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Then Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel By words without knowledge?

Gird up now thy loins like a man; For I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Job 38:1-4

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It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.									
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## You Cannot Fix Sin

Sin is literally a "missing of the mark" (W. E. Vines, Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words). Sin is referred to in the scriptures as "lawlessness" (1 Jn. 3:4), and "all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 5:17).

Righteousness is a standard. Three standards exist: man's, societies and God's. Man's standard is when everyone does what is right in their own eyes. Such a standard is subjective and characterized by "self-righteousness." God's standard is objective and characterized by "knowledge," "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:2-3). (Cont. Pg. 3)

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#### I. Conclusion:

- A. Jer. 22:15-16 "Was not this to know me, saith Jehovah
- B. Jer. 17:7 "Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, and whose trust Jehovah is."

### II. Time For Action:

- A. If you have come to grips with the fact that you are a created being and as such have an obligation to fulfill the purpose for which you have been created, namely:
  - 1. Isa. 43:7 "every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yea, whom I have made."
  - 2. Psa. 79:13 You should therefore be thankful for the life which God provided you, physically and spiritually.
  - 3. Col. 3:15 Be ye thankful
  - 4. Acts 17:27-28 As God's offspring, rejoice in the fact that God has provide you with the opportunity to a part of His great work.
- B. You can approach your life in this world either by:
  - 1. Exod. 5:2 Rejecting the great blessings God has provided by constant rebellion, as Pharaoh did, saying, "Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto his voice...
  - 2. Jer. 23:33-40 Or put on a façade of obedience all the while murmuring about what a burden it is to serve God
  - Rom. 15:13 or, you can obtain the "joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope" through your knowledge of the Gospel. Your choice, so, choose wisely.

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Thus, in society, a lawless man does what is right in his own eyes, rejects the accepted righteousness prescribed by the laws of the land, and in so doing, misses the mark. In reference to God, a lawless man does what is right in his own eyes, rejects the righteousness of God (God's laws), and in so doing, misses the mark.

Sin has consequences, physically and spiritually: consequences that cannot be fixed. When you plant a fruit tree and it bears fruit, you cannot change the fact of its existence and consequent use, be it good or bad. When you speak a word, it bears fruit: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21). Once the word is spoken, you cannot change the fact of its existence and consequent use, be it good or bad.

Individuals who suffer from the consequences of sin often ask, "How can I fix it?" The truth is, you cannot "fix" it. You cannot change the fact of its existence and consequence, any more than you can change the nature of the produce of a fruit tree: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Consider the fact that Jesus did not come to fix or remove the consequences of sin, He came to pay it: "For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6, 8). ret