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## The Hopelessness Of Life Without God...

What elevates man above the animals? Some would say, "Intellect, superior intellect is what elevates man above the animals." A pretty good answer, on a surface level basis, but incorrect. Man is above the animals because God created man, and not the animals, in God's own image, and He subsequently put the animals under the dominion of man (Gen. 1:26-28; 5:1; 9:1-2).

Man is a moral being, animals are not. Man's morality is a direct result of having been created in God's image. God created man with a spiritual essence, instilling within him a soul, the basis of his morality. That is what separates man from the animals. Intellect, without morality, would simply make man a smarter animal. Man's morality marks his superiority over the animals.

What about people who do not believe in God? They live a life of utter hopelessness. If God is not our creator, then we have no spiritual essence, no soul, and we're not moral beings. We're just smart animals.

Some disbelievers would protest that humanity can exhibit morality without God. But such a notion is invalid. For

morality to exist there must be a standard of morality. The basis of that standard has to be hard and fast, its foundation universally true. Otherwise, it's simply a personally subjective matter, changeable at the whims and wishes and mood swings of each individual.

gratification and survival, and survival would belong to those most fit to survive—ah, there's the reality of being just animals again. Life would have no meaning, no purpose, no direction, no real hope. Whatever could be grasped in this life would be all there is.

## MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Morality cannot be defined without God. Attempting to do so would be an exercise in futility. Each individual would be left to determine what is moral in their own mind, and that determination would change as their mind changed. Each person would come to different conclusions, and each one would be equally moral, for no universal standard would exist. So, helping an old crippled lady across the street would be no more moral than putting a bullet in her head.

When an atheist comes to his last breath, he can look back on a life that was, in essence, meaningless. He can look forward to nothing, for, according to his philosophy of life, there is nothing waiting for him after he breathes that last breath. That, my friends, is a life of utter hopelessness and despair. Such is the reality of life without God.....

Source: Gary L. Hutchens

Shocking? That's the reality of atheism. Without God nothing matters but self

BIBLE STUDY

09:00

CONTACTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

09:00

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

10:15

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17:00

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# Prayer Request

## Prayers for the Elderly:

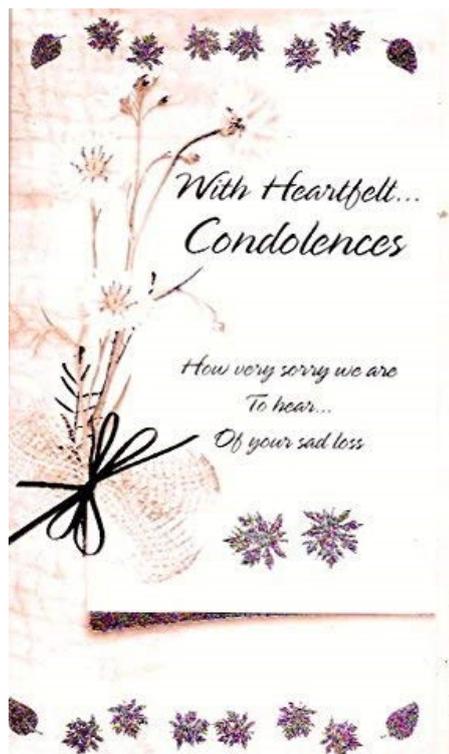
Bob & Betty Wisniewski, Charles Clur, Eric & Lynette van de Venter, Renee Sofianos, Peet Botha, Martie Stoltz, Lily Visser, Christine Rossouw, Bob & Val Holcombe.

## Prayers for Healing:

Liz De Lange, Fadzi & baby Liam, Rose Nenongwe, Sue Beukes, Andy Jooste, Martie Stoltz, Ria van der Merwe, Bob & Val Holcombe, Trydie, Lynette van Deventer, Lynn van der Walt, Ethan van Aswegan, Cora Gerber, Fred Bergh

## Prayers of Encouragement:

Henoch, Jamie & Family, Peet Botha & Family, Renie Sofianos, Anita & Natasha Hefer, Foy and Ursula Anderson, Tamryn Ross, Botes Family (Ashlea Gardens)



Dearest Henoch, Jamie, JJ & Taylin, our deepest condolences and sincerest sympathy to you and your family with the loss of your mom Thalina. A prayer that God will comfort and bless you at this time.

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE IN WORSHIP

	16 FEBRUARY	23 FEBRUARY
<b>Singing</b>	Bob	Tim
<b>Table</b>	Ferry	Peter
<b>Assisting</b>	Tim & Constantine	Constantine & Gavin
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Keagan	Bob
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Fred	Henoch
<b>Preaching</b>	Peet	Peter
<b>Bible Study</b>	Peet	Peet

## WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE

<b>Table Preparation</b>	Anita & Myrna	Anita & Myrna
<b>Tea Duty</b>	Tecla & Delina	Tecla & Delina
<b>Flowers</b>	Jamie	Renie
<b>Restrooms</b>	Delina	Cecilia



Elizabeth Machele,  
Marlene Currie



Bob & Val Holcombe  
20 February



01 Mar Fellowship Lunch



Etheline	Kazembe	03-Feb
Lynn	van der Walt	07-Feb
Cheryl	Bezuidenhout	10-Feb
Rose	Nenongwe	26-Feb
Moses	Phakati	28-Feb