

Sacrificing the Eternal II

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SOCIETY	WORLD	ASSIMILATE	FLESH
ABSTAIN	RIGHT	WRONG	PERSONAL
GOOD	JUSTIFY	DEEDS	RIGHTEOUS
CYCLE	MANASSEH	HEZEKIAH	AMON
JOSIAH	BREAK	MIND	HEAVENLY
APOSTLES	SEEK	COMMAND	BODIES
SACRIFICE	PRESENT	LIVE	DIVINE

When “Jefferson explained his understanding of the First Amendment’s religion clauses as reflecting the view of *‘the whole American people’* which declared that their legislature should ‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’ thus building a wall between church and State” (Ibid), it was not to keep religion out of the State, but to keep the State out of religion.

In an early Pennsylvania decision it is said, “The declaration that Christianity is part of the law of the land is a summary description of an existing and very obvious condition of our institutions. We are a Christian people...(1855) Biblical Law, pg. 46.

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Welcome

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.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Religious Freedom

In 1802, Thomas Jefferson explained his understanding of the First Amendment’s religion clauses as reflecting the view of “the whole American people which declared that their legislature should ‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’ thus building a wall between church and State” (Free Speech Center at Middle Tenn. State University).

Today, individuals will, with great vehemency, declare that the phrase “The separation of church and state is in the Constitution.”

It is not unusual for people (and all humans are people), to believe something simply because it has been affirmed to be true: even when it is not true.

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I. Assimilating With Society a Great Concern:

- A. Rom. 12:2 - "be not fashioned according to this world"
- B. 1 Pet. 2:11 - "abstain from fleshly lusts" Isa. 43:1, 7 - For God's glory

II. When Right and Wrong is Determined by Personal Advantage:

- A. Isa. 5:20-21 - call evil good
- B. Prov. 16:2 - where men justify their evil deeds
- C. Prov. 17:15 - where righteousness is condemned

III. Breaking the Cycle of Evil:

- A. 2 Chron. 33:9 - Manasseh, son of Hezekiah
- B. 2 Chron. 33:23 - Amon, son of Manasseh
- C. 2 Chron. 34:1-3, 29-33 - Josiah broke the cycle of evil.

IV. When Sin Becomes the Norm:

- A. Jer. 13:20-27 - Wickedness of Judah
- B. Heb. 6:4-8 - Those who fall away

V. Set the Mind on Things Above:

- A. Col. 3:1-4 - Those who would belong to Christ are to set their mind on heavenly things.
- B. 1 Cor. 2:16 - The apostles had "the mind of Christ."
- C. 1 Cor. 14:34-38 - What the apostle Paul wrote was "the commandment of the Lord."

VI. Requires Individual and Personal Sacrifice:

- A. 1 Pet. 2:1-5 - To offer up spiritual sacrifices
 - B. Rom. 12:1-3 - Do so by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice
 - C. 2 Tim. 4:6 - Paul alluded to his death as an offering.
 - D. Col. 3:5-17 - Doing so requires the putting to death of the earthly members, and putting on the divine attributes.
 - E. Phil. 2:12-18 - And to do so with joy.
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When individuals pickup on a phrase that suits their political ends, so also does it take place in religion. How many times have you heard the phrase "the Bible says," when the Bible does not say what is being affirmed? One example of this is with the phrase "The Battle of Armageddon", i.e., "At the very moment of the Second Coming of our Lord, 'all nations' shall be gathered 'against Jerusalem to battle' (Zech. 11; 12; 13; 14), and the battle of Armageddon (obviously covering the entire area from Jerusalem to Megiddo, and perhaps more) will be in progress" (*Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 3, pg. 45) (*Mormon Doctrine*, pg. 74).

The same error is true with "building a wall between church and state" (Ibid). Did the framers of the nation seek to keep religion out of government, or keep the government out of religion? Continued Pg. 4.