

## Check It Out Tracts

# PRESUMPTUOUS SIN

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**Hebrews 10:28** "He that despised Moses' law **died without mercy** under **two** or three **witnesses:**" This tract on the presumptuous sin provides background for the tract on the willful sin and the tract on the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. All three sins carry the same penalty, loss of the reward of the inheritance, **2 John 1:8** "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

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**Numbers 15:30-31** "But the soul that doeth *ought* **presumptuously**, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same **reproacheth** the LORD; and that soul shall be **cut off from among his people**. 31. Because he hath **despised** the word of the LORD, and hath **broken** his commandment, that soul shall **utterly be cut off**; his **iniquity shall be upon him**." Let us look at the words in these two verses.

**"PRESUMPTUOUSLY:"** The Hebrew word "yad" is translated "high hand" in the ASV, "defiantly" in the NASV, which is nothing less than obstinate rebellion against the LORD. To defiantly rebel against the words and commandments of the LORD is to practice the sin of lawlessness. To practice the sin of lawlessness one has to despise the Word of the LORD.

**"REPROACHETH:"** The Hebrew word "gadaph" means "to hack (with words), i.e. revile:--blaspheme, reproach." from the Strong Concordance. The lawless find ways to chop to pieces any law or commandment that would bring blessing to them and glorify God. The lawless refuse to allow the Lord to be in charge of their lives. He is not Lord of their lives. Blasphemy is to refute with words the truth given.

**"DESPISE:"** The Hebrew word "bazah", means to disesteem:--despise, disdain, contemptible, + think to scorn, vile person. It is hard to believe that a child of God could feel this way about the Word of the Lord, yet this often happens.

**"BROKEN:"** The Hebrew word "parar", means to break up :-- cast off, cause to cease, defeat, disannul, disappoint, dissolve, make of none effect, frustrate, bring to nought, make void." from the Strong Concordance. When anyone can "Reproacheth the LORD" and "Despised the word of the LORD" it becomes very easy for any commandment of God to be "Broken," defeated, castoff, disannulled, made of none effect, and dissolved. We see that in the world today. People are taught that if you do not like any law of the land you don't have to keep it. This attitude of lawlessness does effect believers to become cold and indifferent toward being obedient to the Lord. **Matthew 24:12** "And because **iniquity** [the *ajomi an*, the lawlessness] shall abound, the **love** ["If you love me, keep my commandments." **John 14:15**] of many shall wax cold."

**"UTTERLY CUT OFF:"** The Hebrew word "karath," means "to cut (off, down or asunder); by impl. to destroy or consume... :-- destroy, perish..." from the Strong Concordance. The phrase "cut off" is used twice in this context. The first occurrence of the Hebrew word "karath" is in **Genesis 9:11** "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be **cut off** any more by the waters of a flood..." From this passage to "be cut off" was to die. All but those in the ark perished in the flood.

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### PUT THE EVIL AWAY FROM YOU

**Deuteronomy 17:5-7** "Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have **committed that wicked thing**, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt **stone them with stones, till they die**. 6. At the mouth of **two witnesses**, or **three witnesses**, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one **witness** he shall not be put to death. 7. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. **So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.**"

If one was **not stoned to death**, he would be, as in the case of **Miriam, Numbers 12:12** "...as one dead..." If you **were stoned** to death you were **permanently cut off**. In **2 Chronicles 26:21** "And Uzziah the king was a leper ... being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD..." As a leper, Uzziah could not come to the temple to worship or to offer a sacrifice for sin. If one had leprosy he was unclean and, was banished from the temple until he was healed. God healed Miriam but not Uzziah. As long as Uzziah was alive he had hope of being healed and then cleansed by a blood sacrifice to be restored to the house of the Lord. Uzziah was not healed and died a leper out of fellowship with the Lord even though he was the King of Israel.

### RESTORATION OF THE UNCLEAR

**Numbers 19:17-20** "And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the **ashes** of the burnt heifer of **purification for sin**, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: 18. And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: 19. And **the clean person** shall **sprinkle** upon **the unclean** on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. 20. **But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD:** the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; **he is unclean.**" The law made it possible for the unclean to be cleansed and restore to fellowship. The ashes of the burnt heifer with water was to be sprinkled upon the unclean and then he would be clean at evening on the seventh day. If the unclean refused to purify himself, that soul would be cut off from among the congregation.

### SIN THROUGH IGNORANCE

**Numbers 15:27-28** "And if any soul **sin through ignorance**, then he shall bring a she **goat** of the first year for a **sin offering**. 28. And the priest shall make an **atonement for the soul** that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and **it shall be forgiven him.**"

"**IGNORANCE:**" The Hebrew word "shegagah," a mistake or inadvertent transgression. it is from the Hebrew word "shagag," "to stray, to be deceived, to err, go astray." To sin through ignorance is not the same as to sin presumptuously. The presumptuous sin could not be forgiven where the sin through ignorance could be forgiven with a sin offering.

### STONE HIM WITH STONES

**Numbers 15:35-36** "And the LORD said unto Moses, The man [that sinned presumptuously] shall be surely **put to death**: all the congregation shall stone him with stones **without the camp**. 36. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and **stoned him with**

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**stones, and he died;** as the LORD commanded Moses." This man broke the commandment concerning the Sabbath as given in **Exodus 31:14** "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely **be put to death**: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, **that soul shall be cut off** from among his people."

### SINS WORTHY OF DEATH

**SACRIFICE TO MOLECH: Leviticus 20:2** "Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever *he be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall **stone** him with **stones**."

**WITCHCRAFT: Leviticus 20:27** "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall **stone** them with **stones**: their blood *shall be* upon them."

**APOSTASY: Deuteronomy 13:10** "And thou shalt **stone** him with **stones**, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

**REBELLIOUS SON: Deuteronomy 21:21** "And all the men of his city shall **stone** him with **stones**, that he die: **so shalt thou put evil away from among you**; and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

**ADULTERY: Deuteronomy 22:24** "Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall **stone** them with **stones** that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: **so thou shalt put away evil from among you**."

### "NOT BE PURGED WITH SACRIFICE"

**1 Samuel 3:13-14** "For I have told him that **I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth**; because **his sons made themselves vile**, and he **restrained them not**. 14. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of **Eli's house shall not be purged** [atone, expiate or condone, placate or cancel] **with sacrifice nor offering for ever**." Eli, saved and high priest, sinned against the Lord by not judging his sons' sins, therefore Eli's sin could not be forgiven by sacrifice. See **1 Samuel 2.22-25** Eli's sons.

### PURGE OUT THE LEAVEN

**Exodus 12:19** "Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is **leavened**, even that **soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel**, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land." **Romans 15:4** "For whatsoever things were **written aforetime** were written **for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures **might have hope**." **1 Corinthians 5:6-7** "...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7. **Purge out therefore the old leaven**, that **ye may be a new lump**, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:" **1 Corinthians 5:11-13** "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a **fornicator**, or **covetous**, or an **idolater**, or a **railer**, or a **drunkard**, or an **extortioner**; with such an one no not to eat. 12. For what have I to do to judge them also that are **without**? do not ye judge them that are within? 13. **But them that are without God judgeth**. Therefore **put away** from among yourselves that wicked person." This is an example

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of those who have been cut off but not necessarily utterly cut off by stoning. The law to cut off the unclean in the Old Testament was given to encourage people to stay clean and when they became unclean, to do what was necessary to become clean again. Stoning of the lawless was to instill the fear of God in the heart of the people that their love for Him would not wax cold. Those that were cut off or stoned "perished" and forfeited their inheritance **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** "Know ye not that the **unrighteous** shall not **inherit** the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived**: neither **fornicators**, nor **idolaters**, nor **adulterers**, nor **effeminate**, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10**. Nor **thieves**, nor **covetous**, nor **drunkards**, nor **revilers**, nor **extortioners**, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

### PERISH

**James 5:19-20** "**Brethren**, if **any of you** do err from the truth, and one convert him; **20**. Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall **save a soul from death**, and shall hide a multitude of sins." **2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord is not slack concerning his **promise** [thv epaggel i av, of the promise], as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should **perish**, but that all should come to **repentance**." In type, to perish is to be cut off by stoning. If we repent of the way that we are living we will not perish. If we do not perish, then we can enjoy the blessing of our inheritance in the age to come. **Ezekiel 18:21-22** "But **if the wicked will turn** from all his sins that he hath committed, and **keep** all my statutes, and **do that which is lawful** and right, **HE SHALL SURELY LIVE**, he shall **NOT DIE**. **22**. **All** his transgressions that he hath committed, they **shall not be mentioned** unto him: in his **righteousness** that he hath **done** he shall **live**." The **promise** of **2 Peter 3:9** is defined in **1 John 2:25** "And this is **the promise** that he hath **promised** [hJepaggel i a, the promise] us, *even* eternal life." **Colossians 3:24** "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the **REWARD OF THE INHERITANCE**: for ye serve the Lord Christ." Eternal life is a family matter regarding the inheritance. **Romans 2:6-7** "Who will render to every man according to his deeds: **7**. To them who by patient **CONTINUANCE** in **well doing** **SEEK** for **glory** and **honour** and immortality [**incorruption**], **ETERNAL LIFE**:" Ref. **Galatians 6:8,9**.

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