

WHERE WE ALL GO WRONG

James 4:11-17

Introduction: We have met people who THINK that they are perfect, but actually nobody is other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Who do you know that does not judge others? Who do you know that does not make plans to do this or that at one time or other? Who do you know that does not do everything God wants him/her to do? Face it! None of us are perfect and all of us go wrong in these three areas to say the least. If we could learn to do God's will, a lot of the other things we do wrong could be avoided. What are some of the things God wants us all to do?

I. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BELIEVE IN HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST

1. How do we know this is what God wants for EVERYONE?
 - *Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 19:10*
 - God sent His Son into the world to save the lost (people like us).
 - Jesus, Himself, said that He came to seek and to save the lost.
 - *John 3:16-17*
 - God gave His Son to die upon the cross to save people (us) from sin.
2. In order to be saved, to have eternal life, to be a part of God's Family, it is absolutely necessary to believe on Jesus Christ, thus obeying God's will.
 - *Matthew 7:21-23; John 6:22-29*
 - Jesus spoke to the Jews often about believing upon Him.

II. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO BELIEVE TO LIVE HOLY AND SEPARATED LIVES

1. God wants those who believe to unite with a church, become involved with other believers, through baptism. (*Acts 2:41*)
2. It is God's will that believers live a holy life. (*2 Corinthians 6:17; 7:1*)
 - Separated both from sins of the flesh and of the spirit.
3. God wants believers to be faithful in their attendance of church services.
 - *Hebrews 10:22-25*. To be near to one another, to be thoughtful of each other and to not forget to attend services.
4. God wants believers to support His work with their tithes.
 - *Malachai 3:7-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2*
 - Believers are to help each other by their giving.
 - *1 John 3:16-19; Matthew 6:1-4*
 - Believers are to worship with their giving.
 - *Exodus 25:1-2; 35:4-5, 29; 36:6-7*

5. God wants believers to love and seek to restore other believers who have been overtaken in a fault, for the same thing could very well happen to those innocent of such faults.

CONCLUSION:

1. All of us judge one another in some degree, at some time or other. Are we so innocent, so not guilty of the same thing that we have the right to judge others? In no way. Let us therefore try not to judge anyone anymore.
2. How long are you going to live? Who knows what tomorrow is going to bring? Who can change yesterday? In all wisdom, what should we be doing with our lives? Doesn't God know what tomorrow holds? Doesn't God know all things? Therefore wouldn't it be wise to depend upon God and not our own selves to know what's best for us from day to day?
3. All of us are guilty of not doing what God wants but those guilty of not doing the first thing God wants which is believing in His Son, Jesus Christ, and continue to not believe till death comes for them, will spend eternity in a place prepared for such disobedience, it's called Hell. Eternal separation from any hope of changing things.
 - The other sin of which so many believers are guilty of, that of not living as God wants can be remedied by sincere repentance and turning oneself over completely to the Holy Spirit who can and wants to help the believer live as God wants.
4. Of which of these two sins are you guilty of? Unbelief in Jesus Christ? This can bring you to hell with no hope of escape. Disobedience in obeying God's will to live as He wants? This can be changed by your turning yourself over to the Holy Spirit in repentance and obedience. So, what is your choice?