

WHEN WE WILLFULLY DISOBEY GOD'S WORD

Some examples:

When we steal and take some one's property without asking

When we commit the sin of omission, we know what to do but do not do it

When we commit sexual sins with some one who is not our wife or husband

When we lie and do not speak or write the entire truth or give false witness

When our heart is full of pride

When we desire other peoples property

When we worship anything else besides the living God

When we go the wrong direction against the instructions of God's Word or against instructions of those above us.

When we do not love the Lord God with all our heart

When we do not love our neighbor like ourself

When we are jealous of others

When we hate other people

So what happens when we disobey God's Word?

WE ARE CURSED BY GOD

Deuteronomy 11:26, "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse-- ²⁷ the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; ²⁸ the **curse** if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known."

WE WILL NOT PROSPER

2 Chronicles 24:20, "Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: `Why do you disobey the LORD's commands? **You will not prosper**. Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.' "

WE CAN EXPECT DISASTER

Jeremiah 42:13, "However, if you say, `We will not stay in this land,' and so disobey the LORD your God, ¹⁴ and if you say, `No, we will go and live in Egypt, where we will not see war or hear the trumpet or be hungry for bread,' ¹⁵ then hear the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah. This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: `If you are determined to go to Egypt and you do go to settle there, ¹⁶ then the **sword** you fear will overtake you there, and the **famine** you dread will follow you into Egypt, and there you will **die**. ¹⁷ Indeed, all who are determined to go to Egypt to settle there will die by the sword, famine and **plague**; not one of them will survive or escape the **disaster** I will bring on them."

WE WILL STUMBLE

1 Peter 2:8, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They **stumble** because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for."

WE WILL BE PUNISHED BY GOD

Hebrews 2:2, "For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and **every violation and disobedience received its just punishment**, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him."

WE WILL NOT ENTER HEAVEN

Hebrews 4:6, "It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did **not go in**, because of their disobedience."

TODAY IS THE TIME TO REPENT

Hebrews 4:7, "Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Revelation 3:19, "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

Acts 17:30, "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Revelation 3:19, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Luke 15:7, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Ezekiel 18:30, "Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!"

Come To The Savior, Make No Delay

Come to the Savior, make no delay,

Here in His Word He's shown us the way

Here in our midst He's standing today

Tenderly saying, "come"

Joyful, joyful will the meeting be

When from sin our hearts are pure and free

And we shall gather, Savior with Thee in our eternal home

Suffer the children, o hear His voice

**Let ev'ry heart leap forth and rejoice
And let us freely make Him our choice
Do not delay, but come
Joyful, joyful will the meeting be
When from sin our hearts are pure and free
And we shall gather, Savior with Thee in our eternal home**

**Think once again, He's with us today
Heed now His blest commands and obey
Hear now His accents tenderly say
Will you my children come
Joyful, joyful will the meeting be
When from sin our hearts are pure and free
And we shall gather, Savior with Thee in our eternal home**