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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

UNBELIEVERS

Do you believe that God exists? Many do not and many more have their doubts as to the existence of God. Consider the following reasons as to why people reject the existence of God.

First, many unbelievers refuse to objectively view the evidence that God exists. “The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1). The evidence of design which necessitates a “Designer” is readily available to those who will look around them. The intricate design of a beautiful flower, the obvious design in a snowflake and the complicated design of the human eye are just three such examples. The distance of the earth from the sun allows life to thrive but move the sun just a little further away or a little closer and survival fails. Is the uniformity of the material universe merely by chance or by design?

Second, unbelievers refuse to believe the Bible. God has revealed Himself both in nature and through His written word. The Bible tells us who God is and what His plan is for man. The Bible reveals from where we came (Genesis 1), why we are here (Eccl. 12:13) and where we are going (Matthew 25:46). On the other hand, the evolutionary hypothesis fails to give meaning and purpose to life or to provide any hope beyond the grave.

Third, unbelievers do not want to accept their accountability to God. To unbelievers’ sin is a joke and a figment of man’s imagination rather than a violation of God’s universal spiritual law (1 John 3:4). Sin is deceitful and hardens the heart (Hebrews 3:13). Sin results in spiritual enslavement and death (Romans 6:20-23). Whether one accepts it or not, the truth is that each one of us are accountable to God. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Fourth, many unbelievers are self-centered, pleasure seekers. No one denies that some things which are sinful are also pleasurable. Sex outside of marriage may be pleasing to the flesh, but it is damning to the spirit (1 Corinthians 6:13-18; Hebrews 13:4). Sinful pleasure is temporary, punishment for sin is eternal. One must deny self in order to receive the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life (Matthew 16:24).

Are you a believer or an unbeliever? Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved; he who does not believe shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16).

This Sunday at the Green Plain church of Christ we will meet at 10:00 am in our auditorium for worship. All safety guidelines will be implemented. Come visit with us.k5hyt