

# All Men

## I. God Is Concerned For All

### A. Are Created In God's Image

**Ps. 89:47** "Remember what my span of life is; For what vanity Thou hast created all the sons of men!"

**Acts 17:25** "neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all thing"

This one idea alone instructs us in many things:

That having been made by God we owe Him something – respect, devotion, honor.

That all men are made by the same God, and therefore have an innate equality. Thus we are not to be racist or bigoted against one another.

### B. Are Blessed By God

**Jas 1:5** "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

God did not just create us and forget us. He is continually beneficent towards us.

But in being blessed in God, even continually, does not mean that all will be easy, or that all will go well. That is not how God made the world.

There are some things that we all must face.

## II. All Face The Same Realities

### A. Death

**Job 21:33 32** "While he is carried to the grave, Men will keep watch over his tomb.

**33** The clods of the valley will gently cover him; Moreover, all men will follow after him, While countless ones go before him."

**Ecl. 7:2** "It is better to go to a house of mourning Than to go to a house of feasting, Because that is the end of every man, And the living takes it to heart.

**Ecl. 9:3** "This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men. Furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead."

The ultimate reality is death. That is where we are all going.

**Isa 40:6-8** "A voice says, "Call out." Then he answered, "What shall I call out?" All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

**7** The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.

**8** The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

God's word abides through the generations. This too is reality.

### B. Are Known By God

**Jn. 2:24** "But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men"

**Acts 1:24** "And they prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen"

As we go through life, it is not just to live and die. It is to serve God.

He knows us, our every thought and action, and will judge accordingly.

### C. Will Be Judged

**1 Kings 8:39** "then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive and act and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest, for Thou alone dost know the hearts of all the sons of men"

**2 Cor. 5:10** “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

God knows, and God will judge.

### III. All Men Fail

#### A. Often Live Contrary To God

**2 Thess. 3:2** “and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.”

These are the ones who don't know God, so they act like God doesn't know them.

**Matt. 13:13** “And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.”

**Luke 21:17** “and you will be hated by all on account of My name.”

Those who don't know God act in the very opposite of how they should.

**Luke 6:26** “Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets.”

#### B. Sin

**Ps. 116:11** “I said in my alarm, “All men are liars.”

That may seem like an overstatement, but all too often it seems true.

It seems true because we are all sinners, as they scriptures repeatedly affirm.

**Rom. 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

**Rom. 5:12** “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned”

But we are also told that mercy and grace to salvation are offered to all.

**Rom. 11:32** “For God has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.”

**Gal. 3:22** “But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”

### IV. So There Are Some Things All Should Do

#### A. Should Know God

**Job 37:6,7** “For to the snow He says, ‘Fall on the earth,’ And to the downpour and the rain, ‘Be strong.’

7 He seals the hand of every man, That all men may know His work.”

God has left plenty of evidence for us to see that He is there and that we should come to Him.

**Acts 14:17** “and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”

#### B. Should Seek For Jesus

**Mark 1:29-37** “And immediately after they had come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

**30** Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Him about her.

**31** And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.

**32** And when evening had come, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.

**33** And the whole city had gathered at the door.

**34** And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

**35** And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.

**36** And Simon and his companions hunted for Him;

**37** and they found Him, and said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.””

The people of Capernaum were doing everything they could to find Jesus.

They were excited by what they knew of Him, and expected even greater things from Him.

This is as it should be.

We should be excited and expect great things in Jesus.

Jesus came that we might come unto Him.

**Jn. 1:7** “He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.”

**Jn. 12:32** “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

### C. Should Believe

**Acts 17:31** “because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

The lifting up of Jesus – His death and resurrection – should cause us all to believe.

### D. Should Repent

**Acts 17:30** “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent”

Because of our belief we should live right.

We should stop all of our sin and dedicate ourselves to godly living in Christ.

Then we can fulfill our responsibilities to other men.

## V. There Are Some Things All Men (Even Sinners) Are Owed

### A. Our Good Behavior

**Rom. 12:17,18** “Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.”

**18** “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”

**Heb. 12:14** “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.”

**Phil. 4:5** “Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.”

**1 Pet. 2:17** “Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”

There are a great number of honorable behaviors that are owed to every one, just from common decency and the brotherhood of man that God tells us to respect.

Respect, peace, forbearance, and honor are due to all.

But even that is not all.

### B. Even Loving Behavior

**Tit. 3:2** “to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.”

**2 Tim. 2:24** “And the Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,”

**Gal. 6:10** “So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

**1 Thess. 5:14,15** “And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men.”

**15** “See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men.”

**1 Thess. 3:12** “and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you”

Consideration, patience, kindness, good and love are also due them.

### C. Our Prayers

**1 Tim. 2:1** “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,”

We are even told to be praying for all mankind.

## D. The Full Truth

**Acts 22:15** “For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.

Paul was told to go preach to all men.

He Jewish enemies said that he did.

**Acts 21:28** “crying out, “Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people, and the Law, and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”

Paul did so because of his fervent desire that they all become Christians.

**Acts 26:28,29** “And Agrippa replied to Paul, “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.”

**29** And Paul said, “I would to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains.”

And not just get them to be Christians, but to remain faithfully that way.

**Acts 20:26** “Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

**27** For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.”

Paul was innocent of the blood of all because he preached the truth to all.

Why try so hard to get them to be, and keep them, as Christians?

Because that is what God wants.

## VI. Because The Desire Of God Is For Them All To Be Saved

**Tit. 2:11** “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men”

**1 Tim. 2:4** “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

**1 Tim. 2:6** “who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony borne at the proper time.”

It is God’s great desire that you be saved.

Is that you desire also?