



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

It's hard to believe but there are those who claim Christ Jesus as Lord saying they believe in Him and God the Father. They claim that Jesus died for their sins. But here is the deception: They despise the word of the Lord. It just doesn't interest them. In the sacrifices of the OT, the book of Numbers speaks about those who do things defiantly, despising the word of the Lord, they will be completely cut off. (Numbers 15:30-31)

Isaiah speaks of those involved in mixing strong drink, justify the wicked and take away the rights of those doing what is right, they have despised the word of the Lord. (Isaiah 5:22-24)

In II Samuel we have David committing adultery and murder and God asked, "Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight?" (II Samuel 12:9)

For one to despise the word of the Lord, just do what you want to do with little regard for what the Lord teaches. The term "despise" means to look down on with contempt and scorn, to regard with dislike or repugnance." The Lord speaks that when people

wander off into sin, they despise His word. When people are uninterested in His word, they “despise” His word.

Jeremiah speaks for God: “Thus says the Lord, ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord.’”

(Jeremiah 17:5) When people make their own flesh and strength of mankind their strength, their source and their input, they are cursed, as they despise” the word of the Lord.

The real question is this, how bad is it when we sin? What kind of picture does God paint before us to help us see what God thinks about those who sin? They “despise” the word of the Lord. That should help us grow strong toward the Lord and His word and more careful how we live our lives. Think about it!!

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