

## Unbelief Dooms the Sinner

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### Shalom.

Today I am going to share with you an extremely important topic called “Unbelief Dooms The Sinner”. Let us look at **Heb3:15-19** –

*Heb 3:15 While it is said, today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.*

*Heb 3:16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.*

*Heb 3:17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?*

*Heb 3:18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?*

*Heb 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

Unbelief is sin in **Joh 16:8-9** –

#### I. The Greatest Sin

##### a. Unbelief is sin:

*Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

*Joh 16:9 **Of sin, because they believe not on Me;***

Unbelief is a terrible sin because at the root of it, people do not believe in Yeshua. Bear in mind that the English word “belief” does not quite convey the true meaning of having faith. The real meaning of faith and believing is not just an agreement in your mind about what Yeshua did for us on the cross but obeying Him because He is our Saviour and our Lord.

b. **The great Chinese preacher, Watchman Nee, described the sin of unbelief as the “greatest sin”.**

c. **Charles Spurgeon, renowned American preacher, called it the “Monarch Sin”.**

In the Garden of Eden, we discover in the temptation of Eve by the serpent that unbelief began with the devil sowing doubt in **Gen 3:1** –

#### II. Unbelief Begins With Doubt

*Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

This is a typical satanic approach in tempting us. He shows a seed of doubt and what happens when this doubt comes in: it leads to wavering. Wavering means you are trying to decide between two decisions; you are no longer certain of the right decision you ought to make. Look at **Jas 1:6** -

### III. Leads to Wavering

**Jas 1:6** *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

See how subtle Satan is, he sows a doubt and raises questions about the integrity of God's word. As a result, people no longer put their entire trust in God's word and instead they decide or they cannot decide on the right thing to do. Of course, Adam and Eve ended up accepting the lie of Satan, and so also do we on so many occasions. Let us read what Paul has to say in **2Th 2:8-12** -

### IV. Accepting the Lie of Satan

**2Th 2:8** *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

**2Th 2:9** *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

**2Th 2:10** *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

**2Th 2:11** *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

**2Th 2:12** *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

This process of temptation where Satan sows a doubt, is causing us to be unstable in our ways and eventually accepting the lie of Satan and this comes about because Yahweh Himself steps into the picture. If you are double minded, He will send a spirit of delusion so that you will accept the lie of Satan as the truth.

There are plenty of Christians who want to believe in Yeshua, but they demand proof by way of signs and wonders, miracles before they believe. This was certainly true of the Pharisees at the time of Yeshua. Refer to **Joh 4:48** –

### V. Will not believe without Signs & Wonders

**Joh 4:48** *Then said Jesus unto him, except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.*

In the Charismatic\Pentecostal movement, in every church meeting, they will try to manufacture some signs and wonders in order to attract followers. For example, one preacher in America showed a video of himself walking on water and he said Yeshua walked on water in the lake, you can also walk on water if you have enough faith. One reporter followed up on that and discovered he was supported by Plexiglas on top of the swimming

pool and had the video recorded. Do not seek signs and wonders. The Bible tells us that when we preach the word of Yahweh faithfully, signs and wonders will follow us.

The next point is that Yeshua is a stumbling block to a lot of people. Look at **1Pe 2:6-8** –

## **VI. Yeshua becomes the Stumbling Block**

**1Pe 2:6** *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

**1Pe 2:7** **Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,**

**1Pe 2:8** **And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.**

- a. Yeshua is precious to those with faith.
- b. Unbelief is equated with / leads to disobedience.
- c. To the unbelieving, Yeshua becomes a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence.
- d. Unbelief leads to stumbling at the Word.

Furthermore, when we disobey the word, when we persist in unbelief, the Bible says we will err in our ways. Look at **Psa 95:8-11** -

## **VII. Erring in Their Ways**

**Psa 95:8** **Harden not your heart,** as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

**Psa 95:9** *When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.*

**Psa 95:10** *Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, it is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:*

**Psa 95:11** *Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.*

- a. Unbelief leads to a hardening of the heart
- b. Such people will tempt/test YAHWEH
- c. They err in their hearts
- d. They do not know His ways
- e. They cannot enter into His rest

Unbelief leads to a hardening of the heart. Physically, if some part of your heart hardens, you are going to end up with a stroke and heart attack. What more with the spiritual heart, the core of our being. Such people who persist in unbelief will always end up tempting or testing Yahweh. How many times have you heard Christians saying 'if God is so good, why did He take away my spouse? If God is so good, why did my child die, why did my son suffer so much, why am I plagued with cancer? If God is so good, why cannot He heal? This is called tempting God or testing Him. This is the most frightening part, the conclusion of the psalmist they cannot enter into His rest.

The next point is that unbelief leads to stubbornness and arrogance. Look at **Neh 9:16-17** –

### VIII. Stubbornness & Arrogance

**Neh 9:16** *But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,*

**Neh 9:17** *And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.*

Have you encountered people who are very stubborn and proud? What begins the whole process? It is unbelief: you see my friends, at the root of unbelief is despising Yahweh, wanting a god other than Yahweh. In a lot of cases, setting their own selves as their own gods. When you think you can think for yourself, you can determine your future, you do things by yourself, you become stubborn and arrogant.

The next important consequence of unbelief is that such people end up resisting the Holy Spirit. Look at **Act 7:51** –

### IX. Resisting the Holy Spirit

**Act 7:51** *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

Unbelief causes the heart and the ears to be uncircumcised. The result is people end up resisting the Holy Spirit. My friends, the Holy Spirit is given to us, to lead us into all truth and to guide us in our daily walk with Christ. Without him, we can never reach our destination safely.

One more point, the deceitfulness of the sin in **Heb 3:13** –

### X. Deceitfulness of Sin

**Heb 3:13** *But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

To commit sin is already bad enough, the more sins we commit, and we do not repent, then deception comes in. What is right becomes wrong, what is wrong becomes right, what is good becomes evil, what is evil becomes good and what is sin becomes no sin. How do people do that? You take the commandment about unclean food in Lev 11: people say no I want to eat lobster, I want to eat crab, I want to eat pork and so they lay aside the commandment, they misinterpret the number of passages in the New Testament and happily eat all these unclean things. Are they free from sin? No! They are self-deceived and likewise the Sabbath day of observance. Many Christians believe the Sabbath has changed to Sunday but throughout the Bible we are told it is always the 7<sup>th</sup> day because God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. When we are deceived by sin, we will follow the spirit of antichrist because the antichrist changes the laws, times, calendars.

Another important consequence is that unbelief leads to Atheism & Idolatry in **Rom 1:18-23** which gives us an excellent account and sequence of how such sins develop –

## **XI. Atheism & Idolatry**

**Rom 1:18** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

**Rom 1:19** *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

**Rom 1:20** *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

**Rom 1:21** *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

**Rom 1:22** **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

**Rom 1:23** *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

This amazing passage informs us that God is evident from His creation, and we are His prime creation here on earth. People prefer to believe in a man called Charles Darwin, with his theory of evolution: that we sprang up from the dust of the earth as some very insignificant creature and somehow evolved to our present state.

The second important issue is that, once you deny the Creator as the only God, you begin to manufacture gods of your own and this is a very sad thing to watch. We are created higher than the animals, higher than everything else in this world. We are given dominion over them, but you can see the gods of many religions are expressed and displayed as some creature lower than ourselves, using wood and stone to make such representations. If you profess to be wise, you become a fool. Stephen Hawkins said there is no God, he was very wise in terms of physics but spiritually, the Bible says he was a fool and where is he now: eternal damnation unless he somehow managed to repent before dying.

The next point is when unbelief comes into people, they will fail in times of testing by Yahweh. Look at **Deu 8:1-3** -

## **XII. Failure in Times of Testing**

**Deu 8:1** *All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.*

**Deu 8:2** *And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no.*

**Deu 8:3** **And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.**

COVID-19 was a severe time of testing for many with loss of lives, loss of jobs, income, homes, and food. Many ended up hugely in debt.

The Bible also says that without faith, it is impossible to please God. This is from **Heb 11:6** –

### **XIII. Impossible to Please God [Elohim]**

**Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

- a. Unbelief makes it impossible to please God
- b. We must believe that He is [The Great I AM That I AM]
- c. He wants us to seek Him diligently and will reward us

Look at the result of unbelief where Yeshua said in **Jhn 3:18-19** -

### **XIV. Leads to Damnation**

**Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

**Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

- a. Those who reject Yeshua are doomed
- b. Unbelief comes about because people love darkness and their evil deeds and are afraid of the Light that will expose them

Paul describes the process of faith in **Rom 10:17** –

### **XV. Hyper Faith & Prosperity Teaching**

- a. I am not convicted, therefore I do not believe
- b. I can speak anything into existence if I have enough faith

**Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

**So many preachers speak forth from the desires of their hearts. Nothing happens because they did not hear from God.**

There is another terrible false teaching of the faith prosperity movement on the teaching that says, "I am a god". This goes all the way back to the garden of Eden in **Gen 3:4-5** –

- c. I am a god

**Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:**

**Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

For Adam and Eve, this was the temptation “you will become like god”. This is the temptation that many succumb to. In certain parts of the world, human beings who are accounted as righteous in human eyes are elevated as gods: most after they die, some while they are still living are revered and worshiped as god or gods. Where did the faith prosperity teachers get their false doctrine from? It is from **Psa 82:6-7** –

**Psa 82:6** *I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.*  
**Psa 82:7** *But ye shall die like men and fall like one of the princes.*

Remember Yeshua was confronted by the Pharisees because He claimed to be the Son of God, so Yeshua said the scripture says you are gods to whom the word of Yahweh came; so I claim to be Son of God, why do you protest? That is the basis on which the faith prosperity teachers claim that you can be god, of course little ‘g’ but the idea being conveyed is that you have supernatural power.

1. **Adam & Eve became like Satan and his angels, not YAHWEH**
2. **Hyper faith preachers teach that we are little gods, able to speak things into existence**
3. **Yeshua explained that those who preach His Word are privileged to rule with Him one day**
4. **Ps 82:7 reminds would-be gods that they will die like other men and fall like princes.**
5. **You can have your best life now:**
6. **The lie that God wants everyone to be rich**

**False teacher Joel Osteen:** Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential

He has discounted Heaven! The Bible tells us that our best life is yet to come what eyes have not seen, or ears heard nor has the heart of men comprehended what God is in store for those who love Him [**1Cor 2:9**].

Another fallacious teaching is God wants everybody to be rich and that is untrue. He will bless some in terms of material riches but not everybody. The most important thing is that our soul prospers, as John the apostle said “I pray that you prosper even as your soul prospers” [**3Jn1:2**]. The word prosper does not necessarily mean to be rich materially.

Another very important point about the consequences or the implication of unbelief is that unbelief is not living by faith. Refer to Num **14:22-24** –

#### **XVI. Unbelief: Not Living By Faith**

**Num 14:22** *Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;*

*Num 14:23* *surely, they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:*

*Num 14:24* *But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.*

Next, go to **1Co 10:5-11** –

**1Co 10:5** *But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.*

**1Co 10:6** *Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.*

**1Co 10:7** *Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*

**1Co 10:8** *Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.*

**1Co 10:9** *Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.*

**1Co 10:10** *Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.*

**1Co 10:11** *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

- a. The children of Israel had seen the miracles that YAHWEH did in Egypt to get Pharaoh to release them
- b. They had experienced the deliverance at the Red Sea, the provision of water and manna in the desert, the healing of their diseases and the miraculous preservation of their clothing
- c. Yet they lusted after the food of Egypt, committed fornication, tempted Christ and murmured against Moses
- d. They had enough faith to get out of Egypt, but they did not live by faith
- e. We are warned not to follow their example or else we shall be destroyed as most of them were [those who left Egypt above the age of 20] except Joshua & Caleb.
- f. Many Christians started well by having faith in Yeshua but do not live by faith. They do not walk according to every Word of YAHWEH but are selective in their obedience.

If you are plagued by unbelief, if you have difficulty believing what is taught to you from the Bible or what you read from the Bible and if you have difficulty accepting what I am sharing with you, refer to **Mar 9:23-24** –

### **XVII. Help My Unbelief**

**Mar 9:23** *Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

**Mar 9:24** *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

He wanted healing for his child, but he had no faith: Yeshua identified his problem as unbelief. His prayer 'help thou my unbelief' is the prayer that all of us should pray every day. May Yahweh give heed to our prayer, to take away the unbelief, to soften the hardened heart, to remove the deception that sin has brought into our lives, to take away the delusion that has come upon us that causes to believe the lies of Satan every time he says them. Help my

unbelief oh Yahweh. Holy Spirit: you are my teacher and my guide; lead me into all truth and safely to my eternal destination in Yeshua's most precious name I pray. Shalom.