

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - Looking in the Wrong Direction

There is no doubt the events of Sunday evening are tragic and bring unspeakable pain and heartache to those involved. Senseless acts such as this, regardless who commits them, stand in opposition to the way humans are to treat each other. Unfortunately, the empty talking heads in this country have determined this is the time to bring up the issue of gun control and establishing new laws to "prevent" another situation like this from happening. Like every other time man on man tragedy occurs, we believe man can solve the problem. Mankind cannot solve a problem where they ARE the problem! This tragedy is yet another barometer of a nations rejection of God from society and their own lives. To solve this problem, we are looking in the wrong direction.

It is ridiculous to argue the semantics of whether guns are the problem or not. You can name any number of locations where gun laws are incredibly strong and still see gun violence. Even if you determined to outlaw guns completely, went to every house and gathered them up, violence still exists. Anyone remember the Oklahoma City bombing or the tragedy of September 11th? There was not a single gun involved yet the mass of humanity left dead dwarfs the numbers from the Las Vega tragedy on Sunday night. Evil finds ways of carrying out it's plans!

If someone does not have God legislating their heart, thoughts and actions, where does their moral compass come from? By the very fact that he is the creator of the world, his regulative position is clear.

The existence of God, and our belief and obedience to Him, is absolutely critical in one's acquiring a consistent and objective moral standard. It is frightening, though indeed true, that if there were no God, not one single individual would have a moral obligation to do anything. In a world void of a superior being and consequently a higher standard, everyone would be a law unto himself.

The fact that there are individuals who contend for such a world, or at least live as though they were in one comparable to it, cannot be successfully contradicted. There are people who readily affirm that there are some situations wherein it is "right" to murder, it is "OK" to commit adultery, it is "permissible" to participate in homosexuality or in other degenerate activities. Such is reality. While these individuals are convinced that there are justifiable reasons for such actions, scriptures teach otherwise. Morality is contingent upon God. It is God who determines what is and is not moral.

If you want to heal the ills of not just the United States but the entire world, we need to take seriously the call of Christ in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Human laws mean nothing and will not ever end needless violence. Only Jesus Christ can change the heart of those who have allowed Satan to infiltrate their heart.

Hebrews 4:11-13 - Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and

powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.