

God's Unchanging Standard of Morality

Malachi reminds us... "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Mal 3:6)

Morality defined means:

1. Beliefs about what is right behavior and what is wrong behavior.
2. The degree to which something is right and good: the moral goodness or badness of something.

Standard: a level of achievement that is considered acceptable or desirable.

Unchanging: means without variation, or staying the same.

Though God is unchanging, His methods of working with mankind changed and will continue to change from one dispensation to the next.

1. The Age of Innocence – Creation to the Fall: Be fruitful and multiply, Dress and Keep the Garden, do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

2. The Age Without Law – Adam to Noah: Not allowed to eat of the tree of life, no other rules given. Evil runs rampant.
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3. The Dispensation of Civil Law – Noah to Moses: Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed. Evil is restrained.
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4. The Law Given by Moses – Moses to Christ: The Ten Commandments, and the 613 Mitzvot given to the Jewish people. Many of these apply to tabernacle or temple worship.
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5. The Dispensation of the Gospel of Grace (Church age) – Christ's first coming to the gathering of the Church unto Him: Beginning with the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instituted the Kingdom of Heaven, a kingdom totally separate from the nations of this world. In this era, God shows His grace to sinner and saint alike. We are to obey the commands of Christ and His apostles and reflect God's grace to all, even those who would harm us.

6. The Day of the Lord – As travail cometh upon a woman with child and they shall not escape. (2 Th 2:3-12; Rev 6-18) We are not sure of the rules for God's people in this time: the Two Witnesses are allowed to burn with fire those who would harm them (Rev 11) and angels preach the everlasting Gospel (Rev 14) neither of which is proper now.

7. The Dispensation of Divine Government (the second part of the Day of the Lord) – The Thousand Year Reign of Christ. Again, we do not know the rules for this era.

When we speak of **God's** Unchanging Standard of Morality, we are looking at the author of life and morality who in Holy context established what is best for man's existence.

The culture we live in is ever changing and putting new terminology and definitions to moral adaptations.

Overview of the The Old Foundations and The “New Morality”

1. Truth is absolute.

1. Nothing is absolute, but the new Foundational Beliefs promoted by liberal media.

2. Religion is the backbone of society. While many live hypocritical lives, it would be shameful to reject religion’s benefits.

2. Religion is a curse, and therefore all traces of it should be removed from public life. Holidays receive neutral labels to remove any connection to religious significance.

3. Authority and respect for authority is essential for civilization and human progress.

3. Authority is to be mistrusted because it preys on the weak, and anarchy is preferable over patriotism.

4. Human life is sacred, and deserves protection whether we know it is cognizant or not.

4. Sentient life (beings with feelings) should be valued and protected.

5. Marriage is God-ordained and occurs between a man and woman until death. Physical intimacy is legitimate only within the realm of marriage. All other sexual activity is immoral and wrong.

5. Marriage is a human contract made between two people and either party can terminate it for any reason. Any form of physical intimacy is legitimate if it occurs by mutual consent.

6. Women should be protected and nurtured but not granted equality with men. Their womanhood is given to them to serve the human family.

6. Women should free themselves from the oppression of men, and be equal. They are free to do with their bodies whatever they please.

7. Children need to be corrected and taught to fill their place in society. Corporal punishment is needed to teach a child to find and take his place.

7. Children need to be allowed to express their individual talents. Corporal punishment teaches a child to use violence to solve problems.

8. All white people are created equal, and are superior to other races.

8. All humans are created equal, but racial minorities should receive preferential treatment.

9. Smoking cigarettes is acceptable - even fashionable, but drugs and narcotics are forbidden.

9. Cigarettes are strongly discouraged and smoking is illegal in many settings, while drug usage receives growing support.

10. Western civilization and its heritage should be studied and valued above all others.

10. Non-Western cultures and other oppressed peoples should be studied and valued above Western civilization.

11. The human family is created male and female. Each gender is important and fills a distinct role.

11. Gender is not determined by genetic makeup, but by what one feels or wishes to be.

12. Different viewpoints should be heard and examined, but only what is true should prevail.

12. Only those viewpoints which are politically correct should be allowed to prevail.