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# Backsliding

PET 1:5-10

I. Backsliding is a Biblical expression, and is used about fifteen times in the bible - twelve times by Jeremiah alone to describe the condition of Israel.

1.) Def: To slide back; to lapse morally.

II. We are warned against backsliding

1.) Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

a.) Dieting

b.) Be alert at all times or temptations will overpower us.

2.) Heb 3:12-15 pg 1273 ~~245~~

a.) Beware of our own hearts leading us away from God. Help each other aby talking about it, before the "glamor" of sin turns you completely away from God.

3.) I Cor 10:12 Wherefore ~~let~~ him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

a.) Roller skating looks easy until you try it for the first time

b.) Don't ever say that you will not fall into sin.

c.) The desires of this life are not new or different. No temptation is irresistible. Trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong you can't stand up against it. He can show you how to escape temptation's power and bear up patiently against it.

1.) You have to be willing to follow the rules He sets down.

Christian Graces

4.) ~~II~~ Pet 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

a.) Work hard to prove that you are among those that God has called.

b.) DID YOU HEAR HIM CALL? WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING?

III. Examples of Backsliding

1.) Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

a.) Some of the Galatians were falling back to the Jewish laws and ceremonies. Paul was ~~chastising~~ them for falling back.

SIMON - LAYING ON OF HANDS. OFFERED MONEY

2.) Acts 8:18-23 pg ~~1159~~ 1160

a.) Money can buy most anything on earth, but it can't buy your way into the grace of God.

3.) II Tim 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens is gone to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

a.) Demas loved the good things of this life.

4.) Rev 2:4-5 pg 1306 ~~1271~~ ~~3004~~

a.) Warning the Ephesians to turn back to following God.

IV. Results of Backsliding

1.) Mat 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

a.) salt shaker - moisture - hardens and will not shake out.

b.) If temptation gets the best of us and hardens our hearts, then our usefulness as Christians is destroyed.

2.) Lk 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

3.) II Pet 2:20-22 pg ~~120 105 12~~ 94

a.) By turning back into the world that person is worse off than if he were not a member.

4.) II Cor 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ~~ye~~ ye recieve not the grace of God in vain.

a.) Everyone ~~looses~~

A.) Local congregation loses a member

B.) God loses ~~of~~ a worker

C.) The brethren loses a brother or sister

D.) The community loses a Christian's influence

E.) Backslider loses his soul

b.) John 15:1-10 pg ~~1141~~ 1141

A.) A branch can not produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, neither can we be fruitful away from ~~the~~ the Church.

DAY OF JUDGMENT "BRANCHES" WILL BE BURNED IF THEY ARE DEAD OR UNFRUITFUL.

V. Your attitude toward the Backslider

1.) Restore him in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself. - Your shoes. it could be you.

a.) Gal 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.

2.) Convert him

a.) James 5:19-20 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him

know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

A.) If anyone has fallen back from God and someone helps him back to God, will have saved his soul from death.

* ~~b.) Mat 18:15-17~~ pg 1035

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II. How to prevent Backsliding

1.) Adding Christian Graces

a.) II Pet 1:5-10 pg 1293

2.) Partake of the proper "food" to grow ~~by~~ by

a.) I Pet 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

A.) Read the word, think about it at all times and grow strong with it.

GET YOUR NOURISHMENT FROM THE WORD-

3.) Watch and Pray

a.) Mat 26:41 (Repeat) Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

A.) One slip and the devil will have us.

B.) Keep on the armour of righteousness.

4.) Take heed

(Repeat) a.) I Cor 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

A) Watch how you live in this life. Don't ever say "It could happen to me." Everyday that we don't pick the Bible up and study it, we are backsliding.

SLOTHFULL ON BIBLE JOB - FIRED

SLOTHFULL IN GODS WORK - FIRED

FAITH

REPENT

CONFESS

BAPTIZED