



THE GOSPEL AND CANCEL CULTURE

APRIL 14, 2024 | PSALM 123; 1 PETER 2:20-24

HOW THE PSALMIST'S RESPONSE IS IN CONTRAST TO THE WORLD'S RESPONSE

- » It directs our attention to the One who's _____.
- » It is a picture of _____ on God.
- » It teaches us to express ourselves in _____.

THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE CHANGED BY THE GOSPEL

- ① The gospel frees me from the need to _____ myself before others.
- ② The gospel frees me to be _____ about my own failures.
- ③ The gospel frees me to _____ my rights for those who oppose me.
- ④ The gospel makes honest, humble, truthful conversation _____.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE

- » When the spiritual, emotional, etc., _____ of family/church are threatened (not physically).

PROVERBS 25:26; MATTHEW 15:6b-14; 2 TIMOTHY 2:23 – 3:5

- » When a _____ government threatens the _____.

PROVERBS 24:10-12; PROVERBS 31:8-9; PSALM 82:2-5

- » When _____ attempt to disrupt the peace.

2 PETER 3:3; JUDE 18; PROVERBS 9:7-8; 22:10; 29:8; 21:11

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

1. How have your relationships with others been affected by your faith in Jesus Christ? How do you think Christian family members might differ from family members that are not believers in Christ?
2. Read Psalm 123. What motivated the psalmist to depend on the Lord for help? What attitude does this psalm tell us to have toward ourselves? In what ways should God's people depend on Him?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:20-24. What does it mean that we have been called to suffer (v. 21)? How might you consciously answer this calling?
4. Jesus "entrusted himself to him who judges justly" (v. 23). How might a similar trust in God help you to submit to the necessary suffering that has come or will come into your own life?
5. Read 2 Timothy 2:23 – 3:5. How do the opponents of 2:25-26 differ from the people of 3:2-5a? How does Paul advise we respond to the people of 3:2-5a?
6. Read Psalm 82:2-5. What primary task of kings and judges were the leaders, whom the psalm writer condemned, failing to accomplish? How do unfaithful, immoral leaders affect the stability of a whole nation? What should the response of the righteous be (vv. 3-4)?