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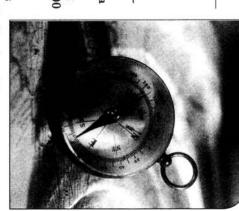
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What's Behind Rising Crime, Violence, and Immorality? A Standard for 21st-century Living

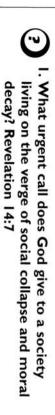
society? A major U.S. magazine old has witnessed 200,000 violent recent year. The average 18-yearupsurge in violent crime in our acts on television, including 40,000 were murdered in our country in a cally stated that 23,700 people described our nation as "America the Violent." Another article tragi hat's behind the dramatic

violence, drugs, terrorism—what's Murder, robbery, rape, school

our lesson today we will discover the truth about tion to crime and violence in the twenty-first century. what's gone wrong with our society and God's soluately looking for some "North Star" to guide us. In gone wrong? Why is the moral fabric of society disinpass. We seem to be wandering in confusion, desperbe drifting on an uncharted sea without a moral comtegrating? Is there an answer? Our society appears to

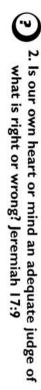


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The Bible answer:

choices. It is a call to a higher standard—a standard outside of obedience. God's call to judgment implies accountability and moral ourselves. To "fear God" means to respect or reverence God. It is a call to



The Bible answer:

need a higher standard outside of ourselves. easy to justify our behavior based on our own personal desires. We Since our natures are fallen, our hearts deceive us at times. It is

3. How does the Bible describe those who trust in decisions? Proverbs 28:26 their own minds to guide them in making moral

The Bible answer:



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tegrating into lawlessness, how does God describe His people? Revelation 14:12.

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A genuine commitment to God leads to loving obedience. At end-time God will have a group of people who reveal to the whole universe the joy of living obediently. They have been saved by grace. They love God so much that they enthusiastically obey Him. They accept His standards of conduct. They are convinced His way is best.

MY DECISION

Since I love Jesus with all my heart, I choose to obey Him joyfully. I gladly accept the principle of His law as the guide of my life.

MY PLEDGE

I love Jesus and desire to obey Him. I recognize His law was given for my best good. I accept God's law as the standard of right and joyfully choose by God's grace to live a life of obedience.

When God commanded the Israelites in the Old Testament to build a sanctuary, He commanded them to make the ark of the covenant to contain the tables of stone or the ten-commandment law. The temple in heaven containing the ark of the covenant contains God's law, the foundation of His character. Revelation's answer to law-lessness is found in heaven at God's throne in His eternal standard of righteousness—His law. The law of God is a transcript of His character, a description of His will. Without the law there is no sin. The apostle Paul states, "For where there is no law there is no transgression" (Romans 4:15, NKJV).*

5. What is the function of God's law? Romans 3:20

The Bible answer:

6. What is the eternal, unchangeable standard of God's government? Psalm 111:7, 8; 89:34

The Bible answer: _

God's law is the basis of His government. It was established to ensure the peace, order, harmony, and unity of the universe. A broken law brings sorrow, suffering, bondage, and death (Proverbs 5:22; Romans 6:16, 23).



The Bible answer:

The law is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves and recognize our need of saving grace. The law reveals what sin is. It provides a moral standard outside of ourselves.

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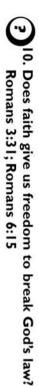
8. What is the role of grace? Ephesians 2:8

The Bible answer:

accept the grace of God (Romans 3:28). grace we pass from death to life (Romans 5:8-10; 8:1, 2). By faith we Ephesians 2:4-8). Grace frees us from the condemnation of the law. By It means pardon, mercy, love, and kindness (Genesis 6:8; Romans 4:1-4; Him. The sole basis of our salvation is grace. Grace has always existed Grace is God's unmerited favor to bring us back into harmony with

9. How are we justified or made right with God? Does keeping the law form the basis of our salvation? Romans 3:28

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The Bible answer:

Billy Graham:

Commandments are part of the 'law' and do not apply to us today. They say that as Christians we are 'free from the law.' Is that right! "Answer: No, it is not right, and I hope you will not be misled by "Question: Some religious people I know tell me that the Ten

> moral law of God and are at liberty to sin." certainly does not mean that they are free from the obligations of the these false opinions. It is very important to understand what the New Testament means when it says that Christians are 'free from the law.' It

response to God. to obey Him. He has done so much for us that we gladly serve Him. Obedience is not a legalistic requirement. It is part of a loving heart's Christ changes our hearts or converts us, we have one supreme desire— Conversion always leads us to "delight" to do God's will. When



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