



Warnings on Rebellion Against God

Judges 2:16-19 | Dr. Neil Ty

DISCUSS

When we sin, it is not enough to confess our sins. We should repent and turn away from our wicked ways. If we do not repent, we will see ourselves go through a process of regression. Let's look at the three stages of rebellion from Judges Chapter 2 to see what happens when we continue to rebel against God.

Stage 1: APATHY towards God (v. 1- 10)

- What is the meaning of "covenant?"
- What was God's covenant to His people, the Israelites?
- As someone who has accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, what is the covenant between you and Him?
- How does apathy towards God happen and develop?
- How did Joshua reverse apathy towards God (Joshua 1:8)?
- How could you be a Joshua of today? How should you reach out to the next generation to avoid apathy towards God?

Stage 2: ABANDONMENT of God (v. 12- 15)

- What was the result of the apathy against God of the next generation of Israelites? As a result, how did God react to them?
- Why do Christians abandon their faith in the Lord?
- Does God force His way on anyone who insists on abandoning Him?
- What should you do to remain faithful to God?

State 3: ALIENATION from God (v. 20-21)

- What was the result when God's people broke their covenant to God?
- What do you think would happen if you insist on going your own way and abandon God or drift away from Him?
- What would happen to you if God stops sustaining you with His grace?
- What should you do so that your relationship with Him will not go bad as being alienated from Him?

REFLECT

Examine yourself. At which stage of rebellion are you in today? Do you have apathy towards God? Are you at a point of abandoning Him? Or you may have been too far away and you sense that you are alienated from Him? Just like the prodigal son, God is calling you to return and come back to Him.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, help me heed these warnings on what rebellion against You can do to my relationship with You. Please help me to listen to the Holy Spirit when He convicts me of sin, that I will not allow my heart to be callous, which may lead to the crumbling of my relationship with You. Thank You that You love me in spite of my shortcomings. Help me not to take You for granted, but to always have the desire of growing in my faith and in my relationship with You. I pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.