

BACKSLIDING

Exodus 17:7 (ASV)

⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the striving of the children of Israel, and because they tempted Jehovah, saying, Is Jehovah among us, or not?

Deuteronomy 8:11-14 (KJV)

¹¹ Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: ¹² Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; ¹³ And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; ¹⁴ Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Proverbs 16:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Mark 4:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, ¹⁹ And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh fruitless.

1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

2 Peter 1:9 (ASV)

⁹ For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

Hosea 11:7 (KJV)

⁷ And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.

1 Samuel 15:24-25 (KJV)

²⁴ And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. ²⁵ Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD, I pray you, pardon my sin and go back with me, that I may worship the Lord.

1 Kings 11:4, 9 (KJV)

⁴ For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

⁹ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

Psalms 106:13 (NKJV)

¹³ They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

Psalms 119:67 (ASV)

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray; But now I observe thy word.

Psalms 125:5 (NIV)

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be upon Israel.

Proverbs 14:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ The backslider in heart [from God and from fearing God] shall be filled with [the fruit of] his own ways, and a good man shall be satisfied with [the fruit of] his ways [with the holy thoughts and actions which his heart prompts and in which he delights].

Isaiah 63:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

Jeremiah 3:22 (KJV)

²² Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.

Ezekiel 33:31 (NKJV)

³¹ So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.

Zechariah 7:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ "But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and stopped up their ears. ¹² They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So the LORD Almighty was very angry.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:24 (AMP)

²⁴ No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in).

Matthew 24:12 (NIV)

¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

Galatians 4:9 (NIV)

⁹ But now that you know God - or rather are known by God - how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?

John 6:66 (KJV)

⁶⁶ From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Romans 11:23 (KJV)

²³ And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

1 Corinthians 5:9-12 (ASV)

⁹ I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators; ¹⁰ not at all meaning with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world: ¹¹ but as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat. ¹² For what have I to do without judging them that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within?

Galatians 1:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – ⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

Hebrews 3:10, 12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, “They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.” ¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

Hebrews 10:26-27 (ASV)

²⁶ For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries.

James 5:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 1:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

2 Peter 2:20-22 (NIV)

²⁰ If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. ²¹ It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. ²² Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.”

Revelation 3:2-5 (AMP)

² Rouse yourselves and keep awake, and strengthen and invigorate what remains and is on the point of dying; for I have not found a thing that you have done [any work of yours] meeting the requirements of My God or perfect in His sight. ³ So call to mind the lessons you received and heard; continually lay them to heart and obey them, and repent. In case you will not rouse yourselves and keep awake and watch, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know or suspect at what hour I will come. ⁴ Yet you still have a few [persons'] names in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes, and they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy and deserving. ⁵ Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not erase or blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels.