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Two Women of Revelation — Jerry O'Donnell

God uses symbolism in the Bible more than many people consider or even understand. An example is regarding women. He says, "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate [woman]" (Jeremiah 6:2). Paul states, "I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:2). Even Jesus called Himself the bridegroom, making His followers the bride: "And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast" (Matthew 9:15), and "But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days" (Mark 2:20). Then we have Jesus' parable that speaks of two women described as five women in two different groups under the title of the "ten virgins" (Matthew 25:1). Yes, many try to figure out what additional meaning of that parable happens to be, focusing on the ten virgins claiming fifty percent of the church will be lost, each of the ten

women representing something symbolically, or some other focus on the number of ten, while failing to see that this is no different than the sheep and the goats parable where there are only two choices: you are part of the group of sheep or part of the group of goats. And that is why we reduce the ten virgins down to the focus of two choices.

Now, the fact that the ten virgins is about two choices, either being wise or foolish, that brings us to the first of two women in Revelation that we are going to focus on, being the wise woman: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered" (Revelation 12:1-2). The other woman, who is quite foolish, comes later in Revelation, specifically in chapter 17: "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:3-5).

There are way too many symbols involved in both Revelation 12 and 17 to point to literal women. So, we turn to the Bible to see other examples of symbolic women to help solidify the point that they indeed are symbolic: "And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2), "And there came unto me one of the seven

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angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife" (Revelation 21:9), "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

The Lamb is symbolic of Jesus as John the Baptist stated, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36). So, with the "Lamb" being symbolic, that means that the reference to the "wife" is symbolic also. Besides, the holy city being connected to the "bride" solidifies that thought, but Jesus is not marrying a city. It is the inhabitants that we were told that make up the chaste virgin espoused to Christ.

Now, back in Revelation 12, as we mentioned that there is a whole lot of symbolism going on, the notion that the woman is literally Mary, the mother of Jesus, is just not supported. To have the sun as clothing would cause a person to

die instantly from the heat, therefore, the sun is symbolic clothing, like God's righteousness (Malachi 4:2). Standing on the moon without oxygen would cause a person to die, and therefore also points to being symbolic, as the moon is connected to the feast days (Psalms 81:3) that supports the fact that God's way "[is] in the sanctuary" (Psalms 77:13). A crown with literal stars would be quite large preventing it from being worn. Just imagine twelve of our suns making up a crown! So, we have stars used in Joseph's dream to represent people, specifically the heads of each of the tribes of Israel (Genesis 37:9). But Revelation 12:3 introduces another symbol that makes the chapter a symbolic chapter, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads" (Revelation 12:3). And this symbolic dragon did some symbolic activity, "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth" (Revelation 12:4). It is not until alter that some of the symbolism is worked out: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil,

and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9).

Since a virgin is a pure woman and only a pure woman could be espoused to Jesus, that makes each one of us that becomes truly born-again to be able to make up this symbol. We clearly can deduce the fact that the pure woman of Revelation 12 is symbolic of all of Christ's followers who are "pure in heart" (Matthew 5:8). In fact, Revelation 14 continues this theme: "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" (Revelation 14:4).

Not being defiled by women means that those women are a bit loose with their morals, open to adultery and fornication, even being a harlot, which is the description of the other woman of Revelation 17. Though she is a mother of many harlots, the fact that the woman in question is the mother simply means that all her daughters are used to draw those that are not virgins, symbolically

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speaking, unto the mother making only two real women of Revelation. Either we are classed with the pure woman of Revelation 12 or the harlot of Revelation 17.

Now, to see on which side a person may be classed, we have to study out what it means to be a harlot, symbolically speaking. Jeremiah 3:8 reveals that we are not referring to literal activity to become a harlot. "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also." We see that Judah copied Israel who was accused of adultery by practicing literal backsliding. So, to be associated with the harlot of Revelation 17 is to backslide in one's religious practices.

And since adultery has been mentioned in which a country does not physically participate in, but symbolically can, we see that "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). That means that all those, especially Christians, who are worldly are actually associated with the harlot of Revelation 17. And we say "Christian" because non-Christians cannot backslide. One has to become a Christian in order to return back to worldly ways to be guilty of that practice, hence the word "backsliding", which means to go back to one's old lifestyle or

follow the path in that direction even if it is not all the way back.

God says that His "doctrine [is] pure" (Job 11:4), which is to be followed by all those that are pure in heart. And "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine" (2 Timothy 3:16). So, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways" (Proverbs 14:14) instead of God's ways, as found in the scriptures. "The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah" (Jeremiah 3:11), so Christians today justify why worldliness is allowed in their life, especially by stating, "I'm already saved." And with abandoning the Bible and following their own ways, it leads to "their transgressions are many, [and] their backslidings are increased" (Jeremiah 5:6).

Now, those that find themselves under the umbrella of the harlot of Revelation 17, God says, "Return, ye backsliding children, [and] I will heal your backslidings" (Jeremiah 3:22). "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him" (Hosea 14:4). And that is great news and an invitation today to call upon all who are backslidden to come out of that state and return to God.

However, "Why [then] is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return" (Jeremiah 8:5). People even today are just so stubborn in their ways. "And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt [him]" (Hosea 11:7). They criticize obedience, God's Word, and strongly profess that they are fine as they are. It is sad that so many Christians are willing to risk their salvation as they "heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (2 Timothy 4:3), which are teachers who scratch behind the ears giving a good feeling. Many Christians are not even aware that "there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 1:4). And despite their strong claim and even practices of holding onto the title of Christian, it ends sadly: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

So, are you pure in heart following God's pure doctrine through His Word and aligning yourself under the pure woman, the church of Revelation 12, or are you following your heart's desire, applying whatever doctrines you desire, even "the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7) aligning under the harlot church, the backslidden church of Revelation 17?

Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

Eat or Drink to the Glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Eating whatever a person wants to eat and drinking whatever a person wants to drink is not only selfish but ought to make one inclined to realize that there are restrictions on eating and drinking beyond gluttony.

If everyone agrees that eating poison ivy leaves is probably a bad idea, then they ought to realize that there are limitations to eating and drinking.

In Jamaica, ackee is a bright red fruit that if eaten before fully ripened, can make one very sick. In China, blood clams can bring on hepatitis A, typhoid, and dysentery. Cassava, not prepared correctly, can kill. Casa Marzu cheese is cultivated in a way that attracts magots and the larvae can result in holes being bored through a person's intestines. Dragon breath chili poses the risk of closing the airways of the diner ending in anaphylactic shock. Nomura's jellyfish may lead to cramping, headaches, diarrhea, comas, and even death. These are but a few examples of foods that put a person's health at risk of which God says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). And it does say "if any man", so do not try the "but I'm saved" card. The verses do not state any exceptions.

Moving on to drinks, here are several that can lead to death: methanol, heroin cough syrup, purple drink (a mixture of prescription-strength codeine and promethazine cough syrup flavored with something sweet, like Sprite or Jolly Ranchers), and Four Loko (containing up to 12.5 percent alcohol, the equivalent of five cups of coffee, and some nasty fruit-flavored soda). Alcohol in general causes all kinds of health issues, as previously presented.

But Paul said we ought to eat and drink to the glory of God. Avoiding these risky foods and drinks is the bare minimum as a Christian. We ought to be considering what makes the body most optimal and not just simply functional, for now. We say "for now" because misuse of food and drink can land someone into a retirement that is filled with prescription drugs, operations, cancer-fighting treatments, and of course, early death.

What a Christian will also consider, despite it being legal, is to watch the intake of those foods that do contribute to cancer, as well as those drinks that affect the mind, heart, and other parts of the body. Yes, alcohol ought to be off of the list for Christians, but what about those caffeinated drinks? How about those liquids that contain lots of sugar? And then there are the heavy spices that cause stomach ulcers where eventually a few antacids will not give relief.

True Christians will treat the fueling up of their bodies better than they treat sports cars. Not only will the proper octane be used, but the oil and fluids will be top notch as well.

Therefore, the next bite taken, the next drink sipped or gulped, do consider the effects. The notion that "we'll die of something anyway, so let's enjoy ourselves" is a selfish attitude not welcomed in Heaven. Now, will you do as Jesus asked, "deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24), or will you be a slave to your taste buds?

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Vegan Zucchini Boats

Ingredients

- 4 medium zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
- 1/4 tsp salt, more or less to taste
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 12-16 oz textured vegetable protein
- 1 cup vegetable broth or water
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, chopped (about 1/3 - 1/2 cup)
- 2 cups marinara sauce
- 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 3/4 cup vegan shredded parmesan
- 1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish.
- 2. In a bowl, cover your textured vegetable protein with vegetable broth or water. Let sit for about 10 min. for liquid to be absorbed.
- 3. With a teaspoon, scoop out the flesh from the interior of the zucchini, so they resemble boats. Sprinkle a little salt on each shell and place into the baking dish.
- 4. With the zucchini flesh that was removed, roughly chop and set aside.
- In a medium pan over medium heat, add oil. Add in onions, cook until translucent about 3-4 minutes. Add in garlic and cook for 1 more minute, careful not to burn.

- Add in textured vegetable protein and cook for 4 minutes. Add zucchini flesh and Italian seasoning. Cook until softened, about 3-4 minutes.
- Pour the marinara sauce into the pan and bring to a simmer; cook for 5 minutes or until most of the liquid has dissolved.
- In a medium bowl, combine the vegan parmesan and breadcrumbs.
- Spoon in and mound the mixture into the zucchini boats. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mixture over top.
- 10. Place in oven and bake until golden on top, 20-25 minutes.

To fare well implies the partaking of such food as does not disagree with body or mind. Hence only those fare well who live temperately.—*Socrates.*

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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

John 1:12-13 states, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." "Born of God" is to be "born again". This experience is not earned but given in the form of grace, forgiveness of sin, and even the desire to live for Christ,

bordering on encompassing both justification and sanctification. But it is made clear that sanctification happens to those born again by stating that God gives "power to become sons of God", not merely to be declared to be sons of God. There is a big difference in the words "become" and "declared" – one actually happens. Even the sanctification is not wholly our work "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13), but He does not force us to do "His good pleasure". The "power" gives us strength to live a holy life. To not live a holy life is to be "denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5), which so many deceived Christians do. So, have you received the "power" to actually do of His good pleasure where sin is cast aside, or do you

deny that power and just claim the grace part of salvation?

Acts 2:38 says, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." "Repent" implies the free gift of forgiveness of sins for simply saying, "I repent" because even being committed to not doing the sins again does not take care of the past sins. Only the forgiveness of Christ can wash away those sins, but the words "repent" and "remission of your sins" are both words describing sanctification, for to repent of something means to stop doing it. If someone repents of using the name of God in vain, they stop using the name of God in vain. They do not continue to do so and simply just feel sorry for doing it. And remission of sins is to take away the sins from our life. So, have you truly repented, or do you think repentance is merely words, but acts do not count? And, has remission of sins occurred in your life?

Romans 1:7 states, "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called [to be] saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Grace and peace once again is the free gift from God our Father through Jesus Christ, but the verse also states that we are "called to be saints". That is not in name only but in actually being a saint, which, saints live a holy and sanctified life. Although the words "to be" are added to the verse by the original translators, supporting verses and context reveals that the Greek understanding of the verse involves action and is not by just a title. So, are you a saint living a holy life, or are you claiming to be a saint in name only?

The six verses of 1 Corinthians 1:3-8 begin with "Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and [from] the Lord Jesus Christ" and end with "Who shall also confirm you unto the end, [that ye may be] blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Clearly the free gift of justification or grace is revealed at the beginning as coming from Jesus Christ, but if someone is truly filled with grace, they will then be transformed into a blameless, holy, sanctified person. So, are you being transformed or are you excusing the sins and still just trying to receive the "free" part?

2 Corinthians 1:7 says, "And our hope of you [is] stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so [shall ye be] also of the consolation." Those who read this verse too quickly miss the hidden "if" condition. First of all, why would anyone be partaking of the sufferings? Saying that one is a Christian most often does not bring on suffering, especially in the United States. It may in certain foreign lands. But what brings on suffering is being a Christian, living a holy and sanctified life. I have never seen a Christian who says they are a Christian, suffer when they go along with the crowd. It is those who declare that they

cannot participate with the crowd that brings on suffering, persecution, ridicule. The word "consolation" is in reference to receiving the reward at the end of our lives on earth. The consolation is a free gift, but it is only granted to those who partake in the sufferings. Plainly stated, "Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). Living a sanctified life does not earn Heaven, but living a selfish life and lacking the holy living are people who will not receive Heaven. A sanctified life is the result of receiving the free gift. If a person does not get ready to go on a free trip, they are not going, yet the trip is still free. So, do you experience sufferings for your faith because of the holy living, or do you fit well into the ways of the world and hardly are teased about your faith?

Galatians 2:18 states, "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." So, Paul states that something is destroyed through him. First, the thing that was through Paul was the preaching of the gospel. What does the gospel do? According to the verse, It destroys. What does it destroy? "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8), which of course is sin. So, the works of the devil, or sin, is destroyed if we receive the gospel. And just to confirm, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). It is the law that we become a transgressor of.

Overall, understood properly, the gospel renews a person into living a holy life because sin is destroyed, and if it is not, we become a transgressor again, which means that we are lost. And, in destroying the works of the devil is contained the free gift of forgiveness. So, are you a transgressor again or has the gospel destroyed your life of sin, causing you to live a holy and sanctified life?

Ephesians 1:6 states, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." The grace, of course, is the free gift of justification while being made into what "us" is accepted is the sanctification or holy living part after we receive His grace. Grace does not leave us in our old life of sin; it transforms us into disciplined and obedient followers "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:10). Sin is not acceptable to God but the fruit of the Spirit is. So, has God made you into a new creature, or are you still the sinful one living in the muck and mire of sin?

Philippians 1:11 says, "Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." Those who are all about being saved freely by grace do not understand the true position. People who live a holy life, a sanctified life, a righteous life do not keep the commandments and give up sins to earn Heaven. Heaven, eternal life, forgiveness is all free. As this verse states though, a righteous and holy life is the fruit of that grace where if our fruit is to continue in sin, that means we truly have not received of God's grace but are only pretending to be a Christian. As Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). So, is your fruit sin or righteousness to the praise of God?

Colossians 1:10 reveals the affect of the free gift of grace: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." To sin is not walking worthy nor pleasing God. It is definitely not a "good work" nor does sin increase the knowledge of God. That is clearly living a sanctified and holy life. Seventy-nine verses so far declaring that we are not to live however we please once we become a Christian. Seventy-nine verses so far revealing who a true Christian is. Seventy-nine verses so far also declaring that once a person is saved, they are not always saved if they are still sinning. Today's popular preachers are ignoring and hiding many verses from their congregations to the detriment of their souls. Are you falling for the deception, or do you live a sanctified and holy life?

1 Thessalonians 1:6 states, "And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia." Justification is found in naming one piece of the fruit, a complete package, of the Holy Spirit - joy (Galatians 5:22-23). One cannot have such joy if not freely forgiven of their sins. But regarding sanctification, it is a real shame that today's Christians do not understand the meaning of words. To be a follower of the Lord is living a holy life. If we used to follow temptation into sinning, we were followers of self and selfishness along with sin and Satan. Becoming a follower of the Lord even being an "ensample", which is a living example, shows that sin ceased and obedience began, for that is the result of the gospel as compared to those that will be lost: "flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:8). Jesus said, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24), and "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Further, "If a man love me, he will keep my words" (John 14:23). So, are you a follower of the Lord, being obedient to the commandments and keeping His Word, or are you still following yourself and Satan, enjoying the pleasures of the world?

2 Thessalonians 2:3 states that in time, even in the last days, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." First of all, one cannot fall away from something they never had. These are people in the faith given to us freely by God. These were people in a saving relationship

who become deceived. These are not Jews. "Once saved always saved" is a lie. The antichrist being a person that takes on the Jews in World War III is a lie. The secret rapture is a lie, which is used to cover up the lie of once saved, always saved. But more importantly, the context tells us that the "falling away" is not simply to stop believing in Jesus. The "man of sin" and the "son of perdition", also known as antichrist, has the title because people fall away into sin, into perdition. One cannot fall into sin

if they are still sinning, which means, these are people who were believing and exercising faith that it is possible to live a holy and sanctified life, but now have given it up and now believe that they are saved in their sins instead of from their sins (Matthew 1:21). In fact, it is happening right now to almost all of Christianity, hence why "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). One does not have to join the antichrist to be a follower of antichrist. So, have you fallen into the lie of continuing to sin, to excusing sin,

to explaining away the Ten Commandments, which "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), or have you rejected those doctrines and by the "divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3) by living a holy and sanctified life?

Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

To Be Taken or Left Behind

- 1. Where is the one of the men left behind located? Luke 17:34
- 2. Where is the one of the women left behind located? Luke 17:35
- Where is the one of the *other* men left behind located? Luke 17:36
- 4. What is the curious question of the disciples? Luke 17:37

- 5. What is Jesus' answer? Luke 17:37
- Since we know the locations of each of the three pairs of people who were left behind, that means the taken are gathered where the eagles are, but what is the status of those taken to the eagles? Matthew 24:28
- What do the eagles, along with the other fowl, do with those that were taken? **Revelation** 19:17-18

- What word tells us that we want to be part of the "left behind" and not the "taken" group when Jesus shows up? 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 17
- 9. What phrase tells us that we do not want to be part of the "taken"? Proverbs 3:25-26
- 10. With tares being the lost and the wheat being the saved, which group is gathered first? Matthew 13:30

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The Bad Woman

- What is the ultimate bad woman called? Revelation
 17:5 "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"
- 2. Who played one of them showing that a harlot is not always referring to a literal woman? **Hosea 4:15 Israel**
- What was Israel doing to earn the recognition of committing adultery? Jeremiah 3:8 backsliding
- Who were the people of Israel? Exodus 5:1 "my people" (God's people)
- Despite being God's people, what are the backsliders filled up with? Proverbs 14:14 "his own ways"
- What would a backslidden group of people try to do in covering up their backsliding? Jeremiah 3:11 "justified herself"
- 7. What does a backslidden group try to hold on to in order to continue in their ways? Jeremiah 8:5 "deceit"
- What is backsliding considered? End of Jeremiah 14:7 "sinned"
- 9. What does a backslidden group trust in? Jeremiah 49:4 "treasures", Revelation 3:17 "rich, and increased with goods", Revelation 17:4 "gold and precious stones and pearls"

10. Despite backsliding, just as Judas was in the early church, what does the harlot, the backslidden woman, the backslidden group call people

towards? Hosea 11:7 "to the most High"

I Am Come to Deceive The Whole World



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While people are distracted by sports, politics, Hollywood idols, etc., the march towards the agenda is already upon us and increasing in intensity.

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: If we are not allowed to judge people, how can we help people?

ANSWER: You are so correct. We cannot help a person if we do not judge the situation. Those who see us judging the situation usually take it as a personal attack. They seem to have a problem separating activity from the person, though the person continuing in the act of sin shall be lost in the end.

Unlike the Pharisees, we do not believe a class of people are doomed to hell just because they practiced a certain sin. We believe a prostitute who is repentant can still enter the kingdom, for Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you" (Matthew 21:31).

Therefore, "Ye shall know them by their..." (Matthew 7:16), which means that we are to judge their fruits. If a person is committing sinful, destructive acts, they need our help. We do not condemn them. That is up to God. In other words, this is truly separating the sin from the sinner. We condemn the sin and give warning to the sinner not to continue therein, in fact, we tell them that they can be forgiven upon repentance.

So, do not listen to people, even preachers, that tout the "Don't judge me" message. It is a suicidal phrase, for it is a declaration that they want to stay in their sins, of which they then shall die in their sins, sadly. **QUESTION:** Who are the "publicans"? Are they political positions?

ANSWER: The word "publicans" was primarily used by the Pharisees against anyone who they deemed unsavable. They believed that once a certain sin was committed, there was no forgiveness and instead of them calling such people "lost", the Pharisees called them "publicans". Many Jews also picked up the term and used it then as well. It was a derogatory term in general putting the person that used such a term at a status above the subject.

QUESTION: Do you have books touching the subjects of spiritualism, witchcraft, demon possession, satanism, or black magic?

ANSWER: Although they are interesting subjects, no, we do not have any books on those matters. As for wanting to find out how to combat such things, since we have nothing detailed, here are the words of Jesus: "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21).

QUESTION: When it appears there is no hope of leading someone to the truth, are we allowed to give up?

ANSWER: We ought to be careful with our resources, which is not only money, but time as well. When someone is shut down and shows no opportunity to be open, use your efforts elsewhere. Praying for that person ought not cease,

but physical attempts are allowed to be ended. Jesus did so with the Pharisees and Sadducees. Paul even stated to the stubborn Jews, "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46).

You may feel sad for them but do not regret ending your efforts with them.

QUESTION: Does Satan have a treasury?

ANSWER: Yes, Satan has a treasury. Do keep in mind, money devoted for God's service is not just tithes and offerings at church. There are other uses of funds still considered to be a service for God. When one spends money on good food that sustains the body temple, that is a type of service for God. When one pays the rent or mortgage, electric bill, other utilities, etc., again, all of that is necessary expenditures to sustain life, a type of service for God. In other words, God's service includes all the good use of His funds while Satan's is spent on sinful practices or selfish indulgences.

Now, another point to be made is that Satan's storehouse, treasury, is very much wide-spread and not a dedicated location on earth. Likewise, God's storehouse or treasury is also not just one location on earth. We cannot declare one to be a specific location while the other is just in general use of money. Further, by supporting financially a trusted minister directly is still considered part of God's storehouse. Keep in mind, tithe is what pays salaries. Tithe is not to be used on literature distribution; that expense would come from offerings.

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News and Comments

May 25

Gateway Pundit

Biden Regime Lumps Christians, Conservatives, and Republicans into Same Category as Nazis in New DHS Anti-Terrorism Program

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10).

June 4

Yahoo Finance

'Embarrassing': Young Americans are wasting money on silly things — like TikTok 'pink sauce' and Candy Crush. Here are 3 big lessons Gen Z should steal from baby boomers

Malachi 3:8 states, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." And then people think they are free to waste the rest of their money as they desired. Many do not even return tithe and offering and therefore they think all the money they have is theirs to spend as they will. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom [his] lord shall make ruler over his household, to give [them their] portion of meat in due season?" (Luke 12:42).

June 7

Insider

A teenage girl found her mom's debit card and spent \$64,000 on mobile games, wiping out her family's life savings

A 13 year-old girl from China has such a serious video game addiction that she would be willing to resort to stealing. So, despite no foul language, sexual content, anger issues, etc., there are hidden character traits revealed making even the "innocent video games" not so innocent. "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

June 9

Business Insider

Kim Jong Un orders North Koreans to stop killing themselves after number of suicides skyrocketed

How does one outlaw suicide? If caught killing one's self, they lose their property? The government punishes relatives? The person committing suicide does not care about those things. There is but one thing that can end the thought of suicide – conversion. "Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" (1 Peter 2:17).

June 11

Fox News

ChatGPT delivers sermon to packed German church, tells congregants not to fear death

Although Al failed on emotions, body language, and were monotonous in the delivery, the fact that it is being considered shows how people view church service. It is just a place to attend, hear a message, and go home. The Bible says that church is for "the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

June 12

Fox News

Man eats raw oysters; dies from flesh-eating bacteria, health department says

If the man would only have followed God's instructions, he could still be alive today: "Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:12). June 12

MSN

Meanwhile, in Texas, Fresh Signs of Impending Apocalypse

"Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12).

June 13

Charisma Magazine

WEF Official Calls for AI to Re-Write the Bible 'Correctly'

All those who believe God is a creation of man, this confirms them in their beliefs. All religions that think it does not matter what god we worship, this confirms them in their beliefs. All Christians who think they are fine as they are and the rules people put themselves under are personal choice and truth is not singular, this confirms them in their beliefs. And finally, those who believe that truth does matter ought to see this attempt as an attack on the Bible. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him]" (2 Corinthians 11:3-14). Christianity is the true religion and the KJV is the true Bible. Christianity is about

accepting Jesus as the Son of God. If that is true, then all other religions are wrong. If it is false, then atheism is probably true because all other religions do not even make that claim. Then, Christianity is about following specific rules that Christ expects us to follow (John 14:21, John 8:31). Therefore, we do not need any new Bible. We already have too many versions that contradict each other. But in reality, there are only 2 versions. The many versions of the Bible today are based upon one collection of influenced texts or the few versions of the Bible that come from gathered texts from over 300 sources.

June 15

Yahoo

Dad Refuses To Let His Stepdaughter Move Back In After Noticing That She's A 'Terrible Influence' On His Two Children

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). That does not cover just right and wrong choices. That does not only apply to godly training. It includes watching out for negative influences. At the age of 24, "partying" with friends past young children's (single digit) bedtimes is more than just a disturbance of sleep. Taking the lifestyle outside the home to bring the result back in by coming home drunk, setting off home alarms, and the fact that she cannot be trusted to remain sober while babysitting is a hazard. Being messy and having a bad attitude is a negative role model as it is proven that children look

up to an older sibling of greater age as compared to looking to rule -setting parents. With that said, that does not mean to leave the step-child out in the cold, although he does have to be careful not to be encouraging bad behavior through his assistance. It was her choice to move in with a boyfriend and now she cannot handle the financial impact because they broke up. Yet, another argument of why God intended for marriage and not cohabitation.

June 17

Your Tango

Woman Sparks A Conversation About Going 'No Contact' With Parents And How Adult Children Shouldn't Be Shamed For It

Matthew 10:36-37 states, "And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." It is not easy to cut out toxic family members, but just because they are related to a person does not mean we are forced to interact. The blood of Jesus is thicker than the water of birth. If a family member is toxic, is disrupting the relationship with Jesus, then it is permitted of God to distance oneself. It becomes complicated when a person is a mere child and cannot just pick up and go live on their own. Also, relationships like husband and wife or the responsibility to raise a child cannot be severed, nor is it biblical: "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is

sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy" (1 Corinthians 7:14). If grandparents go behind the backs of parents and interfere with godly raising, absolutely it is time for distancing.

June 27

Telegraph

University professor 'told to inflate grades of hispanic and black students' Lying in any form is still lying. Exodus 20:16 states, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." There are no excuses even for "good reasons".

June 30

Fox News

NY Democrat complains about her student debt after SCOTUS ruling, gets slammed for million dollar home Ephesians 4:17-19 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

Watch Out!

Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Mark 13:35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Mark 13:37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Mark 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly [is] ready, but the flesh [is] weak.

Luke 12:37-38 Blessed [are] those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find [them] so, blessed are those servants.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer,

and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

1 Thessalonians 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober.

2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

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Natural Remedies

Avoiding Bee Stings

First, do not eat bananas before you go outside. Bananas sweeten the smell of your blood and actually make you smell like another queen bee. This aroma makes the bees aggressive. Other high glycemic fruits, such as melons and pineapple will make your blood smell sweet as well. These smells can attract the bees but will not make them aggressive like bananas will.

Do not wear bright colors. The colors white, yellow, blue, and purple will attract the bees. So will some perfumes and hair sprays.

Finally, bees hate cinnamon and peppermint and will avoid you if you have eaten one of them recently. You can also put a little of the essential oils on your skin or clothes or hat to repel them. They also do not like lavender oil, citronella oil, olive oil, and vegetable oil.