

## A World Without God

Imagine what our world would be like if God was not among us on earth. People would not be kind to each other. Crime would be everywhere because there would be no right – only wrong. No one would feel accountable to a higher power. People would do what they pleased, and there would be no consequences to their actions. Sin would be rampant. There would be no respect for others. Hope would be non-existent. Loved ones who have passed away would be forever gone. Laws of the land would be based on exerting power over others, with no regard to fairness. Love for others would not exist. Evil would reign.

There would be no forgiveness. Loneliness and despair would take their place. There would be no more good deeds done in God's honor. Children would grow up without values taught by their parents, dooming the next generation to a world far worse than what we have now. Is this what we want?

Even though our world resists acknowledgment of God, His presence has influenced our world – even for those who deny God.

A world without God can be summarized in one word: hell.

Dictionaries define hell as:

- “a place regarded in various religions as a spiritual realm of evil and suffering, often traditionally depicted as a place of perpetual fire beneath the earth where the wicked are punished after death.”
- a place or state of misery, torment, or wickedness;
- a place or state of turmoil or destruction;
- an extremely unpleasant and often inescapable situation.”

These definitions are terrifying, describing a world in total chaos. If we crowd out God or ignore Him, this is what we will be left with. Those who advocate eliminating God's presence won't like what the world will become.

When an angry person says, “Go to hell,” that person is acknowledging that hell is a terrible destination and exists. What the person doesn't realize is that in a world without God, they may get their wish for themselves, too.

As Christians, we need to keep God as the ruler of our lives and paramount in our world. Otherwise, the absence of God will change our world to be “hell on earth.” None of us wants that. As we proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ, we have an opportunity to do our part in saving the world.

**The Bible Says:** *The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17).*

**Question:** What can we do personally to keep God paramount in our lives and in the world around us?

**Closing Prayer:** Dear Lord. Many people in this world resist you. Give us the courage to do our part to keep Your influence on this world, leading us towards Heaven and not giving in to behavior that leads to satan's hell. Amen.

Definitions are from Merriam-Webster dictionary. The idea for this devotion was written by Max Lucado in his devotional book, [Just Like Jesus](#).

