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God's Warning Against Shiftless, Shaky, and Shallow Commitments

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"If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 1:19, 20

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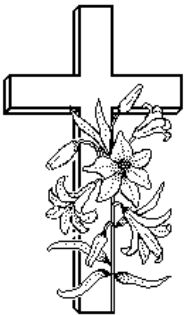
This promise to the faithful and warning to the disobedient expresses the depth of God's love and personal investment He has made to preserve and protect believers. Personally, I take this admonition to heart because I am hopeless without God's grace, helpless without Christ, and homeless without heaven. Thus, I strive daily to build my whole life around God's perfect will; I'm not about making the things of this world more important than the divine will of God for my life.

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The historical context of the above passages revolves around God's impending discipline of Israel's callous commitment to covenant keeping and her apparent unwillingness to repent. In spite of God's continual display of patience, mercy, and love; Israel seemingly refuses to acknowledge through obedience her historic relationship with God as her sovereign protector and provider. Outside of obedience to his will He cannot continue to release the daily favor of a father who only wants the best for His children. Literally, Israel has taken on the likeness of the nations around her. Please listen as Isaiah reveals God's perspective on Israel's behaviors: "*A sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, offspring who do evil, children who deal corruptly, who have forsaken the Lord, who have despised the Holy One of Israel, who utterly estranged* (Isa. 1:4)."



I do not believe that Israel deliberately enticed God into mortal combat. To do so would be suicidal. In essence, all things of the world around them slowly but surely began to be more interesting and important than Israel's centuries long relationship with God, who always empowered her to victor over all her enemies. If you read the book of Judges you will observe this as a common occurrence as Israel learns to live within the boundaries of truth (**Psalms 119:60; John 8:30, 31; John 17:17**). In my own life, I've made situations difficult and perplexing, only because I did not allow the word of God to establish an awareness that would have guided me on a path of well being. This apparent human learning style of focusing on the lesser things of life and forcing personal blindness on the will of God for us, helps us to see the damage we bring into our own lives.

Satan is the author of confusion not God. God wants the best for us; Satan who is clearly miserable wants your company, you have to decide on which direction will be most rewarding. God's warning to us is avoid *shiftlessness* of character that is lazy and without zeal for what pleases Him. Avoid *shaky* living with emotional insecurity when the test of your faith arrives. Finally, by all means don't support *shallow* Christian commitments lacking in spiritual depth, leaving one available to the unscrupulous use of evil forces. Instead, trust the God of heaven whose grace was demonstrated at the foot of the cross when He died for our sins.

Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am
Worship 11:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

With much Christian love,
C. K. Stewart I, Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Benevolence Ministry** – please remember our twice a month food giveaway here at the church building. We still need volunteers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:45 to 6:45pm. If you are interested in working with this ministry, please see Sis. Taylor for more information and sign up.
- † **Ladies' Prayer Class** – all ladies are encouraged to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship following worship service, **Today**, and every 3rd Sunday of the month. This month we will meet at Sis. Taylor's home.
- † **Family Game Night** – all members & visitors are encouraged to join us on Friday, **Aug. 24th** and every 4th Friday at 7pm for games, food and fun at the home of Bro. & Sis. Taylor.
- † **Family Development Class** – All are welcomed to please join us for fellowship meal and family development class following worship service **Aug. 26th** and every 4th Sunday of the month.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Usher</u>
Songs	C. Taylor	C. Wilkins
Scripture Reading	D. Bigelow	
Opening Prayer	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Assistants</u>
Sermon	C.K. Stewart, I	D. Clark & C. Wilkins
Invitation Prayer		
Communion & Collection	D. Bigelow Sr.	
Welcome Visitors	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Greeter</u>
Benediction	N. Mathis	L. Woods
Cup Collection	Marcus & Timothy	
Mission Collection	Caleb	

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel.....Rom. 10:13-14 & 17
2. Have Faith in Christ.....Eph. 1:13; Heb. 11:6
3. Repent of Past Sins.....Luke 13:3, 24:47, Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus Christ.....Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:35-39
5. Be Buried in Baptism.....Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6
6. Be Faithful Until Death.....Rev. 2:10

Thank you for visiting the Capital City Church of Christ, where we are striving to worship as the Bible commands. The Church of Christ is God-oriented, Christ-centered, soul-conscious, color blind, and heaven bound. We are ever moving, ever trusting, ever loving and ever serving the interest of our King.

Come **worship** with us willingly as we **evangelize** everyone by making **disciples** who will mature through **ministry** and **fellowship** fraternally. Our minister is available for Bible study and counseling by appointment.

With Christian Love, Dr. C.K. Stewart, I, Minister