

From the West Meadow
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What a troubled world we are living in. It is not just troubled by wars and killing, economic and energy problems. These are just the symptoms of a greater problem: the world is troubled by confusion. What is right? What is wrong?

Hosea was inspired by God to write, “My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6) The lack of knowledge we face today is the knowledge of right and wrong; hence, confusion.

We are confused about sex. We seem to think that it is perfectly all right and wholesome for our teenage children to play with sex. Really? And the results are good? And what about the confusion of allowing a “transgender” (try finding that one in the Bible) person access to whichever restroom or locker room he/she wants to go into on any particular day? We have forgotten there are rights and wrongs. Hosea says, “Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.” (Hosea 4:6)

There is confusion in the justice system. In Oregon, a rancher who is peacefully protesting is shot dead by law enforcement, while in Alabama rioters and looters wantonly destroying property go free, and the police protecting that property are condemned. That’s justice? No—that’s confusion!

Someone kills an animal and it’s called “murder”. Someone kills an unborn child and she is within her right to choose? Talk about confusion! Isaiah 59, verse 8 says, “...there is no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths.”

Somehow, we even confuse pushing and shoving our way to purchase the best Christmas gift with the birth of Christ. Why all this confusion? Jeremiah 50:6 says, “My people have been lost...their shepherds have led them astray.” God puts the blame on the shepherds—the leaders, the teachers, the pastors, the churches, the parents, all who have failed to lay a sound moral foundation of right and wrong, based on the Word of God (see 1 Corinthians 3:11).

Paul warned the Roman Christians what the result of rejecting God and His law would be. “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting...who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” (Romans 1:28-32)

The natural result of failing to teach the knowledge of God and His laws to our children is confusion—which leads to pain and death...not just physically, but spiritually as well. This confused, troubled world is of our making, a direct result of our failure. What are we as parents, teachers, leaders and churches going to do about it?

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