

From the Pastor

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Recently so many people got excited to see the full eclipse of the sun. The moon traveled across the sky covered the sun, casting a dark shadow on some parts of our country. As fascinating as it was, I have thought of an analogy to what's going on in our world today. I would like to compare the eclipse - a natural occurrence - as a kind of hint from God. So here is my idea about it.

In past periods of history, the reality of sin was something everyone was familiar with, everyone saw it clearly. But in our day and age, this basic truth has been eclipsed by a devotion to the false god of relativism. Relativism says that there is no objective right and wrong equally valid for everyone. Instead, relativism says, the only thing that matters is what each individual feels is right and wrong for him. Sounds familiar?

In other words, morality is relative to each person. This sounds nice, but it is both illogical and impractical. It is illogical because it contradicts itself. The statement "right and wrong is not universal, but personal" is actually a universal statement. It is like saying, "It is objectively true that there is no objective truth." That makes no logical sense.

Relativism is also impractical - no one actually lives by it, because they can't. Imagine a high school teacher who flunked all his blond-haired students, just because they had blond hair, and, in his mind, that was a sign that they didn't deserve to pass. No one would accept that. It is clearly unfair treatment. But a true relativist would have to accept it.

That same nonsense in thinking (illogical logic) is at the root of what our society tries to tell us about sins like pre-marital sex, homosexual unions, abortion, and cloning. In order to have a reason to justify what many people have strong, personal desires to do, they try to say that there are no universal moral standards - in other words, that there is no such thing as sin. But that's like saying there is no such thing as poison - it's a psychological comfort, but it's dangerously wrong.

Jesus and His Church keep teaching us that sin is destructive and real, and that Christian faith is the antidote. God is telling us that His Son is like a sun, giving us light and life and sometimes, like in a sun's eclipse, our Lord's truth is being clouded by a mere moon of this world. This little moon can sometimes cover the whole sun but nevertheless it is nothing in comparison to the power of the sun. The same is with the world and Christ - the values of this world can sometimes cloud our vision but Jesus Christ is much stronger than the world as he said Himself: "I have overcome the world". (See John 16:33) Let's overcome the world with our Savior.

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