 4:3). People living together without marriage would be considered sinners (Heb. 13:4). Murderers, rapists, and other violent criminals would be given the death penalty when caught and convicted (Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 13:4). Our nation would be more circumspect, honorable, kind and gentle — but instead I am afraid too many people look at this paragraph and think: "Wow, how old-fashioned can you get?!" But morality and God are never out of date, just out of fashion in the minds of willful men! It is up to America to reconsider their ways and return to God. Whether they do or not, it is my job as a God-serving preacher to preach the whole counsel of God without fear or favor of men (2 Timothy 4:1-4).

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). **You can be smarter than your teacher if God is your Foundation.**

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