

## VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUR BROTHER

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The prophet Obadiah condemned Edom "For violence against your brother Jacob" (Obadiah 1:10). The nations of Edom and Judah descended from the twin brothers Jacob and Esau. Edom mistreated the Israelites from Judah in many ways. God took this seriously.

In the church today God has set high standards as to how we are to treat our brethren. The phrase "One another" appears many times in the New Testament, directing us as to how to properly treat our brother in Christ.

We might mistreat them by gossiping about them or slandering them (James 3:9). We could mistreat

them by failing to encourage them often (Hebrews 3:12-13). We could mistreat them by failing to encourage them when they have been withdrawn from (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15). We mistreat them when we fail to assemble with the saints by forsaking an opportunity to exhort them and stir them up to good works (Hebrews 10:24-25).

All of these types of mistreatment could endanger the souls of our brethren whom we should love; but it endangers our souls as well. Let us always consider one another, in order to stir up love and good works, and look out for one another's interests (Philippians 2:3-4) 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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## WHO MAY ABIDE?

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"Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in your holy hill?" (Psalm 15:1). The Psalmist asked this question and then proceeded to answer it. We should be very interested in his answer if it is our desire to abide in the presence of the Lord. The one who may dwell in God's holy hill is the one who is careful about...

**His Walk.** "He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness" (Psalm 19:2). There are two senses in which we walk uprightly. We walk uprightly among men by being of high moral character. We are known as god men, men of our word. We are good citizens and can be depended on to obey the laws of the land (Romans 13:1-6). We must also walk uprightly with God, by obeying His commands, doing His will, and having lives full of righteous works (Matthew 7:21-23; Matthew 25:31-46; Titus 2:14)

**His Words.** "And speaks the truth in his heart" (vs 2b). This is the man who is honest with himself. He is not a hypocrite. What you see is what you get. He does not plan out deceit and lies. "he who does not backbite with his tongue" (vs 3). He loves his fellow man and will not whisper and back-bite against him. He will not slander and speak evil of him (Romans 1:30; Ephesians 4:31). He does not slander his neighbor, or reproach his friend with his mouth (Psalm 15:3). He despises a vile person, but honors those who fear the Lord (vs 4).. He will not condone and praise the wickedness of the wicked man. And he will speak honorably of the faithful. "he who swears to his own hurt and does not change" (vs 4b). He will keep his word and honor his commitments even if a better offer comes along later. He is a man who can be depended on. A man of his word.

**His Ways.** He is a fair and just man (Psalm 15:5). Those guilty of usury allow their ways to be dictated by the love of money, which is idolatry (Colossians 3:5). The same is true of those who thwart justice by accepting bribes. We cannot love money and God (Matthew 6:24).

"he who does these things shall never be moved" (Psalm 15:5b). He will be in fellowship with God in this life, and find himself in the glorious presence of God in eternity. 🔍

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## BE LIKE NATHAN

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No one that I know (including myself) wakes up and wishes for a good rebuking. Conversely, no one that I know (again, including myself) wakes up and relishes the opportunity to rebuke someone else. However, there are times when both are necessary.

And an even sadder truth is there are those who are rebuking others who do not know how to — and this leads to hurt feelings, exits from the Lord's Church and closed doors of opportunity. Wise and experienced Christians know there is great skill and tact involved in rebuking, which has as its goal the discontinuing of wrongdoing.

Nathan was not only a chosen prophet of God, he was a master of rebuking and chastening. He knew how to do it in a loving, discreet and effective way. His charge from God was to go and help David realize the sins he had committed in his sad and scandalous affair with Bathsheba (**II Samuel 11**).

Nathan could have come to David and just "rake him over the coals." Nathan could have come to David and immediately begin rattling off the fact he had committed adultery, was guilty of lying and deceit and was responsible for the murder of Uriah — but he didn't.

Instead, he related the familiar story of a rich man stealing a poor man's lamb in order to feed a visitor. Of course, David's anger was greatly kindled — he was intent on punishing the rich man. Nathan's first attempt to convict David was unsuccessful, producing the need for the profound words "David, Thou art the man" (**II Samuel 12:7**).

On this day, we each need to realize correction is a necessary part of life. We need to humbly accept it when it comes our way. And we need to be like Nathan when it comes time to deliver it — lovingly, tactfully and thoroughly. Without rebuke, sin goes unchecked. When sin goes unchecked, souls are lost. If a soul is in danger of being lost, rebuke is necessary. Let's do the best we can to do so productively. -

# Exhort One Another Daily!

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

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**II.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Ben Reagh  
Reading: Hebrews 13:1-6
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey  
Serve.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;  
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

***Obey Today!***

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## **Thank You For Serving!**