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### **Moral Dilemma: Where Are We?**

Many things have happened in recent times which cause a great bit of concern to Christians. Moral decay seems to be on the increase with very little being done to slow it down. **“Wickedness in high places”** spoken of by Paul in Ephesians 6:12, did not just start, nor (I am afraid) will it end until the Lord, in His mercy, comes back for His children.

Let us consider the case of Saul, the son of Kish, who was the ruler for some forty years of Israel. In the book of I Samuel you will find the story of Saul and how he came about to be the ruler of Israel. The Israelites grew tired of having God as their ruler, feeling Him to be too strict. They felt God’s religious and moral requirements were far more demanding than the wicked Hebrews were willing to tolerate. Their answer was to go to an old prophet (Samuel) with a demand for a change. Notice: They wanted change! They wanted a new leader - **“And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations”** (I Samuel 8:5). At least they admitted to no longer walking in the old, yet true, ways of God.

God gave them over to their own delusion - **“And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king”** (vs.22). God was not pleased with Saul and his reign eventually came to naught - **“I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath”** (Hosea 13:11). Earthly kings (leaders), still have not learned not to go against the teaching of **“the Holy One of Israel.”**

The actions of Saul, as ruler of Israel, were simply a manifestation of the moral perversity that was prevalent under his reign. With this thought in mind, Samuel spoke an astounding prophecy: **“But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee”** (I Samuel 13:14). We know from recorded history of the Bible that David was the one who filled that place.

God was not pleased with the actions of many during the day of Saul and David, nor is He pleased with the immoral behavior of our day. There are six things (plus one) listed in Proverbs 6:16-19, which the LORD hates: **“yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”**

It is expected of those who know not God to seek after those things which fulfill the lust of the flesh. What is disturbing is for God’s people, who should know better, to do likewise, or be tolerate of immoral behavior. Remember, God does love His creation and He does love His people. But, He DOES NOT LOVE the perverse things that have gone on, or those things which are going on now. We are commanded and have an obligation to hold to the holy things of God and to condemn those who do not.

Please pray for our churches, our nation, and for each other individually as temptations are on every hand. I ask, where are we in our morality? What God calls an abomination, we should call an abomination. What God says is wrong, we should say its wrong. Notice the admonition of I Peter 4:17, **“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? “Think About IT”**