THE DANGERS OF BACKSLIDING

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DEFINITION:

"Turning Your Back On God."

Hosea 11: 7 (KJV)

7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.

Jeremiah 3:14 (KJV)

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Jeremiah 14:7 (KJV)

7 O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

Jeremiah 2:19 (KJV)

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.

Jeremiah 2:21 (KJV)

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

JONAH 1:2 (NIV)

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

CONSEQUENCES OF BACKSLIDING

1.

Your backsliding makes you a dangerous person to be around

2 Samuel 24:17 (KJV)

17 And David spake unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

2.

You will be rebuked by the world.

JONAH 1:6 (NIV)

6 The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

JONAH 1:12 (NIV)

12 "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

3.

God will take you to the lowest pit

YOU HAVE 2 OPTIONS IN THE PIT

A.

Give into the depression and convince yourself that God hates you

B.

CALL ON GOD FOR MERCY

JONAH 2:7-9 (KJV)

- 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
- 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
- 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

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