

The Spirit of Contention - Godly or Not

Acts 11:1-18

Acts 11:1-14 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, 5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: 6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. 8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. 9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. 10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. 12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: 13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Psalms 34:7 *The righteous cry*, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Acts 11:15-18 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held

their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

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Strong's #04683 hum matstsah *mats-tsaw'* from 05327; n f; {See TWOT on 1400 - "1400a"} AV-contention 1, strife 1, debate 1; 3 1) strife, contention

Strong's #07379 byr riyb *reeb* or br rib *reeb* from 07378; n m; {See TWOT on 2159 @@ "2159a"} AV-cause 24, strife 16, controversy 13, contention 2, misc 7; 62 1) strife, controversy, dispute 1a) strife, quarrel 1b) dispute, controversy, case at law

Strong's #04079 Nydm midyan *mid-yawn'* or (plural) Mynydm a variation for #04066; n m; {See TWOT on 426 - "426c"} AV-contention 7, brawling 2; 9 - 1) strife, contention

Godly Contenting - Isaiah 49:25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

Psalms 68:1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that *is* in the sea.

Proverbs 17:14 The beginning of strife *is* as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

Proverbs 18:6,18,19 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth

calleth for strokes. 18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty. 19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

Proverbs 19:13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

Proverbs 21:19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

Proverbs 26:20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

Proverbs 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

Proverbs 26:21 As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

Proverbs 27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Proverbs 29:9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

Paraphrased Prodigal Son Parable.

Strong's #2052 eriyēia eritheia *er-ith-i'-ah* perhaps as the same as #2042; TDNT-2:660,256; AV-strife 5, contention 1, contentious + #1537 1; 7 1) electioneering or intriguing for office 1a) apparently, in the NT a courting distinction, a desire to put one's self forward, a partisan and fractious spirit which does not disdain low arts 1b) partisanship, fractiousness

Strong's #1252 diakrinō diakrino *dee-ak-ree'-no* from #1223 and #2919; TDNT-3:946,469; AV-doubt 5, judge 3, discern 2, contend 2, waver 2, misc 5; 19 1) to separate, make a distinction, discriminate, to prefer

2) to learn by discrimination, to try, decide 2a) to determine, give judgment, decide a dispute 3) to withdraw from one, desert

4) to separate one's self in a hostile spirit, to oppose, strive with dispute, contend 5) to be at variance with one's self, hesitate, doubt

Acts 15:39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

Romans 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

1Corinthians 1:11,16 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren,

by them *which are of the house of Chloe*, that there are contentions among you. 16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Philippians 1:16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

1Thessalonians 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

Acts 16 Paraphrased

Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

More Reference Notes:

Deuteronomy 2:9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

De 2:24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess *it*, and contend with him in battle.

Nehemiah 13:11,17,25 Then contended I with the rulers, & said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, & set them in their place. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

Job 9:3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

Job 10:2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

Job 13:8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

Job 31:13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

Job 40:2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him*? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

Ec 6:10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it *is* man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

Isaiah 41:12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

Isa 50:8 *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* mine adversary? let him come near to me.

Isa 57:16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made.

Jeremiah 12:5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Jer 15:10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

Jer 18:19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

Amos 7:4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

Micah 6:1 Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

Habakuk 1:3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention.

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