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Signs of the End Times AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

Jesus informed us that most of the world will not be prepared for his Second Coming. In fact, in the last days, the world will be just like it was in the days of Noah:

*"But as the days of Noah were, so also will **THE COMING** of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **AND DID NOT KNOW** until the flood came and took them all away; so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:37-39 NKJV) (also see Luke 17:26-27).*

Yet, even though the world will be unprepared for the return of Jesus, a repeat of the days of Noah will give those of us who know the Lord some very clear **SIGNS OF THE END TIMES**. So, what was it like during the days of Noah?

*"Then the Lord saw that **THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT** in the earth, and that **EVERY INTENT OF THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY** **THE EARTH ALSO WAS CORRUPT** before God, and **THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE**. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth." (Genesis 6:5 and Genesis 6:11-12 NKJV).*

It is true that we still have some good people on the earth. Many Redeemed Saints of the Lord continue to hold fast to the Word of God. Yet, **SIGNS OF THE END TIMES** are clearly manifest...

- 1) The wickedness of man is great, and is increasing.
- 2) Every intent of the thoughts of many hearts is only evil.
- 3) Corruption abounds – in the Government, and in society.
- 4) Increasingly, the earth is filled with violence.

With all the terrorist attacks, mass shootings, and revenge killings in recent years, need I say more about number **4**) (above **↑**)?

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Signs of the End Times AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF LOT

*Likewise **AS IT WAS ALSO IN THE DAYS OF LOT**: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17:28-30).*

In the days of Lot, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were filled with sexual immorality; including **AGGRESSIVE HOMOSEXUALITY**. God sent two angels to Sodom to rescue Lot and his family, and they stayed in Lot’s home overnight. The Bible reveals the following:

*“Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom – both young and old – surrounded the house. They called to Lot: Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can **HAVE SEX WITH THEM**.” (Genesis 19:4-5 NIV).*

Lot refused to send out his guests, and Bible further reveals:

“...They (the men of Sodom – young and old) kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door. But the men inside (the two angels) reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.” (from Genesis 19:9-11 NIV).

This is a clear **SIGN OF THE END TIMES**. The “Gay Agenda” is becoming more aggressive as they try to insist that such lifestyles are acceptable; even to God. To the contrary, from Jude 7, we read:

“...Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them ... having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” (NKJV).

Teacher’s Notes:

In the King James Bible, Genesis 19:5 reads “...Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may **KNOW** them.”

Some who defend homosexuality have tried to persuade us that **KNOW** means the men of Sodom just wanted to be friendly with the two angels.

This is ridiculous reasoning. Are we to imagine that the Lord rained fire and brimstone upon Sodom, because they wanted to be friendly?

Answering a Question from the Bible

What happens if we sin willfully, after we are saved ?

All too often, the following verse is misunderstood, misinterpreted, and therefore **MISUSED**:

“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.” (Hebrews 10:26 NKJV).

I have heard it said: *“If a Christian sins willfully, after they are saved, they cannot be forgiven.”* This interpretation – although wrong – is exceedingly **FEARFUL**, because it suggests that even though someone was once saved, now they are lost, because they cannot be forgiven!

If this is the case, then nobody will be saved. Everyone will be lost, and the Lord Jesus Christ will be in Heaven all by himself. Why? Because, **ALL SIN IS WILLFUL**.

God has created us with a **FREE WILL**, and with that free will, we can accept Jesus Christ as Savior, or we can reject him! And, even when we accept Jesus as Savior, God does not take away our **FREE WILL**.

It does not take long after we are saved to realize that we still commit sin, and we do so **WILLFULLY**. Even if we are a new believer at the time, and do not recognize our actions as sin, they are still willful.

So, what is the correct understanding of this verse? The inaccurate interpretation is caused by taking Hebrews 10:26 out of its context, and creating our own personal interpretation. So, let us put the verse back into its context, and examine the Scriptures that follow, and discover the truth:

*“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has **REJECTED MOSES' LAW** dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant (the blood of Jesus Christ) by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:26-29 NKJV).*

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In their context, these verses are written to Jews, who have accepted Jesus as Messiah, and they are also a comparison of the **OLD COVENANT** and the **NEW COVENANT**. (NOTE: Much of the book of Hebrews is written to Jewish believers, and is a comparison of the two covenants).

In those days, the Jews who accepted Jesus as the Christ were under enormous pressure to later reject him, and return to Judaism (or, return to the Old Covenant). The writer of Hebrews is warning Jewish Believers of the consequences should they make that unwise choice! To do so would be **SINNING** (specifically: Rejecting Jesus Christ) **WILLFULLY**.

So, in that context, let us break down Hebrews 10:26, and understand that Scripture correctly...

- ⇒ *"For if we sin willfully..."* If a Jewish believer in Jesus Christ later rejected him – willfully – and returned to Judaism,
- ⇒ *"...after we have received the knowledge of the truth..."* After they received the knowledge of the truth that Jesus is the Christ,
- ⇒ *"...there no longer remains a **SACRIFICE** for sins."* The emphasis here is **SACRIFICE**. After you trust in the sacrifice of Jesus for the remission of sins, you cannot go back to Judaism, and again offer animal sacrifices!

The writer of the book of Hebrews explains that those who rejected the Law of Moses under the Old Covenant died without mercy, and then explains what happens under the New Covenant when a Jewish believer rejected Jesus, and returned to Judaism...

- ⇒ They have trampled the Son of God underfoot,
- ⇒ Counted the blood of the New Covenant (the blood of Jesus Christ) by which they were sanctified as a common thing,
- ⇒ And, insulted the Spirit of grace.

This is sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth!

So, what about us Gentile Christians, who are not under pressure to reject Jesus Christ, and return to Judaism; but nonetheless still commit just regular, everyday sins? What happens when we sin willfully?

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9 NKJV).