

SOCIETY VS. GOD

Intro: People tend to move towards each other. New things become popular, then become accepted as a part of society. Those things accepted by society become acceptable by religious leaders, who are looking to keep people happy. But, God does not change.

I) Perception of God

- A) Society - loving, benevolent, and forgiving without qualifications
- B) Bible - God is love - Jn 15:13; 1 Jn 5:8 - is benevolent - Gen 2:7-9 - and forgiving - 1 Jn 1:9; Col 2:13 - but also just - Psa 89:14; Jn 5:30 - severe - Rom 11:22 - and beyond our capacity to guess - Isa 55:8,9; 1 Cor 2:11

II) Proper worship

- A) Society - no need for the church, or church of your choice, we all are on different roads leading to heaven, all that is needed is sincerity
- B) Bible - Jesus built His church - Mt 16:18 - God adds to the church - Acts 2:47 - the only way is narrow - Prov 14:12; Mt 7:13,14 - worship in truth - Jn 4:24

III) Marriage and divorce

- A) Society - equality in marriage, multiple marriages and lovers, unnatural bonding (homo-, bi-, transsexuals, bestiality)
- B) Bible - equal in faith, but not in role - 1 Pet 3:7; 1 Cor 11:3; Eph 5:23,24 - marriage is for life - Rom 7:1-3; Mal 2:15,16 - and sexual contact is confined to marriage - Heb 13:4 - unnatural bonds are sinful - Rom 1:26,27,32; 1 Cor 6:9,10

IV) Substance abuse

- A) Society - smirks, allows, encourages
- B) Bible - condemns drunkenness - Gal 5:21 - addiction - 1 Cor 6:12 - and abuse - 1 Cor 6:19,20

Concl: God does not change - Heb 13:8