

BIBLICAL WISDOM #8 - ESCHEW EVIL

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

We should have no commerce with wickedness or uncleanness. This is not for Salvation but for pleasing our Lord and Savior!

- I. THE UNEQUAL YOKE (vs. 14)
 - A. What is a yoke? Obvious Answer: Oxen but (WEBSTERS)
 - 1. It ties two things together involuntarily
 - 2. OLD friends/ways/habits/lifestyles must change
 - B. Why? They are not going the same direction as you!
 - 1. If you're yoked up, then you AGREE (AMOS 3:3)
 - 2. Yoke up with Jesus and His saints (PHIL. 4:3)
 - C. Relationships of all types - business, marriages, etc.

- II. THE UNEQUAL LIGHT (vs. 14)
 - A. They have their own source of truth: Themselves
 - 1. They don't see things your way 1 TIM. 6:20
 - 2. They don't see their own deception (JER. 17:9)
 - 3. They have a "darksome path" JOHN 3:19
 - 4. Describe a cave with no light source
 - B. Jesus changes that for us when we are Saved JOHN 8:12
 - 1. We have the Word of God (1 COR. 2:14)
 - 2. So that we will not stumble (PSA. 119:105)
 - C. We must GIVE them the Word so they too can SEE

- III. THE UNEQUAL SEPARATION (vs. 15-17)
 - A. ESCHEW - "To flee from; to shun; to avoid."
 - 1. I would "eschew" a hungry lion (1 PETER 3:10-11)
 - 2. Amish take to extreme and fail God's Commission
 - 3. We are IN this world, but not OF this world
 - B. Paul was speaking to the church at Corinth
 - 1. An immoral and worldly city. If they can we can!
 - 2. We are not undercover agents (LUKE 14:34-35)

- IV. THE UNEQUAL FAMILY (vs. 18)
 - A. There are two families in this world JOHN 8:44
 - 1. The children of God / the children of the devil
 - 2. One offers sin for a season (HEB. 11:25)
 - 3. The other offers eternal glory in Heaven
 - B. There are benefits to being in the FAMILY of God
 - 1. Joint-heirs with Jesus / Access to Throne Room
 - 2. We cry "Abba! Father" (Satan is a deadbeat dad)

YOKE (WEBSTERS) - "A chain; a link; a bond of connection; as the yoke of marriage."

AMOS 3:3 - "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

PHIL. 4:3 - "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."

JER. 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

1 COR. 2:14 - "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

PSALMS 119:105 - "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

1 PET. 3:10-11 - "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: (11) Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it."

LUKE 14:34-35 - "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? (35) It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

HEB. 11:25 - "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;"