

**FOLLOWING HIS STEPS II**

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VOWS	EXAMPLE	SINNED
SINOFFERING	RANSOM	PROPITIATION
GUILE	MOUTH	DECEIT
SNARE	SPEECH	REVEILED
LANGUAGE	NATHANAEL	PUTAWAY
TEACHING	IMITATORS	WALK

**Notes**

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**Welcome**

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

**Website**

**Meeting Location**

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**Nation's Decline in Moral Conduct XII**

The answers to David's questions, "Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" should be of great value to any seeking to do the same. David outlined negative, as well as positive characteristics that will create in the reader a soul searching. As we consider David's fifth positive characteristic, let us not lose sight of our own condition.

Our consideration appeals to the last of the "positive" characteristics of those who sojourn in Jehovah's tabernacle, who dwell in His holy hill, namely he "That sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not."

This type of person is true to his promises and vows. The "Preacher" said, "When thou voweth a vow unto God, Cont. Pg. 2

defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou vowest. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands?" (Ecclesiastes 5:4-6). In like manner, Moses said, "When thou shalt vow a vow unto Jehovah thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it: for Jehovah thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee, but if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt observe and do; according as thou hast vowed unto Jehovah thy God, a freewill-offering, which thou hast promised with thy mouth" (Deuteronomy 23:21-23).

What we say and what we do carries a great weight before Jehovah. Solomon set forth two principles concerning the tongue, when he said, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely" (Proverbs 10:19), and "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21). When the Apostle Peter wrote concerning the use of the tongue, quoting the Psalmist, he said, "For, He that would love life, And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips that they speak no guile: And let him turn away from evil, and do good; Let him seek peace, and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:10-12). Can it be said of you, he "swareth to his own hurt, and changeth not"?

The Psalmist, David, concluded his evaluation of those who will sojourn in Jehovah's tabernacle, who dwell in Jehovah's holy hill with these words, "He that doeth these things shall never be moved." ret

## Following His Steps II

1 Pet. 2:18-25; Phil. 4:9

### I. Christians Are Called to Suffer:

- A. Example – "a copy set by writing-masters for their pupils"
- B. Jesus as an example: Rom. 15:1-3 – Pleased not himself

### II. Jesus Our Example: 1 Pet 2

- A. "Who did no sin," vs. 22
  - 1. 2 Cor. 5:21 – Paul said, he "knew no sin:
  - 2. 1 Jn. 3:5 – John said, "in him is no sin"
  - 3. This one who had not sinned:
    - a. Matt. 20:28 – gave His life for a ransom.
    - b. 2 Cor. 5:21 – was made a sin offering.
    - c. 1 Jn. 2:1-2 – was a propitiation for our sins.
- B. "Neither was guile found in his mouth," Vs.22
  - 1. guile – "bait, snare, deceit" (W. E. Vines) 2 Cor. 11:3
  - 2. Christians to put away guile:
    - a. Titus 2:1-8 – Be of sound speech
    - b. 1 Pet. 2:1-2 – Put away guile
    - c. Jn. 1:47 – Nathanael...
- C. "When he was reviled, reviled not again," Vs.23
  - 1. Revile - "Abusive language"
  - 2. Teaching of Jesus:
    - a. Matt. 5:11-12 – Rejoice *for my sake*
    - b. Matt. 9:23-26 – Did not return abuse
    - c. Matt. 27:27-44 – Reviled by his crucifiers
    - d. Isa. 53:7 – Opened not his mouth
  - 3. Christians to follow the example of Jesus:
    - a. 1 Cor. 4:11-13 – Reviled...bless
    - b. 1 Cor. 11:1 – Be imitators.
    - c. Phil. 3:17-21 – Mark them that so walk.

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### Solomon Says

*He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.*

Proverbs 19:26