

Contend for the Faith

Session 2: Living the Good Lie

What happens when you try to defy natural laws? The law of gravity for instance? The same thing happens when you try to defy Spiritual laws.

Isaiah 55 says that Gods way always works. It produces peace. It is incorruptible. Nothing can keep it from producing. Anything that defies that way is corruptible. It will fail. It can not produce fruit like God's way can because it comes from a different seed. **1 Peter 1:23-25**

Under the Old Covenant, when the law was violated, guilt and condemnation was the product. Returning to law thinking after receiving the knowledge of the truth (we are sanctified by God and preserved in Jesus) revives the principles of judgement, condemnation and guilt.

Why do you suppose most Christians are led by guilt and condemnation? They are a product of their belief system. **Matthew 7:16-20** a good tree always produces good fruit and a bad tree always produces bad fruit.

John 15:

Why does the law creep back in? We don't practice what we preach! We defy spiritual laws.

Jude and **2 Peter** give examples of those who have defied spiritual laws.

The Israelites coming out of Egypt

Jude 1:5 *I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the*

people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed (**lost**) them that believed not. **Hebrews 3:10,18,19**

Jude 1:5 Amplified Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].

The Israelites were delivered from Egypt [from the bondage of the world's system] and yet after they were delivered, they turned back to the things that they were delivered from. It was not God who destroyed them. It was the corruption or the false system that they turned back to.

Angels

A portion of the Angels defied the spiritual law of their creation. **Hebrews 1:4,5,13,14** God created the Angels to be ministering spirits to those who inherit salvation. The Angels were not created to inherit the name of the Father. Jesus was the heir of his father and he inherited his Father's name. We also inherited the name of the Father through Jesus and were given dominion over everything that God had created.

Isaiah 14:13-14 Satan wanted the position that God created us to have. In fact he said I will exalt my throne above God. One third of the angels fell with Satan.

Jude 1:6 *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [rank, position], he hath reserved in everlasting chains (an impediment or disability) under darkness (lack of spiritual understanding) until the judgment of the great day. (The day the error will be exposed for what it is)*

Isa 14:15 *Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell (the world of the spiritually dead) , to the sides of the pit.(prison)*

Isaiah 14:20 *thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.*

Genesis 3:14 **Satan defied God and this was the result:**
You will crawl on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

God was telling Satan that he would never partake of spiritual things. He was limited to corruptible things that would pass away!

Sodom and Gomorrah

Jude 1:7 *Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

Sodom and Gomorraha gave themselves over to fornication. They defied the natural laws of the flesh and lusted for unnatural intimate relationships and they were destroyed.

We commit spiritual fornication by defying spiritual laws. When we call unclean what God has called clean, we do that. When we contradict God's spoken word concerning our spiritual nature, it is a type and shadow of going after *strange flesh*. When we defy spiritual laws by replacing them with false doctrines according to the flesh, we reap the judgment that comes with placing our confidence in the flesh. God's Word is incorruptible. It can't be altered. Anything that contradicts God's Word will come to nothing because it is corruptible. That false picture or word will be judged according to the truth and it will be exposed for what it is.

Jeremiah 23:29 *Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*

2 Peter 2:6 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;*

7 *And delivered just Lot, **vexed with the filthy conversation of** the wicked:*

We are vexed (harassed) with filthy spiritual conversation.

When I was little my mother washed out my brother's and my mouth with soap for our filthy conversation and for taking the name of the Lord in vain. We took our punishment and promised never to do it again. Is this what we are talking about?

New Covenant filthy conversation involves speaking things as though we were still under the law. We take the name of the Lord in vain when we act as though we don't have a savior and it has consequences.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself (**give up confidence you have in your flesh**), and take up his cross (**self denial**), and follow me. **25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

We need to contend for our faith. If we find ourself in a fault it is because we have forgotten that we are sanctified by God and that We are preserved by Jesus.

2 Peter 1:8-9,12

2Peter 2:20 *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the*

*beginning. **2:21** For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*

Sin according to the Old Covenant was based on improper actions of the flesh according to the law of commandments.

Sin according to the New Covenant is based on defying or denying spiritual laws by going back to the things of the Old Covenant.

Sin- to miss the mark (**by defying God's way**) and not share in the prize.

When we revert to Old Testament principles we begin to experience the fruit that goes with that belief system.

Godly conversation involves acknowledging everything in you in Christ Jesus.

Philemon 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Don't deny who you are! It will keep you from experiencing the things of the kingdom.

Romans 14:17 *the kingdom is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

