

**Preacher's Pen**  
**Sunday, January 6, 2008**

**“Why Can't God Just Leave Me Alone?”**

*“And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”,*  
(Exodus 20:18-19)

Many people in the world complain vigorously that Christians force their religion on them; that God could not possibly exist; that there is no after-life. I submit to you that everyone I have ever heard from on the subject of death, sincerely expects to die. I conclude that since I will die, SOMETHING will happen next. And, as I have searched for the answer of what, NOTHING makes any more sense; NOTHING has any more attraction. NOTHING makes any grander promise than the words of God recorded in the Bible.

Therefore, I have decided to believe that the ONLY one who has ever provided any evidentiary proof of having already been there (in the Spiritual realm) has told the truth concerning all matters. Consequently, I (we) have no other option than to learn God's Word – and obey it. Scripture has made it abundantly clear that the Lord God Jehovah will one day call every one of us to account for whether we did so in this life; no sin is worse than another; no command has any less expectation to be obeyed than any other.

Yet, the Creator of heaven and earth (God) has decided to let us decide whether to follow Him and His Son into eternity with them or to follow the passions OF the earth – that He will one day destroy (II Peter 3:12). From the beginning command to Adam (“don't eat that fruit”) to the last command (“be thou faithful unto death”) He has granted choice. In fact, just by giving a command makes it clear that we have a choice.

Even at the giving of the “ten commandments” the people who FIRST heard the voice of God with their own ears (see above) were granted their request. Notice that what they essentially said was, “God, we don't want to hear from you directly”. Why? They said they “could not bear it”. Why? Because it takes no large amount of sane reasoning to conclude that you cannot argue with God and live. But, not so with another human. At least with another human being, one who desires to live a different lifestyle than that which God has commanded, you have a chance to appeal to his/her sympathy with a fellow human being.

So, if you really want God to “go away” all you need to do is stop trying to follow Him to eternity. Of course, the consequence is huge. But, what is your choice? God and eternal heaven or ...? We appeal to you; choose God – and His eternity.

This morning we will be studying about whether or not it is reasonable to believe the Bible and follow it. We hope to see you here for that study and worship hour.

In Christian Love and Service,  
Lyndal