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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Street Crime

David prayed:

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men.
(**Psalms 140:1**)

Solomon gave a reason for that:

A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good. (**Proverbs 16:29**)

Destructive violence in a land of laws is not the way of "Justice."

The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice. (**Proverbs 21:7**)

The people who call for "justice" but preach violence are against "justice."

Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.
(**Proverbs 24:1-2**)

Whether a city, state, or country, or a neighborhood gang, advocates of violence and plundering are nothing but lawless criminals!

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### **Who's "Killing Jesus?" #2 – Keepers of Moses' Law**

[Saul was told,] "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (**Acts 22:16**)

And he arose and was baptized. (**Acts 9:18**)

Paul wrote:

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain. (**Galatians 2:21**)

John said:

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (**John 1:17**)

People who claim to be saved by keeping the Law of Moses, including the Ten Commandments, are in effect ignoring Jesus' death, which removed the Law of Moses so that He could teach:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:16**)

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[Thanksgiving] Thank God

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. (**Psalms 95:1-3**)

Before it was a nationally proclaimed "Thanksgiving Day," "turkey day," "football tradition," or "beginning of 'Black Friday' shopping," people approached God in worship and prayer "with thanksgiving." Pilgrims landed in North America near starvation in 1620 but, with help from Indians, survived and thanked God.

Citizens have forgotten this state was not separate from worship of Almighty God.

For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (**1 Timothy 4:4-5**)

Thank, again!

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**What Is "Discrimination?" Part 1**

"Discrimination" is the quality or power of finely distinguishing," or making judgments. Making moral judgments based upon what God says, is exactly what God wants us to do. Solomon asked God to:

"Give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" (**1 Kings 3:9**)

Making "judgments" and "discerning" on the basis of "good and evil" is what God's "wisdom" is all about. Jesus called,

"Hypocrites! [those who] can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time? Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?" (**Luke 12:56-57**)

When is this ever wrong?

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Being "Religious" Without Jesus -- Cornelius

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. (**Acts 10:1-2**)

This was a deeply religious family man, whose prayers and contributions would have caused many churches to have voted him full membership. BUT, he was missing one important thing. God had chosen him to hear what he was missing in his religion – Jesus Christ. Peter was sent to tell him "words by which you and all your household will be saved" (**Acts 11:14**), and "commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (**Acts 10:48**).

It seems being "religious" is not enough for salvation without Jesus Christ.

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