

“A GAME PLAN”

JOHN 10:31-42

The moment Adam and Eve disobeyed, they introduced sin into this world and what ensues as a result – trouble. Jesus Himself said that every day has its own share (Matthew 6:34). But for the believer, there’s an added challenge – opposition to Christ. How shall we react?

RESPONSES TO ANTAGONISM

① Appeal to L_____ (10:31-32)

In truly gracious language, He models the wisdom of proverbs by giving a soft answer to turn away wrath instead of a harsh word that stirs up anger (Proverbs 15:1).

Without passing judgment, He passes _____.

② Appeal to L_____ (10:33-36)

As He frequently did throughout His earthly ministry, the Savior points to the sacred sourcebook: “Is it not written?” (Matthew 12:3; 19:4-6; 21:16,42; 22:31)

The authority of God’s Word is at issue. You must take it _____ or not take it at _____.

The Word of God must have the _____ say.

③ Appeal to L_____ (10:37-38)

Consider the works we can reference:

- ☐ We have the _____
- ☐ We have the _____
- ☐ We have the _____
- ☐ We have the _____

④ Appeal to L_____ (10:39)

You don’t have to always have it altogether because you know the One who does. You don’t have to have every answer because you know the One who does.

We are _____ but thank God, we know the One who isn’t and who is more than able to intervene, expose, confront and transform.

CONCLUSION

Look around and you will see a society that continually assaults Christianity and the Christ we believe. This world is not our friend, let alone our home. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory, who has secured the triumph, who solidifies us in the successful conclusion.

The timing of God is _____. He is never behind time or ahead of time but on time. And even when you don’t see Him at work, rest assured He is at work, behind the scenes and deep down in the hearts of men and women.