

## **What If You Were God?**

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Without being irreverent, let's imagine for a moment that we are Jehovah, the God and creator of the universe and everything that includes. In other words, what if we were God?

Think about it. We would be looking down from heaven and watching every move, knowing every thought of every person that we created. It's staggering to even consider, but let's try to do it.

If we could put ourselves in that position, then what would be our attitude of the world, its people, and of this nation? Would we be pleased? Would we be happy that we had made the world and all of its contents, including the human population that is living today?

According to Genesis 1:31, God looked down at what he had created during the first week of the earth's existence "and indeed it was very good."

Would we be able to say that today? Of course, that was prior to man and woman introducing sin into the world by disobeying God's law about not eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That's when the trouble started.

After Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden, you would think men and women had learned the Father's lesson. But no!

Then later, when God launched the great flood and spared only eight souls, wouldn't you expect sin and evil to be subdued? Again, no!

Let's move many centuries forward to today. Have we gotten any smarter through the years? Well, let's see.

God's holy word is very clear about his commandments. It states in Mark 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." 1 Peter 3:21 puts it another way: "Baptism...now saves you." Many other scriptures concur. Could God have made it any clearer? Yet, many people today claim that baptism is not necessary for salvation.

Let's try another subject. What about homosexuality? It is condemned by God in Romans 1:26-30. "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." Today, homosexuals are not even ashamed anymore. Today, we put them in the movies and give them big ratings on television programs. That is even true of transsexuals.

It hasn't always been that way during our lifetime. In World War II, the rules of the services stated that dishonorable discharge was the punishment for sodomy, and servicemen were often warned

and indoctrinated of those rules. Just recently, though, an open homosexual was promoted to head the armed forces of this nation. Some would call that progress, but what must God think of it?

Pick any subject. Select any sin. It is being exploited today.

Murder is rampant. Watch the morning news on television. The first item mentioned is usually about a murder “last night” in Birmingham. The evening news then describes the shooting or stabbing of a group of people by some unknown assailant somewhere in the United States.

Using the Lord’s name in vain has become so commonplace it is hardly noticed anymore. Women are as guilty as men, but it hasn’t always been that way.

Adultery is not even considered a sin anymore by lots of people, even including many religious persons. I know of one woman who said she asked her priest if it was evil, and he replied, “It’s just a LITTLE sin,” as he held up his thumb and forefinger about half an inch apart.

Lying, stealing, covetousness, unqualified divorce, sorcery, even idolatry is everywhere and apparently performed virtually without thought of consequences.

We have covered a multitude of sins, and they are all around us today. God cannot be pleased.

“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie” (Rev. 22:14-15).

Consider the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and look at the world—and the nation—today. Sin is everywhere and increasing. Can God be pleased?

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