

God's Standard

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Scripture Reference: Proverbs 16:25 * Isaiah 59:19 * John 17:14-15

Ephesians 3:20 and Hebrews 3:7-10

In this writing we are talking about God's standard, verses the world standard in healing physical bodies. The Lord has a standard in every area of our lives. He has a standard of Holiness, a standard in our relationships, etc. In the next few letters we will discuss some of these standards.

Proverbs 16:25 says, *There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.* In the day that we are living in we see this more than ever. We live in a world today that is turned upside down .Evil is being called good and good evil. So many today have lost their way and don't even realize it, even many Christians. One of the biggest reasons for this is because they have chosen (yes, it's a choice) to let the world establish the standard in their lives rather than God.

The Word of God says in *Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift us a standard against him.* Because so many Christians have accepted the standard of the world they get the reward the world has to offer, sickness and disease , divorce, brokenness, heartache. Is it any wonder so many are on drugs or have mental problems? That is the standard the world has to offer. If you line yourself up with the world you will get what the world has to offer.

We live in this world but we are not supposed to be of this world. **John 17:14-15 says, I have given them Thy word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.** Sometimes even as a Christian you forget that even though you are in this world you are not of this world. We so easily go along with the crowd and follow the standard of the world.

Let me give you an example. Back in the late 80's I was driving home from work one day and I heard that still small voice inside tell me not to go the route I was on but I was so busy with my job and taking care of other things that I wasn't sensitive to that voice. I had let my priorities get out of order. I wasn't spending the time in prayer and the Word of God that had made me sensitive to His voice.

When I was almost home a woman broadsided the vehicle I was driving and hit me at about 60 miles an hour. She hit me right behind the driver's seat. The vehicle I was in rolled about four times and came to rest upside down. During the roll over I was suspended in the floor of the vehicle – I could feel myself being held between the top and bottom of the vehicle. This saved my life. The roof on the driver's side was crushed in. I had been supernaturally preserved Praise God but I could have avoided the situation if I had been more sensitive. I wound up with a couple of fractures in my back, broken ribs and tremendous damage to tendons and ligaments. My joints would try to come out of their sockets. I was in a lot of pain. I walked with a cane for months and was taking muscle relaxers and anti-inflammatory drugs that made me feel terrible all the time. A lot of scar tissue had built up and my doctor was telling me I might wind up in a wheel chair. I was getting the standard of care and hope the world could give me.

I woke up on day about five months after the accident and it was like I suddenly came to myself. I remember being shocked at how I had lived for the last five months I remember thinking to myself, What in the world is wrong with you, what are you doing? It was as if I had forgotten everything I knew about healing being a part of the salvation covenant I have with Jesus. I came to my right mind that day. I threw all the pills away and

asked Jesus to forgive me for not reaching out to him instead of the world, for settling for the world's standard. I asked Him to heal me. I began to immediately heal and over the next weeks and months I went from wearing a back brace and not hardly being able to bend over to taking exercise classes and doing things in the class physically that I couldn't do even before the accident.

Within a few months not only was I completely healed but even chronic low back pain that I had had for years was gone. When God does something He does it as [Ephesians 3:20](#) says, *Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.* When I accepted the world's standard I got the reward that the world could give – when I accepted God's standard I got the reward that only He can give. I'm not saying don't go to a doctor if you need to but I am saying don't settle for what the world can give but strive for God's standard.

Today will you examine your life? Will you take an honest inventory of your life? Are you living below the standard that your covenant with Jesus Christ provides? Just like I had a wake up day – let this be your wake up day. Study what the Word of God says about your covenant of salvation. Let the Lord bring you up to His standard and free you from the world's standard. [Hebrews 3: 7-10](#) tells us, *Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'*

Spend time reading Hebrews this week. Learn God's ways. It will help you to not only be sensitive to His Spirit but will also help you not to be deceived and live the standard of the world but will help you understand your covenant better and equip you to rise up to the higher standard that He has for you. Let the Holy Spirit help you in your inventory. If you haven't read my husband's book, "Hebrews, the Book of Better Things." I would suggest you order it from our bookstore. I think it will help you

understand your covenant better and be a blessing to you. I would also suggest you check out the archived teaching tab and read the article from 2-2-2014 titled, "Jesus the Healer" and the article from 8-9-2013 titled, "The Believers Authority."

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