

Chapter 4- The Absolutes

The key point here will take some thinking and meditating on your part. What is the checklist (the absolutes) and why is it important for us to make decisions according to God's plan? Everything in the universe is absolute. When we learn, know, and believe these absolutes, life is as it was intended to be.

Let's just talk about two examples to help us understand. There is the physical part of the universe: the tangible and the intangible/relational. One element of the physical is gravity. Its function is the same in all of the universe. Gravity must always respond the same for us to make decisions. We are subject to it, whether we know how it works or not. In flying the plane, we can only fly if all the parts of God's creation are absolute.

The fuel must burn at an absolute temperature. The air molecules must do exactly what they are designed to do. Metal must do what is absolute so it holds together, maintaining its shape and strength. I can depend on all those when I am flying. Imagine if gravity sometimes went up, sometimes down, and sometimes sideways. I could not make any decision at all. I could not fly. Because God made absolutes, I have the pleasure of flying. It is very satisfying, fulfilling, and gives me joy, freedom, and peace if I go by the rules of the physical universe that the Creator God has made. Those absolutes are not a checklist to catch us; they are a gift. Absolutes, in their purest form, are for our benefit so that we can rely on them.

Relationships have their absolutes as well. If people are abusive and unloving to others, there are ripples of consequences that extend all through our lives, their lives, and throughout the world. We could give more examples here, but I think you already see and know those painful consequences. So how do we get restored from all of this?

In the beginning, Adam and Eve were created by God and put in the Garden of Eden. Everything was perfect. They lived in a world of absolutes. God walked with them and taught them all they needed to know.

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Then the Evil One, Satan, came to Adam and Eve. Satan convinced them that God was withholding from them and that he, Satan, would disclose all that he knew if they would eat of that tree God told them not to eat from.

Satan said to Adam and Eve, "You surely will not die. God does not want you to know all He knows." They believed Satan, and as a result of that, we find ourselves in all the world's chaos, pain, and suffering. God wasn't content with leaving His creation in that mess for all of eternity.

Questions:

- What did this say about God?
- What did this say about you?
- Is there an action step needed for you today?