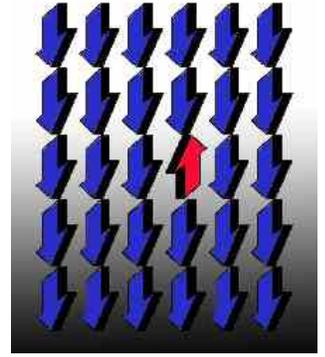


"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." *Romans 3:10-18 KJV*



Children of a loving parent do not fear them unless they are disobedient. Many say they love God, but who do you know that really fears God? Many say they do, but their actions belie their words. If a person truly feared God they would obey Him. This generation seeks to annul the Word of God in any fashion they can, from ignoring it to outright denial. Under satanic influence many have tried to rewrite or redefine God's Word which is so simple children can understand and obey it, but "educated" adults have to "simplify" it to understand it. All human reasons are just a cover for the underlying problem of disobedience and rebellion! Even believers rebel and disobey Truths that go against their desires. Many rationalize their behavior by claiming that the apostle's creed is archaic and out of date. God is neither ancient nor archaic: He is Eternal! How could an Eternal God be "out of date"? Many try to "fit in" to the evil culture around them out of the fear of rejection when God clearly calls us to "come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing." Why do we vacillate between what we know to be evil and faithful obedience? It is because we fear men more than God and do not "walk in the Spirit," that is; obedient to God's Word in our hearts and minds. We allow, yes, allow, our flesh to have mastery over our thoughts and actions by making decisions based on what we desire instead of what God desires. Many claim to be seeking God's will for their lives, but rarely open their Bible or meditate in His Word. God's will for us is given plainly in Scripture! It's not some mystery that needs a special revelation! If you obey what you know, God will lead you where He needs you. Let's try this one simple command: "This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate (think) therein DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Do you do this? If not, don't expect God to reward you with more Truth until you obey what you know! God has given us the power to accomplish everything He requires of us through faith and yet we resist. We know where power lies, but we insist on obeying the flesh instead of the Spirit. We truly are lovers of carnal pleasure more than lovers of God. The apostle Paul, outside of Enoch and Elijah, was probably one of the most spiritual men this planet has ever seen, and yet, he called himself "the chiefest of sinners." If so, where does that leave us?

None that seek a righteous God,  
 None that lean upon His Word,  
 None that come and kneel to pray,  
 None that fearfully obey. -CGP

We are to "present our bodies a living sacrifice which is our reasonable service." What is your soul worth? "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Joshua challenged over two million Hebrews; "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" On which side do you stand?

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, we will serve the LORD." *Joshua 24:15 KJV*