

Scripture Reference: Proverbs 14:11-12

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Title: "Do Absolute Moral Truths Exist?"

Focus: What is an absolute moral truth? Do they exist? Who decides what is right vs wrong? (Biblical World View Series 4 of 10)

Intro:

1. A simple question, "Are there truths that apply to all people, for all time, and never change?" Simple question. However, some people would have us believe there is no simple answer.

2. Why? Because the answer has nothing to do with truth.

3. This question is difficult to answer because we do not want to box ourselves in. If we admit there are truths everyone is accountable to, then it follows we must change when our lives run contrary to absolute truth.

Body:

v. 12a; "There is a way that seems right to a man..."

When "truth" is discussed anymore, if it is, it is not presented as an objective body of information everybody agrees on.

Rather, it is perceived as a relative issue, preferential, something that varies between people depending on circumstances.

Why would this be? Because if something is true it applies to all people, in all circumstances, at all time.

We're not comfortable with the notion that I may be wrong, restricted, and bound to something I do not wish to do.

Understand, we do believe there are truths, gravity, air, etc., *physical truths*. These we cannot deny for we experience them everyday.

However, when it comes to *moral* or *spiritual* truths, these we are much less inclined to believe, because we want the *freedom* to act in a manner of our own choosing.

Our thought process is, "If it seems right to me, who is anyone to say it is not?"

Do you honestly believe you possess the ability to know everything with 100%? Is humanity capable of understanding the eventual outcomes of all actions?

Just because it "*seems right*," doesn't mean it is right.

v. 12b; "...But its end is the way of death."

What makes something "right," or in other words a truth? Ever consider this?

Truth is truth because it bears out in the testing. It is validated and consistent, A leads to B, not to C.

It is true if you jump up you will come back down. It is not a truth that Pizza is the best food around. That is a preference.

What is "right," or true, leads to life. That which is "wrong," or false, leads to death.

This applies to both the physical and spiritual realities.

If it seems "right" to you but leads to pain, disruption, or death, it cannot be truth.

v. 11a; "The *house* of the wicked will be destroyed..."

Jesus shared a parable that echoes this proverb. It was about a person who built his house upon the sand versus the rock (Matt. 7:24-27)

In this parable He places Himself as the possessor of truth. A certainty He left no doubt about - John 14:6.

A person who rejects truth, that which works, for preference will find that no matter how strong his life is, it will collapse when tested.

v. 11b; But the *tent* of the upright will flourish."

Conversely, the person who put his trust in what is true, no matter how weak or unsure that person is, his life will succeed.

Why, because truth does not rest upon the person believing it. It is true regardless of the person, the circumstance, or the time.

In other words, it works. It is true.

That is not to say if you trust God you'll get your way. What it means is when you trust God, what He says will come to pass, just as he said.

Closing:

1. Humanity needs an *unbiased* standard of right and wrong. One that is free of corruption and personal self-interest. One that is able to understand from the perspective of time and factor in all inter-related issues.

2. Such is only possible with God, and He alone.

3. Are you seeking what is true or what you *want* to be true? Are you willing for your life to pay the price for the *truth* you trust?