



Rebellion against God is man's attitude of rejecting His authority, His Word, to satisfy their flesh. It has its source in pride, exactly what cursed Satan and his angels for eternity?

1Samuel 15:23 says: “For rebellion *is* as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is* as iniquity and idolatry.” In other words, rebellion is to refuse God's sovereignty in our lives, generates stubbornness, and becomes a prideful self-worship.

The apostle John said: “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” (1John 3:8) Here we have the clear indication that Christ came to remove the rebellion against God and replace it with the love of and for God. In reality, without the Spirit of Christ in a person's life, rebellion against God reigns in their heart, the reason they deny Him, refuse His authority, and even attack those who profess God's Word as truth. That's what is called “rebellious without a cause” because they do so without the knowledge of who God is.

Job 24:13 clarifies: “There are those who rebel against the light; they do not know its ways nor abide in its paths.” What's do we stand with God right now?

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Interestingly enough, rebellion has its source in what the bible describes as having a carnal mind. That precludes that the root is deep in the heart of those who rebel against God, without even having a clue as to what it is that God desires.

The very root of the problem is clearly pride, because those who rebel do so out of their desire to be, to do and seek whatever they want out of life. Why? Simply because they don't want to be submitted to anything other than their desires of the flesh.

Isaiah 30:9 describes rebels this way: "That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *who* will not hear the law of the LORD." In simple words, they refuse to obey God in not seeking what He says and will for them in His Word. They will state that they don't believe in God, yet they have never even sought to know what God's Word teaches us. Pro 17:11 warns us this way: "An evil *man* seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him."

Where does unbelief come from? Is it not rebellion of the heart? Paul in Hebrews 3:12 warned us this way: Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." Will we choose to surrender or rebel?

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Have we ever considered that God is sovereign? He knows not only the past, the present and the future, but He can read our hearts and thoughts in all circumstances of life, as nothing escapes Him.

However, those who rebel against the knowledge of God suffer the consequences as Paul in 2Cor 4:3-4 says, "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

In other words, those who choose opinions, philosophies or to satisfy the flesh are in fact refusing to seek to know about God, and as a result they are blinded by their pride and sinful desires. Psalm 2:4 says, "He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision." Obviously, God will have the last laugh, and reserves a most horrifying destiny for non believer's pride and rebellion.

In the same vein, a rebellious believer can expect chastisement from God through trials and challenges, as Proverbs 22:15 says, "Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him." Will we be wise and follow God, or proud and rebel?

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“But they rebelled against Me and would not obey Me--Then I said, ‘I will pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them.’”

Ezekiel 20:8



It's clear as crystal that resisting God will consequently result in judgment. It was true in the Old Testament as in the New Covenant. Deut 28:15 states: "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you."

The apostle Peter confirmed this in 2Peter 2:4, For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;" then in verse 7 he added, "And delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked," next verses 9-10, "Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority."

In other words, God will always deliver the righteous while the rebellious can expect harsh and final judgment. Whatever challenges we face is no reason to rebel against God. It's our heart's attitude that God sees and judge. Let's submit to God and trust in His power to deliver us.

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Sometimes, even believers might entertain rebellion in their hearts. The enemy of our faith works day and night to try and deceive even the elect, in drawing our hearts towards the flesh and sinful things of the world.

That's the reason Jesus in Matthew 24:24 warned us about the deceptions of the enemy saying, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience." Then in Mat. 7:21 He warned, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

How do we protect ourselves from those deceptions? Paul enjoined us to put on the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-20. The danger if we don't, as he added in 2Tim 4:3-4 is, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

We therefore resist the enemy by being steadfast in carrying the sword of the Spirit through the study of scripture, and wearing the shield of faith in the power of Christ. Are we ready?

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Life is made up of a series of choices. No matter our situation, our location, our environment, no matter whatever we face, it is always our choices that determine who we really are deep inside.

Another basic element about life is that we must understand is that there are only two choices we face. It comes down to choosing to recognize God as our creator, surrender to His will through salvation in Christ, or choose to rebel against that truth and follow the world.

Choosing God's salvation gives us the strength and power to conquer the flesh, as Paul said in 2Cor 10:4-5, "For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

In other words, we can't fight the world using their carnal weapons, but we can conquer through faith in the power of God, His very Word. That's why James said, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Will we choose God's Wisdom and power, or are we going to let the enemy deceive us and rebel against God?

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If we just stop for a moment and evaluate this life as compared to eternity, we can't even have a clear understanding of living where there is no more time, day or night, no more sin, hatred, trials, challenges, fear, hunger, etc. In essence, we're talking of a perfect life forever in the very presence of Christ our light, a perfect environment.

Isn't it worth giving thought to this reward? Paul in Rom 8:37-39 gave us a glimpse of what it represents: "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In other words, God reserves unparalleled blessings, peace and righteousness to the true believers in Christ who follow Him and make Him Lord of their lives. That's why Paul well stated in Gal 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Can we even imagine such a reward, to be in God's presence forever, basking in His glory, power and love? Can we?

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