

03/01/26 Message

Part of What Does God NOT Want

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Message: Your Blame

Series: What Does God NOT Want

Background

A follow-up series to “What Does God Want” which built on this premise:

What does God want from me?

- This year
- Today
- Right Now

When we ask ourselves that, we're seeking the heart and will of God. And when we ask with intention we're asking with the intention we will change to be and do what God wants. And when we ask with that intention, God will answer your question. He will reveal things to you that you'd never know, maybe things you've never even thought of before. What does God want from you this year, today, right now?

—Pastor Chad

Stemming from a verse found in the OT:

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

This follow-up series explores and highlights what God doesn't want us to do. We have to get sin out of the way and enter the presence of God. Then we have His full attention and He is there!

—Pastor Chad

Stop Blaming God

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)

16 There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,

19 a false witness who breathes out lies, one who sows discord among brothers.

Let's talk about that first one, haughty eyes. Have to say, that word haughty is not typically in my vocabulary. The closest word we use would be arrogant. To look at someone this way is to look down on them, but perhaps the more important thing is not only looking down on someone else, it's the position someone takes to look down. You can only look down from a higher position. The problem here is lifting up or exalting yourself to a position where you can look down on someone else. That's the real issue. That's the real problem. We should exalt Jesus, not ourselves! It hit me, one way we exalt ourselves is when we take the position of feeling as if we know more than God does. What about when something doesn't go our way and we throw out blame, we question and blame God.

—Pastor Chad

Misdiagnosing a problem never solves it!

- God is not CONTROLLING everything
 - God is always in control, but God is not always controlling everything.

James 1:13-17 (NLT)

13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.

14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.

15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.

17 Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

Are you ever tempted? Did God do it? Not according to the Bible! So, either God is always controlling everything, or God isn't always controlling everything, there's no in between. How do you know what's from God? Easy! Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down from God. If it's evil or bad or imperfect, it's not from God, it's from the enemy. God is always in control but that doesn't mean He makes everything happen, it just means He can take a bad situation and something good can come from it. There are bad situations you'll never get through in life without God's help. He can be your strength and give you grace when you're running on empty and none can be found. Don't blame the one who can get you through. God is not controlling everything, but He's always in control!

—Pastor Chad

- God is not AGAINST you
 - Every bad thing that happens can be taken back to the origin of sin (regardless of who owns the sin, it's still sin and we still have to live with the consequences of it). God would never create you if He were against you!

Romans 8:31 (NLT)

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

- God is not a fan of RELIGION
 - That word religion has many meanings but it's a belief system that leads to faith and worship. On the surface that sounds amazing, something God would love, but there's a problem. A belief system leading to faith and worship can also have nothing to do with God. Religion has everything to do with tradition,

observances, and social practices of something someone has an interest in, a cause to take up, a belief or activity that is intensely or passionately held to.

That's an odd one. Not really! I hear it all the time. Pastor, I do this and I do that, and it just seems God is silent in my life. I pray and pray but I don't hear from God. I do all these things, but this happened to me, I lost my job, I got cancer, my wife left me, my kids have turned against me. I just can't get ahead; I work hard but I have no money. I could go on and on, but you've heard it before. Woe is me, and it's God's fault. The blame game. I want you to hear this truth straight from a pastor's mouth. It's not about what you do for God, it's about why you do it! God is not impressed with religion.

—Pastor Chad

Isaiah 1 reveals God's detest for organized, traditional, ritualistic God-less religion.

Isaiah 1:11-13 (NLT)

11 "What makes you think I want all your sacrifices?" says the Lord. "I am sick of your burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fattened cattle.

I get no pleasure from the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

12 When you come to worship me, who asked you to parade through my courts with all your ceremony?

13 Stop bringing me your meaningless gifts; the incense of your offerings disgusts me! As for your celebrations of the new moon and the Sabbath and your special days for fasting— they are all sinful and false. I want no more of your pious meetings.

If you read on it gets real: God says He hates some of the ritualistic things they were doing, saying "I cannot stand them!" And when you do these things, "I will not look" and "I will not listen." If that weren't enough to shake them up He makes the statement, "Jerusalem was once so faithful but has become a prostitute!" He ends the chapter by saying these religious folks will be completely destroyed, and their evil deeds will be the spark that sets

the fire. They and their evil works will burn up together, and no one will be able to put out the fire. Religious intentions or actions won't save us from going through the consequences of living in the world our ancestors chose for us to be born into. God is not a fan of religion, on the other hand, He gets worked up and excited when you jump on board the Jesus train! When you believe in Jesus and what He did for you on the cross, so much that you trust Him enough to follow Him. That's something that stirs His heart! Then, you follow Jesus and become His disciple, trying to be more like Him each and every day. You serve, give, and live being the hands and feet of Jesus. That's when He hangs on to every word you say and blesses you beyond measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over!

—Pastor Chad

Don't ever fall into the trap of blaming God for the sins we brought into the world. Don't blame God for the consequences that impact our lives. Because of free will, God allows the world to turn. Sin will still rage, the enemy will continue to steal, kill, and destroy, and we will still be here to deal with the fallout. That's where God comes in. Will you let Him be part of the solution or will you blame Him for being the problem? He didn't choose it. He didn't cause it. And He doesn't like it. Yet we bring Him in when we blame Him for something He didn't do. The whole time, He's present and waiting on us to stop blaming Him and start asking Him to clean up the mess and get us through it! That's when God will step in and do something supernatural in our life! It's all about how we approach God, His intentions, and His amazing love for us!

—Pastor Chad

Challenge

God is inviting you to come to Him and be saved!

Stop what God doesn't want you to do and step up and start doing

what God wants you to do!

Today is the day!