

FOREVER SETTLED IN HEAVEN

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As I look around I see an ever changing world – some change for good, but largely for bad. Society at large is being 'eaten away' by the cancer of sin and iniquity. Every day I see and read about people adopting life-styles and performing things that are contrary to the plain teachings of God's Word. They justify their actions by judging the Word of God as 'out dated and irrelevant in this contemporary age in which we live'. What was thundered by God since the dawn of the world as wickedness, is now brushed aside and welcomed in this time of 'tolerance and love'.

Not only are individuals duped into believing sin is currently okay, but entire churches are amending their policies and by-laws to attract and permit depravity to creep into their pews, sending up a putrefying stench before the nostrils of a Holy God! A "luke warm" church is now poised and ready to be "*spewed out of God's mouth*" (Revelations 3:16)!

Entire passages and books of the Bible are now questioned and considered as mere folklore written by writers who were bigots, extremists, and fanatics. Furthermore, they conclude, if the Bible doesn't fit our life style, then we will modify or discard the portions we don't like.

God, the Creator, must set in the heavens and laugh at the evil devises and contrived behaviors in which man, the created, justifies their ways and discredits the Word of God (Psalms 2:4). However, we can incinerate every Bible in all its physical translations and eradicate it from this world in which we live; every church and institute may declare it a farce, but the indelible fact remains, '*the Word of God is forever settled in heaven*' (Psalm 119:89). What was right and wrong 5000 years ago is still right and wrong today. God never has, nor will He ever change His mind concerning His Word.

Revelations 22:19 says, "*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*" It is one thing to live and practice sin, but it is a grave and far dangerous action to justify your sin via discrediting the Word of God! Doing so is a slap to a Holy God and a mockery of the Savoir who atoned for our sins and secured salvation through his blood!

Dear Lord, it is stated in Matthew 4:4, "*It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*" Give us the valor to live and obey every word written in the Holy Scriptures. Let us revere and obey its teachings, even when the teachings are contrary to our own thoughts and activities. Forgive us for disobeying and falling short of the statutes written of old and handed down to us as Scripture via holy men and prophets as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg – Amen