

FOREVER SETTLED IN HEAVEN

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“Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89).

Throughout history monuments have been erected to commemorate important people, places, and events. Some of the most famous monuments throughout history include: the Egyptian Pyramids, Greek Parthenon and the Moai on Easter Island. More recently are the Statue of Liberty, Eiffel Tower and the Washington and Lincoln memorials.

While countless monuments of various shapes and sizes have dotted the landscape of ancient and modern cultures, there is one monument that has existed before the foundation of the world. We find it recorded in Psalm 119:89, *“Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven.”*

The Hebrew word used for “settled” is the same word rendered “place” or “monument” in I Samuel 15:12. The connotation being; God has established His Word as a permanent “monument” far above the reaches of mortal man. That means, what God has deemed law, remains law. His law is immutable and eternally affirmed. What God has established as wrong, remains wrong and will do so throughout eternity. Unlike the monuments erected by man, God’s Word will never age, deteriorate, or crumble - it is never in need of repair or a ‘facelift’!

With that being said, I am increasingly amazed and alarmed at the paltry attempts of individuals twisting and contriving the Word of God to fit his/her chosen lifestyle and support their own agendas. They surmise that God has ‘seen the light’ so to speak and changed His way of thinking about His Word - after all, we are living in a contemporary and advanced society, are we not?

Just as it is impossible for a leopard to change its spots, so it is for finite man to engage and altar the Word of God to justify his moral depravity! Long before sin was ever conceived in the heart of Lucifer; long before Satan introduced wickedness to Adam in the garden of Eden, God’s Word was eternally settled in the Heavenly abode – a realm far from the reaches of even the angels. That’s where it remains, a perpetual monument, anchored steadfastly in the cognizance of the Almighty.

Dear Lord, forgive us for even considering changing your Word in order to gain a license to do as we please. Your Word cannot be altered in such a way as to change your moral character to accommodate our own sinful lifestyles and agendas. So rather than deviating from your established Word, help us to make corrections to our own paths and stay the course using your “settled” Word as our moral compass and road map. *“Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89).*

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg – Amen.