

Why does God despise a rebellious and stubborn heart?

Romans 8:7-8: "Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

1 John 3:8: "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."

As such:

James 4:4: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

The reason Jesus said to the Pharisees:

John 8:44: "You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Then He added:

John 8:47: "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Therefore:

Hebrews 3:15: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Do I understand that the root of sin is in the attitude of the heart?

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***“Do not be deceived,
God is not mocked; for
whatever a man sows,
that he will also reap.”***

Galatians 6:7

Why are some people so easily deceived by corrupt and godless leaders?

2 Corinthians 4:3-4: “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.”

As a result:

2 Timothy 4:3-4: “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.”

As such:

1 John 5:19: “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one.”

What’s more?

Proverbs 14:12: “There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.”

Proverbs 13:20: “He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.”

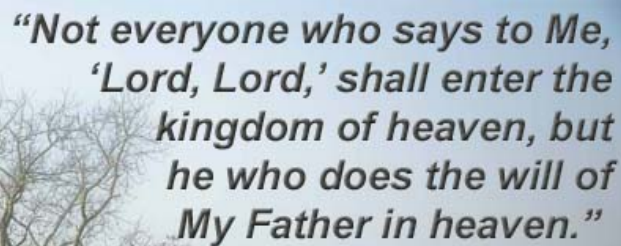
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Ephesians 5:6: “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

The reason why:

Jeremiah 17:10: “I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

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***“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.”***

Matthew 7:21

How does the Word of God warn us against entertaining sin in our life?
Isaiah 30:1: “Woe to the rebellious children,” says the LORD, “who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin.”

Hebrews 3:12: “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.”

Why?

1 Peter 3:12: “For the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their prayers; but the face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil.”

The reason Jesus said:

Luke 6:46: “Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

What’s more?

2 Corinthians 5:10: “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

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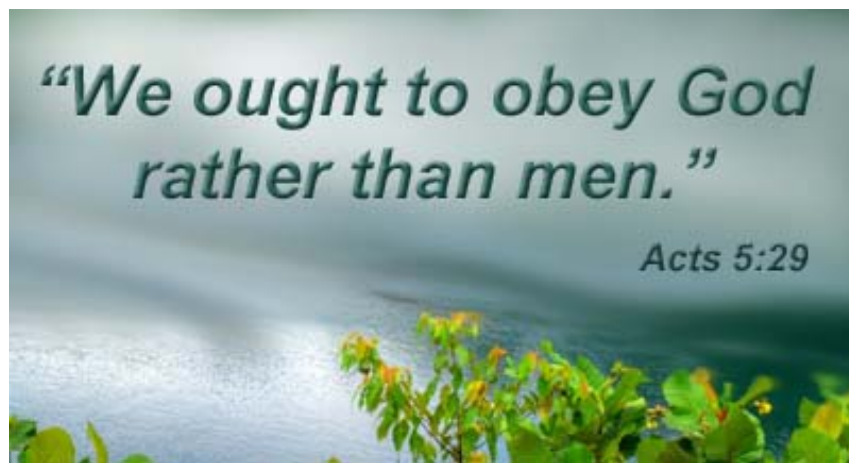
Hebrews 12:1: “Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

Why?

Galatians 5:24: “Those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

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What is the path to obedience in following Christ?

Ephesians 6:11-12: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Why?

2 Corinthians 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."

What's more?

1 Peter 5:8-9: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith."

How?

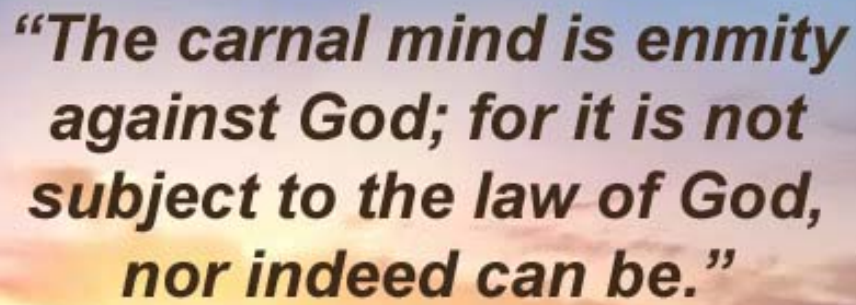
James 1:22: "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Colossians 3:23-24: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

And as Jesus clearly said:

Luke 9:23: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

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Romans 8:7

What penalties does God reserve to those who rebel against Him?

2 Peter 2:4-5, 9: “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; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah,” “then the Lord knows how to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.”

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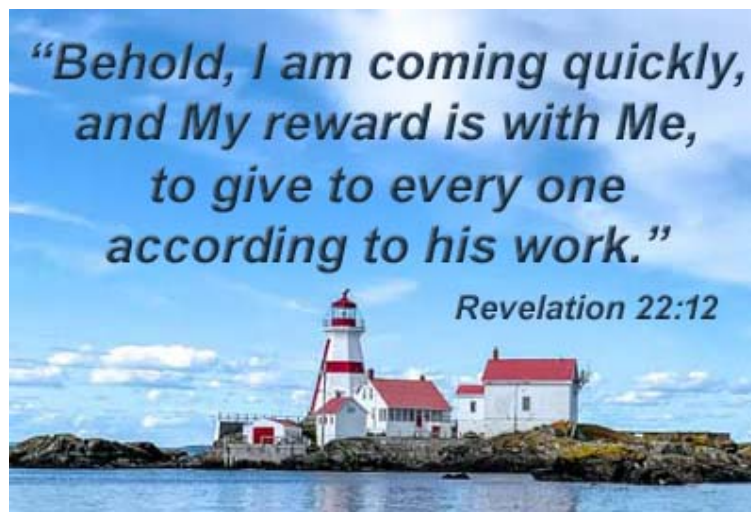
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Ephesians 5:15-16: “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

What’s more?

Matthew 7:22-23: “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

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What can we expect from God in abiding in and following Christ as Lord?

Romans 8:37-39: “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.”

As such:

Ephesians 2:1-2: “You *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”

John 14:26: “The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

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