

# The Principle of Cause and Effect

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:7-8  
1 Corinthians 11:28-29

## Introduction

Throughout the scripture, there is an underlying principal that our actions not only bear fruit immediately, but also have a long-range effect. Small, seemingly minute, deviations from God's perfect will over the centuries have born tragic consequences.

### I. Cause

**1 Corinthians 11:29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

- A. Abraham, Hagar, and Keturah
- B. Saul, Agag, and Arnalek
- C. Ham, and Canaan
- D. Rahab, and Ruth

### II. Effect

**Galatians 6:7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

- A. Present mid-east conflict a result of Keturah and Hagar
- B. Amalek's toll on Israel
  - 1. Saul's death at the hand of an Amalekite
  - 2. Haman and Esther
- C. The conquest of Canaan by Israel

**Exodus 34:7b** ...visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and fourth generation.
- D. Christ's lineage includes Rahab and Ruth