

Hokmah
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The Bible has been growing in unpopularity in our land. It is too rigid for the American spiritual palate. The secularists in our country have reinterpreted the Bible by ignoring the parts they don't like and upholding what they do like. They are all for love and to them the love of God is that He would not judge anyone and He is very happy with people who transform His religion into humanism. Of course, if these folks really knew the Bible they would see the incongruity of their false beliefs with what God has actually said. People like the idea of heaven and the world teaches that everyone gets to go, no matter what choices they make in life. They further lie and tell people that we are all God's children. The truth is, we are all God's creation, but we are certainly not all children of God.

God never intended that we take His perfect revelation and cut it up, take what we like, and discard what we do not like (like the famous "Thomas Jefferson Bible"). His law is perfect and we are not to add to it or subtract from it. To add or subtract is to pervert the perfect instruction of the LORD, and when we pervert it, we take away its power to save and transform our lives.

People can play games with the text, cut it up and throw away the parts they don't like, and damage its message, but the day will come when they will pay a heavy price for doing so. The substantial issue in life is where you will spend eternity. However, how we live our lives here on earth is also of great value and worth if we do it God's way. The Bible is clear that the blessing of the LORD is possible to gain in this life. It means that choosing to live life the way that God wants us to live it is valuable. However, our world needs to know, the blessing of God in life does not come to those who re-invent God in their own image. We are to be in love with the Word of God, meditate on it, long for it, and do what He says to do.

Those who want joy at the heart level, peace, and friendship with God are those who are committed to following God's Word and living in a way that pleases Him. The other side of the coin is that not following God does not produce a neutral outcome. There are consequences, that the world tends to pretend do not exist, for not being obedient to the commands, statutes, ordinances, and precepts of the Word of God.

Here is what [Psalm 119:21](#) says about this issue of disobedience to God, "[You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed, who wander from Your commandments.](#)" Not caring about obtaining God's blessing in your life is not the end of the story. God is in control of all things. Those who choose to disregard His Word are those who will not just miss out on His blessing, they will experience His curse on their lives.

Note that the text says that those who do not do God's Word or submit to it are, "arrogant." This is God's view of those who reject Him. They are not in a neutral place in life; they are actively choosing to live under His curse. This is because in their arrogance (read, "pride") they will not submit to God's commandments; therefore, they

place themselves under His curse. You are either blessed by God or under His curse. There is no way to make a third category. We choose the blessing of God. We are repulsed by arrogance against the Savior. Let us be counted with those who love the LORD and cherish His instruction. Humble yourself before Him.

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