

The True Supreme Court

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“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Genesis 3:25, NKJV).

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) doesn't always get it right. In fact, the high court has overturned well over three hundred of its own decisions including everything from zoning laws to the infamous *Roe v Wade* case on abortion. This should surprise no one! Justices are people, and people make mistakes; they let their personal preferences cloud their judgment and they cave in to political pressure. But one court's decisions are always right and will never be overturned. It isn't SCOTUS!

Even in his intense suffering Job longed for a meeting in court with God. The thought of it terrified him, yet Job was confident that his infinitely powerful Judge would decide his case righteously. Abraham, in like manner, knew the Lord's decision about the fate of Sodom would be right.

God makes righteous decisions because He is righteous by His very nature. *“The Lord is righteous in all His ways”* (Psa. 145:17). John put it this way: *“God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all”* (1 Jn, 1:5). Not even the faintest hint of corruption could ever taint His verdict.

And God has all the evidence. In human courts evidence may be suppressed, hidden, or overlooked; fake evidence may be presented; contradictory evidence may muddy the water. None of that affects God. He knows every thought, word, and deed, every motive and mitigating circumstance.

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Too Much of a Good Thing

What is the one thing in life that I can't get enough of? It can be any number of things – a favorite activity or eating a favorite food. Because we are so blessed, most of us can experience the enjoyment of over-indulgence and “pig out” on those best loved things. However, we must use caution when enjoying the good things in life lest they quickly become an addiction. *“Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, lest you be filled with it and vomit.”* (Proverbs 25:16) Yes, too much of a good thing can lead to harmful excessiveness and neglect of one's responsibilities.

The scriptures teach us that moderation is the key to a well-balanced life; too much of a good thing can lead to sin. Self-control is listed among the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and in the Christian graces of 2 Peter 1:5-11. Peter goes on to say that the person who forgets to practice restraint is *“short-sighted, even to blindness.”* The Apostle Paul said, *“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”* (1 Corinthians 6:12) So, we must ask ourselves, “Have we let the good things in life over-power us instead of practicing them with some restraint?” “Have I neglected attendance to worship because of my favorite pastime?” “Did I skip reading my Bible because I was binge-watching my favorite show?”

Moderation must be practiced in every aspect of the Christian's life: in work, in play, and yes, even in religion (remember the Pharisees?). Remember, the last bite of ice cream in that carton will not be as good as the first.

--Jay Launius (Maud, TX)

I want to be so anchored in Christ that the chaos around me doesn't produce chaos within me.

--@seedsofchrist (via Facebook)

Pray For What?

When Jesus talked about prayer, He didn't give tips or advice or formulas. He talked about a relationship. The relationship, the connection between the pray-er and the one prayed to, was loving and trusting; no fear, no manipulation.

He told us to ask the Father for His will, for things to be done as He wants. But we aren't God, so how do we know what His will is? Does he want me to have a job that pays well, or does He want me to go through the struggle to find one? Does He want to give me a beautiful spouse, or does He want me to grow a giving heart as I share a life? Is it His will that I have a happy vacation, or that I practice patience under stress?

That raises the question about the ratio of good and bad outcomes. At what point do we make the determination that our prayer was answered, and does the ratio of God's “yes” and “no” (as we see it) matter at all in the equation?

Prayer may not be about the outcomes we desire at the moment of utterance. It may be more about the relationship we have with the King of a kingdom whose will is active and ultimately determinative.

--Steven S. Lemley (via *Power for Today*) adapted

FEAR

Fear has two meanings:

Forget **E**verything **A**nd **R**un

Or

Face **E**verything **A**nd **R**ise

The choice is yours

--Zig Ziglar