

Back to the Basics

- mercifully / graciously / longsuffering (patiently) / abundantly in goodness and truth...
 - we can expect Him to forgive iniquity / transgression / and sin
 - and ... when God says to Moses ... *visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation* this tells us that we can expect God to always act in fairness and justice.
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B. the _____ of His character it is impossible for God's character to not be consistent with God's attributes. And the reason it is important to not remove the landmark of God's character from our heart is because it is His character is what molds and shapes the Christian's character.

As people who belong to Jesus; as people who've been bought with the Blood of Jesus; as people who claim Jesus as our Lord and King; as people who deserve nothing but have been given everything through God's wonderful grace, we are called and commanded to ... *present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Basically, the landmark of God's character should stand in our heart in order to help us to grow in grace in Christ-likeness.

Does the landmarks of God and His creation stand strong in your heart this morning? Does the landmark of God's character dictate how you live this morning?



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Proverbs 22:28

The basic principle of Proverbs 22:28 warns us against tampering with the long established landmarks ... i.e... the basic truths, standards, and principles of our faith.

With this in mind, this morning we begin a new series called Back to the Basics, where on Sunday mornings throughout 2023 we will look at a basic Biblical principle, doctrine, truth or application and learn the teaching of that landmark and why it shouldn't be tampered with.

This morning we start our series with 2 very basic truths that are foundational to the Christian faith as they are landmarks that God intends to stand strong and unmoved in the heart of every Christian.

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The first basic landmark of our series is ...

I: The Landmark of _____: Romans 1:18-32

Why have we “progressed” so far away from God’s landmark of creation? Romans 1 gives us the answer ...

It all starts with...

A. man’s _____ of the Creator

In Romans 1:18-23 we find man’s systematic rejection and removal of God as Creator from man’s heart. And in v24-31 we find God’s response to man’s rejection as well as the result of man’s rejection.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

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B. _____ landmark of creation

The fundamental landmark of creation is that God, as found in the Bible, is the Creator.

- He is the only One with the wisdom to create the universe and give life
- He is the only One with the power to create the universe and give life
- He is the only One with the desire to create the universe and give life
- He is the only One that Bible tells us DID create the universe ... and give life
- He is the only One who can sustain the universe and life
- and He is the only One who will determine when the universe and earth as we know it will end.

Clearly, the understanding and belief that God is the Creator of the universe and all that is in it , is landmark that God won’t tolerate being tampered with as it is foundational to our understanding of Who God is and our relationship with Him.

The second landmark for today is ...

II: The Landmark of God’s _____

God’s character is different than His attributes in that His attributes are not chosen, but rather they make up who and what God is. His character is a little different. Notice first ...

A. the _____ of His character: Ex. 34:6-7

While God’s attributes tells us who and what God is, His character speaks to how God chooses to act towards us based upon His attributes.

According to this, and many other passages of Scripture, we can expect God to act ...