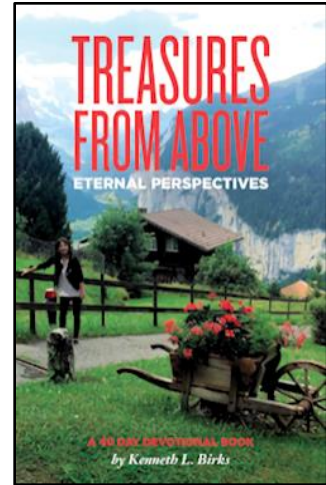


Shifting Shadows of Time

James 1:17 (NIV) *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

The times we are now living in are rapidly changing. Yet, as shifting shadows change with the time of day, our Heavenly Father, and the values He has set forth do not change. His words remain constant in an ever-changing world that's altering at an alarming rate. The values once cherished by past generations, we discard like pieces of cardboard. "Out with the old and in with the new" seems to be the motto embraced by so many in today's world of shifting shadows.



The challenge for every God-fearing Christian is to remain firmly planted in the righteousness of our Father in heaven during an era of shifting shadows. We live presently in a season in which evil is called good and good is called evil. Let us not be swept aside as the tide of violence and evil sweep across the world's landscapes. We must hold fast to our confession of faith as the turbulences and disorders of our cultures try to disrupt what God is calling us to be and do.

Jesus illustrated the two houses, one built on sand and the other on rock. Those who build on sand and the shifting shadows of time will not withstand the torrential downpour of evil coming at them. However, those who remain firmly established on the rock of the Lordship of Jesus Christ will endure anything that comes at them. As morals and truth decline, those who build on the Rock won't be affected as the world's cultures erode from shifting shadows.

As morals shift, we must resist the squeeze of the world by offering ourselves as living sacrifices.¹ By presenting ourselves as living sacrifices, we stay focused on what the acceptable will of the Lord is. Amid unacceptable practices, we must remain devoted to the Father's will. As various false doctrines blow across the landscapes of our cultures and the Church, we must learn to endure sound doctrine amid all that's shifting. Remember, we have an eternal anchor of hope that holds us steady during shifting shadows. The endless treasures of Heaven await all those who endure to the end.

Hebrews 10:23 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

¹ Romans 12:1-2

Prayer

Father God, I come to you today, asking for strength and stability during all that is shifting in our world. Please help me be faithful and not give in to the shifting morals of the world. Please help me to be salt and light to a dark world.

Scriptures to Meditate Upon

Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 24:12, Proverbs 14:12, 2 Timothy 3:12-13, John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Isaiah 5:20-21, 2 Timothy 2:15-16, 1 Timothy 4:1, John 14:1-4, Hebrews 6:18-19.

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May God bless you mightily as you give yourself to the One who holds you in the shadow of His wings during shifting shadows of time.



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