

Preserving the Church III

Jude 3

- A. Matt. 16:18 – The Lord said, “I will build my church.”
- B. To preserve the church requires that its members are aware of conditions that oppose the purity and the preservation of the church: we want to consider a number of those conditions.

I. Discord:

- A. Acts 15:1-35 – Questions concerning circumcision.
- B. Gal. 1:1 — 2:10 – Circumcision was an issue among many.
- C. Jam. 3:13-18 - False doctrine can cause discord among the brethren, and such discord will destroy the unity of the faith, in a bond of peace.
- D. Prov. 6:16-19 – Which things Jehovah hates

II. False Brethren:

- A. Gal. 2:1-5 – False brethren privily brought in
- B. 2 Cor. 11:1-4 – Beguiled by false brethren

Why Men Refuse God

“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

John 3:19-21

Political Law

“Thus, in America conscience is recognized as being subject to no human law, and the broadest tolerable exercise of free speech, free press, and free assembly, for religious purposes, is assured...But religious freedom is not absolute, for the right is properly regarded as one of equality rather than immunity. “Its essence is freedom from conformity to religious dogma, not freedom from conformity to law because of religious dogma” (Biblical Law). So, under the cloak of religious freedom, one has no right to force his religion upon others, nor to compel another to pause on the street to listen to religious argument” (Biblical Law, H. B. Clark, pg. 73).



Challenges in Life

There are four realms that everyone encounters in life: “Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” (Lk. 2:52).

1. Individual – “wisdom and stature”
 - a. Education – “wisdom”
 - i. Prov. 24:5-6 – “A wise man is strong; Yea, a man of knowledge increaseth might. For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war; And in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.”
 - ii. Prov. 22:6 – “Train up a child in the way he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it.”
 - b. Exercise – “stature”
 - i. Prov. 19:15 – “Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.”

- ii. 1 Tim. 4:8 – “for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come.” cf. ““primarily denotes "gymnastic exercise" (akin to A, No. 1), 1 Tim. 4:8, where the immediate reference is probably not to mere physical training for games but to discipline of the body such as that to which the Apostle refers in 1 Cor. 9:27” Vine’s.”
- iii. 2 Sam. 22:35 – “He teacheth my hands to war, So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.”
- c. Labor:
 - i. Gen. 3:17 – “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life...”
 - ii. Eph. 4:28 – “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need.”
 - iii. Eccl. 3:13 – “And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy good in all his labor, is the gift of God.”

2. Religious – “Favor with God”
- a. Gen. 6:8 – “Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah.”
 - b. Job 1:1 - There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil.
 - c. Acts 7:45-46 – “Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered on the possession of the nations, that God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; who found favor in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob.”
3. Social – “Favor with men”
- a. 1 Tim. 3:7 – As for Bishop, “he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”
 - b. Prov. 21:1 – “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, And loving favor rather than silver and gold.”
 - c. Matt. 5:16 – “Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Are you fulfilling your obligations in life? ret



Solomon Says

Concerning Finding Wisdom

I love them that love me; And those that seek me diligently shall find me.

Prov. 8:17

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DISCORD	CUSTOM	PAUL
JERUSALEM	BARNABAS	ELDERS
QUESTIONS	JEALOUSY	FACTION
KIND	FALSE	BRETHREN
LUKEWARM	WARNING	AT EASE
CHURCH	PILLAR	GROUND
TRUTH	SPIRIT	DWELLS
GRIEVE	PROPER	ATTITUDE
PERVERT	GOSPEL	ZEALOUS
PRIVATELY	GENTILES	PREACHED
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With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading:

Acts 22:1-21, 22-30; 23:1-35
 Acts 24:1-27; 25:1-27; 26:1-32



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

A Vapor

King David once said, “Jehovah, make me to know mine end, And the measure of my days, what it is; Let me know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as handbreadths; And my life-time is as nothing before thee: Surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity” (Psalms 39:4-5). In David’s analogy of life, he refers to a “handbreadth:” that is “any unit of length based on the breadth of the human hand” or the width of the palm of the hand. The analogy emphasizes the shortness of life, which agrees with the statement of James, saying, “Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away (Jam. 4:13-17). ret