

To diffuse any accusation that I cannot say these things because of my own guilt, such is indeed the case. I am the chief of violators of what follows and confess the same before all who should read and/or be offended by such. It was only recently that my ‘eyes’ were opened to the lessons below. I repented in deep shame and remorse for having been guilty of associating, eating at the same table and welcoming a so-called ‘brother’ whose two abominable behaviors I had overlooked for 25 years. A more recent third continuous act was the straw that broke the camel’s back. For my sins of considerable duration, I had to ask the forgiveness of several to whom I had given counsel to disassociate with those who were stubbornly living in sin (living with someone, a lifestyle of promiscuity, etc.), even members of their own families. When my eyes were opened recently, all I could say was *mea culpa*. From this state I pursued the scriptures below. I suppose my audience is myself.

There are two categories of scriptures applicable to the problem at hand. The first category contains those passages pertaining to the type of offence(s). The second are those passages pertaining to the actions that are to be taken by the obedient. Definitions are taken from Zodhiates’ Hebrew-Greek Study Bible lexicon. Emphases are mine.

CATEGORY I, OFFENCES:

Psalms 50:7, 16-18 “Hear, O My people, and I will testify against you. I am God, your God.... But to the wicked (of my people) God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes, or take my covenant upon your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you have consented with him, and you keep company with adulterers.”

Wicked: 7563 *rasha* is used in parallel with nearly every Hebrew word for sin, evil and iniquity. It is an objective fact rather than a subjective phenomenon, **pointing to the attitudes and intentions** of people, towards whom God is opposed. *Rasha*’ generally connotes turbulence, restlessness, and a life of being poorly regulated and disjointed. It describes the confusion in which the wicked live, their causing perpetual agitation in others. These people violate others through oppression, greed, exploitation, murder, dishonesty in business and twisting justice.

Note: “wicked” as #7563 in most contexts within the O.T. ¹ refers to the negative side of life experienced by and attributed to those **within His people** who continue in rebellion to God and against His statutes, **not** the heathen (see verse 7). Where the above attributes and life patterns exist, they are effects pointing directly to causes committed by individuals within His people.

Covenant: 2706 *choq*: statute, regulation, law, decree, limit, boundary.

¹ E.g., Gen 18:23, Job 3:17, Ps. 10:3, Prov. 4:14, Is. 3:11, Jer. 5:26, Ez. 3:18, Mal. 3:18

Discipline: 4148 *muwcar*: chastisement, correction, instruction, self-control; essentially it is a bond, a checking, a correction resulting in education.

Cast: 7993 *shalak*: to throw away, cast off, shed.

See: 7200 *raah*: (some) to approve, consider, discern, take heed, meet, be near, regard, have respect, provide, not just perceive with the eyes.

Thief 1590 *gannab*: one who steals (what is not his, not necessarily objects), a thief.

Consented: 7521 *ratsah*: to be pleased with; to accept, to set affection, approve, pardon.

Keep company: 2506 *cheleq*: properly a smoothness of the tongue, partake, have a portion, share.

Adulterers: 5003 *naaph*: to commit adultery, figuratively to apostatize (*Roget*, renounce, defection, turn-coat, withdrawal, back-sliding, change sides, abrogate), idolatrous worship (false religions, secret fraternities, occult, et al), physical adultery. In the Bible, adultery more commonly refers to adultery of the heart, its affections, allegiances et al. Thus one can commit spiritual adultery by loving, worshipping and paying allegiance to anything, anyone, or any institution or relationship over and above the person and words of the Most High. Adultery and idolatry are closely linked in concept.

Roman 1:31-32: "... wickedness.....foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them, but approve those who do them."

Roget's Thesaurus lists the ff synonyms ***to approve***; to share, to consent, to associate, be in common, to assent, to allow, to be pleased, to approve, to applaud.

Foolish: 801 *asynetos*: unintelligent, foolish, stupid, without understanding.

Faithless: 802 *asynthetos*: treacherous to compacts, covenant-breakers.

Heartless: 794 *astorgos*: hard-hearted towards toward kindred, unloving.

I Tim. 5:8: If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially his own family, he has disowned (denied) the faith and is worse than an infidel.

Provide: 4306 *pronoeo* consider beforehand, actively by way of maintenance, provision, care for, take thought of.

Family: 3609 *oikeios* domestic, those of his own household, blood-kin, adherents of a thing, even the household of God.

Deny: 720 *arneomal* to reject, abnegate, disavow, refuse, disregard.

Infidel: 571 *apistos* an unbeliever, without Christian faith, a heathen, untrustworthy, faithless, not to be trusted.

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their deeds; they are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good deed.

Profess: 3670, to say the same thing as another, confess, declare.

Deny: 720 *arneoma*, contradict, disown, reject, abnegate, refuse.

Deed: 2041, any act (of hand or mind), thing done.

CATEGORY II: RESPONSE TO CONTINUED OFFENCES BY A BROTHER:

I Cor. 10:20b-21. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of demons and the cup of the LORD. You cannot partake of the table of the LORD and the table of demons.

Partner, partake, part, parcel: all have the root of *par*, which means parity, an equal in quality or character, level with one another, etc.

Partner 3348 *metecho*, to share or participate, belong to, take part, be in company, associate, to dance with, includes unscripturally** sharing the sacrament of communion.

Roget's Thesaurus lists this word *partner* and its associates under 778, Volition (free will) and Possessive Relations, with ff synonyms; participation, communion, community of possessions, cooperation, sharer, portion. Under 690 Agent, as a co-worker, a party to, a colleague, an associate, collaborator, *particeps criminis* (participant in a crime).

I Tim. 5:21-22: "...I charge you to keep these rules, doing nothing from partiality. Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, not participate in another man's sins; keep yourself pure."

Partiality: 4346 *prosklisis* leaning towards, fig., proclivity of mind, inclination of thought, joining the party.

Participate: 2841 *koinoneo* to share with others, obj. or subj., come into communion, join oneself to, make oneself a partner (ibid).

Share: to have an equitable part, enjoy or endure in common.

I Cor. 15:33: Do not be deceived; "Bad company ruins good morals."

Deceived: 4105 *planao* go astray; metaphysically, to be led away from the truth, drift into error.

Company: 3657 *homilia* companionship, communion.

II John 9-10 "...he that abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If there be any who comes to you and does not bring this doctrine (of the complete and perfect exclusivity of Christ), do not receive him (into your house), nor give him any greeting; for he who greets him shares in his wicked work." **

Greet: 3004 *lego* affirm, maintain (relations), call by name, (break silence); express friendly recognition, receive, welcome.

Share = to have an equitable part, enjoy or endure in common.

Wicked: 4190 *poneros* hurtful, evil in effect or purpose, derelict, grievous, harm, bad.

** There is a stark exception found in II John 9-10 where any (whether a 'brother' or not) comes to you with a doctrine *different* than the exclusivity of Christ, do not even greet him, nor receive him into your house. Freemasonry et al cults are 'different' and contrary to the doctrine of Christ. No prerequisite of correction, warning, etc, is required at all.

I Cor. 5:11: But rather I wrote to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of immorality or greed,-not even to eat with such a one.”

Associate: 4894 keep company, be intimate with, mix together, connect mentally, be in common pursuit.

Greed: 4123 desiring more, eager for gain, defrauder, covetous.

Eat: take food together.

Eph. 5:11: Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.”

Part: 4790 to share in company with, to fellowship, be a partaker.

Problems continue to plague the believer until he/she wakes up from a state of denial/disobedience and repents of tolerating and associating with “brothers” guilty of such continuous acts. One must stop refusing to discriminate (as commanded) the actions of those claiming to be brothers/sisters habitually committing the above. Ignoring, defending, supporting and condoning the behavior of our relatives, family, church members and gov’t officials are where these violations of the Word occur today.

Our misunderstanding of the meanings of words is only one of many forms in which we continue down paths of destruction. **Murder** for example, is more than killing someone with a knife or gun; it **means taking the life** (including slander of his character and even hating him)² **of another violently**. Further, Jesus defined murder and adultery as issues of the heart³, being guilty by *approving* of someone who does such acts⁴. Thus ***approval*** of abortion makes one a murderer by association of heart. Our God looks at the heart.

Oppression does not just mean putting someone in stocks, or putting them in slavery. It **means the causing of pain** through one’s actions toward another, even if by omission.

Dishonesty in business means doing anything contrary to what one says he/she would do, changing the terms and/or time constraints. Words mean things, or at least should.

Where a brother/sister is found in committing a sin, prerequisites are contained in scriptures that require us to perform (commensurate with the level of offence) some six steps of correction, admonition, caution, warning and rebuking. Next is bringing the offense before the ‘church’ to be done prior to the severing of relationships. Concerning the event that ‘opened’ my eyes; these acts of forewarning had been done in one form or another on several fronts; there were no credible witnesses to “take along”, none!

In the case of bringing the offenses before the ‘church’, that was impossible, due to the fact that there were Masonic ‘brothers’ within the ranks of the leadership of the local body, rendering any impartial audience, much less correct justice, virtually impossible. Only a feeble remonstrance was addressed to each offence, to no avail. See ** above.

² I John 3:15

³ Mt. 5:27-28

⁴ Mt. 23:29-31

Where there is an act committed contrary to scripture, it becomes a first-degree felony in and of itself. Additionally, if there be any assistance by anyone other than the perpetrator of the act himself, he/she becomes an accessory to the act. This is known in current vernacular as an accessory to the crime. The driver of the car involved in a murder is an example.

Such a one receives the same penalty as the one committing the act himself. Being an accessory includes any physical act supporting in any way the perpetrator, known today as aiding and abetting a criminal, common practice underscored by blood oaths in secret fraternities. These acts of support include outward support of any kind such as harboring, feeding, or giving time and money to their cause.

Sanctioning, ratifying, voting and endorsing, as well as mental assent, agreement, approval, consent, or confirming mentally in any form or pattern fall into this category by **scriptural standards** and vernacular.

Even protection by silence about an act committed by another constitutes a felony, equal to perjury, and perverts justice. "Covering" for a 'brother' amounts to being a false witness. Deut. 5:20 forbids being a false witness; Prov. 19:9 says a false witness will not go unpunished, as does 19:5, he who utters lies will perish. Again, **all** of these are common practice within secret fraternities, established specifically by blood oaths.

Where these are, the person then becomes in his/her heart part and parcel of the act itself.

Reiterating the two realms, as in an abortion, the doctor and/or nurse actually murder the helpless baby; but **the parent ordering the abortion is no less guilty of murder**. Both of these are first-degree murders according to scripture.

The second realm would be the person **approving** (supporting) the process and concept of abortion itself. According to scripture, namely Jesus' teaching on adultery, the (harbored) thought itself makes one as guilty as if he/she had done the act itself. (Mt. 5:27).

Further, according to scripture, even **silence, overlooking, or turning our heads** connotes assent. Abdication follows close behind. Such was I; no more.

So what do the scriptures declare as to our assent, consent, sanctioning, voting, endorsement, approval, et al, of another,

- who **is consistently doing** any of the above?
- who is a murderer (supportive of abortion), adulterer, hater, liar, pro-homosexual, *claiming* to be a Christian?
- worse yet, what if the one supported (by a Christian) is an infidel?

It puts us in the same camp as the wicked.

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