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## Withdraw – Pt 2 Come out, separate yourself from devils

This is our second study on the topic – “withdraw”. In our previous teaching we established three points – (1) withdraw our hand from iniquity, (2) withdraw ourselves from every brother that walks disorderly, and (3) withdraw ourselves from those who are men of corrupt minds. In this study we establish– (1) the Lord said to His people – come out of her my people, (2) God asks his children to separate themselves from the heathen, (3) the gentiles sacrifice to devils – have no fellowship with devils, and (4) we are to have no company with a brother that is a fornicator, or idolator, or covetous.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

### 1. The Lord says to His people – **come out of her my people**

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” (Rev 18:4).

### 2. God asks His children to separate themselves from the heathen

“But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I [am] the Lord your God, which have separated you from [other] people” (Lev.20: 24).

### 3. The **Gentiles sacrifice to devils** – have **NO fellowship with devils**

“But I say...the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils” (1 Cor.10: 20).

### 4. Have **no company** with– a brother that is fornicator.

“I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators” (1 Cor.5: 9). See also verse 11.

#### Illustration

If you perceive that a worshipper in the Roman Catholic religion is a born again believer, and you warn him as we did with Patrick Cronin over the course of 3 years, and he choses to stay in that devilish man-made religion then you can do nothing else, but “shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them” (Lk.9: 5).

Question to think about.

Why separate, ourselves from uncleanness?

Answer from the scriptures

i) Why separate ourselves from uncleanness? –

What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness? – none! Therefore, “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” (Eph.5: 11).

Israel were to separate themselves from the people of the land (Ez.10: 11), not to “make marriages with them” (Josh.23: 12) – that the people of the land be not “snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes” (verse 13). Israel were to separate, come out of uncleanness “that ye be not partakers of her sins”.

Let us have no fellowship with devils, but withdraw thyself!

### **Additional verses –**

Peter separated himself from the Gentiles and would not eat with them – motivation–fear of the Jews

Gal 2:12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Those who walk after their own ungodly lusts – they separate themselves

Jude 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Jude 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Israel separated themselves unto their shame and their abominations

Hos 9:10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: [but] they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto [that] shame; and [their] abominations were according as they loved.

Lot separated himself from Abraham

Gen 13:9 [Is] not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if [thou wilt take] the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if [thou depart] to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

Gen 13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

Gen 13:14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

The law was given to separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness

Lev 15:31 & 32 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that [is] among them. This [is] the law of him that hath an issue, and [of him] whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

Aaron and his sons were separate from the holy things of the children of Israel– that they profane not his holy name

Lev 22:2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name [in those things] which they hallow unto me: I [am] the Lord.

Num 8:14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

Num 16:9 [Seemeth it but] a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

Num 16:21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

Deut 10:8 At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

A man can separate himself unto the Lord

Num 6:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate [themselves] to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate [themselves] unto the Lord:

Num 6:3 He shall separate [himself] from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

Num 6:5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth [himself] unto the Lord, he shall be holy, [and] shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

Num 6:6 All the days that he separateth [himself] unto the Lord he shall come at no dead body.

The Lord shall separate the wicked unto evil out of the tribes of Israel

Deut 29:21 And the Lord shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

Our iniquities have separated between us and our God

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that he will not hear.

When Israel or the stranger separates himself from God by his sin & comes to enquire the Lord will answer him by Himself

Eze 14:7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the Lord will answer him by myself:

At the judgment of the nations – the SOM shall separate them one from another

Mt 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:

We are blessed of the Lord when men shall separate us from our company & reproach us

Lk 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you [from their company], and shall reproach [you], and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

The Holy Ghost separates us for the work of the ministry

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Example – Paul was separated unto the gospel of God

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called [to be] an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called [me] by his grace,

NT- Peter shown – NOT to call any man common or unclean (context Jew – Gentile)

Acts 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Christ was undefiled, separate from sinners

Heb 7:26 For such an high priest became us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;