

## MAN WITHOUT GOD

### INTRODUCTION

1. *is not willing to submit his will to a higher will.* 1 Kings 18:21  
John 8:31, 32
2. *Has become a law unto himself and with his situation either nationalization has is destroying himself. Judge 17:6; 21:5*
1. If there were no God man would soon invent one.
    1. Without God man and life become meaningless as we witness in the lives of men who are without God today.
    2. When man departs from God he is caught up in a whirlpool existence, he is simply cast about by blind chance.
    3. He knows not where he came from nor does he know where he is going.
      1. Without God man peers out into a world that has no real purpose.
      2. He lifts up his eye to a sun that only blinds him and he huddles in a darkness that offers him no protection from a multitude of enemies.
    4. Without God man must look to himself:
      1. Looking to himself he accumulates possessions.
      2. These accumulated possession bring him no comfort when death's cold hand reaches out for his mortal soul.
      3. He finds then that he must leave the world as he entered it: with nothing.
        1. The man who surveyed his life's work, Luke 12:19-21;  
"And I will say to my soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." What God said, "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall these things be? The law in the case, "So is he that layeth treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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### 1. MAN'S ACTION - HIS WORK

1. Without God man crawls from his hovel or his mansion at the break of day to search for power.
  1. With this power he hopes to dominate nature and men as well.
  2. As he gains this power he feels strong, and he experiences great glory he thinks in what this power can do for him.
  3. Without God man rejoices that the powerless are subject to him and without pity he exploits them for his own benefit.
  4. Without God, man plays the role of a god made in his own image.

### 2. MAN'S FUTILE STRUGGLE WITHOUT GOD

1. The time will come when the power man loved so much will corrupt him.
2. The time will come when the younger and more vigorous aspirants will challenge and even take away that power that the wasted man can no longer protect.
3. Even if he manages to hold on to that power until the grave has closed over his wasted frame:
  1. He will find to his chagrin that power does not solve the riddle of life. He will find a void that power cannot fill.
  2. In the lonely hour of death there is something, he knows not what, that he is continually reaching out for but that something continues to elude him.
  3. In the sleepless moments of some long night he comes to see himself in the naked aloneness that his blankets of power are too short to cover. Indeed in 28:20 Isaiah said, "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering (power) narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."



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MAN'S PITIFUL PLIGHT WITHOUT GOD

1. Man without God is left to his own devices so selfishness, pride, and avarice take over in his life.
2. The man without God becomes a law unto himself:
  1. Being a law unto himself he lays down the law for others.
  2. The man without God cannot give himself: for love is self-giving.
  3. The love that comes of and from God puts the interest of others before those of self
  4. Since love is from God, to reject love is to reject God: for God is love. 1 John 4:8; "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."
  5. Therefore to reject God is to reject love - To reject love is to endorse hate.

MAN WITHOUT GOD - THE CHURCH WITHOUT GOD

1. In the church without God there is no battle between that church and the world.
  1. The church has settled down in the world and is at peace with the world.
  2. Jesus said, John 8:31, "To those which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."
    1. When man no longer continues (or church) in God's word, he is a MAN WITHOUT GOD AS THE CHURCH IS A CHURCH WITHOUT GOD and the man or church no longer knows the truth about those matters which really count

THE END OF THE MAN WITHOUT GOD - THE END OF THE CHURCH WITHOUT GOD - THE END OF THE NATION WITHOUT GOD.

1. When man in his own mind destroys God, he destroys himself.
  1. This is so of man, of the church, and of the nation.
  2. Homicide, suicide, and fratricide are bad enough but deicide becomes man's supreme offense.
  3. Day after day thousands troop by the coffin that contains the mortal remains of a loved one. It may be the body of a wife, husband, or child.
    1. On such occasions the MAN WITHOUT GOD can only weep tears of hopelessness for to him whatever soul housed in that body is gone and exists no more. 1 Thess. 4:13; "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."



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