

# ***Lawless – Lawlessness?***

We see the terms Lawless and Lawlessness continually in G-d's inspired Word. We especially see it in connection to the Last Days of the End Times. Therefore, are the inspired writers of G-d's Word obsessed with "criminals" or is there a meaning that the believers and the Church seem to be missing today. Alternatively, is it something that Satan has twisted the meaning of, as he twisted the proper use of scripture when he tried in vain to tempt Jesus into sin when He was in the wilderness?

Many have a concept lawless or lawlessness applying only to the Mosaic Law (ho nomos)(Greek – ajnomival/anomia). This criteria is true only in part, as G-d's Law does give definitions of a multitude of iniquity/acts which G-d opposes and has said are not accepted conduct for His people.

Yet, the fullest concept and definition of Lawless or Lawlessness incorporates the root of lawless/lawlessness or even sin is in the very definition of rebellion against G-d Almighty. This takes into account the totality of one's life and or any specific acts that are a determined refusal to acknowledge G-d and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach in any manner whatsoever.

As we transition from the "Old Testament" to the "New Testament", we find an enlargement concerning Lawless or Lawlessness in an eschatological characteristic. The progression of Lawlessness takes on a world wide deliberate disobedience and opposition now not just G-d Almighty, but to our Lord and Savior Jesus/Yeshua.

Terms Lawless, Lawlessness, Man of Lawlessness, and Workers of Lawlessness take on added dimension concerning the time we are in right now, the Last Days of the End times. By the time that the Messiah came, the term and concept of sin had become trivialized or even worse disregarded. Thus, the relationship of sin to lawlessness is corrected and solidified.

John 3:4 is foundational correction to the relation of lawlessness to sin, "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness".

Lawlessness/Lawless is expounded on in relation to righteousness further in the New Testament as the gift of forgiveness through the Sacrifice of the Messiah, which is now in play. Thanks to Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach, our inherited sin or lawlessness is contrasted with righteousness as a condition or state of being.

1. Lawlessness is a state or condition defined by sin and sinning.
2. Righteousness as bestowed by G-d Almighty to believers, gives us the opportunities and possibilities of obedience and holiness.

We are reaching a time unparalleled and with an unprecedented level of opposition and rebellion to the Messiah, Jesus/Yeshua, and His message along with His return with judgment.

It is important to understand that no matter how small or inconsequential sin may appear, is still an act of rebellion against G-d and His standards. Rebellion is as simple as an act of doing things our way out of disbelief in what G-d has said. It is foundational in doubt – "Did G-d really say that?", "Did G-d really mean that" or "G-d doesn't really mean that".

G-d Almighty says what he means and means what He says!

Because of the forgiveness of G-d Almighty through His Son's sacrifice, we have the option and ability to "opt" out of the rebellion. Whether you understand it or not, lawlessness as rebellion is the opposite of righteousness.

Because of this, people have only two choices and the decision made and acted upon has eternal consequences. Choice is Judgment or Salvation - Rebellion or Righteousness!

Jesus talks about this choice even with the self proclaimed believers when judgment time comes: Matthew 7:21-23 (CJB) 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, only those who do what my Father in heaven wants. 22 On that Day, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord! Didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we expel demons in your name? Didn't we perform many miracles in your name?' 23 Then I will tell them to their faces, 'I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness!'

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV) 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

It is easy to see these days, where the lawlessness is in the world and more importantly in the "Church" or the Body of Christ. Are we living G-d's way with forgiveness and obedience or living in Satan's way with rebellion, even in the minutest measure.

Sadly so many are "good church going people", but are in reality Lawless and live in Lawlessness, because they don't like or believe in all that God has commanded, all that He has set standards for. they "do it" their way.

There it is food for thought and for action.  
Blessings and Shalom my Brothers and Sisters.