



Acts 13:4-12

A Clash of Kingdoms

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...whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away - it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses. For offenses will inevitably come, but woe to that person by whom the offense comes.
- Matthew 18:6-7 (Jesus speaking)

V.10: "pervert" (verb): to change the inherent purpose or function of something in a negative way.

General Revelation:

Revelation of God given to everyone. I.E., creation, and our inherent moral conscience. (Cf. Romans 1:18-20, 25, 28, 32; 2:12-16)

This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light... - John 3:19-21

Special Revelation:

Revelation of God not given to every person. I.E., the Bible, the Incarnation, miraculous appearances of Jesus, dreams, visions, and hearing the voice of God.

If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.... - John 14:7-11

The _____ of general revelation is to spur us to _____ and find Him through special revelation.

...be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- James 1:22

...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. - Ephesians 6:12

V.9: When we are "filled with the Holy Spirit" we will be able to _____ when an issue is _____ in nature.

...the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually. The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. For "who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Repentance includes:

- 1) Acknowledging we were willfully following our desires instead of God (I.E., sinning).
- 2) No longer following our desires but instead turning to follow Jesus as lord.

See Acts 2:37-40 for Peter's call to repentance on the Day of Pentecost.

"Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 12:15

See Mark 12:43-45 and Matthew 12:22-29 for Jesus' teachings on spiritual warfare.