

## The Hypocrisy of Narcissism

"All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied." Ecclesiastes 6:7

Man's natural appetites are such that he is narcissistic: he wants to believe that the meeting of his needs is priority. In this he is essentially hypocritical because he repudiates expressions of narcissism in others specifically, and in culture in general, while being narcissistic himself.

A man, in an endeavor to be elected president of the United States, called for "change," while leaving vague and ill-defined what this change should look like. This allowed each individual to define change in terms of what he wanted – in the imagination of his own mind.

Western cultural Christianity is very much the same. The essence of our hope is an eternity glorious beyond the mind's ability to grasp. The Bible says very little about the specifics of heaven, leaving to each "believer's" imagination what it is like; it is the fulfillment of his narcissistic dreams. Such "believers" are adamant in their insistence that heaven will meet their expectations.

God never promised to meet our expectations, but He does promise that there will be eternal accountability for temporal behavior. We cannot have a valid purpose for this life without eternal accountability, for without this accountability life has no purpose other than to pursue our narcissistic dreams.