# Is This the God You Want? Part I

# I. A God Who Does Not Care What Goes on in the World:

- A. This conclusion is based, not upon evidence, but upon the desires of the man to be free from accountability.
  - 1. Psa. 94:1-11 "And they say, Jehovah will not see..."
  - 2. Isa. 29:15-16 Denial of God's "all knowing" nature.
  - 3. Ezek. 8:1-18 Consequence of the doctrine.

#### B. God Does Care:

- 1. Jer. 23:21-24 "Do not I fill heaven and earth?"
- 2. Col. 1:17 "in all things consist"
  - a. "cohere, or hold together" (Bullinger).
  - b. "hold together" "cause something to remain united" (Oxford)
  - c. Heb. 1:1-3 "upholding all things by the word of his power," i.e., "his powerful word"
  - d. Acts 17:22-28 "determined ...the bounds of their habitation...live, and move, and have our being"
- 3. 1 Pet. 5:6-7 "because he careth for you"

### **Keep Thyself Pure**

When the Apostle Paul instructed the young evangelist Timothy, saying, "neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure" (1 Timothy 5:22), he sets forth an admonition to take special care that one is not defiled as a result of taking part in the sins of others.

Two terms which deserve consideration:

- (1) Keep, i.e., to guard, keeping the eye on. It denotes giving vigilant attention to purity, thus
- (2) Purity, i.e., pure from defilement, not contaminated.

The admonition to "keep thyself pure" requires a standard by which one lives: as defilement and contamination are a result of what one does. As "Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33), there is of necessity a standard outlining what constitutes purity, and what constitutes defilement.

Pure: "The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psa. 19:8).

Defile: "But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not the man" (Matt. 15:18-20).

Those who do "not defile their garments...they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy" (Revelation 3:4). ret

#### **Somebody**

### Honor Mothers and Grandmothers Roger Bruner

Somebody said that a child is carried in its mother's womb for nine months. Somebody does not know that a child is carried in its mother's heart forever.

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring. Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good". Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices. Somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. Somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books. Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten.

Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back.

Somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her. Somebody isn't a mother.

"He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord!" ~ Psalm 113:9

- Marie Mari

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even, Jesus; who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house. For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as he that built the house hath more honor than the house. For every house is builded by some one; but he that built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:1-4).

#### What God Do You Want?

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# Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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#### **Weekly Reading**

Genesis 1:1-31; Proverbs 3:1-35 Ecclesiastes 11:9-10—12:1-14; Job 27—29

To the brethren in Ephesus, Paul wrote, "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:1-6). As certain as there is one God and Father, one Lord, and one Spirit, there is also one body: the church. Christians have been called in one hope of their calling (salvation), and one faith (system of faith), and one baptism, common to all Christians. That one baptism was described by Peter concerning the salvation of Cornelius, saying, "Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized...And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:47-48). ret