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## DOES GOD SANCTION SIN?

**2 Timothy 3:5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

**Isaiah 48:1**...which swear by the name of the LORD, and **make mention of the God of Israel**, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

**Isaiah 58:2** Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God...

**Titus 1:16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

**Psalms 50:16** But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; **thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself...**

**Malachi 2:17** Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, **Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD**, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

### 1. PROVIDENCE:

**Isaiah 45:7** I form the light, and create darkness: **I make peace, and create evil**: I the LORD do all these things.

**Amos 3:6**...shall there be **evil** in a city, and **the LORD hath not done it?**

"The word does not mean moral evil, but punishment for sin; calamities falling on the workers of iniquity. Natural evil is the punishment of moral evil: God sends the former when the latter is persisted in."

(Clarke)

"Evil, which is sin, the Lord hath not done; evil, which is punishment for sin, the Lord

bringeth."  
(Augustine)

"Evil is of two sorts, evil of sin, and evil of punishment...People ascribe their sufferings to fortune, accident, any cause, rather than the displeasure of God. **The intemperate will think anything the cause of their illness rather than their intemperance. People love the things of the world and cannot and will not be persuaded that so many evils are brought on them by the things which they love.**"

(Barnes Notes)

"And let me tell you right now, I love me. God created me this way."  
(Sheritha Bowman, *Diary of a Woman Pastor*)

"Just put your paws up, 'cause **you were born this way**, baby... We are all born superstars... There's nothing wrong with loving who you are... Cause he made you perfect, babe... So hold your head up girl and you'll go far... I'm beautiful in my way... 'Cause **God makes no mistakes**... I'm on the right track, baby... I was born this way... Don't hide yourself in regret... Just love yourself and you're set... A different lover is not a sin... No matter gay, straight, or bi, Lesbian, transgendered life..."

(Lady G.)

"If this is the way **God made me**, then this is the way I'm going to live... I really feel closer to God because I no longer hate myself."

(Ray Boltz, *Washington Blade*)

[Byron Keith; Marsha Stevens - The Mother of Contemporary Christian Music - Anthony Williams, Kirk Talley, Clay Aiken, Doug Pinnock, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers; Jennifer Knapp]

"I think **God has very much walked me through this**, hand in hand. I do not feel I left God in back there, in the evangelical church. I feel like he's become closer and closer. I feel I was in the desert, making this decision, and he's been in the desert with me, that **this is something he's led me towards**, something I am supposed to do..."

("Vicky Beeching on Coming Out," *Christian Today*, Aug. 14, 2014)

[Beeching: *Captivated*]

## **2. SOVEREIGNTY:**

## **3. ROMANS 7:**

**Romans 7:19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

#### **4. THE OLD MAN:**

**Romans 6:6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**Ephesians 4:22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation **the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

#### **5. GRACE:**

**Romans 11:6** And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

**Hebrews 12:28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:  
29 For our God is a consuming fire.

#### **6. RIGHTEOUS OVERMUCH:**

**Ecclesiastes 7:16** Be not righteous over much...

"But this is not to be understood...As if men could be too good, or too holy, since the strictest holiness which any man in this life can arrive at falls far short both of the rule of God's word, and of those examples of God and Christ, and the holy angels, which are propounded in Scripture for our imitation."

(Poole)

#### **7. IRONIC OR MOCKING EXHORTATIONS, ETC:**

**1 Kings 18:27** And it came to pass at noon, that **Elijah mocked** them, and said, **Cry aloud: for he is a god**; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or

peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

**1 Kings 22:15** So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And **he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.**

**2 Chronicles 25:7** But there came **a man of God** to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim.

**8 But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle:** God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

**Ecclesiastes 11:9** Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

**Isaiah 8:9 Associate yourselves,** O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces...

**10 Take counsel together,** and it shall come to nought...

**Ezekiel 20:39** As for you, O house of Israel, **thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols,** and hereafter also, **if ye will not hearken unto me:** but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

**Amos 4:4 Come to Bethel, and transgress;** at Gilgal **multiply transgression;** and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

**5** And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving **with leaven...**for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

"...throwing them up to their obstinate way of sinning, giving them over as hopeless and incorrigible sinners...'Since you will not be warned, go on, try whether God likes your sacrifices there as well as you like them, and whether they will be a means to preserve from judgments'..."

(Poole)

**Matthew 23:31** Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

**32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.**

"...as if he had said, I contend with you no longer: I leave you to yourselves..."

(Wesley)

**Revelation 22:11** He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let

him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

"The time of fulfillment will come so suddenly that there will be but little space for repentance and amendment."

(Clarke)

"If, after all these warnings, any one will go on in sin, let him do so. But let the righteous persevere in his righteousness; for the day is at hand."

(*Family Bible Notes*)

"This is not a command, but a warning. He that is fixed in injustice and unrighteousness, let him go on."

(*People's NT Com.*)

**Luke 8:8** And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

**Ezekiel 3:27** But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear**: for they are a rebellious house.

**Proverbs 1:5** A wise man will hear, and will increase learning...

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity...

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way...

**Proverbs 5:22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

**Jeremiah 2:17** Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

19 **Thine own wickedness shall correct thee**, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

**Isaiah 3:9** The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for **they have rewarded evil unto themselves.**

10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of

their doings.

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