

MESSAGE 3-13-22
THE SONS OF GOD AND THE SONS OF BELIAL

TEXT:

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II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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Introduction: Today I am going to be looking at the term "Son's of Belial" and the term "Sons of God.." Our text says that the we, as the sons of God (or children of God), should have no concord or agreement with the sons of Belial.

There are still children of God and Children of Belial. We need to differentiate between the two. Who are they and what is the danger of intermingling between the two?

I believe that this is the greatest danger that we face in the church today. It was what destroyed the world in the days of Noah and I believe it will be the greatest thing that will produce the spiritual falling away that is predicted in the Bible. Did not Christ predict that as it were in the days of Noah so shall it be in the coming of the son of man?

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

I. DEFINITION OF THE SONS OF OF BELIAL.

Etymology of the word:

beliya`al, bel-e-yah'-al; from 1097 and 3276; without profit, worthlessness; by extens. destruction, wickedness (often in connection with 376, 802, 1121, etc.): -Belial, evil, naughty, ungodly (men), wicked.

Belial evil naughty ungodly wicked- basically good for nothing.

----- Dictionary Trace -----

beliy, bel-ee'; from 1086; prop. failure, i.e. nothing or destruction; usually (with prep.) without, not yet, because not, as long as, etc.:-

corruption, ignorantly, for lack of, where no... is, so that no, none, not, un awares, without.

ya`al, yaw-al'; a prim. root; prop. to ascend; fig. to be valuable (obj. useful, subj. benefited):-X at all, set forward, can do good, (be, have) profit (-able).

'iysh, eesh; contr. for 582 or perh. from an unused root mean. to be extant; a man as an individual or a male person; often used as an adjunct to a more definite term (and in such cases frequently not expressed in translation):-also, another, any (man), a certain, + champion, consent, each, every (one), fellow, foot-, husband- man, (good, great, mighty) man, he, high (degree), him (that is), husband, man -kind, + none, one, people, person, + steward, what (man) soever,

1. Belial (In Christian Religious Writings / Bible) a demon mentioned frequently in apocalyptic literature: identified in the Christian tradition with the devil or Satan.
2. (Non-Christian Religions / Judaism) (in the Old Testament and rabbinical literature) worthlessness or wickedness.

Means "worthless" in Hebrew. In the Old Testament this term is used to refer to various wicked people. In later Christian tradition Belial became an evil angel associated with lawlessness and lust.

Basically the word became synonymous with the devil himself and his followers. A son of Belial stands in contrast to the sons of God.

II. A DEFINITION OF THE SONS OF GOD:

THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURE THE BIBLE MENTIONS THE SONS OF BELIAL IN A DEROGATORY WAY WHILE THE TERM SONS OF GOD IS USED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TO DESCRIBE THOSE WHO RECEIVE CHRIST OR GOD'S GOOD ANGELS.

Notice the contrast between the two:

1. The Sons of God Are Mentioned as God's Saved People.

John 1:12 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:

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

I John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Even in the Old Testament, God's people were referred to as the Sons of God.

Hosea 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

2. THE TERM SONS OF GOD IS USED OF ANGELS ONLY A FEW TIMES.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Even in this case these were not fallen angels but God's anointed heavenly angels.

If indeed the word Sons of God is descriptive of God's people and children, I do not believe the sons of God mentioned in Genesis 6 were fallen angels. I believe they were the godly seed of Seth who intermarried with the ungodly children of men.

The application is that the greatest danger God's people face is to yoke up or intermarry with those who are not His people.

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Now in Genesis 6:2 some say the sons of God in this passage were fallen angels.

Genesis 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

These are the verses used to support the fallen angels idea.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Notice Satan was fallen and no longer classified as one of the sons of God.

Let me suggest that the sons of God in Genesis 6:2 were nothing more than the intermarrying of the children of Seth with the ungodly line of Cain. Genesis 4:26 says that men started to call upon the name of the Lord starting with Seth's son Enos.

Genesis 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

When God's people intermarry with the ungodly there never seems to be any good that comes of it.

Throughout the Scripture there is a battle that rages and the battle is being raged for the hearts and lives of men.

God is seeking to recruit His children called the SONS OF GOD.
Satan is seeking to recruit his children the sons of Belial.

Note how that battle rages and when God's people intermingle with the ungodly it never produces a godly seed but an ungodly.

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II Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

THESE VERSES ARE THE GREATEST REASON I don't believe that the Sons of God in Genesis 6:4 are fallen angels.

Consider this:

When the Bible says we or angels are the sons of God, that is to say we are Godlike, when the Bible calls someone a son of Belial, he is in essence a child of the devil.

Another reason I believe the Sons of God in Genesis 6 were the children of Seth and the godly seed of those who knew the Lord was because of the practical application of this teaching.

A. THE REASON FOR ALL SCRIPTURAL INTERPRETATION IS FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

II Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

II Timothy 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

What profit is there doctrinally to us believing that fallen angels cohabitated with women?

Will we warn our daughters not to marry fallen angels? All this view does is give us a fanciful idea and answer to why the world became so corrupt and why God had to destroy it. God destroyed Sodom for their corruption of marriage and immorality and not because of intermarrying with angels. When they tried to violate the angels they could not and God did not allow it. Also, I think the reason the offspring of the children of Seth and the Children of Cain produced giants was because of genetics, not necessarily a supernatural phenomenon. It is a known fact that when you cross breed races often you get taller offspring.

Today it has been documented that when people marry more distant genetically it produces taller children how much more would this have been in the pre flood days when the world was producing dinosaurs and other giant animals.

Here is an article I read supporting this:

The children of parents who are more distantly related tend to be taller and smarter than their peers, according to one of the largest studies to date into genetic diversity.

The study suggests that height and intelligence may be increasing as a growing number of people are marrying people from more distant parts of the world.

This study looked at the genetic background and health of more than 350,000 individuals from around 100 communities across four continents.

Researchers found the more distantly related an individual's parents were the taller they tended to be, the higher they scored on cognitive tests and the better their levels of educational attainment.

So the Scripture says,

Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

This was happening because of genetics and had nothing to do with angels. It may be that because these children were sons of Belial they were demonic in that sense of the word. But also they were bigger and taller.

B. The same word giants refers to those who inhabited the land after the flood. Where did they come from? Were they a byproduct of fallen Angels also?

Note these verses:

Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

The Hebrew word giants is "Nephilim" it is the same word that is used in Numbers 13:33

Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Probably just as there were Giant animals, like dinosaurs, so there were giant men. As the dinosaurs died out so did the giant men. Probably after the flood there were some dinosaurs left over but not as many. There were probably a few giant men left in the gene pool. For some reason these giants always seemed to be part of the sons of Belial and not part of the sons of God.

So we cannot say the Nephilim or giants that appeared after the flood were a product of men intermarrying with angels!

C. THE OTHER REASON I DO NOT BELIEVE THE SONS OF GOD WERE FALLEN ANGELS IS BECAUSE OF THE TEACHING OF OUR LORD.

Jesus would have rejected this view.

Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Jesus taught that angels do not marry and are not given in marriage.

If the Sons of God in Gen 6:4 were angels, then they had to be good angels because demons are never referred to as sons of God. Unless you say in Job that there were good angels and bad angels that appeared before the Lord? These good angels had to leave their first estate. For those who hold this view refer to New Testament verses in this regard.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

If the angels were locked up how did they cohabit with woman after the fall again to produce the sons of Anak? The sons of Anak were men, not angels. They were sons of Belial.

Also II Peter 2:4 is used as a proof text for this view. But I think it is just an example of what God does to rebels.

II Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

II Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Some say that the angels that sinned were those that cohabited with women, but I do not think so.

II Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

II Peter 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

II Peter 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

II Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

II Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

3. Just As There Are Sons of God There Are Also Sons Of Belial!

THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING. WHOEVER YOUR IS YOUR FATHER IS EVIDENT BY YOUR WORKS AND DEEDS!!!

John 8:41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

John 8:45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Matthew 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Matthew 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matthew 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matthew 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Belial means worthless, good for nothing.

If you are a child of God you are not worthless and good for nothing!

The Bible warns us to not fellowship with those who are children of Belial. The Sons of God should produce good fruit, the children of Belial will only produce evil fruit!

III. LET US CONSIDER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SONS OF BELIAL.

1. CHILDREN OF BELIAL REJECT THE GOD OF THE BIBLE. IN ESSENCE THEY ARE GIVEN TO IDOLATRY.

A SEVERE WARNING WAS GIVEN ABOUT THIS BUT NEVER HEEDED:
THE CHILDREN OF GOD VERSES THE CHILDREN OF BELIAL.

Deuteronomy 13:12 If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

Deuteronomy 13:13 Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

Deuteronomy 13:14 Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you;

Deuteronomy 13:15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

Deuteronomy 13:16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.

Deuteronomy 13:17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

Deuteronomy 13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 14:1 Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

It all starts with who we worship. Sons of God worship the true God, sons of Belial worship devils.

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Many roads to idolatry, many ways.
Only one way to God and Christ.

2. SONS OF BELIAL ARE IMMORAL AND BASE.

Note the story of Gibeah in the days of the Judges.

Judges 19:22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, **certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about,** and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

Judges 19:23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

Judges 19:24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

Judges 19:25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

Satan loves to corrupt peoples morals.

The institution of marriage was one of the first gifts God gave to Adam.
God made a wife for Adam. ONE WIFE.

SONS OF BELIAL SEEK TO CORRUPT MARRIAGE & PERVERT IT.

Greatest perversion of this is homosexuality.

Note this was the case we find in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah:

Genesis 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

Genesis 19:5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

Genesis 19:6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

Genesis 19:7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

Genesis 19:8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

Genesis 19:9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

Genesis 19:10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

Genesis 19:11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

Note the men of the city, apparently a good majority of them, men from every quarter? Apparently it became a sport to abuse strangers.

Here is the dilemma we face in our society today. The common view is that morality can be dictated by the opinions of the masses. What the majority says is right and moral becomes the status quo.

So the beat goes on. Today the agenda of the immoral crowd is and always has been to recruit more people for the wicked agenda of debauchery and immorality. In Sodom because the mass majority of the people condoned this gross homosexuality and immoral behavior it became the status quo. This is a scary thing is when you consider that we are electing more and more politicians that are openly homosexual and we think nothing of it.

Here is the inevitable dilemma we face. A while back there has been a terrible scandal about a retired football coach at Penn State, a Jerry Sandusky was convicted of molesting 8 young boys. People were outraged and upset. Yet I remember a time people would have been just as outraged and upset if a prominent leader was found to be an open homosexual. There would have been just as bad a scandal.

But soon our society became tolerant of such behavior and today you are called homophobic if you do not accept alternate lifestyles. But we are not accepting

pedophilia. What makes one behavior right and the other wrong? In our society it is just the opinions of the masses. If morality is dictated by the opinions of the masses than this is exactly what leads us down the road to Sodom. The men from every quarter gathered together to abuse the strangers that probably had a young pure appearance to them. They apparently found this a sport. For some it was a spectator sport for others they were active participants. Either case all were in agreement this behavior was ok.

So a few years down the road who is to say that sexual activity between adults and children will not be accepted? Today it is appalling tomorrow it can be accepted. Without a standard this is what can and will happen. The truth is that the Bible clearly defines what is appropriate sexual conduct and behavior. God has reserved sexual activity for marriage and that is a monogamous marital relationship. Anything outside of that is sin, and the sons of Belial are motivated by their father the devil himself. The devil seeks to get men to pervert God's commandments as men pervert the law of God and His righteous standards they becomes sons of Belial.

WORTHLESS. GOOD FOR NOTHING. SCOUNDRELS!
So their immoral lifestyle is evidence of who their spiritual father is!

3. CHILDREN OF BELIAL ARE GIVEN TO DRUNKENNESS.

I Samuel 1:14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

I Samuel 1:15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

I Samuel 1:16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

There is nothing that the Bible says is good about drunkenness.

Why do we oppose drinking and teach abstinence? It is because the Bible teaches abstinence. The only wine that is allowed in the Bible is that wine that is not fermented and cannot cause drunkenness.

Proverbs 23:31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

Proverbs 23:32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Proverbs 23:33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Proverbs 23:34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

There is fermented wine and there is unfermented wine. Don't be given to that wine that moveth, or is fermented.

Why do we believe in abstinence?

A. *We do so because the Bible warns about the evil of drinking fermented liquor.*

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

B. *We do so because our bodies are called the temple of God and the priests were forbidden to drink wine or strong drink when they entered the holy of holies*

The holy of holies is in our hearts. How much more should we abstain from fermented wine?

Leviticus 10:8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

Leviticus 10:9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

Leviticus 10:10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

Leviticus 10:11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

C. *WE ARE NOW KINGS AND PRIEST UNTO GOD.*

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Proverbs 31:3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

Proverbs 31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

Proverbs 31:5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Proverbs 31:6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Proverbs 31:7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

The priests were forbidden to be given to wine.

The kings were commanded to not be given to wine..

4. *THE SONS OF BELIAL ARE GIVEN TO SACRILEGE.*

To become of Son of Belial a person must lose his fear of God. There is no greater example of Sons of Belial than Eli's sons in the Bible.

I Samuel 2:12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

I Samuel 2:13 And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

I Samuel 2:14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

I Samuel 2:15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

I Samuel 2:16 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

I Samuel 2:17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

I Samuel 2:22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

I Samuel 2:23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

I Samuel 2:24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.

I Samuel 2:25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

Since they were children of Belial they had no fear of God and committed the sins that were motivated by the devil himself.

Their greatest sin was the sin of sacrilege. They despised the sacred things of the Lord.

It is our duty to teach our children to fear the Lord and we do this through proper discipline. Children need to be disciplined to respect the things of the Lord. This includes His house, His worship, those things we hold sacred, the Bible, the Word of God, the ordinances of the Lord. When we treat the things of the Lord as common we run the risk of incurring the wrath of God upon ourselves.

Eli's sons abused the office of the priesthood and committed sacrilege!

The Etymology of the word sacrilege is basically from the meaning:

"ONE WHO STEALS SACRED THINGS."

Latin roots meaning "sacred" (sacr-) and "to steal" (legere).

The earliest sense of sacrilege, in use since the beginning of the 14th century, was concerned with the theft, misuse, or desecration of sacred or holy things. It still is used in this sense quite often, but has also taken on a broader meaning, in which it refers to irreverence to a person, place, or thing which is held sacred.

And the sons of Eli, stealing from the people the sacrificial portions that should have been offered to the Lord, fits this meaning exactly.

They were sons of Belial indeed.

5. *The Sons Of Belial Despise God Ordained Authority.*

I Samuel 10:26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

I Samuel 10:27 ***But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us?*** And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

God is the one that establishes authority. To despise the authorities God has set over us is to follow Satan.

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

GOD HAS ESTABLISHED AUTHORITY AND THE POWERS OVER US.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Romans 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

6. *THE SONS OF BELIAL ARE FOOLS AND BASE.*

A great illustration of the character of a son of Belial is found in Nabal the husband of Abigail. Nabal was foolish enough to despise David and to rail on him. How foolish he was.

A. *NABAL WAS FOOLISH TO RAIL ON DAVID.*

I Samuel 25:10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

I Samuel 25:11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

I Samuel 25:12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

I Samuel 25:13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

I Samuel 25:14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

I Samuel 25:15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

I Samuel 25:16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

B. A SON OF BELIAL IS THE TYPE OF PERSON YOU CANNOT SPEAK AND REASON WITH.

I Samuel 25:17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

Proverbs 23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

So it is that a person who is a Son of Belial not listen and hear! How sad it is that they bring ruination to themselves and to all that are around them.

C. A SON OF BELIAL'S FOOLISHNESS WILL BECOME EVIDENT TO ALL.

They will lose the respect of all around them, their family, their friends, and their colleagues.

I Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

I Timothy 5:25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Proverbs 12:23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

I Samuel 25:18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

I Samuel 25:19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

I Samuel 25:23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

I Samuel 25:24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

I Samuel 25:25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

Notice how Abigail even notes how Nabal is a fool and humbles herself before David and saves her family.

A son of Belial is good for nothing and will cause heartache to all his family and those around him.

Nabal is a perfect example of a Son of Belial.

7. ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC OF A SON OF BELIAL IS THEY HAVE NO COMPASSION AND THEY ARE CRUEL.

I Samuel 30:21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

I Samuel 30:22 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

I Samuel 30:23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

I Samuel 30:24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

Notice how it was that King David even had some men who were called the sons of Belial.

THERE WILL NEVER BE A PURE CHURCH OR A PURE SOCIETY.

It is up to God's people to restrain evil men.

Notice how they were cruel and heartless.

SO IT IS, THE SONS OF BELIAL WILL NOT HAVE HEART FOR OTHERS! NO COMPASSION!

It is the job of the righteous to restrain the sons of Belial.

Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

This is why a nation is foolish to choose ungodly people to lead them. If they do, such leaders will always make unwise decisions. They will be heartless and cruel.

8. ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC OF A SONS OF BELIAL IS THAT THEY ARE GIVEN TO REBELLION AND SEDITION.

A. SHEBA WAS AN EXAMPLE.

II Samuel 20:1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.

Shortly after the rebellion of Absalom a man by the name of Sheba established a rebellion against King David. He is called a son of Belial.

Children of Belial are people who are continually given to sedition and rebellion.

B. IN THE DAYS OF REHOBOAM THE SAME THING HAPPENED BUT HE WAS NOT WISE LIKE HIS FATHER DAVID AND SOLOMON.

II Chronicles 13:7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

Those who resisted Rehoboam in their sedition and rebellion were called sons of Belial.

9. SONS OF BELIAL ARE GIVEN TO ACCUSATIONS AND FALSE WITNESSES.

Ahab and Jezebel recruited sons of Belial, again Naboth.

I Kings 21:10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

I Kings 21:11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

I Kings 21:12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

I Kings 21:13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

I Kings 21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

Satan is called the accuser of the brethren. So why is it so amazing that his followers are accusers also? They falsely accused Naboth so Jezebel and Ahab could steal his vineyard. How foolish and evil it was.

Only the Lord knows what evils are taking place in our leadership and government today. Do we think they are above such treachery and wickedness?

Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse!

All the while President Trump was in in office there was nothing but accusation after accusation. Even when these accusations were proven false still they would not let up. One politician once said, an accusation does not need to be true but effective. By time your opponent proves it to be false it will have accomplished its intent. This is the strategy of the sons of Belial. If this is the case our government is filled with children of Belial.

10. ULTIMATELY, BELIAL IS SATAN HIMSELF AND HIS CHILDREN ARE THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM TO PERDITION.

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

II Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

If we yoke up and fellowship with children of Belial we will be hurt.

What concord hath Christ with Belial?

There is no concord. There is no agreement.

Therefore we need to maintain separation from children of Belial.