



Strange Things

Though I wrote for him ten thousand precepts of My law, they are regarded as a strange thing.

Hosea 8:12

I had occasion to hear someone speak about the founding of our country and the heart and mindsets of those early leaders such as George Washington, John Adams. Those men who wholly believed and desired to see lived out in this new country that God is Sovereign, that His will must be obeyed, that Jesus is King. Our founding documents were based on the first precepts of Christianity, discovered in God's Word. Almost 250 years later there is such a dismissal of the truth of our Creator that those who follow Him are laughingstocks at best and scorned and hated at worst.

Where in the early decades of our history the precepts of God were revered and held high, where the Bible was taught in school, where even on our coinage "In God We Trust" was stamped for all to see, we have strayed so far that all these become "strange things" to someone living in this day and age. Opinions, offered as fact, are that the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were never meant to set God at the forefront, that separation of church and state means that God is not allowed in any government facility. I believe that if the early founders of our country were here today they would be red-faced in anger at the deliberate misunderstanding and misappropriation of their writings.

So it can be said of the Word of God. It has been dissected and pulled apart and used to support any manner of "strange thing." Romans tells us that "professing to be wise, they became fools," and "they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator." The Word of God has been taken out of context and used to support a number of wicked causes. When that fails, the Word is dismissed altogether and labeled as a banal collection of morality tales and Jesus as a "great teacher."

What God wrote for us is easily forsaken by most modern societies. But it stands, regardless of who follows it. The truth it contains remains the truth whether it is heeded or not. The 10 Commandments can be taken down off the walls of courtrooms across the land, but the truth of them is still held in the Courtroom of God's Kingdom. God's Word *is* law, and it is *this* law that we will be held accountable to, not our own.

We can dismiss it as something strange, old-fashioned, unnecessary in this "enlightened" age, but His Word is immutable, irrevocable, infallible and consistent from Genesis to Revelation. We will be held to it, because God *is* Sovereign over all nations, tribes, and tongues; over all rulers and authorities; over all kings and presidents and congresses and governing bodies. Let us choose to follow His Word now, while the choice may be made.

Father, we thank You for Your Word. We thank You that You so desired a relationship with us who choose to believe in You that You inspired the writing of Your Word so that we could know You. Help us to revere it as truth and follow it wholly.