

MAN'S



PSYCHOLOGY

INTRODUCTION:

“Psychology” deals with man’s soul, which includes the mind, emotions, and heart.

The Dictionary says it is: Science of the Mind or Mental Philosophy.

In the Greek it says it is: Psuche (soul) Logia (talk or discourse) or ‘Soul Talk’.

The Bible teaches us to beware of the philosophy and traditions of men, which conform to the principles of the world!

Col 2:8

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

COMMENTARY:

Because “Man’s Psychology” does not deal with the Spirit of Man, which is regenerated when we are “Born Again”; it leaves out the most important factor when dealing with man’s problems. That factor is the Holy Spirit! Even “so called” Christian Counseling doesn’t work very well, because it blends “Man’s Psychology” with “God’s Counsel”.

By not admitting that Sin is the culprit in most problems of the soul, they make excuses for the problem by blaming others, thereby adding Sin to Sin!

Isa 30:1

1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

Prov 28:13

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

The result of receiving Man’s Counsel is that it leads us to turn to Egypt for help. (Egypt represents the ‘flesh’) When we do, we learn to trust in man and not God!

Isa 30:2

2 That walk to go down into Egypt (the flesh), and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh (leader of the flesh), and to trust in the shadow of Egypt (the flesh)!

This is why so many people that receive Man’s Counsel become confused!

Isa 30:3

3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh (leader of the flesh) be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt (the flesh) your confusion.

God is the only 'True' Psychologist and Counselor! He has all the credentials as well as all the answers!

Prov 8:14

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.

Isa 40:13-14

13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Man does not know the thoughts of the Lord, neither do they understand the "Counsel of the Lord".

Micah 4:12

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel:

That is why "Man's Psychology" is like putting a Band-Aid on a problem, but doesn't get to the root of it.

Jer 23:22

22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

The Lord says to go to Him in time of troubles, and He will help you. That way He will get the Glory and not man!

Ps 34:17

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Ps 46:1

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps 50:15

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Instead of worrying about our problems, our hearts and minds and even our thoughts need to be on the Lord! Then we will have perfect peace!

2 Cor 10:4-5

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Prov 16:3

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Isa 26:3

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

CONCLUSION:

There are many problems with following “Man’s Psychology”. God warns us that we must learn to ‘Fear the Lord’ by His standards and not by Man’s standards. God’s standard is to hate evil and to depart from it. If we will do this, it will help us to avoid many of the problems that we might encounter in life. (Proverbs 8:13 3:7 16:6 4:14-15)

Warnings about following Man’s Psychology:

Isa 29:13-15

13 Wherefore the Lord said, **Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth**, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, **and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:**

14 ...for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,...

15 **Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD**, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Ezek 22:26

26 ...they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean,...and I am profaned among them.

Ps 33:10-11 (Therefore:)

10 **The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.**

11 **The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

Amen!
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