

Palisades Community Bible Church
Online Sunday School
Can You Tell The Difference?

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A well-known artist painted two identical nature scenes. In ONE of them, one thing was different. He hung them side-by-side in an art show and challenged critics to discover the single distinction.

One guest after another examined the paintings. None was able to figure it out. All agreed there was a difference, but they could not settle on the disparity.



Finally, the artist revealed that, in one, he had omitted shadows. There was no black in that one painting. The guests gave an audible reaction to the revelation, because it was suddenly so obvious!

Life is like the painting with its shadows. It's real. It includes light and dark. Life includes joy and suffering; birth and death. The unreal painting so closely resembled real life that the critics' eyes were easily misled. It was difficult to tell the realistic painting from the unrealistic one.

A life without these contrasts is what many false preachers sell; "Empty your life of the negative." "You can be joyful all the time." "You can be rich beyond your dreams." "Success is an attitude."

Those who sell you a life of nirvana seem to be the example of what they are offering. They appear to be the product of their own system! It's as if to say; "Look at me. Don't you want to be like me?"

Such a painless life is only alluded to in Heaven. Until then, we are constrained to live in this world of both blessings and curses. The secular person measures

success by how much s/he owns in this world. The Godly person measures his/her success by how closely s/he walks with Jesus.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Corinthians 5:1

“In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am.” John 14: 2-3