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Joshua 23:1-16

The Giant of relativism

Relativism

- the belief that different things are true, right, etc., for different people or at different times;
- a theory that knowledge is relative to the limited nature of the mind and the conditions of knowing;
- a view that ethical truths depend on the individuals and groups holding them

Relativism Says:

- There are no universal absolutes.
- Absolutes are subject to change.
- The absolutes of the Bible are not authoritative.
- The absolutes of the Bible were made up by men.
- The absolutes of the Bible are not relative for today or me.
- The absolutes people live by are self-determined.
- The absolutes you live by can be based on feelings.
- If your absolutes oppose mine, then you are passing judgement.

What Causes People to Resist Living by the Absolutes of God?

1. Unbelief v.6
2. Disobedience v.16
3. Mixing of Religions v.7
4. Loss of love for God and His Word v.11

The Effects of Living Without Absolutes

1. Chaos (everyone does what's right in his own eyes)
2. No moral restraints
3. Corruption and evil
4. Loss of God's protection v.9-10,13
5. Collapse of civility v.13, 16 quickly perish

The Response to Relativism

1. Trust in the Lord who never fails.v.14
2. Keep His promises v.16
3. Love the Lord with all your heart.
4. Avoid associating with evil people. v.7