

TEXT: Genesis 18:25

TITLE: "A Case for Moral Absolutes!"

→ Scripture gives strong evidence that moral absolutes exist.

→ Imagine a world with no rulers? No squares? No plumb lines? Imagine changing the ruler? Imagine making it non-standard. Imagine making a square rounded?

→ That would produce chaos and anarchy!

→ Moral Absolutes are the rulers, the squares the plumb lines!! Why are moral absolutes needed?

→ IN A MORALLY BANKRUPT SOCIETY WHERE THE MORAL CAPITAL HAS BEEN SQUANDERED, THE SOCIETY BORROWS FROM ITS MORAL PAST TO UPHOLD SOME FORM OF MORAL ORDER IN THE PRESENT AND FOR ITS FUTURE.

→ LEVITICUS 25:10—THE CONCEPT OF LIBERTY IS PRECIOUS TO US? WHERE DO WE GET THAT? FROM THE BIBLE AND THE GOD OF THE BIBLE. WE CAN'T CHOOSE SOMETHINGS FROM THE ABSOLUTE BOOK AND REJECT OTHERS—WE MUST ACCEPT IT ALL.

Moral Absolutes stand in opposition to:

- ⊙ moral relativism—everything is relative
- ⊙ "anything goes" thinking
- ⊙ "whatever works for me is fine, whatever works for you is fine"
- ⊙ morality changing with the culture as would, say, a fashion design
- ⊙ ancient moral precepts are fluid and only to be interpreted in light of the present situation or culture
- ⊙ every view has equal validity
- ⊙ no one has the right to force their view on another

Moral Absolutes:

- ⊙ distinguish between right and wrong
- ⊙ demonstrate that something is not both right and wrong at the same time
- ⊙ deny that eternal moral principles change with the times

- ⊙ declare that absolute moral laws have a source in an Absolute Lawgiver
- ⊙ demand obedience to their principles
- ⊙ deliver consequences when violated
- ⊙ design well-being, harmony, order, justice and love in a society

1. The Concept of a J G Demands Moral Absolutes

⊙ Genesis 18:25

2. The Concept of a H G Demands Moral Absolutes

⊙ 1 Peter 1:15-16

- A. If God is Holy and apart from sin, it would follow that He has particular absolute principles of holiness and justice to *heed!*
- B. If God were fickle in regard to all issues and had no right and wrong in standards then He would cease to be Holy.
- C. If God were not holy, He could not atone for our sins.

⊙ 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. The Concept of a L G demands Moral Absolutes

⊙ Hebrews 12:9-11

ILLUS. Parents with children:

→ What good parent lets their child do anything he wants anytime he wants?

4. The Concept of a T and Holy B
Demands Moral Absolutes

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- A. If the Bible is the product of a true and holy God, then its precepts must be true and holy
- B. If the principles are true and holy, then they must not break down or become weak for then they would be flawed and would not be the fit product of a Holy God!
- C. If the principles are true and holy then they are binding *because* they have an anchor in a true and holy source

5. The Concept of Well-ordered S
Demands Moral Absolutes

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- * King Jeroboam made the worship of God relative and pragmatic! It brought disaster on the nation of Israel!
- A. For Society to be secure, it needs clear and absolute parameters.
- B. When parameters are made fluid, foggy and relative, disaster awaits!

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→ **QUOTE:** "The result of Jeroboam's action was religious confusion and apostasy; it would bring God's sure condemnation (see 14:9). It should be recognized that this is the first time the Scriptures mention any deliberate attempt to establish a heterodox doctrine, a substandard cult as an official practice for the nation of Israel" (*Nelson Study Bible*, p. 584).

6. The Concepts of G and
F Demand Moral
Absolutes

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- A. If I am guilty, it is because I have violated a standard.
- B. If I need forgiveness, it is based on guilt from a violation of a moral standard.
- C. If I get rid of Moral Absolutes, then, either I have no sense of guilt, or having it, I ignore it and suffer the consequences or I drown it out by some means.

7. The Concept of a M M Demands Moral
Absolutes

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- A. We (our society) loves terms like "values" or "integrity" or even "morals" or "conscientious" but recoil from "absolutes."
- B. How can a man have integrity or values or morals if there are no absolutes??
- C. Moral Absolutes are written on the hearts of man made in God's image!

APPLICATIONS: