

WILLFUL SIN

Sunday Morning: November 11, 2001

Text: Hebrews 10:26 "For if we **sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice for sins**,"

We continue our studies in Hebrews chapter 10. This morning's verse is not an encouraging verse in the sense we are dealing with sin. When we think about sin we are reflecting on things that do not please God. When we read about sin in the Bible we are usually being warned about the consequences of sin. Sin will separate us from God. Sin separated Adam and Eve. Sin will also separate us even though we may be a child of his, sin will separate us from having fellowship with Him.

One of the more grievous sins is the willful sin found in Hebrews 10:26.

I am going to read two verses. Hebrews 10:25-26 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. 26. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,"

The reason that I read verse 25 is because of the conjunction *for* in verse 26. Do you know what conjunctions do? They are connectors. The conjunction *for* ties us back to verse 25.

FOR

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EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER

Hebrews 10:25 "Not **forsaking** the assembling of ourselves together, **as the manner of some** *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Verse 25 exhorts or encourages us to get together for exhortation. I did not mention this last Sunday, but it is important not only to get together as a body of believers but it is also important to get together as a family. Gathering together at home is a very good time to exhort each other to be faithful to the Lord.

We are to exhort each other to love and good works, but there is another matter that we need to exhort one another about and that is the willful sin. The assembling of our selves together will help us to be separate from sin and in particular the willful sin.

NO EXHORTATION

Judges 21:25 "In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was right in his own eyes*."

We see from this verse that the Lord was not in charge in Israel. The Lord had lost his authority in the hearts and minds of the children of Israel and they were out of control doing what they thought was right. The law of Moses must not have held its rightful place among the people of Israel. When people are doing that which is right in their own eyes they have become lawless.

WENT OUT FULL

Ruth 1:1 "Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a **famine** in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah **went to sojourn in the country of Moab**, he, and his wife, and his two sons."

We read in Ruth about a family that did that which was right in their own eyes. Elimelech and his

family left the land of Israel and went into the land of a people that had been their enemy. Judges 3:28 ". . . the LORD hath delivered your **enemies** the Moabites into your hand. . . ." The Moabites were not a friendly people toward the nation of Israel. The word Bethlehemjudah means *house of bread*. The name Elimelech means *my God is king* and Naomi's name means *pleasant*. They left the land flowing with milk and honey and went into the wilderness in type.

RETURNED EMPTY

Ruth 1:20-21 "And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath **dealt** very **bitterly** with me. 21. **I went out full**, and the LORD hath brought me home again **empty**: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath **afflicted** me?"

Verse 21 gives us some light as to how they went out. Naomi said *I went out full*.

Usually those who leave or forsake a body of believers they are like Elimelech and Naomi, they leave full. Those who leave a fellowship have convinced themselves that they do not need the encouragement of a church fellowship. I am not talking about those who move to another fellowship of believers because they will possibly get the encouragement they need in the new fellowship. I am talking about those who stop going to church.

Hopefully those who leave a church will not harden their hearts to the point that they will never return as Naomi with a penitent heart. If the heart is still soft then, as in the case of Naomi, she said *the LORD hath brought me home*. She came home empty having lost her husband and two sons, but did gain a daughter-in-law that became a blessing.

Those who do return are often as Naomi, bitter, empty, and afflicted. There is a price to pay when we refuse the method God has prescribed to bless his people.

One thing about Naomi that will help us is in the fact that she knew where to go when it was time return to the Lord.

AFTER KNOWLEDGE

Hebrews 10:26 "For if we sin wilfully **after** that we have received **the knowledge** [*epignwsiv deeper knowledge*] of **the truth**, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,"

This verse introduces us to the *willful sin*. A willful sin is a sin that we feel like we have the right to do. The *willful sin* is a sin that we will not confess. We are telling God not to bother us about something in our life that is not pleasing to Him. We are going to do this thing regardless.

This verse warns us about sinning wilfully after we have achieved a certain level of knowledge. This word knowledge here is not a simple level of knowing something. This word is a compound word containing the words *knowledge* and the preposition *upon*. The word knowledge is a reference to *knowledge upon knowledge*. When you have entered into this level of knowledge you have become skilful in the *word of righteousness*. Hebrews 5:13-14 "For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful **in the word of righteousness**: for he is a babe. 14. But **strong meat** belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

The word *knowledge* is a level of knowledge that God has not permitted all of his children to receive. In Hebrews 6:1 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God," We are encourage to go on to completion and that requires a deeper level of knowledge concerning the doctrine of Christ. Not everyone is able to go on to this level of knowledge because of Hebrews 6:3 "And this will we do, if God permit."

The study of the high priestly order of Melchisedec is a priestly order that serves the Lord

behind the veil to the outer court. The study of Melchisedec is gaining the kind of knowledge that is referred to in verse 26. This study of Melchisedec is a study of the good things to come in Hebrews 9:11. The study of Melchisedec is the study of Christ's ministry in the holy of holies in the heavens which is just beyond the holy place where the royal priesthood also offers spiritual sacrifices referred to in 1 Peter 2:9. These priests are those who are chosen or the elect of 1 Peter 1:1, 2.

You come into the knowledge of these truths and you say you have a right to do certain sins, you are in big trouble with the Lord. After you receive this level of truth, there is no sacrifice provided for you to reestablish your level of fellowship with the Lord that you once enjoyed.

This sacrifice for sins referred to in Hebrews 10:26 is not the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, but the sacrifice that the high priest offered once a year for the sins of saved Israel, and not lost Israel. The day of atonement was the day that the hidden sins of the people were forgiven as found in Numbers 15:25 "And the priest shall make an **atonement** for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance." The sins of ignorance is the sins that only the one that did them knows about them. The presumptuous sin was not a sin of ignorance but one that all would know about and the individual would be stoned to death.

THE TRUTH

Colossians 1:5 "For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;"

What is the truth? I believe the truth is very clear in Colossians 1:5. The truth pertains to the hope. The hope laid up in heaven is our reward. Salvation is not laid up in heaven for us but is a present possession. This hope was given to them in *the word of the truth of the gospel*.

Because of the definite article *the* before the words *word*, *truth*, and *gospel* Paul was making a definite statement about a particular *hope* laid up in heaven. This message that was given to them by a particular *word* about a particular *truth* which was about the hope. This passage is not dealing with salvation, but a truth that was given them after they began to grow in faith and love. Colossians 1:4 "Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,"

This *hope* is a living hope according to 1 Peter 1:3-4 "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," This living hope is for an inheritance that is reserved in heaven for those who do not make shipwreck of the faith 1 Peter 1:5 "Who are kept by the power of God through **faith** unto salvation (of the soul, v.9) ready to be revealed in the last time."

The word hope means that this blessing laid up in heaven is not a sure thing. The reason it is not a sure thing is because it is based up on whether we continue in the faith. If we depart from the faith then what we hope for is lost.

HOPE OF GLORY

Colossians 1:27 "To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the **hope of glory**:"

The hope of the child of God that is living by faith is glory. There is the definite article *the* before the word *hope* and also before the word *glory*. The definite article *the* means it is a particular

glory and not just the Shechinah glory. I believe it is the glory that is associated with honor.

The hope of glory was and is considered a mystery. It was a mystery to Gentiles because it was not offered to them. The mystery was that of the kingdom of the heavens. Mark 4:11 "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the **mystery** of the **kingdom** of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:" It is sharing in the glory of the coming kingdom that is our hope. This is born out in the following verses.

HOPE IN HEBREWS

Hebrews 6:11 "And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of **hope unto the end**:"

You do not have to maintain your hope to the end to be saved. Salvation is experienced when one believes on the Lord Jesus and what he did on the cross for him on the cross. The hope of a child of God is to be maintained unto the end of his life. That hope is maintained by means of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

HOPE SET BEFORE US

Hebrews 6:18-19 "That by two immutable things, in which *it* was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to **lay hold** upon the **hope set before us**: 19. Which **hope** we have as an **anchor of the soul**, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;"

We are to lay hold on the hope. We do not lay hold on salvation. Salvation is a present possession and the hope is for future rewards and blessings that we will inherit in His coming kingdom if we don't faint.

OUR DESIRE

Mark 10:37 "They said unto him, **Grant unto us** that we may sit, one on thy **right** hand, and the other on thy **left** hand, **in thy glory**."

James and John had a special request. They said "*Grant unto us*" Which is another way of expressing one hope. When you ask for something you hope that you are going to received it. Their request was to sit on either side of the Lord in His glory. If we are sitting in that close proximity we will be sharing in his glory. Jesus Christ is at the right hand of God the Father and he had the glory that he had before he came to the earth. James and John wanted to share in the glory of the Lord in the millennial kingdom. The hope of glory is a hope of position in the kingdom of the heavens.

IN THY KINGDOM

Matthew 20:21 ". . . Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy **right** hand, and the other on the **left, in thy kingdom**."

The mother of James and John also hoped that her two sons would be granted to sit on either side of the Lord in his *kingdom*. The glory pertains to the kingdom. The hope of glory is a hope to have a position of honor and glory in Christ's coming kingdom.

Again, when will these positions be filled? Now? No. Those positions will be filled in the 1,000 year reign of Christ. Is that kingdom now? No. We are living in the church age. That is the reason that the hope is set before us.

If we expect to have positions of honor and glory in the coming kingdom, we had better be careful how we live. If we live in sin we will forfeit the glory that we could have had. Hebrews is warning us to lay hold of the hope that is set before us lest we enter into a life of lawlessness.

PRACTICING SIN

Hebrews 10:26 "For if we **sin** [present active participle] **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,"

This verse is warning us about practicing sin wilfully. This verse is not dealing with sins that are committed from time to time even though we know they are wrong. The willful sin is a sin that we practice because we feel like we have the right to do it. The willful sin is a sin that we will not confess. There is not just one sin that is a willful sin. Any of the sins of the flesh can become a willful sin. The sin of telling a lie is a sin of delaying the consequences of telling the truth. When you come to the place in your thinking that you have the right to lie, then you will not confess that sin and that is the willful sin.

The word *sin* is a present active participle. The present tense implies practicing sin. To do this sin is normal for me. With this attitude about sin it becomes a habit and is no longer called sin but becomes a way of life. One can practice sin when they become lawless or out of control.

THE SIN DEFINED

1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth **sin** transgresseth also the law: for **sin** is the transgression of the **law**."

The word *sin* has the definite article before it. The definite article emphasizes the sin and in this verse it defines the sin as the lawlessness. I included this verse out of the New American Standard Bible to help us grasp the significance of the definition of the sin as lawlessness.

LAWLESSNESS

1 John 3:4 "Everyone who **practices** [the] **sin** also **practices** [the] **lawlessness**; and [the] **sin** is [the] **lawlessness**." (NASB)

Lawlessness is really the willful sin. Lawlessness means you are out of control. That you are not restricted by any law or rules. When you abandon the fear of the Lord you are moving toward the practice of lawlessness.

END OF THE AGE

Matthew 24:3 ". . . what *shall be* the **sign of thy coming**, and of the end of the **world** [age]?"

Jesus' disciples ask him what would be the sign of thy coming at the end of not the world but this age?

LAWLESSNESS

Matthew 24:12 "And because **iniquity** [lawlessness] shall abound, the **love** (disobedience) of [the] **many** (called unto his kingdom and glory) shall wax cold."

The word *iniquity* is the translation of the Greek word *anomia* which should be translated lawless. Jesus told them that at the end of the church age lawlessness would abound. Not only lawlessness will abound but the love of *the many* will be cold or be less and less. What does the love refer to? I believe it refers to the obedience to the Lord. Who are *the many*? They are the ones who have been called to enter into the kingdom of the heavens. What this means is that those who are able and have come to the deeper knowledge of the truth will become lukewarm when it comes to obedience. The Lord told his disciples that if they loved him they would obey him in John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

We can see that our world is out of control. The moral value of our nation has been lost to a great degree and it is continuing down hill. Our nation is become a nation of lawlessness and it is the result of abandoning moral values by removing the fear of God from before our eyes.

The return of the Lord is near and you know what? His rewards are with him. I am counting on that.

FOR IF WE

Hebrews 10:26 "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice for sins**,"

Who are being warned in this verse? The word *we* defines those that are being warned they are the ones who have access into the holy of holies. They are the ones who are privileged to be in the holy place. They are the priests.

THOSE IN THE HOLIEST

Hebrews 10:19 "Having therefore, **brethren**, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,"

Those who are in the holy place and access to the holiest are the *brethren*. Again who had access to the holiest by the blood? It was the high priest who was of the order of Aaron that had access to the holiest and that was only once a year. Who had access to the holy place every day? Who was it that burned incense on the altar of incense. Who was it that placed the showbread on the table of showbread? Who was it that put oil in the lamp stand in the holy place? It was the priests who were of the tribe of Levi. No other individual of any tribe of the children of Israel was allowed into the holy place.

HOLY PRIESTHOOD

1 Peter 2:5 "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an **holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

The word *Ye* in this verse is the same people who are referred to as *we* in Hebrews 10:26 and the *brethren* of Hebrews 10:19. Peter is writing to the holy priesthood in 1 Peter. They are the ones who can offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable. They are defined in 1 Peter 1:1-2 "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the [elect] strangers [pilgrims] scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2. Elect (belongs in verse one) according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." The holy priesthood is made of the elect.

ELI THE PRIEST

1 Samuel 3:13-14 "For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the **iniquity** (lawlessness) 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** (lawlessness) of Eli's house **shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering** for ever."

We have an example of those in the priesthood in 1 Samuel 3 that became vile through lawlessness. Their names are not even mention in these verses but they are in 1 Samuel 1:3 ". . . And the two sons of Eli, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, the **priests of the LORD**, were there." The word *iniquity* in the Hebrew means *perverse*. This was a grievous judgment. That means that their ministry to God was over even though they continued in the office of a priest. When you are allowed to see more your judgment is greater. Moses struck the rock one time too many and was disqualified from entering into the land flowing with milk and honey. Moses talked with the Lord face to face.

When we are told in Hebrews 10:26 that when you come into the deeper knowledge of the truth and become lawless, it is over for you. You will perish as Eli, Hophni and Phinehas did in type when they lost their lives. It would be better for you not to have come into the deeper knowledge

of the truth and then become lawless. To practice the willful sin is to fly in the face of the deeper knowledge of the truth concerning the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens.

PRESUMPTUOUS SIN

Numbers 15:29-31 "Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through **ignorance**, *both for him* that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. 30. 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.**"

This verse pertains to a man that was in the firewood business. His sin was collecting firewood on the Sabbath. The law of Moses forbade anyone working on the Sabbath. This man picked up firewood presumptuously on the Sabbath. To be presumptuous in working on the Sabbath was to say that he had a right to break that law. The word *reproached* could be translated *blaspheme*. The root meaning of this word is *to hack with words* and in this case against the LORD. Not only did he argue against the Lord, but his attitude toward the Word of the Lord was he despised it. When some one was cut off because of some sin, that sin was not forgiven or cleansed. The statement that his iniquity shall be upon him indicates very clearly no cleansing.

Notice that there is one law for him that sinneth in ignorance. This sinning in ignorance does not mean that the sinner did not know that he was sinning. What it meant was that he sinned and no one saw him commit the sin. In contrast to sinning when no one would know it, is the one who sins and everybody knows it and the sinner doesn't care if they do know.

One thing to keep in mind is this. The man who sinned presumptuously did not lose his salvation. What he lost was his life and inheritance in the land. If he had no children, then what inheritance he did have went to others in the family. This man did not esteem his inheritance in the land flowing with milk and honey. Because he perished, what he would have gotten in the land went to those who esteemed their inheritance in the land. The Lord said this is what would happen to those who did not esteem the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens. Matthew 13:11-12 ". . . it is given unto you to know the **mysteries** of the **kingdom** of **heaven**, but to them it is not given. 12. For whosoever **hath** [ecw, present active, esteemeth], to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever **hath** [ecw, present active, esteemeth] **not**, from him shall be **taken away** even that he hath." Those who do not esteem the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens will lose the inheritance they would have obtained. The inheritance that was forfeited will be given to those who do esteem the kingdom of the heavens and their inheritance will be greater.

AWAY FROM THE ALTAR

Numbers 15:35 "And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely **put to death**: all the congregation shall **stone him** with stones **without the camp.**"

Being without the camp meant that he could not come to the door of the tabernacle to offer a sin offering so that he could be restored. Being stoned without the camp meant that he could not use the red heifer and water to cleanse himself either.

PRESUMPTUOUS SIN

Exodus 21:14 "But if a man come **presumptuously** upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt **take him from mine altar**, that he may die."

This verse confirms the fact that the one who sins presumptuously will not be allowed at the altar, therefore *his iniquity shall be upon him*. He will not have a chance to offer a sin offering.

ALMOST ALL

Hebrews 9:22 "And **almost all things** are by the law **purged** with **blood**; and without **shedding of blood** is no remission."

When you are not allowed access to the altar at the temple you would not be released from the judgment of being stoned to death. That is the reason not all things are *purged with blood*. It is by the blood that we have our charges dismissed. This is after salvation and not to be saved.

REFUSE TO HEAR

Deuteronomy 17:12-13 "And the man that will do **presumptuously**, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man **shall die**: and thou shalt **put away the evil** from Israel. 13. And all the people shall hear, and **fear**, and do no more **presumptuously**."

Those who become lawless are those who refuse to hear the ministry of the Word of God against lawlessness. Assembling of ourselves together is for the purpose of learning the fear of the Lord so that we will not become lawless. We need to hear of the consequences of living a life of lawlessness. That life style is evil and it needs to be put away from the congregation. When some one in the congregation becomes lawless, then they are judged and when they are excommunicated from the church, they will lose their inheritance in the coming kingdom. That is what is meant in John 20:23 "Whose so ever sins ye **remit**, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose so ever *sins* ye **retain**, they are **retained**." The church has that power here on earth.

BETTER NOT TO KNOW THE TRUTH

2 Peter 2:20-21 "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the **knowledge** [*epignwsis*, deeper knowledge] of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21. For it had been better for them not to have **known** [*epignwskw*, deeper knowledge] the **way of righteousness**, than, after they have **known** [*epignwskw*, deeper knowledge] *it*, to **turn from the holy commandment** delivered unto them."

This passage in 2 Peter is warning those who have escaped the defilement of this world through the knowledge upon knowledge that they had better be careful what they do with that knowledge. Notice, again, it is the deeper knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I think it is significant that these four words, *Lord*, *Saviour*, *Jesus*, and *Christ* imply a significant knowledge of all facets of his ministry to the church. Having this knowledge would make Him Lord or in charge of your life. As a saviour two things are implied. One would be new birth from above and second would be the one who delivers us from bondage and supplies every need. Jesus was the Son of Man and was the one who hung on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Being the Christ, he is the one who is our high priest after the order of Melchisedec. If you have a deeper knowledge of these truths you have a lot of responsibility to do the will of the Father. Having a deeper knowledge of these truths makes you skillful in the word of righteousness. Being overcome by the defilement of this world means that the world is in charge of your life and not the Lord. Your judgment is going to be more severe and without mercy.

THE LAW OF THE LORD

Psalms 19:7 "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, **converting** [*restoring*] the **soul**: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple."

SERVANTS ARE WARNED

Psalms 19:11-13 "Moreover by **them** (the law of the Lord) is thy servant **warned**: *and* in keeping of them *there is* **great reward**. 12. Who can **understand his errors**? cleanse thou

me from secret *faults*. 13. **Keep back** thy **servant** also from **presumptuous sins**; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."

Are you tempted to throw in the towel so to speak and turn away from the Lord to do that which is right in your own eyes. You need to take warning and turn to the Word of God. The law of the Lord is all you need because it is perfect or complete. It is the Word of God that restores the soul or life of the child of God. The testimonies from the Word of God about Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the list goes on, are true and they will give you wisdom in the way you live your life.

The Word of God warns us and it encourages to be obedient so that there will be great reward. It is through the Word of God that we can understand where we go astray and are able to return unto the way of righteousness. We know from the Word of God that we can be cleansed from the secret sins. We know that the Word of God will help us to see the consequences of presumptuous sins. It is the Word of God that protects us from being overcome by them so that we will not be chargeable as we stand before the judgment seat of Christ. If we are guilty of the great transgression of lawlessness the consequences will be grave. There will weeping and gnashing of teeth.

WORDS AND MEDITATION

Psalms 19:14 "Let the **words** of my mouth, and the **meditation** of my heart, be **acceptable** in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

If we are weak, we know that He is our strength. If we feel trapped, we know that He is our redeemer. How do we know that? It is through meditating upon His word. Matthew 12:34 ". . . for out of the abundance of the **heart** the mouth speaketh." Matthew 15:18-19 "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the **heart**; and they defile the man. 19. For out of the **heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:" All of these sins can become willful sins. If we get our heart right through the Word then our words will be right and we will be found acceptable and approved at the judgment seat of Christ.