

# THE WAY OF THE HYPOCRITE

**JOB 27:7-23**

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Job refused to go along with his friends and agree that he brought his suffering on himself. (Job 27.1-6)
2. The rest of the chapter directs our attention to the wicked.
  - a) **JOB 27.8-10:** Job subtly calls his friends hypocrites.
  - b) **JOB 27.11-13:** Judgment waits for the hypocrite.
3. We are warned about judging others hypocritically.

## I. THE DESTINY OF THE HYPORCRITE

- A. Punishment: God will punish the hypocrite.
  1. **JOB 27.14,15:** Sword, famine, and pestilence.
  2. Three common avenues of punishment. (Jer. 14.12)
- B. Possessions: God will take away their possessions.
  1. **JOB 27.16-18:** Though rich, he will lose everything.
  2. You can't take it with you. (Gen. 13.16; 1 Tim. 6.7)
  3. **JOB 27.19:** The rich man will be no more.
- C. Panic: Without hope, the hypocrite panics over his future.
  1. **JOB 27.20:** *"Terrors overtake him like a flood"*
  2. What makes him so afraid? (Job 27.21,23)
  3. **JOB 27.23:** *"Men shall clap their hands at him"*

## II. ARE YOU A HYPOCRITE?

- A. A hypocrite wants you to be like him.
  1. **MATTHEW 23.13-15:** You make him like you.
  2. Are you like the hypocrite?
- B. A hypocrite has their own standard.
  1. **MATTHEW 23.16-22:** You tell him what is right.
  2. Are you like the hypocrite? (cf. Job 26.4)
- C. A hypocrite only does what is easy.
  1. **MATTHEW 23.23,24:** You neglect the weightier matters.
  2. Are you like the hypocrite?

**CONCLUSION:** I cannot point my finger at others if I am doing the same thing? How do we correct others? (Gal. 6.1)

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-Mark 16.15

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## MEETING TIMES:

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM**

In vivid imagery, Solomon expresses the value of character and the ease in which one's character can be tarnished. In the eastern part of the world, markets selling costly perfume would attract not only potential buyers, but also flies. Flies would frequently be drawn by the fragrance, land in the bottle and ruin valuable ointment. In like manner, Solomon writes, *"So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor"* (Ecc. 10.1).

How quickly one's reputation can be destroyed by a single act of foolishness. Years ago, there was a man who was a faithful member of a congregation for many years. In a very embarrassing and public display it was discovered that he had been having an affair with a woman who was also a member of that same congregation. This one act of indiscretion ruined his reputation.

Whether a great act of sin or a seemingly minor offense, sin in your life can tarnish your reputation. Christians must be careful how they act in the world, for though we may be respected for our faithfulness to God, it only takes one mistake, and the salt loses its flavor (Matt. 5.13). It only takes one sin to cause the name of Christ to be blasphemed. That is why the Holy Spirit warned to be conscious of our behavior *"that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 1.15).

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# DON'T LOOK BACK

## 1 PETER 1:13

### INTRODUCTION: [READ 1 PETER 1.13-25]

1. God has constantly warned about the dangers of looking back.
  - a) Lot's wife was turned to salt because she looked back.
  - b) The Israelites died in the wilderness. (Ex. 16.3; 17.3)
  - c) The warning of Jesus. (Luke 9.62)
  - d) The illustration of Peter. (2 Peter 2.22)
2. The book of 1 Peter was written to people who were suffering and thinking about going back. (1 Pet. 1.1,4.16)

### I. REST YOUR HOPE UPON GRACE

- A. **1 PETER 1:13:** *“rest your hope fully upon the grace”*
  1. Do not focus on the present suffering but on something better that is to come. (1 Pet. 1.3,4)
  2. When will this inheritance be received? (1 Pet. 1.13)
- B. If you are struggling present and thinking about the past, focus your attention on what is ahead. (Titus 1.2)

### II. BE HOLY HAS GOD IS HOLY

- A. **1 PETER 1:15:** *“but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”*
  1. God the Father is holy. (Rev. 4.8)
  2. Jesus the Son is holy. (Acts 3.14)
  3. The Spirit is holy. (Acts 13.2)
- B. If you are struggling to remain faithful, determine in your mind to be holy. (Rom. 12.1,2; 1 Pet. 2.9)

### III. CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH FEAR

- A. **1 PETER 1:17:** *“conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear”*
  1. Our time here is only temporary. (v. 17)
  2. The idea is to respect God. (Ecc. 12.13; Acts 10.35)
- B. If you are thinking of returning to the world, remember to live in respect toward God. (Heb. 11.16)

### IV. LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- A. **1 PETER 1.22:** *“love one another fervently”*
- B. Love will help me remain faithful. (1 Cor. 13.1-3)

**CONCLUSION:** Are you struggling? These imperatives will help.

# FOLLOWING ALL OF HIS COMMANDMENTS

All denominations and religious groups that associate themselves with Christianity will tell you that they are devoted to sharing the teachings of Christ. Yet every one of these groups teaches things that are different and often contradictory. What do they mean when they claim to advocate and exemplify the teachings of Christ?

Usually the concept behind such a claim refers to a devotion to such things as love, mercy, and forgiveness. Jesus taught how important it is to love your neighbor and even your enemies (Matt. 5.44; 22.39). Jesus lived His life not in pursuit of wealth or fame, but in service and sacrifice (John 13.2-6,12-17; Matt. 20.25-28). Jesus placed an emphasis showing mercy and forgiveness instead of holding grudges (Luke 17.3,4; Matt. 18.21-35). The ones who advance the teachings of Christ are those who advance these principles. The individual who lives by the teachings of Christ is the one who displays these characteristics in their lives.

Consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 28.20. After Jesus commissions us to make disciples by baptizing them, He instructs us to teach *“all things I have commanded you”* (Matt. 28.20). Do the principles of love, sacrifice, forgiveness and the like, constitute *“all things I have commanded you?”* If we live by and teach things that Jesus taught as they relate to how we treat others, are we leaving anything out? When asked if one obeys Jesus and is following His teachings, they are quick to point out that they are striving to live a life in which they turn the other cheek and will not refuse one who wants to borrow from them (Matt. 5.38-41). Are there more to the teachings of Christ than this?

Jesus explained that if we love Him, we will keep His commandments (John 14.15). Keeping the commandments of Jesus involves more than just being a giving, loving, person, though these things are a part of it. The teachings of Jesus include matters of doctrine such as baptism (John 3.1-5; Mark 16.16). They include morality such as the fidelity of marriage (Matt. 19.3-9). They include proper practices of worship (John 4.23,24).

Doctrinally morally, or socially, following the teachings of Christ mean following all of His teachings. To those who followed only some of the teachings, Jesus said, *“These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone”* (Matt. 23.23). CLP