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Sermon – What is Right? (Armor of God Series week 1)

Scripture- Isaiah 5:8-25

Main Message – How to teach what is right when only what is right is wrong now?

I used to teach electronics. Students were required to get a passing grade to continue to the next block of instruction. There is a subtle art to asking test questions properly and requires skill and experience so that only one answer is correct, and all other answers possible answers were wrong. You must also give enough information to the student so that it is indeed solvable. The problems were always multiple choice and many of them required some basic algebraic math. There was no reason for anyone to fail a block test, but it happened and for a variety of reasons. Electronics questions were easy to answer in the sense that there was correct responses and wrong responses – in very absolute terms.

I love absolutes. It's clear to me what is right and what is wrong. That is why I like the natural sciences. I'm drawn to them. Others, are drawn to social sciences, where in the relativistic realm of humans, there is a wide gamut of possible responses by which it is impossible for me, also a mere human, to know the absolute answer to the problem. Occasionally I get that tough question, and those times I respond with the response, "I don't know." Fortunately, these times are rare, and I am comfortable saying, God needs to sort that one out. That is a bit of a cop-out, but that's why I keep it rare.

I also occasionally get asked the question that I know the answer to, but the recipient doesn't like the answer. If it is a spiritual question, I answer them through the only truth I know, which is confirmation through the Spirit and what the Master Architect of all Creation says about what is true. I find those answers in the Bible. You must understand this, that if there were no absolutes, the universe and all creation would not function properly and would be filled with chaos. The only source of chaos outside of the natural laws is that which humans bring into the equation. Now, confusion, deceit, law-breaking and blatant lies are consuming the world, young and old alike. There are no longer social absolutes of right and wrong anywhere to be found. There have always been those who try to cheat the system, change how the game is played, but these days there are no boundaries for the weirdness allowed. Those who *KNOW* right from wrong are being forced to *PRETEND* along with those who are making things up as they go along. I will not pretend. What is happening is that many are trying to be nice by pretending and that is only adding to the chaos of the world. When asked, I will call out the wrongness of it. I will know because of God Almighty, the author of all truth.

Read Isaiah 5:8-25 – When asked I must speak the truth even though many won't listen and certainly won't like it. The phrase, "you do you and I'll do me," isn't sustainable. Those who have no law in their hearts will overrun those with Godly boundaries. That is our testimony.

These days it is best to draw close to God and not lose faith or hope. It is best to be truthful. Don't pretend. Pretending in this sense is the same as lying. Pretending is a deception for those who don't want an argument. Sometimes Love requires an argument. The truth is a powerful and is the first piece of Armor spoken of in Ephesians chapter 6.

Read Ephesians 6:10-14.5

The armor begins with TRUTH. It is the foundation on which you can count upon. It is the piece of armor that is fashioned by the God who has established it. Praise be to HIM! AMEN