

“Mocking God,” Part 1
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

Galatians 6:7-10 “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Emphasis added.)

- NT:1702 empaizo (emp-ahead'-zo); from NT:1722 and NT:3815; to jeer at, to deride, to mock. Today = to put down, to smack down, to shame – you are wrong and I'm right.

Jesus was Mocked.

Matthew 20:17-19 “Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, ‘We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!’” (Emphasis added.)

Matthew 27:27-31 “Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. (Emphasis added.)

Matthew 27:41-43 “In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.’” (Emphasis added.)

As a Christian – You will be mocked.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16 “The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.” (Emphasis added.)

Nehemiah 2:19 “But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. ‘What is this you are doing?’ they asked. ‘Are you rebelling against the king?’” (Emphasis added.)

Mocking is not New.

David talks about his kingship and Israel

Psalms 35:15-18 "But when I stumbled, they gathered in glee; attackers gathered against me when I was unaware. They slandered me without ceasing. Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked; they gnashed their teeth at me. O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my life from their ravages, my precious life from these lions. I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people I will praise you."

Psalms 74:18-19 "Remember how the enemy has mocked you, O Lord, how foolish people have reviled your name. Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; do not forget the lives of your afflicted people forever."

Psalms 89:50-51 "Remember, Lord, how your servant has been mocked, how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the nations, the taunts with which your enemies have mocked, O Lord, with which they have mocked every step of your anointed one."

Mocking has consequences – God cannot be Mocked....

Isaiah 28:22 "Now stop your mocking, or your chains will become heavier; the Lord, the Lord Almighty, has told me of the destruction decreed against the whole land." (Emphasis added.)

Psalms 1 "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish." (Emphasis added.)

Proverbs 3:33-35 "The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous. 34 He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble. The wise inherit honor, but fools he holds up to shame." (Emphasis added.)

Proverbs 19:29 "Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools." (Emphasis added.)

Proverbs 29:8 "Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger."

Individuals can mock God but...Mocking has consequences.

Proverbs 17:5 "He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished." (Emphasis added.)

Isaiah 57:4 "Whom are you mocking? At whom do you sneer and stick out your tongue?" (Emphasis added.)

Proverbs 30:17 "The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures." (Emphasis added.)

Organizations can mock God, but...Mocking has consequences.

Understanding the group – "Freedom from Religion"

Karl Marx Quotes – Mocking God

1. Believers are upside down – Man is the world of man – state and society. This state and society produce religion, which is an inverted consciousness of the world, because they are in an inverted world.
2. Religion is our mindless drug to help us escape reality – Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of the soulless condition. It is the opium of the people.
3. Non-Theists must set us free so we can be happy – The abolition of religion as the illusionary happiness of the people is the demand for their real happiness.
4. Religion keeps us weak minded – Religion is the impotence of the human mind to deal with occurrences it cannot understand.
5. Everything revolves around man, not God – The criticism of religion disillusion man, so that he will think, act, and fashion his reality like a man who has discarded his illusions and regained his senses, so that he will move around himself as his own true Sun. Religion is only the illusionary Sun which revolves around man as long as he does not revolve around himself.

National Leaders can mock God, but...Mocking has consequences.

Hosea 7:5 “On the day of the festival of our king the princes become inflamed with wine, and he joins hands with the mockers.”

Luke 23:11 “Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.”

Jerusalem and Israel mocked God – Call all to repentance

Matthew 23:37-39 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Emphasis added.)

Matthew 24:15-21 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel — let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again."