What does guide this world in general to take the decisions, it is taking? We all can notice that despite the efforts the people from this world and society are making, there are still problems and issues around us and it seems that even if we as human kind develop and discover things that apparently should make our life better, we still struggle over and over with the same issues and problems. There are still misunderstandings in this world, still chaos, still people left aside having much less than others who have in abundance. There is still selfishness, still people fighting with each other. Should we say that all of this, is a product of some leaders’ bad intentions, of some people who maybe should be removed from power, so that other better people should come and sort out everything for a better result? Well, it might be so in some cases, but we all know by experience that many people have promised great things to happen and very few or maybe none have fully accomplished them.

I am speaking on political level as well as in any other area of this life, taking this issue from the top of the society to the very bottom. We see that men in general fail in their promises. But this is not always because they have bad intentions. It is because they can not accomplish them. They can not accomplish the good they want to do.

We as humans have good intentions in general, it is just that we don’t have the capability to accomplish them. It is because something greater is missing in our life and this is God. He is the missing link, He is the missing part in us. We just cannot understand it and we keep on trying different ways and solutions to sort out our issues, not seeing that the solution for many of us is been in front of us. It is easy to just blame someone for all the problems we have or to say that if there was another solution or another person, things would’ve happened differently. There are actually good persons in this world. Persons with good intentions. We can not say that some people are evil having bad intentions and that’s why things turn out to be in this way. There are leaders of countries with good intentions, but problems still happen, there are some good political ideas, etc. **This is because even with good intentions, people still lack God in their life**. They are still sinners, because they live without God. To say that because of wrong people with wrong intentions we are in this conditions, is to say that this is the main problem and in this way we sustain that there are still good people. But the problem is that even with good intentions, we still fail. It means that our problem is greater than what we thought and only God can save us, not our goodness or good intentions. The problem is not just in some men, because of their ways of doing things or because of their temper. The problems is in the fact that people in general are without God and their good intentions are not enough to save them or to make the situation better in this world. The Bible places everyone under one mark and this is that everyone, no matter who, no matter of his social out bringing or where he comes from, is under sin. Everyone is a sinner for the main reason that he lives without God. We are not speaking here about how much has someone sinned or the kinds of sins he has commited, we are saying that with great or smaller sin, we are all under the same condition and we need God.

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”  Romans 3:23

From this verse here we see that this is the reality of the human kind, that everyone is under sin, no matter his intentions or way of seeing things. There are many different people in this world with many different ways of thinking and ideas and everyone claims to be right and to know more, but the truth, even if it is difficult to accept, is that there is only one right way, not multiple and many, and this is God’s way. Why? Because He is the creator of all. Same as there is only one way to heaven and this is His way. If He is the wisest and the Creator of all, we need to trust Him for that. To trust in His way and not in ours.

There is the parable of the invitation in Mathew 22:1-14 that gives us a good example for that. It speaks about a king who had to invite some guests for his son’s wedding. He initially started with inviting some of them and they refused. After that he invited them for a second time. They refused again and some of them even treated his servants spitefully and killed some of them. He was extremely displeased of that and then he sent his servants to invite other guests, as many as they could find. His servants went on the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good.

“So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, **both bad and good**. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.” Matthew 22:10

By this verse from the same parable we see that both good and bad persons were invited to the wedding. What does it mean? It means that both of them had a need of God. No matter how good is someone according to the standards of this world, he still needs God, he still has a sin and needs to repent. And the same – no matter how bad is someone, he can still be given an opportunity to be reconciled with God. Both of them – bad and good persons need God and both of them need to repent. They are under the same mark, they are under sin.

We may be good, but it is still not enough. All of this means that it is not a question of the intentions we are having – being good or bad, but of what we actually understand from the truth. I mean to live it and understand it with heart, being convinced by God in it. There are people who have good intentions, there are people who want to make this world a better place, but they are actually blinded to the truth and because of that they are not capable of performing anything really good. What is actually “good”? God determines what is good. In the book of Genesis, in the beginning of the creation we see hat He saw how what He created was good.

“And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.” Genesis 1:10

It is not us to determine that, as our judgement is corrupted by many other factors and we are therefore not capable to really recognize what is good.

As the scriptures say, we as people call evil what is good and what is evil we call good.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:20

This is actually our condition. The condition of the people in general. So we conclude that it is not a question of being good or bad according to the world’s standards, but if we’ve got God in our life, the only one capable of making us really good, because this is to be really good – to be with God. Many people say that after our conversion to Christ we are still sinners and we are still evil and it is true, but there should be a difference that the real conversion makes in our life and this is that it’s making us, it’s turning us into good people. Good according to God’s standards, not ours and it doesn’t come from us, but from God alone.

It is a change that comes from Him and it can not be imitated or learned. It is this new nature that only He can give us. We will still have temptations and out of our heart will still come wrong things, but we will be able to fight them with God’s help as we will know the truth, we will understand clearly when something is wrong, while the people not knowing God are blinded to this and they judge everything according to their own standards, while the believers judge and see things according to God’s standards. We are not speaking for knowing and understanding this with our mind only, but we speak for a new life and nature.

Why do you think that Jesus was rebuking the Pharisees in such a way? He often called them hypocrites and whitewashed tombs. He told them that the cup needs to be clean from the inside and not from outside only. He wanted to explain them that the real change and the real good needed to be on the inside, it needed to be in the heart. We are speaking about something new in us. There is where the good needs to reside. Those people rebuked by Jesus in that time, were having some kind of goodness, but shown only on the outside, in good manners, ways of speaking, certain habits and even having a kind of religion that was even quite strict in certain areas. We are speaking about good people here. In the same way many people are judged as good in today’s society. **But when we speak about God’s goodness, we mean something that takes place on the inside in our hearts and then it gets manifested on the outside too.**

“Blind Pharisee, **first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also**.” Matthew 23:26

People instead are always focusing more on what is seen on the outside as it is something that is easier to deal with. But we can still hear the voice of Jesus echoing even today in this society saying: “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees”, because even if there are not Pharisees today, there is still the same attitude and ways.

So, we conclude that the main reason for which the world is struiggling today and is having issues, is because has excluded God from its ways and ideas. It is because the human kind is missing God, and not only because of the bad intentions people are having. Thinking that is because of this and trying just to fix something in us and to get better is not the right way as we end up on creating our own perspective of what is good and our own justice. If we place just a piece of a unshrink cloth on a new garment, the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. (Mathew 9:16) We need instead to change the whole garment. This is the new nature that only God can give us through the regeneration in us produced by Him in our life.