

# Human Responses to God's Revelation

John 7:20 - 8:1

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# 1 John 5:19

- We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one.

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# Hebrews 11:35-36

- Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

# Hebrews 11:35-38

- They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented -- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

# Hebrews 10:32-33

- But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated;

# Hebrews 10:34

- for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

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# Matthew 16:13-14

- When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
- So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

# Matthew 16:15-17

- He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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- Rejection of God's truth may come from lack of information, but most frequently, from pride on man's accomplishments (John 7:41b-8:1)

# Galatians 3:10

- For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*"

# Isaiah 9:1-2

- Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who *is distressed*, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, *By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles*. The people who walked in darkness *Have seen a great light*; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them *a light has shined*.

# James 4:6-7, 10

- But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

# 1 Peter 5:6-7

- Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

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