

Outline 3

“Why Do Civilizations Fall?”

- I. Historian Sir Arnold Toynbee studied evidences for the disintegration of world civilizations.
 - A. An urgent Bible message describes the _____ of human civilization. **REVELATION 14:6, 7, 14, 15 (1183, 1184)**
 - B. List Toynbee’s six evidences for disintegration.
 1. Cultural _____
 2. _____ (escapism)
 3. Sense of _____
 4. Sense of _____
 5. Sense of _____
 6. Sense of _____

- II. Biblical antidotes for civilization’s woes:
 - A. “_____ God and give glory to Him.”
REVELATION 14: 6, 7 (1183)
 - B. Solomon’s conclusion: Fear God and keep His _____ ,
for this is the whole duty of man.
ECCLESIASTES 12:13 (647)
 - C. The biblical paradox of fearing God
 1. Serve Him _____ fear. **LUKE 1:74 (991)**
 2. To fear God is to take Him seriously, and _____
Him and His Son. **JOHN 17:3 (1045)**

- III. The Ten Commandments are the most succinct but significant code for human morality ever recorded.
 - A. **EXODUS 20:1-17 (70, 71)**
 1. Do not serve false _____ .
 2. Do not make _____ .
 3. Do not take God’s _____ in vain.

4. Remember the _____ .
 5. Honor your _____ .
 6. Do not _____ .
 7. Do not commit _____ .
 8. Do not _____ .
 9. Do not _____ .
 10. Do not _____ .
- B. God values _____ more than anything else in all of life.
 - C. At the heart of God’s law is His _____ for us.
 - D. God’s love is revealed best at the _____ .

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ANSWERS: (I A: end; B-1: suicide; 2: Truancy; 3: drift; 4: sin; 5: promiscuity; 6: abandon) (II A: fear; B: commandments; C-1: without; 2: know) (III A-1: gods; 2: images; 3: name; 4: Sabbath; 5: parents; 6: kill; 7: adultery; 8: steal; 9: lie; 10: covet; B: relationships; C: love; D: cross)