

## Dangerous Human Concepts About God

**We have allowed man to create fleshly concepts NOT FROM GOD to dictate how we live in God** - Col 2:20-23 - 20 Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: 21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? 22 These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but **they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence**.

### Clearing up some concepts that go against God's Word

**The Bible is used to compliment itself, not contradict itself**- Matt 4:5-7 - 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. **For it is written**: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, **"IT IS ALSO WRITTEN**: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

**Works MUST exist to solidify Faith** - James 2:14-24- 14 What good is it, my brothers, **if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?** 15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead**. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder. 20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that **his faith and his actions were working together**, and **HIS FAITH WAS MADE COMPLETE BY WHAT HE DID**. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that **a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone**.

**Life was not made for our liking or our comfort, we are made to serve God NO MATTER the life** - 1 Cor 7:17-24 - 17 Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. 18 Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. 19 **Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS IS WHAT COUNTS**. 20 Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. 21 **Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you** — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. 22 For **he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman**; similarly, **he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave**. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brothers, each man, AS RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, should remain in the situation God called him to.

**Treating the Rich as if they are more blessed than the poor** - James 2:5-7 - 5 Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? 6 But **you have insulted the poor**. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

**There should be no Loyalty and allegiance to the world** - James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that **friendship with the world is hatred toward God**? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

**We are to train children with Godly instruction, not man-made avoidance and guidance** -Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**Only God is in control, we DO NOT have the power to name it or to claim it** - James 4:13-16 - 13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, **you do not even know what will happen tomorrow**. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

**Instead of only searching for Godly things to do, we must be Godly in ALL we do** - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or **WHATEVER YOU DO**, do it all for the glory of God.

**We must understand, no man thinks like God, so we must not rely on man to speak for God** - Isa 55:8-9 - 8 "For **my thoughts are not your thoughts**, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### These dangerous concepts are a product of two things

**Making it about man instead of God** – (2 Tim 3:1-5) - But mark this: **There will be terrible times in the last days people will be...**

**Not accepting God's sound Word** – (2 Tim 4:3-4) - ... **men will not put up with SOUND DOCTRINE...**

### In order to protect ourselves from the distorted concepts of man, we must use the protections of God

**SOUND DOCTRINE is a must** - Titus 2:1 **You must teach** what is in accord with **sound doctrine**.

**Use the Bible ONLY** - 1 Cor 4:6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, **"DO NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN."** Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

**Trust MUST be in God only**

Jer 17:5 This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

Prov 28:26 He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.

**Test everything** - 1 Thess 5:21-22 - 21 **TEST EVERYTHING.** Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.