

Stealing God's Authority

INTRODUCTION:

1. Yahweh ben Yahweh story out of Miami in PNJ.
2. Nothing new to history;
 - a. GENESIS 4:26
 - b. MATTHEW 24:4-5; 15, and others in that chapter.
 - c. Some claimed to be God before; 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12.
 - d. It is not new that they should to this day.
3. Man has apparently always been wont to claim for himself the authority which rightfully belongs to the Creator, God. ROMANS 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into...."
4. The most dangerous thing about all this is that WE, YOU and I, may be guilty of the same thing without even realizing it!

I. THE AUTHORITY OF GOD:

- A. God has claimed some great things for Himself:
 1. He has claimed the right to show man what is right and what is wrong:
 - a. GENESIS 2:16-17.
 - b. EXODUS 20; and MATTHEW 5-7.
 - c. MICAH 6:8.
 2. He has claimed the right to set the conditions upon which we, after we have done wrong, may be reconciled to Him:
 - a. GENESIS 4:3-7.
 - b. The books of EXODUS through DEUTERONOMY.
 - c. The latter part of the gospel accounts and the book of ACTS.
 3. He has claimed the right to judge all:
 - a. GENESIS 3.
 - b. Every book in the Bible!
 - c. Passed that right to His Son, Jesus Christ; MATT. 28:18.
 1. ACTS 17:31
 2. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10.
 3. BEFORE WHOM YOU MUST APPEAR!!!
- B. If God has claimed these things, who are we, who are YOU, to claim them for ourselves?!!!

II. HOW YOU MAY HAVE CLAIMED THE RIGHTS OF GOD:

- A. By claiming that YOU have the right to say what is right and what is wrong:
 1. You can do so by subscribing to the idea of doing what is "right for you!"
 2. You can do so by assuming that you know what is right by feeling.
 3. By ignoring what God has to say concerning right...and doing something else!
- B. By claiming the right to decide how you will be reconciled to God:
 1. By deceiving yourself into believing your prior feeble efforts to make things right with God are acceptable to Him:
 - a. It may be that you think you have prayed yourself straight without being born again in NT way.
 - b. It may be that you think your efforts of ignorance have to be acceptable with God.
 - c. You may think God will accept these because your "heart was right."

SOME EXAMPLES OF DOING THE WRONG THINGS FOR THE "RIGHT" REASONS:

- 1] Nadab and Abihu; LEV. 10
- 2] Uzzah; 2 SAMUEL 6
- 3] The twelve men of ACTS 19

2. By thinking that you do not have to confess your sins to God for forgiveness after obedience to the gospel facts; I JOHN 1:9.

C. By claiming the right to judge.

CONCLUSION:

1. God alone has these rights.
2. To take them to ourselves is to set ourselves in judgment upon God's word, upon His authority, and to consider ourselves God!!!
3. We are compelled to give over to Him all our rights when we come to realize that God is God and Christ is His Son.
4. Believing these things and submitting to their authority...
5. Won't you obey?