

THE FLESH WARRING AGAINST THE SPIRIT

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Theme: The Civil War in the Christian's "Inward Man"

Illustration - The Twins of Isaac and Rebekah:

Genesis 25:21-28: And Isaac intreated [begged] the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated [the success] of him [Isaac], and Rebekah his wife conceived.

²² *And the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it be so, why am I thus?" And she went to enquire of the LORD.*

²³ *And the LORD said unto her, "Two nations are in thy womb, and two*



manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.”

²⁴ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

²⁵ And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

²⁶ And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

²⁷ And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

²⁸ And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

***Romans 7:21-25a:** I find then a law [the law of sin and death], that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

²² For I delight in the Law of God [the moral Law of Moses] after the inward man:

²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the Law [moral Law] of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

^{25a} I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUTLINE: Three Facts about the Flesh

1. What the Flesh does against the Holy Spirit and our spirit

***Galatians 5:17:** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

2. What the Flesh is like, or what are Its Manifestations and Deeds

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3. What Actions we are taking against the Flesh

Galatians 5:24: *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

²⁵ *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*



1. What the Flesh nature does against Holy Spirit

- Opposes the Holy Spirit.

QUESTION: Why does the “Flesh” assert itself so boldly even against the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER: The flesh desires and demands to indulge in fleshly lust unrestrained. It resents the Holy Spirit’s interference with its base corrupting debaucheries. No wonder the Apostle Paul said that he had no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:3: *For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

QUESTION: Do you think that hurts the feelings of the “fleshly nature?”

ANSWER: Yes, it will sulk, pout, get angry, strike back, fight, and even go to war even against the blessed Holy Spirit of God. The very One Who is seeking to keep us from indulging in sinful lusts, which war against our souls.

1 Peter 2:11: *Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*

In this warfare, the Holy Spirit admonishes us and commands us to; abstain from fleshly lusts which war against our soul.

Those who have not as yet “crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts” will find themselves engaged in a tug of war for the controlling interest in our lives. The fleshly or carnal mind refuses to be subject to God’s Law and Commandments.

Romans 8:7: *Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be.***

The Flesh is relentless in its opposition and warfare against the Holy Spirit of God. Paul tells how it wars against the Law of his mind, bringing him into captivity to the Law of Sin which is in his members.

Romans 7:23: *But I see another law in my members, warring against the Law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*

QUESTION: Why is the “Flesh” so antagonistic to the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER: **Because, it is through the Spirit that we can mortify the deeds of the body, so we can stay alive spiritually.** The flesh does not want to die, and will fight to stay alive.

We have the power of choice as to whether the Spirit will reign on the throne of our hearts, or the fleshy self-nature. To discourage our cowling to the demands of the flesh, the Holy Spirit tells us in this very same verse, ***If we live after the flesh*** – (listen very closely now)



Romans 8:13:

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

The only way to be rescued from the powers of the fleshly nature is to get the Holy Spirit's help to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts.

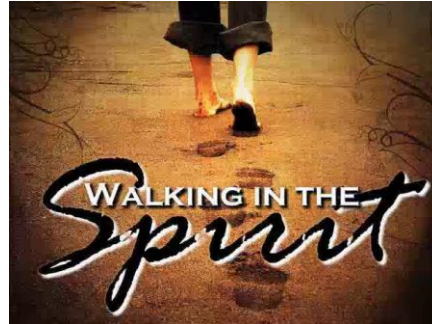
Galatians 5:16:

This I say then,

Walk in the Spirit,

and ye shall not fulfil

the lust of the flesh.



The flesh seeks to dominate our New Life in Christ Jesus. It would rule over us and humiliate us. It would turn us away from depending on the Holy Spirit for power and divine strength to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil.

We can never afford to allow this to happen. Through the power of Christ with Whom we are now united together, Crucified with Christ, that shall never come to pass. You and I can count on Him to keep us from yielding to the flesh. That is our Lord's promise, so let us give Him the glory, the honor, and the praise.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, you need not be cast down nor discouraged by this warfare. Its very existence is evidence that the Spirit indwells us. Our victory lies in our union with Christ in the Crucified Life.

Galatians 2:20: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the Faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

- 2. What the FLESH is like – The deeds and manifestations of the flesh are called out by name by the Holy Ghost.**

TEXT:

Galatians 5:19-21: *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

INTRODUCTION: Now the works of the flesh according to Galatians 5 which manifest in the flesh are these:

ADULTERY	FORNICATION	UNCLEANNES
LASCIVIOUSNESS	IDOLATRY	WITCHCRAFT
HATRED	VARIANCE	EMULATIONS
WRATH	STRIFE	SEDITIONS
HERESIES	ENVYINGS	MURDERS
DRUNKENNESS	REVELLINGS	

Verse 21b: *they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

INTRODUCTION:

We do not own the flesh anything!!! We will not give our allegiance to the flesh to pet or pamper it. If we do not live a righteous, holy, and godly life you will know why, by the Grace of God before the end of this study.

The Holy Spirit is here helping us to rip the covers off the flesh. As long as you can't say "No" to the flesh, it is a sure sign you have never been Crucified with Christ. For the body of sin is still very much alive yet. When the body of sin is destroyed, then we should not serve sin because the old man is crucified with Christ.

Romans 6:6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

The Holy Spirit names 17 + sins of the flesh calling them by name.

1. ADULTERY – The first manifestation of the sinful works of the flesh.

The Holy Spirit starts out first with Adultery. This is the sin which is damning the souls of many people today. It is not the unpardonable sin, as some preachers make it appear to be. Adultery involves people who are married and break their marriage vows by an unlawful sexual relationship with another party. When we get married, we promise to be faithful until death do s part. God holds us to that promise.

The Lord helping me, we're here to preach and teach holiness living, The Bible kind which is taught to us in:

Titus 2:12-14: Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

¹⁴ Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

You may be thinking that this message is too old fashioned and straight laced. It is about time and with some past time to hear it, to those of you who have fallen into the devil's trap and have messed up your lives. Some of you do not know what this Bible hast to say about Divorce and Remarriage. There are many in our churches these days who have remarried into an adulterous relationship.

Matthew 19:9: And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

Mark 10:7-10: *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;*

⁸ *And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.*

⁹ *What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

¹⁰ *And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.*

Luke 16:18: *Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.*

Romans 7:2-3: *For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the Law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the Law of her husband.*

³ *So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that Law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.*

1 Corinthians 7:39: *The wife is bound by the Law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.*

Some of you have told me of being already mixed up in marriage relations and can't turn back the clock. God will help you to straighten the situation out.

QUESTION: Why, then, are you bringing this up, preacher, teacher?

ANSWER: We're only trying to stir young people, yet unmarried, from making the same mistakes; and having the same headaches to live with them the rest of their lives.

Unless we teach it straight, our young people will grow up ignorant of God's Holiness Standards. It breaks my heart to hear so many who say they did not know what the Bible says on this touchy issue.

To those of you in Bible based marriages, you can have a happy and satisfying partnership, especially, when you have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts.

Marriage is not licensed prostitution. It is a God Ordained Relationship.

You can get along well with each other when each strives and seeks to please the other mate. When you treat him as king, he treats you as queen. Many have asked my wife and I if we were newly-weds. When we had told them we have been married for over thirty years, they said: "I can't believe it." Well, we responded: "Anyone's unbelief doesn't change the fact into a fable." Then, we told them we were married on June 7, 1948 and have the marriage license to prove it. They kind of tucked their heads in embarrassment for doubting our words. Oh well, we knew why they doubted; so do you, I hope.

2. FORNICATION - The second of the sinful works of the flesh

QUESTION: What is that?

ANSWER: Having sexual relationships with unmarried persons, both being single, is a violation of God's Divine Law. It is a sin and the Holy Spirit tells us that all such persons shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. That means you will be shut out of Heaven, if guilty, and haven't repented.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10:

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

QUESTION: How can I overcome these youthful sex drives, then?

ANSWER: The answer is found in:

1 Thessalonians 4:3: For this is the Will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Meaning every one of you should know how to possess his vessel [human body] in sanctification and honor. Not in the lust of concupiscence [strong sexual desire] . . . for God has not called us to uncleanness but unto holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:4-7: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

⁵ Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

⁶ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

3. UNCLEANLINESS - The third of the sinful works of the flesh

There are many shallow Christians who allow the devil to tinker with their thinker. Old slew foot [satan] will put evil thoughts in your mind. If you entertain them, he knows you are coddling them, and enjoying those thoughts and imaginations. You can't stop birds from flying over your heads, but you can stop them from making a nest in your hair.



So, you can't blockade unclean thoughts from being projected into your minds, but ye can reject unclean thoughts, condemn them, and command the devil to take his evil unclean suggestions away and get lost.



Lord cleanse me of anything that breaks Your heart.

2 Corinthians 7:1b:

. . . . cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 6:17b: . . . saith the Lord, “and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”

Romans 6:19b: . . . for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

2 Corinthians 12:21: And lest, when I come again [said the man of God], my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

Colossians 3:5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Objection:

Some irritated professing Christians said to me: “You can’t expect us to live such holy and pure lives all the time, do you? Everybody sins every day, but I repent of them every night.” That’s not genuine repentance!!

Our Response:

True repentance of a thing means godly sorrow for doing wrong. Asking for God’s forgiveness, and being sorry enough to quit that sin.

Don’t tell me that you have repented of a wrong thought or act at night and go right back and do the very same thing again tomorrow. If you are not sorry enough to quit, you did not genuinely repent.

Proverbs 28:13: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.



Isaiah 55:7: *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

2 Chronicles 7:14: *If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Always Remember: There is a vast difference in being overtaken in a fault (Galatians 6:1) and making an effort to obey (Hebrews 12:1).

Galatians 6:1: *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

Hebrew 12:1: *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

4. LASCIVIOUSNESS - The fourth of the sinful works of the flesh

QUESTION: What in the world is that?

QUESTION: If you don't know, then how can you know if you are guilty of it, or not?

DEFINITION of Lasciviousness: Trying to excite another person to lustful desires; lewd behavior, burning with lustful desires

Described as having eyes full of adultery, and cannot cease from sin. When you take a look at the previous verse, note where this is going on; right in the House of the Lord. God have mercy on the church.

Scriptures on Lasciviousness

2 Peter 2:14: *Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:*

Mark 7:21-23: *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

²² *Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*

²³ *All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

2 Corinthians 12:21: *And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.*

Ephesians 4:19: *Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

1 Peter 4:3: *For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:*

Jude 4 *For 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, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Listen very closely now!!! This sin is not limited to sexual desires alone. It covers far more than that.

Romans 7:7:

What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by



the Law: for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Hebrews 13:5: Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

That means, that we should not go around telling folks how we are living by faith. Then, make all kinds of hints of how much money we are in need of. That is not really and truly living by faith, but by begging for a hand-out in a polite way. John the Baptist said:

Luke 3:14b: . . . be content with your wages.

Some of you who are in the Unions may not appreciate these Scriptures, or the one (the writer of this study) who is expounding them. Some have asked me?

QUESTION: Aren't we supposed to ever desire a raise in our wages?

ANSWER: Of course, if you really need it, but not just to out-do the Joneses. You should keep the victory until the raise comes by trusting the Lord to touch the heart of that employer. Don't go around mumbling and grumbling and bellyaching: 'What a tightwad that employer is.'

1 Timothy 6:6: But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:8: And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

5. IDOLATRY - The fifth of the sinful works of the flesh

A. The second of the Ten Commandments is:

Exodus 20:4-6: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;

⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My Commandments.”

There should never be any statues in our house, nor in our yards, or in our churches, or on the dash board of our cars. I know that is shaving mighty close, but we must be true to the Word of God.

B. Idolatry is not limited to idols or images or icons. God spoke to Ezekiel, His prophet saying:

Ezekiel 14:3-4: Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

⁴ Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

Ezekiel 14:5-8: That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.

⁶ Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

⁷ For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from Me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning Me; I the LORD will answer him by Myself:

⁸ And I will set My Face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Idols in the heart can be: pretty clothes, homes, cars, boats, T.V., children, our mates, and even idols in the China Closet, or whatever our affections go out towards in preference to the Lord.

C. Idolatry, in the third place, consists of Covetousness.

QUESTION: What does that mean?

ANSWER: The desiring something continually that is brand new, and shiny. If you go to a neighbor's home and see a brand new stove, or refrigerator, or living room suite, or a neighbor's new car or boat; those gadgets can so obsess you until you become dissatisfied with what you have, and crave always something new.

I knew a wife who told her husband, "That old cooking range is so sorry, and good for nothing, and no count. I've got to have a new one. I'm not going to make any more biscuits, or cakes, or pies until you get me a decent one." What got her all stirred up was the new range at her friend's home.

There are many husbands and wives, when the offering plate is passed by, who put only a dollar or some change in the offering and literally were robbing God in tithes and offerings, so they could spend that money on themselves. When we keep what belongs to Almighty God, we're not only thieves but covetous. The Bible calls covetousness "idolatry", which is a terrible sin in the Eyes of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:5: For this ye know, that no whoremonger [indulger in sex sins], nor unclean person [3rd sin mentioned in those 17 in the list], nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

Colossians 3:5-6: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

⁶For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

QUESTION: Do you realize how often these sins are repeated in many other passages of Scripture?

QUESTION: Then, what are the two consequences if we commit any of these sins of the flesh?

ANSWER: The two consequences are:

1. Kicked out of the Kingdom of God

2. God's wrath is stirred up against those who continue in, and persist in, committing these sins.

To forfeit the Kingdom and to provoke the Almighty to wrath shows us all one thing: **"We should not serve sin."**

Romans 6:6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Only if we are crucified with Christ will we refrain from dabbling in these contaminating evils.

In ***Ephesians 5:3*** and ***Colossians 3:5***, both repeat the fact that covetousness links a person to idolatry.

Ephesians 5:3: But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Colossians 3:5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Therefore, we are to be image smashers as Gideon did in the material realm, so are we to do in the Spiritual realm.

Judges 6:29-32: And they said one to another, "Who hath done this thing?" And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

³⁰ Then the men of the city said unto Joash, "Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it."

³¹ And Joash said unto all that stood against him, "Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar."

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, “Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.”

6. WITCHCRAFT - The sixth sin in this civil war between the flesh and the spirit

QUESTION: Witchcraft?? What is that supposed to be?

ANSWER:

- A.** Webster - the power and practices of witches, sorcery, black magic; to bewitch, or charm, enchantment, an irresistible influence
- B.** Thorndike - Barnhart - a woman under the influences of evil spirits; to have magic power, to charm, fascinate, bewitch
- C.** Funk & Wagnall's - the practice and powers of witches or wizards; especially when regarded as due to dealing with evil spirits
- D.** Tenny Pictorial Bible Dictionary - a woman (man- warlock) in league with a familiar spirit, or evil spirits.

Strictly forbidden

Exodus 22:18: Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

Leviticus 20:6: And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

Leviticus 20:26-27:

26 And ye shall be holy unto Me: for I the Lord am Holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine.



27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12: When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

1 Samuel 15:23: For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the Word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

In 1 Samuel 28:7-25: [7-8 Through the evil spirit of witchcraft, Saul sought a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself and requested, “diving unto to me by the familiar spirit whom I shall name unto thee.]

9 And the woman said unto him, “Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?”

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, “As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.”

11 Then said the woman, “Whom shall I bring up unto thee?” And he said, “Bring me up Samuel.”

[The woman then recognized king Saul. Saul continued to converse through witchcraft with what he perceived to be

Samuel and] ^{14b} . . . he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

²⁰ **Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel [conjured up by the evil spirit of witchcraft]:**

Other scriptures which strongly condemn these practices are: 2 Kings 23:24; Isaiah 8:19; Micah 5:12; Nahum 3:4; Malachi 3:5a.

- E.** Peloubet's Bible Dictionary - Divination (witchcraft) the foretelling future events; the discovering of things secret by the aid of superior beings, or other than human means.
- F.** Davis Dictionary of the Bible - Sorcerer or sorcery (witchcraft) professes to have superior knowledge gained through connivance [collaboration] of evil spirits. Warnings against - - **Exodus 22L18; Deuteronomy 18:10; Jeremiah 27:9;** punishment foretold in **Micah 5:12, Malachi 3:5** and **Revelation 21:8.**

QUESTION: Have any of you gone to a fortune teller? Have any of you had your fortune told recently?

Jeremiah 27:9: Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, "Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:"

Witches and witchcraft are constantly practiced on T.V. and by numerous persons, both men and women. Their profession is strictly forbidden by God Almighty.

When people are worried about the future, or someone is suspicious that their mate is trifling on them, they will go to a medium or fortune teller. Some go asking if they are going to get some money. Fortune tellers will always tell you, "Yes!!" That is their device to get you to keep coming back for more information.

Warning!! Beloved, I beseech you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ do not go to them. It is a No, No.

Revelation 21:8: *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*



7. HATRED - The seventh sin in this list of deeds of the flesh

Definition: To greatly dislike, abhor, detest, to loath

How Hatred manifests itself:

A. Hatred is manifested through Verbal Abuse

Deuteronomy 22:13-14a: *If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,*

^{14a} *And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, . . .*

James 3:6, 9:

⁶ *And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.*

⁹ *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.*

Matthew 5:11: *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.*

B. Hatred is manifested through Murdering the one held in contempt

Deuteronomy 19:11: *But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth . . . :*

1 John 3:12: *Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one [the devil], and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.*

1 John 3:15: *Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

C. Hatred often leads to divorce

Deuteronomy 24:3a: *And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement . . .*

HATRED is FORBIDDEN

Leviticus 19:17a: *Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart:*

1 John 2:9: *He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.*

1 John 2:11: *But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*

HATRED:

Hatred is manifested on the face of the hater and also from the eyes. Like shooting darts or arrows, there is a piercing look along with dirty looks.

Hatred is like acid, which does more damage to the one in whom it is stored, than on the one on whom it is poured.

Dr. S.I. McMillen said in None of These Diseases book, "There are over fifty diseases which can be triggered by our emotions. The moment we start to hate another person, we become their slave. Why? Our very thoughts are now taken captive, being directed at that person. The body begins to suffer from Stress Hormones and we become fatigued very easily.

Dr. Joyce Brothers received the following letter: "Dear Dr. Brothers: I hate my husband!! There is no other way to describe the feelings I have for the man, whose home I've kept. Also, whose children I've borne over the past 19 years.

He is mean, petty, sarcastic, and has made me a nervous wreck. I'd leave him tomorrow, and I have no family to turn to." Signed R.C.

The sad fact will soon dawn upon the hater. They cannot enjoy even their best of friends. Even the fixing of a delicious meal is not enjoyed. Pleasant surroundings are unattractive, all because of hatred stored in the heart. Even their bed becomes very uncomfortable.

Hate can cause such an increased flood of blood within the skull as to cause headaches, and also vomiting will result. (Ref. Dr. McMillen – pg. 41) Hatred causes the following other illnesses:

A. High Blood Pressure

G. Headaches

B. Ulcers of the stomach, intestines, and colitis

H. Mental disturbances

C. Heart Trouble

I. Diabetes

D. Arteriosclerosis

J. Goiters

E. Kidney Disease

K. Arthritis

F. Bitterness

L. Fatigue

HATRED for the JEWISH PEOPLE:

Hatred will bring God's judgment in physical diseases.

Genesis 12:3: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Deuteronomy 7:15: And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

Deuteronomy 30:7: And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

Esther 9:2: The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

Esther 9:5: Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

Psalms 129:5: Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

Psalms 44:7: But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

Psalms 89:23: And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

Deuteronomy 33:11: Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands; smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

In closing: This is an awesome warning to all of us. It is costly to our peace, and our tranquility; and it is a health destroyer. It causes us to forfeit the Kingdom of God, according to the text.

8. VARIANCE - The eighth sin of the works of the flesh creating more civil war

SUBJECT: Variance

QUESTION: What does the word mean?

ANSWER: Webster - a disagreeing person, quarrelsome, discord, arguer; contentious, fussing.

A man told me, "When my wife fusses at me, and shoots off her mouth, I just have got to shoot right back at her."

Oh, no you don't if you have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts!!

When Christians enter in to the Crucified Life, they will be enabled to keep their mouth shut. Then there will be no quarrelling's, arguments, disputes,

and contentions which lead to wrecking the home. It takes less brain to wreck a house, than it does for the construction of a home.

If you are a wrecking crew, then you need to get crucified with Christ. Can anybody around here say, "Amen?" Or is it, "Oooooohhhhhh me??"

ILLUSTRATION: (Ref. A.P. Inkster, Mich.) "Church Factions Stage Brawls"

For the second time in a year, brawling among the congregation of Inkster's First Missionary Baptist Church has forced police to cancel services and post a uniformed guard at the Church door.

The police came in the wake of gun-shooting, knife-wielding, fist throwing fight between parishioners last Sunday.

At the center of the controversy between the congregation's rival factions is the Rev. Aaron Butler, pastor. One faction wants Butler ousted as pastor, and the other is for him retaining his post.

These sins of the fleshly nature will plug the Holy Ghost oil line, and stop the flow of the Holy Ghost anointing oil through us. It will quench the Spirit and leave our homes and churches cold and dry as last year's bird nests, and bring disgrace to the cause of Christ. Then in the end, worse still, it will keep people out of the Kingdom of God according to:

Galatians 5:19-21: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

9. EMULATIONS - The ninth of the sinful works of the flesh

QUESTION: Say teacher, preacher, where did you drag that thing up from? I never heard of such a thing before? What's that, anyway?

ANSWER: I'll have to admit it, when I went to Mr. Webster, I got an ear full. I knew it was something really bad, or else it would not kick people out of the Kingdom of God. Like so many Christians who feel sure that they are going to Heaven, we just don't take the trouble to find out what it is. Do you know? It could be that there are some guilty right here in this assembly, and don't know it.

DEFINITION: Emulation is the desire or ambition to equal or surpass another person; Rivalry for places of prominence; discrediting another to exalt "self"; the struggle of two or more persons for the same position or job, or object, or for some person's affections; they are motivated by jealousy, or envy, or resentment over another's success.

We know of professing Christians who were at war with another Christian over a board position, or teaching position, or piano position, or choir position. There was a rivalry and a tug of war going on, motivated by jealousy or envy.

They would stoop so low as to belittle, criticize, find fault with their rival, to smear their character so as to put that person down in order to lift themselves up into a secure and coveted place in the church.

It is the work of the devil and the flesh, that old carnal nature the old man, which is described as being "corrupt" in:

Ephesians 4:22: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Who is behind all this mess? There have been preachers who engaged in this rivalry for a better church, with a fatter salary. Some Evangelists have tried to out-do and surpass another Evangelist for the big crowds. They wanted a bigger tent to outshine their brother preacher and build up their ego. When another pastor bragged on some Evangelist, they would get down-right mad and go to belittling their rival.

There should never be any competition amongst churches, or preachers, or Evangelists. We are supposed to be workers together for the up building of the Kingdom of God.

No saints or preachers or evangelists who are bound up by jealousy and are guilty of emulations are fit for the Kingdom of God, nor will they ever get in

until they repent and get right with God; then get cured of that nasty disposition by being crucified by Christ and die out to the old self. They need to go to their own funeral daily by dying daily to the self-life.

1 Corinthians 15:31: *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

10. WRATH - The tenth dirty deed of the flesh

We've got too many hot heads in our churches, rather than hot hearts for Jesus. Amen! The Bible commands us to:

Romans 12:19-21: *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," saith the Lord.*

²⁰ *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire [that is Holy conviction] on his head.*

²¹ *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Ephesians 4:26: *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

Ephesians 4:31-32: *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

³² *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

Colossians 3:8-9: *But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.*

⁹ *Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;*

QUESTION: What are the Old Man's deeds?

ANSWER: These very things we're told to put off. And that will include the previously mentioned works of the flesh namely the sex sins and idolatry.

1 Timothy 2:8: *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*

**James 1:19-20: Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
²⁰ For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.**

QUESTION: Did you know?

- Uncontrolled temper can turn the home into hell on earth - which keeps divorce mills running, to our own shame and disgrace.
- You may blow a fuse, get hot under the collar, blow your top, or become righteously indignant (these are watered down definitions for getting mad) and excuse yourself; saying, "Well, everybody has their bad days now and then." But, that does not excuse our disobedience to these commands which God gave us in the preceding six scriptures.
- On the news, we heard about a farmer, who got so violently stirred up in anger and wrath against his neighbor (for driving over his water pipe in his yard, and crushing it) that he got his rifle and shot him to death. He was sent to prison for the crime - by losing his temper over an unkind act of his neighbor.
- Another farmer got into a heated argument over his neighbor's stealing apples out of his orchard. He got a gun and shot him to death. He now spends his remaining years in prison - having lost his freedom and liberty over apples.
- A mother got so angry and hot under the collar at a bill collector who was pestering her for a payment over-due, that she slammed the door in his face. Soon afterwards, she took up her little baby to nurse it. Within twenty-five minutes the baby was in convulsions. The milk from her breast was poisoned by turmoil in her emotions.
- A famous psychologist, by the name of Dr. John Hunter, even though he knew well that anger will raise the blood pressure, and also causes a contracting of blood vessels in the heart, allowed his to boil out of control. He had a heart attack and fell down dead at a medical meeting of doctors. What stirred him up? It was a lecturer who made numerous statements that incensed him. He arose to attack the speaker with some bitter words. It cost him his life.

Anger will cause difficulty in breathing and brings an excessive amount of adrenal fluids into the blood stream. The person who gives way to violent outbursts of temper will become very nervous - have skin rashes, hives, headaches, bladder problems, stomach ulcers, and nervous twitching of the body.

Dr. Leo Madow of the medical college in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania states that hemorrhages and arteriosclerosis (i.e. thickening of the inner walls of blood arteries with plaques of fatty material) are caused by anger, wrath, being furious. Also, there have been cases where blood vessels did burst.

The Scriptures say:

Ecclesiastes 7:9: Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Proverbs 22:24-25: Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.



11. STRIFE - The eleventh dirty deed of the flesh

This horrible sin is a home wrecker, a church destroyer, and a nation crusher.

Where strife is, there is a civil war going on.

DEFINITION of Strife: quarreling, arguing, debating, discord, rivalry, verbal conflict, and turmoil

QUESTION: What are the contributing causes?

ANSWER: PRIDE, ANGER & WRATH, HATRED FROWARD DISPOSITION, TALEBEARER

Scriptures on Strife

1 Corinthians 3:1 & 3: And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

³ *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

Romans 13:13: *Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

Philippians 2:3: *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

1 Timothy 6:3-8: *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;*

⁴ *He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,*

⁵ *Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*

⁶ *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

⁷ *For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

⁸ *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

A. PRIDE

Proverbs 28:25: *He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.*

Mark 9:33b, 34b, 35: *There was Strife among the apostles - "What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?"*

^{34b} *they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.*

³⁵ *And He sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."*

B. ANGER & WRATH

Proverbs 15:18a: A wrathful man stirreth up strife . . .

Proverbs 30:33b: . . . the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

Proverbs 29:22a: An angry man stirreth up strife . . .

A word to the wise:

Proverbs 15:1: A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Proverbs 15:18b: . . . he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

C. HATRED

Proverbs 10:12: Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

D. FROWARD DISPOSITION

Definition: One who is unwilling to comply with what is required of him; is unyielding, stubborn, insists on having his own way; shows an unreasonable attitude

Proverbs 16:28a: A froward man soweth strife . . .

Proverbs 8:13b: . . . the froward mouth, do I hate.

E. THE TALEBEARER

Definition: gossip or tattle-tale

Proverbs 26:22: The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 26:20b: . . . where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

12. SEDITIONS - The twelfth manifestation of the civil war caused by the flesh

QUESTION: Seditions? What's that?

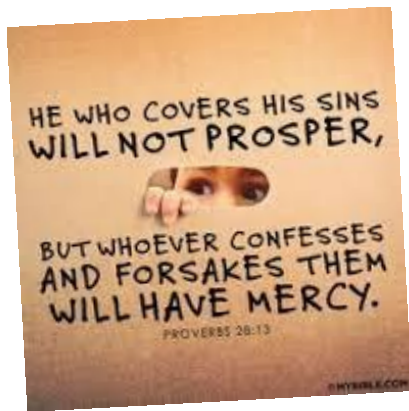
ANSWER: To incite or stir up divisions, disunity, cause factions, bring about disunion amongst believers, dissensions

Never was the old-time saying truer, “United we stand, and divided we fall”, than in the midst of the family of God, the Church, and the family home.

When the home or church or the heart of the saints is united, there is blessed harmony, and wonderful fellowship, and the mighty presence of the Lord, by His Holy Spirit. It is like Heaven on earth.

Satan knows the Spirit of God is grieved where there is strife, divisions, enmity, and inner conflicts. He will soon take His flight, and the place will become desolate.

ADMONITIONS:



Proverbs 28:13:

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Ephesians 4:3: Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Psalms 133:1: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is brethren to dwell together in unity!

Ephesians 4:11-13: And He [God] gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Acts 2:1-2: *And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

² *And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

Acts 2:46: *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

Carnality in the Heart – causes divisions and disunity in the Body of Christ

This condition existed in the Church at Corinth. It is recorded in:

1 Corinthians 1:10-13:

¹⁰ *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

¹¹ *For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.*

¹² *Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.*

¹³ *Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?*

1 Corinthians 3:1-6:

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

² *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

³ *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

⁴ *For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*

⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

The Lord Jesus used His apostles to deal with this condition by giving us God's solution to the heart problem which existed there. Heart Crucifixion, Heart Circumcision, and Dying Daily to the Old Self ([1 Corinthians 15:31](#)) brings to an end those divisions which separate the Body of Christ.

The Lord Jesus said in

[Matthew 12:25b](#): . . . a house divided against itself shall not stand:

Our physical bodies are described in the Bible as a "House" also. This you will find right here in this same chapter.

[Matthew 12:43-45a](#):

⁴³ When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

⁴⁴ Then he saith, I will return into my house [human body] from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

^{45a} Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. . .

[Hebrews 3:6](#):

But Christ as a Son over His Own House; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Our heart house is divided before we are crucified with Christ. We are being pulled by the Old Man in one direction while the Holy Spirit is directing the spiritual man in the opposite direction. This is explained to us in:

Galatians 5:17:

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

13. HERESIES – The thirteenth sinful work of the flesh

We apologize that we could not locate the writings of this sin as a portion of Brother John's study. We wanted, however, to acknowledge this fact and continue his study as written.

14. ENVYINGS – The fourteenth sin in this civil war between the flesh and the spirit

QUESTION: Why is *Envyings* in the plural?

ANSWER: Because Envy does have a Twin Sin which is Jealousy. They are not identical twins. However, you will recognize their similarities when the definitions are given.

A. Envyings

DEFINITION of Envyings: Feelings of resentment and ill will towards another's advantages; their possessions, as wealth or knowledge, more excellence or physical fitness, good standing in the community, reputation, better appearance as beauty or handsomeness; social position.

The envious will turn against that person, or persons, with dislike that may turn to malice. This will result in seeing to injure or do harm to the part or party's reputation by discrediting them; or even to do them physical harm. To those enjoying prosperity, the envious will plot to steal or destroy their possessions.

Example:

- **The PHILISTINES** envied Isaac because he had flocks, herds, and a great store of servants.

Genesis 26:14: ***For he [Isaac] had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.***

QUESTION: What did they do to show their enmity and envious behavior?

ANSWER: They stopped up all his wells by filling them with dirt and debris. Wells were a luxury in that dry and somewhat arid territory.

QUESTION: What did Isaac and his servants do?

ANSWER: They either cleaned them out again or moved on to another location and God would show him where to dig another well.

- **RACHEL** envied her sister, Leah, because Leah had children and Rachel was barren. This resulted in her picking fights with her sister and pestering her, trying to make her life miserable as she could.

Genesis 30:8: *And Rachel said, “With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed:” and she called his name Naphtali.*

- **LEAH** was envious of her sister Rachel because she was beautiful and Leah was very plain in appearance. Then, adding to her dislikes of Rachel, Leah’s husband paid more attention to Rachel rather than to her. This resulted in a rivalry between the two sisters.

The Twin Sins of Envy and Jealousy are now becoming more manifest.

B. JEALOUSY

Perhaps this would be a good place to insert the definition of Jealousy, although we will take up the subject later on, for more details.

DEFINITION of Jealousy: Although Jealousy is often thought to be a synonym for Envy, this is not the case. Although they are similar in actions and motives, motivated by selfishness and ill will, yet they are very different in their motives.

The Jealous person is very conscious of their advantages, and desires to shield and pressure and safeguard them. When the Envious person tries to take from them any treasured possession, they will fight to keep it; and will not stop at anything to defeat their opponent.

In this illustration, Leah is envious of Rachel's beauty. And Rachel is envious of Leah's many children, while she is barren. Rachel is Jealous over her husband, Jacob, and fights to keep him to herself. Here we see those two sins of Variance and Emulations on display.

The RESULT: There is civil war in this home. It lasted until Rachel sought the Lord earnestly for a child, and God gave her Joseph, then Benjamin. Sad to say, Rachel lost her life in childbirth of the last son. Thus, the rivalry was brought to an abrupt end.

- **JOSEPH was Envied by his own half brothers, the sons of Leah and handmaids.**

QUESTIONS: How did his half-brothers manifest their Envious disposition?

ANSWER: They plotted to kill him and dump his body in a well. One half-brother begged them not to do that, but just drop him down into the well; and he thought that during the night he would take Joseph up and out of the well and send him home.

But that didn't work out, for the other brothers in seeing some Ishmaelites they decided to sell Joseph to them for 20 pieces of silver. They, in turn, took Joseph to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar as a servant.

- **PILATE knew that for Envy the religious leaders over the nation of Israel plotted to have the Lord Jesus Christ crucified.**

Matthew 27:18: For He knew that for envy they had delivered Him.

Mark 15:10: For He knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.

Scriptures describing Envy and Condemning and Commandments against them.

Psalms 73:2b-3: . . . my [Asaph] feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

³ For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Proverbs 27:4: Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

Proverbs 24:19: Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked:

Romans 13:13: Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

1 Corinthians 3:3: For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 Corinthians 13:4: Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1 Peter 2:1: Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

ADMONITION:

If any of us were to Envy those who are better looking, who have a better position, a higher salary, or better clothes, or nicer home, it DOES NOT ADD even one dollar to our assets, nor improve our looks, nor advance us in a higher position. It will rob us of joy, victory, and peace of mind, and the presence of the Lord.

To harbor it in the heart leads to self-destruction both emotionally and also eternally. It will keep us out of Heaven, and that is an awful price to pay for

harboring it. Haman found out too late that his envying Mordecai landed him on the scaffold.

THEME: Jealousy can be very cruel, just like Envy.

ILLUSTRATION:

We had a husband in our church that was very jealous over his wife. He loved her very much, and was fearful of losing her to some other man. He became very distrusting and would make sudden phone calls home to check up on her. Then, he'd hire someone to keep surveillance on their home. He'd accuse her of unfaithfulness.

One day, she called me to come and deliver her husband from the Spirit of Jealousy. After some counseling and study of the Scriptures, we showed him Numbers 5:30 which deals with the Spirit of Jealousy. He consented to deliverance and was set gloriously free from that torturous spirit.

Numbers 5:30: Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

In Contrast:

Jealousy is attributed to Almighty God and many Scriptures will tell us so. You see, God's Great Love for us can cause Him to be upset with Jealousy when we flirt with the world, with making idols out of our possessions, and ourselves. This will cause our Love and Affections towards Him to diminish; and will fight to safeguard this love relationship with us.

Exodus 20:5: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;

Exodus 34:14: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, Whose Name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Zechariah 1:14: So the angel that communed with me said unto me, "Cry thou, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD of Hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.'"

Psalms 78:58: For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, and moved Him to jealousy with their graven images.

Scriptures dealing with Jealousy

Song of Solomon 8:6b: . . . for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave:

1 Kings 14:22a & 23a: ^{22a} And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins . . . ^{23a} For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, . . . on every high hill, and under every green tree.

1 Kings 19:10: And he [the Prophet Elijah] said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of Hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy Covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy Prophets, and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

1 Corinthians 10:21-22: Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils.

²² Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than He?

2 Corinthians 11:2: For I [the Apostle Paul] am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3: 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.

Romans 11:11: I say then, "Have they [the Jewish people] stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall - salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy."

Examples of JEALOUSY

1. Children in the home can be very jealous over the new baby arriving because they feel left out when the mother has to devote a lot of attention to that newcomer. They are known to strike at and hurt the baby, even to smother it.
2. There can be jealousy amongst sweethearts and they can get into a rage and become violent. Have you heard of cases where pulling of hair, by you know who, because of jealousy?
3. Parents can become very jealous over their daughter's boyfriend or son's sweetheart.
4. Pastors have become jealous over the attention given to their evangelist.
5. Politicians often become jealous over rivals to public office. King Saul was very jealous of David and tried to pin him to the wall with his spear several times.

THERE IS VICTORY OVER ENVY and JEALOUSY

Galatians 5:24: And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Ephesians 4:22-23: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

15. THE FLESHLY NATURE – The fifteenth ugly sin of murder

SCRIPTURES forbidding the committing of this crime

Matthew 15:19a: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, . . .

Matthew 19:18: Jesus said, "Thou shalt do no murder . . ."

1 John 3:15: Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Revelation 9:21: *Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

Revelation 21:8: *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

16. DRUNKENNESS – The sixteenth sin manifesting in the flesh

THEME: Almighty God's Commandments concerning intoxicating drinks, and boozers.

1 Peter 5:8: *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

1 Peter 1:13: *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

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

Luke 21:34-36: *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting [over eating, gluttony], and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day [The Tribulation] come upon you unawares.*

³⁵ *For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.*

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.*

Romans 13:13: *Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness . . .*

Luke 1:15: *[speaking of John the Baptist] For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink . . .*

Proverbs 20:1: *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*

Amos 2:11a & 12a:

^{11a} *And I raised up of your sons for prophets . . .*

^{12a} *But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink . . .*

Habakkuk 2:15a: *Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, . . .*

1 Timothy 3:2a & 3a: ^{2a} *A bishop then must be blameless . . .*

^{3a} *Not given to wine . . .*

QUESTION: Do these Scriptures curdle your blood?

I surely hope not!!! They are, "Thus Saith The Lord!" Out of love for our souls, the Lord is warning us against the devil's Fire Water, this Liquid Damnation. In this permissive society, some Christians say, "A little social drinking, with moderation, never hurt anybody."

This is not the way the Bible speaks, but contradictory to the Word of God.

Now listen:

QUESTION: Do you recall King Belshazzar?

He had a big banquet for his lords and ladies. In the midst of their revellings, he ordered his servants to bring the Golden and Silver Vessels which were used in the Temple in Jerusalem, but became the spoils of war when Nebuchadnezzar came and captured the Holy City. King Belshazzar poured wine into them and they celebrated the feast with a new fling of revelry. God Almighty was so incensed by this desecration of these Holy Vessels the He brought immediate judgment down upon them.

Our bodies, also, are God's vessels and if we pour booze into them we are desecrating these bodies of ours, which are the temples of the Lord. We are

in serious trouble with the Lord by doing contrary to all His commandments against drinking booze.

LISTEN to

1 Corinthians 6:9b-10:

^{9b} Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

17. REVELLINGS – The seventeenth sinful work of the flesh

The Holy Spirit places this last one right beside drunkenness because it is associated with boxing it up, only now, on a more massive and hilarious scale.

QUESTION: Revellings???? What's that?

ANSWER/DEFINITION: It means: a noisy carousing and heavy drinking parties, loud and boisterous merry-making because people are intoxicated and getting things out of hand.

SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 4:1-4: Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

² That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the Will of God.

³ For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

⁴ Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

SUMMARY

Review the Outline – Three facts about the flesh

TEXT:

Galatians 5:17-24: *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

¹⁸ *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the Law.*

¹⁹ *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

²⁰ *Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

²¹ *Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

²³ *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

²⁴ *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*



1. First Fact about the Flesh:

What the flesh does against the Holy Spirit and our Spirit

Galatians 5:17: *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

2. Second Fact about the Flesh:

What the flesh does, how it manifests itself

Galatians 5:19-21: *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

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3. Third Fact about the Flesh:

What action Christians are to take against the flesh

Galatians 5:24: *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

The Christian is responsible to take scriptural action against the flesh.

Since we are the Lord's property now, for we are not our own, we are bought with a price of Jesus' vicarious sacrificial death on Calvary to redeem us from all sin.

We are now instructed to crucify the Flesh with its Affections and Lusts.

QUESTION: Have you done this? Have you obeyed the Word on this Commandment? If not, why not?

QUESTION: What is this "Flesh" thing which is to be crucified?

ANSWER: It has reference to those seventeen sins of the flesh which are recorded in Galatians 5:19-21. These sins of the flesh are deadly, for they not only barricade us from the Kingdom of God, but they will send us reeling to the regions of the doomed and damned. That is an awesome fate for those who disobey the Word.

TAKE NOTICE:

We can know for sure when and if we have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts by going down the check list to see if we are committing those fleshly sins, or not.

Jesus said:

Mark 7:18b: . . . *whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him.*

He has reference to what we eat, for it goes into the stomach and passes through and out of the body.

Then the Lord Jesus said this:

Mark 7:20-23: That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

²² Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

²³ All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

We cannot get into Heaven, in the pearly gates, being defiled. We must be clean. The one and only safeguard against our affections from being deteriorated and corrupted is Christians living the Crucified Life.

Self Crucifixion is a choice which you and I have to make on our own. That is why our text said, ***And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.***

The Lord Jesus told us in

Luke 9:23b: If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

It is something we are to do on our own. We are not forced into the Crucified Life. It is a decision which He calls on us to decide, to make on our own. The Lord will never take us by the nap of the neck and compel us to deny our old sweet self, or take up the cross daily – to follow Him.

We will do well to remember that following Jesus is so important to each and every child of God. For Jesus said in:

John 10:27-28: *My sheep hear My Voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: ²⁸ And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My Hand.*



QUESTION: Did it occur to you that in following Jesus:

Psalms 23:3: *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.*

ANSWER: Those then who are professing to be the followers of Christ and are living in sin cannot be truly following Christ. For

Hebrews 1:9a: *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; . . .*

He leads only in the paths of righteousness.

In

Isaiah 33:15-16a: *He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; ^{16a} He shall dwell on high: . . .*

In

Isaiah 35:8a: *And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it;*

In

Psalm 15:1-5: Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy Holy Hill?

² He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

³ He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but He honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

⁵ He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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