

It “Feels” Like 100 Degrees!

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Kansas City is experiencing a fairly serious “heat wave” as I write these words. Wednesday (July 28), the temperature rose to 98° at 2:54 p.m., and the “heat index” was 110°! In other words, it “**felt like**” 110°! Ladies and gentlemen, that is hot!

But was it really 110°? No, but the comfort level would make it seem *like it* if there were no humidity to consider. I was having a discussion with a gentleman Wednesday morning when he stated that according to our local weathermen, Kansas City has not seen 100° temperatures in the last three or four years. Actually the last time it was that hot was July 12, 2018. That is surprising because we have seen many days that **seemed like** 100°! So my whole point is that feelings or subjective thinking can be misleading. In religion, too many people are basing their favor with God on how they “feel” about it, and that can be deadly.

Do you not remember what the apostle Paul said about his Jewish life of unbelief before becoming a Christian? “***I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth***”(Acts 26:9, KJV). But Paul was wrong about it. Had he remained in that state of mind, his feelings would have led him to eternal doom.

This is a real problem in our society today. We have adopted **THE POSTMODERN MENTALITY** that says **how I feel** is more important than **objective facts**. But this is not true in things pertaining to God. Listen to Jesus:

“*Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven*” (Matthew 7:21). The standard of God’s approval is “***the will of My Father in heaven.***” Not how I feel about it. Not how you feel about it. Not how our society feels about it. But what God says about it! Jesus further illustrated His point by the well-known “*wise man*” who built his house upon the “*rock*” (Matthew 7:24-25). His house stood in the turbulent times that followed. And the “*rock*” represented “*whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them*” (v. 24). Dear reader, consider the importance of what God is telling us today, before it is too late for you.

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