

WHAT IS WOMAN THAT MAN SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF HER?

TEXT:

1 Corinthians 11:4-6:

⁴ Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

⁵ But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

⁶ For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

1 Corinthians 11:14-15:

¹⁴ Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

¹⁵ But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

CONTEXT:

Psalms 8:4: *What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?*

INTRODUCTION:

To understand is everything and to misunderstand causes more trouble than any other thing we can mention. The Word of God is God's truth about everything. It is within reach of all of us. It must not be mixed with the words of man.

The Word of God must not be adulterated, in other words. It must be kept pure. We must not mix it with the opinions of our own thinking. So let us quote it like God wrote it.

WHAT IS WOMAN THAT MAN SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF HER?

For, the man is not of the woman, but **the woman is of the man**. Follow me very closely now, for the Word of the Lord is going to straighten out a few of you sisters and brothers.

My precious brothers and sisters in Christ, God wants you to **know the relationship that exists between man and woman** so you can put your heads together and be happy. To show unto man the mutual love that should exist between him and his wife, God's Word compares this union to that which exists between Christ and His church.

Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it;

He uses a parable to make the truth most simple and plain. Man should love his wife and so cherish her and care for her that she would have no need to spoil. She should be holy and pure before him, as the Church is to be holy unto Christ.

Holy or unleavened things do not spoil. Check for yourself the spiritual meaning concerning leaven as in:

1 Corinthians 5:6-8:

⁶ Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

⁷ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our pass over is sacrificed for us:

⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Paul says in Ephesians 5:28-29: that the husband is to love his wife as his own body.

Ephesians 28:28-29:

²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

If a man loves his wife, he loves himself. Isn't that something?

It also says that no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but *nourisheth* and *cherisheth* it, even as Christ does the Church. When you, sir, don't love your wife, you don't love yourself. This is what the Bible tells us. The Bible also tells us how the man and the woman became one flesh.

Genesis 2:21-25:

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called 'Woman', because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



Matthew 19:5: And said, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"

It was the first operation ever performed, and God did it. It took place when God opened up the side of Adam and took out a rib, and made a woman and brought her unto Adam. Immediately, Adam recognized her and said: ***This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.*** She shall be called 'Woman' because she was taken out of man.

TAKEN OUT OF MAN

This is what God records in His Word, and this is the reason man is not a by product of the woman; but ***the woman is of the man.*** Remember that.

A good many people are under the impression that the woman was first. No! The man was first and instead of the woman being the mother of the man the FIRST man, Adam, is the mother of the FIRST woman, Eve - or the woman's mother.

Keep that in your mind, and I know that from the smiles on your faces when you are reading this, you will not forget this and maybe never let me forget that we said it.

Keep this in your minds and do not forget it. This is true, sisters, because you first came out of man. Therefore, God instituted marriage, by causing man and woman to be jointed together that they might become one again.

The Bible calls it one flesh.



The magnetic power of love,

when regulated by the Word of God,

is the best and only preventative to divorce

and irregular affections, which are sins.

Then, God established a LAW and said that He would judge them if they broke the Law.

The Law of Marriage
Instituted by the Lord God:

Hebrews 13:4: Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers GOD WILL JUDGE.

God does not desire the man or the woman to be kept apart. Thereby, He warns them against *the sin of fornication which is the abuse of the Divine Law.*


1 Corinthians 7:2-5:

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that satan tempt you not for your incontinency.



Abuse
Of
God's
Divine
Law

You don't need but one good look at the Word of God to know, Mr. Man, after you marry you are not to hang around the clubs at night as you did before you were married. You belong with your wife.

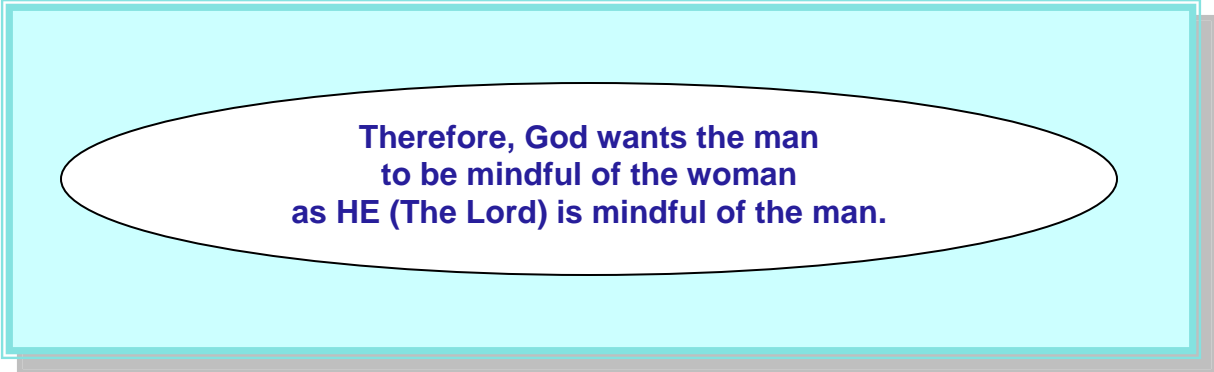
You may put a lot of over-stuffed furniture in that house of yours, but that stuff will not satisfy a woman's heart. She wants you. This is the reason the Bible says:

1 Corinthians 7:3: Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

It is a fifty-fifty proposition. God says so, and that one word "Due" might, in some cases, be translated Past Due Benevolence.

Therefore, regardless to what you think, Mr. Man, and Mrs. Woman, God has written His Word for your learning and tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:7 and 9 that He is interested in happiness for both of you.

Out of the man, God made the woman in the likeness of the man.



**Therefore, God wants the man
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Therefore, God wants the man to be mindful of the woman as HE (the Lord) is mindful of the man. Man is the glory of the Lord and the woman is man's glory.

1 Corinthians 11:7, 9:

⁷ For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

⁹ Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

Now, I am talking to you precious saints of God, for you to get this picture straight so you can understand it, and I feel it will benefit you both in every way and for your greater happiness. Just like the children are the glory of both parents, so is the woman of the man, and the man of the Lord; but when a child is born out of wedlock, it is in sin and fornication, and is a shame to the man and the woman. Most of the time, he will leave the child, and it will be a little harder for the woman to do so for it is a shame to her, also. If she feels her love too strong to desert the tiny innocent bundle of life, she will often bear her shame for years to come. But when a child is born in wedlock, it is the praise of both mother and the father in the community.

Why is man concerned about woman?

God created her for him, and gave her to him as a help mate (not to hinder him). Many women are not as virtuous as men would have them to be, because the man has spoiled them. Women are lovely creatures, created so to be a blessing to the man and a source of inspiration in his struggle for survival.

Both men and women must be taught by God how to conduct themselves in order to be pleasing unto the Lord. It is the devil who has taught both how to rebel against God as you will well remember from the Garden of Eden. If you will recall, the woman was deceived by satan; but not the man. Adam willfully and deliberately practiced that which was not right. It constituted rebellion against the Lord and His Commandments. This defiance against God's Word is as visible today in some men as in some women.

Men want to wear their hair long, which is contrary to God's Word. One half of the eleventh chapter of 1 Corinthians is devoted to the setting forth of God's standard of personal appearance for both sexes. The Lord would not have allotted this much space in His Word to the hair question if it was unimportant. The Lord, alone, sets forth the standard; and those who are His true, loving, and obedient children will set the right example before each other, by following it to the letter.

Why was such a commandment given? [It is a Love test.](#)

John 14:15: If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.

John 15:10: If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's Commandments, and abide in His love.

Those who are truly following Jesus will do the things that Jesus says, if they really love Him.

Jesus asked this question of some professing Christians:

Luke 6:46: “And why call ye Me, ‘Lord, Lord’, and do not the things which I say?”



The Importance of Our Obedience

Listen now to what Jesus THEN said which shows the importance of our obedience:

Luke 6:47-49:

⁴⁷ Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

⁴⁸ He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

⁴⁹ But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

You can see that disobedience is rebellion against God. It is a sign of sin in the heart. It is an indication that the soul is departing from the Lord. It is an indication that such a person does not really love the Lord with all his heart.

Remember beloved, that Jesus is the author of Eternal Salvation to them that obey Him. So the Bible says in no uncertain terms in:

Hebrews 5:9: And being made perfect, He became the author of Eternal Salvation unto all them that obey Him;

When God told Adam not to eat of the one and only tree in the Garden which was forbidden of God, was that a trifle? Satan will help us to believe that all the Bible is a trifle if we allow him to do so.



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

Satan would have us believe that any sin is nothing more than having a little fun. It is merely a trifle, and like straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, satan will always minimize sin and even give you a temporary thrill while committing evil.

God's Command is:

Romans 12:2a: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,

The World sets its own standards and be sure of this: those standards are opposite to what God's Word is and contrary to it. When sinners out there in the world go contrary to the Word of the Lord, we can expect that. Why? - Because they belong to satan and are the enemies of God. However, remaining an enemy does not have to continue if one asks for forgiveness from the Lord.

Romans 5:10: For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Colossians 1:21: And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled.

When I claim to be a child of God and rebelliously conform to the world's standards of rebellion and defiance of God, I am joining ranks with the ungodly against the Lord. I am blaspheming the Word of God by my disobedience.

God warns that being a friend of the world is being the enemy of God as in:

James 4:4: 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.

My attitude toward the world will reveal itself in my patterning after it; or by my refusing to conform to its system. This fact is so stated in:

1 John 2:15: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

God expects and wants us, who are His children, to be different from and separated from the world's fashions, fellowship, its sins and its shame.

Our love for Christ will cause us to want to obey His Word and do those things which are pleasing to Him.

1 John 3:22: And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

The Law Written on the Heart



I told you previously that this Commandment is a Love Test. Here is the way Jesus put it in:

John 14:21-23:

²¹ “He that hath My Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.”

²² Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, “how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world?”

²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, “If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.”

God doesn't look at the outward appearance of people but at the heart. And I will quote 1 Samuel 16:7 to back it up.

1 Samuel: 16:7:



But the LORD said unto Samuel, “Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

Consider the Lord looking on the heart of Jehudi as he took a penknife and cut pages of the book which contained the Words of the Lord casting them into the fire:

Jeremiah 36:21-23:

21 So the king [Jehoiakim] sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves [of the roll], he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

Start in at Genesis 3:7 for these fig leaf clothes on Adam and Eve did not suit God. God saw them as naked in His sight.

Genesis 3:7: And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.



Then in Exodus 20:24-26, God showed concern speaking to Moses for the exposure at the altar of their bodily nakedness.

Exodus 20:24-26:

24 “An altar of earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy Burnt Offerings, and thy Peace Offerings, thy sheep, and

thine oxen: in all places where I record My Name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

²⁵ And if thou wilt make Me an Altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

²⁶ Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto Mine Altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.”

While you are at it, maybe you can chop out Zephaniah 1:8 and then 1 Timothy 2:9-10 along with 1 Peter 3:3-6.

Zephaniah 1:8: And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

1 Timothy 2:9-10:

⁹ In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

¹⁰ But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1 Peter 3:3-6:

³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

⁴ But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

⁵ For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own

husbands:

⁶ Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.



Now toss into your operation this sticky hairy problem in 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 while you are at it. Then we can all breathe a little

more easily and no feelings of ill will would ever arise between pastor and flock; or betwixt man and his God.

1 Corinthians 11:1-16:

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the Ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the Head of the woman is the man; and the Head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his Head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her Head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the Image and Glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

NO!!! Absolutely not! This is no way to treat God's precious Holy Word. God does look at our outward appearance, or else He would not have written all these instructions and restrictions on our attire.

The personal appearance which God does not look at, as mentioned in 1 Samuel 16:7, is that outward fleshy presentation of the tall, dark, and handsome man. This is the type of man that Saul was, and also some of the elder brothers of David. It does not have reference to the clothing, but only to his body stature and his personality.

Maybe it would help you to learn of the leader of the flock's responsibility to the Lord in discharging this responsibility for your souls:

Hebrews 13:7, 17:



⁷ Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

¹⁷ Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Some of you, I know, have been moved by our sincerity in speaking on this touchy subject. You know of the necessity of your obedience to the Word, but it is so hard to comply completely. You have come up with a sort of compromise offer. Both you men and ladies have used this very same argument, saying: 'I will partly comply with the Scriptures and will trim it and style it.' This is the very same way Pharaoh tried to get Moses to compromise with God's Word. However, this is what Moses said to that big king:

Exodus 10:26: Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Moses would not sell God short, nor compromise; for he would not bow or bend to the king's terms. How can I?

So men folk, God wants me to let you know it is a shame for you to have long hair.

1 Corinthians 11:14: Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

LADIES: If you cut your hair, you are dishonoring your head.

1 Corinthians 11:5-6:

⁵ But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her Head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

⁶ For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

God looks at you for doing it as though you were shaven or bald headed. You know how anyone who is a woman feels about having a bald head. It is a source of shame and embarrassment. Your hair was given to you for a covering by God. When you chop off some of it, you are robbing yourself of your glory

1 Corinthians 11:15: But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

You are also breaking God's heart.

Our personal appearance speaks louder than the words of our heart's consecration. It also very often contradicts our profession. We say that we love the Lord, but in works we deny Him.

Titus 1:16: They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

The real cure for the long haired men and short haired ladies is not at the barber shop or the beauty parlor, but an old fashioned altar of prayer. The altar has altered many a rebellious heart so beautifully that peace and harmony resulted and the full blessing of the Lord comes to those who completely surrender to the Will of God, which is written in His Word.

In conclusion: The question also of me in the compromising effort is: Preacher how long is long and how short is short? Remember preacher that some people's hair grows longer than others. My answer to both of these questions is simple:

MEN: your hair is too long when you don't cut it.

LADIES: your hair is too short when you cut it.

Amen?? Ouch!! Or OH ME!! I know that there are some of you like Custer's Last Stand will strike back with a tone of resentment and say: "Well, what did Paul mean then in verse sixteen of 1 Corinthians¹¹..., which says: ***But if any man seem to be contentious, we have NO such custom, neither the churches of God.***" I would like to first hear your opinion of its meaning. It would be interesting to see how clever a lawyer you are. I know what some other people have told me already. They say: "To avoid contentions, and disagreements in the church which might lead to church splits, and to keep peace and harmony in the churches, just do as you feel to be right; to each his own conviction on this "hairy" question."

There is only one thing wrong with this reasoning. That is: it is wrong. You see, the Lord would not have taken one half of a chapter in His Word to set in order before us how He wants us to do, and then because we chaffed at it or rebelled against His Standards, to just throw the whole thing out the window and just forget it. If this was the correct interpretation, then the Lord would not have bothered to put it in His Word in the first place. God already knows how the human heart will react to any and all of His Word.

What Paul is saying here is this: IF any of you are contentious and want to argue over the length of the hair using compromising offers . . . we have no such custom. In other words: No compromises. Then he concludes the scripture with: ***neither the churches of God.*** This shows that the same standard holds true in all the churches of God and not alone applied to this church at Corinth. It is the universal statute for all churches everywhere.

All I can say to the Word of God is: AMEN! What do you say? Is it Ouch or OH me? If it is, "Amen", then I know you have the victory and are really walking in the light, and love of the Lord with all your heart. If it's OH ME, then I have to say with the Apostle Paul: 'I stand in doubt of you.' Only carnal Christians are compromisers with the devil and the world.

Galatians 4:11, 20:

¹¹ I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

²⁰ I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

Galatians 3:1: O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Romans 7:7-14:

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.

⁸ But sin, taking occasion by the Commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the Law sin was dead.

⁹ For I was alive without the Law once: but when the Commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

¹⁰ And the Commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

¹¹ For sin, taking occasion by the Commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

¹² Wherefore the Law is Holy, and the Commandment Holy, and just, and good.

¹³ Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the Commandment might become exceeding sinful.

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

What is woman that man should be mindful of her?

A Christian man will look upon her with loving respect and admiration when she meekly and humbly obeys the Word as a real child of God. And you, dear sisters, can look at your man with admiration and true respect, which are the main ingredients in genuine love; and you will honor him only when you see him submitting to God's Word.

Best of all, God will smile on all of us together when we obey, but if we go contrary to His Word, then He will go contrary to us. We will have the unhappy consequences to face which are found in:

Deuteronomy 11:26-28:

²⁶ Behold, I set before you this day a Blessing and a curse;

27 A blessing, if ye obey the Commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the Commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

2 Corinthians 5:10: For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.



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