

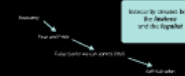


Progeny ethics issues:

1. The cloned progeny – produced by cloning for sale and export is marketing
2. When profit outweighs the welfare of animals in this case may be to export the animal
3. Absence of owner of a genetically engineered animal – is he/she responsible for the animal's welfare?

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"Then all who live in Egypt will know that I am the LORD. They have kept a staff of need for the house of Israel. When they propped up with their hands, you splintered and you love open their shackles. When they bowed on you, you broke and their backs were wreathed."



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We believe that once saved we can never be lost for we are born of incorruptible seed.

We are given everlasting life, are sealed for the day of redemption, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

We are given knowledge and assurance of eternal life. We are assured of no condemnation nor separation from God.

We are nevertheless warned not to accept the grace of God in vain, but to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, to seize the hope set before us, and to take heed, lest there be in anyone an evil, unbelieving heart, leading one to fall away from the Living God.

References: I Peter 1:23; John 5:24; John 10:27-29; Ephesian 4:30; Colossians 3:3; Romans 8:1, 35-39; I John. 5:11-13; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Philippians 2:12; Hebrews 6:18; Hebrews 3:12)

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Purposes of this series:

- 1. The Gospel in 4 pages** — great book for everyone to study and use in mentoring.
- 2. Give you full possession of the doctrine of assurance** — so you can enjoy its full support and comfort.
- 3. Allow the doctrine of assurance be applied to our insecurities** — so our secure standing in Christ can help us stand secure.

Corporate costs of insecurity:

1. Competition where there should be cooperation
2. Misuse or fabrication of spiritual gifts and spiritual knowledge
3. Christ dishonoring sin — choosing pragmatism over faithfulness (Saul)
4. Wrong people going into full time ministry (and many other jobs that involve trusts)
5. Judgmental or acquiescing attitude toward the world — being caustic or having no moral and spiritual backbone being a crab or a slug rather than a person
6. Lack of cooperation between churches
7. Denial and avoidance in working out problems between churches (and people)
8. Disproportionate and unnecessary emphasis on distinctives
9. The church doesn't act like the church and there is no powerful witness for Christ in the city

Personal costs of insecurity:

This is an incomplete list

Eating disorders

Gloom/Depression

Drama (defensiveness)

Isolation

Misuse or fabrication of
spiritual gifts or knowledge

Get less out of sex

Hatred of humanity

Anxiety

Ineffective evangelism —
insecurity undercuts influence

Oppressive or permissive parenting
(both of which tend to make insecure
kids)

Misunderstanding in relationships

Debt

Less success to leverage for God's glory

Almost all social problems —
including NOT being social

Escapism & avoidance

Under performing/lack of initiative —
because you don't go for it.

Lack of weight control and
attending health problems

Addictions

Over working & general busyness

**We are not innocent victims of the
devastation of insecurity.**

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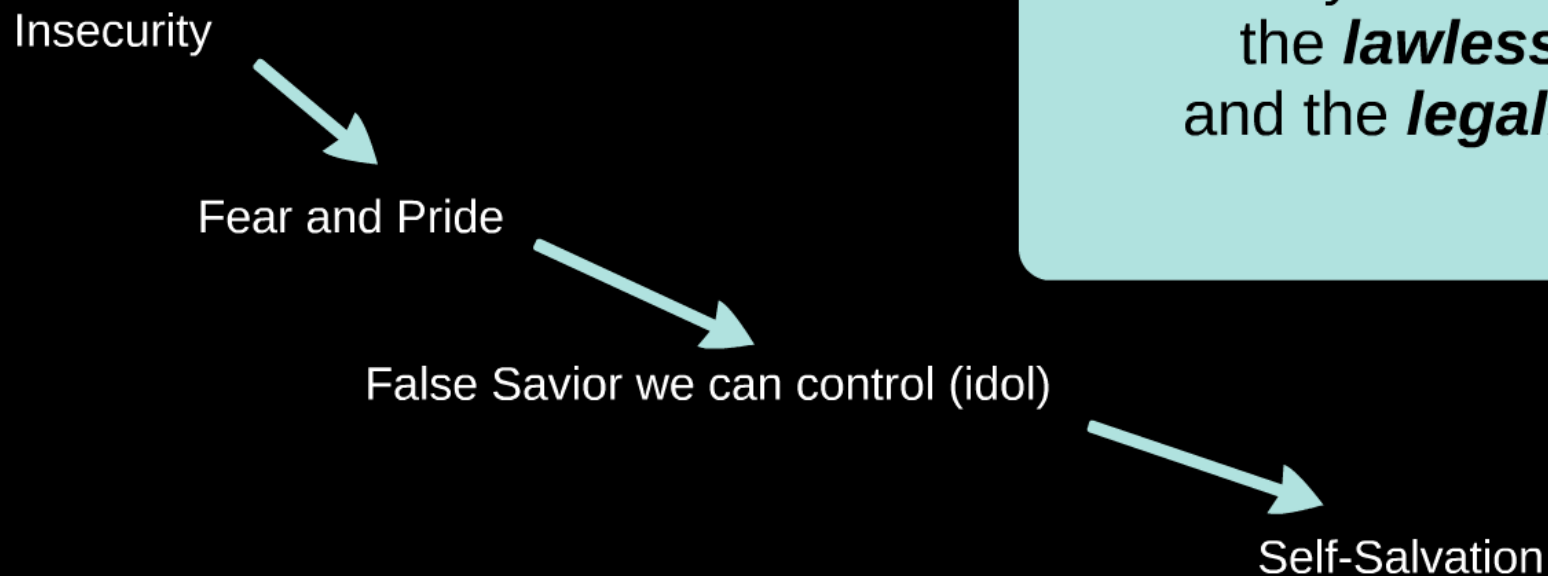
Insecurity is self-salvation

Ezekiel 29:6-7

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Irony of Insecurity

Fearing we are weak, we try to save ourselves.



Insecurity creates both
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and the ***legalist***

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Reliable security doesn't come from us.
It can only come from ***God's assurance.***

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1. Assurance is reality based

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2. Assurance is grace based

God empowers the transformation

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