

BEWARE OF UNBELIEF!

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One of the real dangers we face after coming to Christ is unbelief. Does that strike you as odd? A close study of Bible history will show this to be very true. Please allow me to state some examples.

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" {Genesis 2:16,17}

What did Adam and Eve do when tempted in the garden? "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of it's fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate." {Genesis 3:6} God kept His word. Read Genesis 3:24. **Beware of unbelief!**

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me," {Exodus 20:4,5}

What happened when Moses went up to Mount Sinai with God to receive the Law? "Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." {Exodus 32:1} God caused three thousand to be killed by the sword. **Beware of unbelief!**

What did God promise the children of Israel when they left the land of Egypt? The Promised Land. Another case of unbelief, Moses reminded them of this promise. "For as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you. But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety." {Deuteronomy 12: 9, 10}

What happened when they came to the border of the land of Canaan? The spies went out and two different reports came back. Which one did they accept? "And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, 'If only we had died in the land of Egypt/or if only we had died in this wilderness!'" { Numbers 14:2}

That generation died in the wilderness. The land, which was there for the taking, promised by God, was given to their children. Numbers 14:27-33. Why did they not gain this land?

"Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that

generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways. ' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" {Hebrews 3:8-11} **Beware of unbelief!**

What do all these examples have in common? All suffered because of unbelief. Man did not believe God. Could history repeat itself in our times?

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." {John 14:15} Many tell me the Bible does not matter and one does not have to follow its teachings or commands. Myriads of religious folks are exchanging the truth of God's law to replace with things that appeal to them. Changes are difficult to keep up with in the world of religion today for they change to meet the demands of the people. Dear reader, beware of unbelief! ***