

THE REBEL

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Scripture:

I Samuel 15:23
Jeremiah 44:16-17

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Introduction

One of the most common characteristics of our time is the spirit of rebellion. We see this attitude displayed on our campuses, in the streets, and even on the steps of our nation's capitol.

Rebellion, that attitude of hardness of heart, is vile in the sight of God. It is an attitude which He will not tolerate. God will reprove for a period of time, and if the rebellion is continuously displayed, he will bring about that person's destruction. Flagrant violations of God's laws will not be tolerated. (Proverbs 29:1)

I. Rebellion against Authority

A. Satan's rebellion

WITCH HUNT
AND REBELLION
ALL OF SATANIC
ORIGIN

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isaiah 14:13-15

1. Rebellion against authority not new
2. Not without consequences

B. Against laws

1. Civil disobedience
 - a. Riot producing
 - b. Destructive

I. Rebellion against authority

B. Against Laws

2. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: for the powers that be are ordained of God.

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

C. In the home

1. Children rebelling against parental authority—JOHN BOYETT
2. Parental refusal to accept responsibility
3. Refusal by husbands or wives to accept their proper place in the home

II. Rebellion against established moral principles

A. Moral relativity vs. Ten commandments

1. No absolutes produces
 - a. Mental cases
 - b. Suicides
 - c. Schizophrenic tendencies
2. Man's nature requires absolutes

Scientists have found that the moral principles established in the Bible are necessary to the sound mental and physical health of the human animal.

GOD DOES NOT ARBITRARILY MAKE LAWS.

B. The "do your own thing" philosophy

As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee.

But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our mouth

Jeremiah 44:16-17

II. Rebellion against established moral principles

B. The "do your own thing" philosophy

1. Treacherous gospel reproduces itself

a. Parents introducing children to drugs

1. Couple from Oak Cliff A/G who became heroin addicts. Gave nembutal to children

2. Lonnie--Mainliner since age five

b. They were fully aware of God's death penalty for these crimes, yet they went right ahead and did them anyway, and encouraged others to do them, too.

(Liv. Let.) Romans 1:32

2. Others hurt by actions

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

Romans 14:7

III. Rebellion against God (II Tim 3:1-5 Perilous Times)

A. Saul

1. Received position by divind decree

2. Became self willed

3. Became a rebel

4. Lost kingdom, life, and soul

B. Cost of rebelling against God

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things that are not convenient;

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, coveteousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:28-31

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III. Rebellion against God

B. Cost of rebelling against God

1. You have no defense against Satan
2. Satan will do anything with your life that he pleases

Neither yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness, but yield yourselves unto God.

Romans 6:14

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7