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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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A REBELLIOUS PEOPLE

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Isaiah 30:9 says, *“That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord.”*

Judah has *“Rebelled against”* the Lord (Is. 1:2). When we look at what they did, we learn what a rebellious people look like! A rebellious people:

HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE.

“The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider” (Is. 1:3).

“...But they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Therefore, my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge...” (Is. 5:12-13).

REFUSE AND REBEL.

“Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it” (Is.

1:16-20). This is a plea for Judah to repent. Cleansing and blessing is available to those who will just *“be willing and obedient.”* A rebellious people refuse and rebel. They will be devoured!

CAST AWAY AND DESPISE THE LAW OF THE LORD.

Judah will be devoured *“because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel”* (Is. 5:24). This kindled the Lord’s anger!

DO NOT TAKE COUNSEL OF THE LORD.

“Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: that walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Egypt, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt” (Is. 30:1-2). They did not ask God. They made plans contrary to God’s and made alliances with people that the Lord had not directed them to do. Through this, they piled up their sins. They trusted in Egypt rather than in God by not consulting God and going to men for help. Today, rebellious people do the same when they do not consult God’s word.

WILL NOT HEAR. *“That this is a rebellious people, lying*

children that will not hear the law of the Lord: which say to the seers, see not: and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease before us” (Is. 30:9). This people refused to hear the Lord’s instructions! Thus, they were stubborn rebels. They tell those who speak the truth of God’s word, stop! Don’t tell us what is right. Tell us smooth or nice things; tell us lies! There are such rebels that need to be dealt with in the church today!

SAY NO TO THUS SAITH THE LORD.

*“For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; in returning and rest shall ye be saved in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. **But ye said no...**”* (Is. 30:15-16). A rebellious people has it backwards. They say yes to lies and say no to the Lord’s word. We must say no to error and yes to truth! Judah could return to the Lord and be saved if they would just repent and obey the Lord. But they said no!

A rebellious person hears God’s word, but refuses to listen. They have no knowledge, and they never obey. Such people never change! They do not repent or turn from sin. Do not rebel! (Num. 14:9).

“MOREOVER”

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The Holy Spirit often used the term “*moreover*” in introducing divine truth. Some good lessons follow the Bible word “*moreover*”. Let’s take a look.

BE NOT AS THE

HYPOCRITES. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave this instruction: “*Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward*” (Mt. 6:16). An hypocrite is an actor or pretender. One may “*appear*” before men to be pious and holy, but “*God knoweth your hearts*” (Lk. 16:15). May our faith and love be “*unfeigned*” (2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:22); that is, sincere.

IF THY BROTHER SHALL TRESPASS AGAINST THEE, GO AND TELL HIM. The Lord directed, “*Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone...*” (Mt. 18:15). Did you notice how many people are involved here?

Just two. “*Thee*” (that’s 1) and “*thy brother*” (that’s 2). All too often, this is read as if it said, “go and tell his fault”, as everyone knows the fault but the brother himself. When will we learn to do things the Lord’s way? More often than not, things will be resolved on the personal level, without anyone else needing to know about it. How a person handles things of this sort says a great deal about him.

IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL. 1

Corinthians 4:2 says, “*Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*” A steward is a manager, superintendent or overseer, in whose hands a trust has been committed. Elders are stewards as they are Holy Ghost made “*overseers*” (Acs 20:28). Preachers are stewards as they have been put in trust with gospel preaching (1 Th. 2:4). All Christians are stewards, having been entrusted with sacred responsibilities before God. Are we showing ourselves faithful as stewards?

I WOULD NOT THAT YE SHOULD BE IGNORANT. The

tenth chapter of 1 Corinthians opens with these words: “*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant...*” (v. 1). The blank look on the face of brethren in Bible class when basic questions are asked and the inability to give answer says there is a problem with ignorance. To not be ignorant is to know and to know requires “*Study*” (2 Tim. 2:15). Too many Christians are not eating enough to keep a bird alive, from a spiritual standpoint! “*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled*” (Mt. 5:6).

Let’s make the proper application from when the Lord said, “*moreover*”.

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