

REJECTION OF GOD'S WORD ALWAYS BRINGS

Wrath



Found within the pages of God's Book, the Bible, are many references to men and women rejecting the revealed word of God.

Zechariah 7:7-14

"Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain? And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate."

This is just one of the many examples of where God's people, Israel, refused to listen and obey God's word. Because of their disobedience, God brought his wrath upon them and their land. It is very important to understand that God's judgments often included the land of Israel. See verse 14 above.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 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 this portion of scripture we see that principle clearly stated. Rejection of God's word will always bring the judgment of God. However, let me remind you of another fact found within these verses. God directed His comments about His coming judgment to His people: the nation of Israel, the people of God. What we must accept is that God deals very harshly with His people when His people reject God's word. One portion of scripture that is very explicit concerning how God feels about His people needing to keep their hearts and minds close to God is:

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.

Today, the people of God are those people who have been born again. Yes, the people of God, those that are part of the family of God, are those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Saviour. They have been born again and are part of God's family. They have gone from just being a part of the family of man to also becoming a part of the family of God. Have you been born again? Are you in the family of God?

John 1:12-13

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 3:3

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:7

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

We must be born again to "*see the kingdom of God*." We must receive Him, Jesus Christ the LORD, to become "*sons of God*:" to become part of the family of God.

The Barna Group does extensive research on what people believe. One of their recent survey's revealed that **only 9%** of those who called themselves "born-again Christians" actually had a "Biblical World View." Mr. Barna and his people defined a "Biblical World View" as: "*The definition (of a Biblical Worldview) requires someone to believe that absolute moral truth exists; that the source of moral truth is the Bible; that the Bible is accurate in all of the principles it teaches; that eternal spiritual salvation cannot be earned; that Jesus lived a sinless life on earth; that every person has a responsibility to share their religious beliefs with others; that Satan is a living force, not just a symbol of evil; and that God is the all-knowing, all-powerful maker of the universe who still rules that creation today.*"

The above stated truths are what we could call, "*no-brainers*" for those of us who believe the word of God in fundamental circles. Yet, Mr. Barna discovered that only

9% of the "people of God" believed these simple, fundamental truths. **Why? I believe it is because these "people of God" have rejected God's word.**

How have they rejected God's word? By accepting the premise that the Authorized Version of the scriptures is flawed and needs to be updated and corrected. In many articles and many messages, I and dozens of men much more qualified than I am, have shown conclusively that the KJV is the perfect, infallible, authoritative, word of God in the English language and does not need correction. In fact, correcting the perfect word of God is an egotistical exercise in unbelief. Yet, it goes on daily in "Christian" circles. From preachers in the pulpit, laymen in the pews and general overall Christianity we are inundated with corrections and innuendos that the AV1611 is just not right in this verse or that verse. The word is changed or removed under the auspices of finding a more "correct reading." You virtually cannot pick up a modern book about the Bible without being confronted with the perceived need to update and correct the KJV. "Christian" book stores are running over with perversions of the Bible, churches that used to be fundamental and solid in their stand for the word of God have moved away from the KJV, organizations that used to fearlessly proclaim the scriptures have adopted a watered down version of the Bible, and Bible Colleges and universities use everything but God's word in their classrooms. The KJB is condemned as containing an unfortunate translation here or a mistaken translation there. Here is an excerpt from a letter by a good, fundamental man, Dave Hunt, which illustrates my point:

*"The KJV is God's Word. **Though there may be a minor error here or there, comparing other verses dealing with the same subject will make it quite clear.**"*

If the KJV is the word of God for the English-speaking people of God, and I know that it is, then correcting it or casting doubt on its authority is nothing more than a rejection of God's word by God's people and will bring the wrath of God upon the people and the land. The devil's subtle attack on the word of God has caused the people of God to reject the word of God under the guise of having a "better translation" of the scriptures. This is lethal to the health of America and indeed the spiritual health of the entire world. Christianity is no longer having an uplifting and positive impact on society because God's real word has been rejected. We see the effects all around us. The USA and the world can no longer discern between good and evil. It takes wisdom from the word of God to be able to discern what is right or wrong.

Hebrews 5:12-14

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

God's people have been fed pabulum instead of the meat of God's word and are unable to be the salt and light of this world. Even lost people have seen the insanity going on in our country and wondered what could be the reason. The reason is that we no longer have God's word except in small pockets of Christianity that still believe the AV 1611. Earthquakes, floods, storms and other natural disasters abound as God reminds us that He is not happy. Wars and conflicts rage which consume our greatest natural resource, our young men and women, with ever increasing numbers. The very things that God has warned us would happen if we reject His word are happening everywhere, and yet, few realize the reason. We must get back to the Bible or continue to suffer the guaranteed consequence of rejection of God word.

2 Kings 22:13

"Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us."

Jeremiah 6:19

"Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it."

Repeatedly in the word of God, we see this principle stated. Rejection of God's law, His commandments, His precepts, brings His wrath upon His people.

Hebrews 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Romans 10:17

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

As we see from these verses, it is impossible to please God without faith and faith comes from God's word. Therefore, if we do not have the infallible, preserved word of God, if all we have are corrupt, perverted versions, then it is impossible to be pleasing to God. However, God has kept His word, He has preserved His word-in the Authorized Version.

Psalm 12:6-7

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

Please consider the solemn words of this little tract and repent of the rejection of God's word if you have been duped into using a perversion of the scriptures. The revision committee of the 1880's supplanted the Greek scriptures with the powerless words of men and all English versions since then are based upon these scurrilous

Greek texts. That is why the church has no effect upon the world around us. It is only the word of God that changes the heart of man and essentially we have books called Bibles that only contain some of the words of God but are not THE word of God. Consider the following words penned to the church at Laodecia in:

Revelation 3:17-19

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

Listen to the Lord Jesus as He admonishes the Laodecian Church. Be zealous for God's word and repent of using the powerless versions in your lives. If you have never been "born again" then repent and trust Jesus as your Saviour.

Romans 10:10-11

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Romans 10:13

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."