

The Vexing Spirit - Acts 12

Discern what is of God or not with God's Holy Spirit.

Acts 12:1-4 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) 4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. (after Passover)

Daniel 2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

Acts 12:2 & he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

Acts 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, & were edified; & walking in the fear of the Lord, & in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Pray for pastors & leader.

Acts 12:3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.

2 Kings 3: 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

Pray for Persecuted Believers worldwide.

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.

Job 1 & 2 best example of being Vexed by devil.

Job 1: 21 The Lord gave & takes away, blessed be Name of Lord.

Job 27:5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

Summarized Daniel to lions den; & 3 Hebrews not bowing to idol.

Vex - Strong's #2559 kakow kakoo *kak-o'-o* from **#2556**;

AV-entreat evil 2, make evil affected 1, vex 1, hurt 1, harm 1; 6

1) to oppress, afflict, harm, maltreat; 2) to embitter, render evil affected

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Acts 7:6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil <2559> four hundred years.

Acts 7:19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated <2559> our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex <2559> certain of the church.

Acts 14:2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made <2559> their minds evil affected <2559> against the brethren.

Acts 18:10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt <2559> thee: for I have much people in this city.

1 Peter 3:13 And who *is* he that will harm <2559> you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Exodus 22:21 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

1 Chronicles 12:17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon* & rebuke *it*.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;))

Numbers 25:17,18 Vex the Midianites, and smite them: **18** For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

Strong's #03238 hny yanah *yaw-naw'* a primitive root, Greek #2388 lanna; v; {See TWOT on 873}

AV-oppress 11, vex 4, destroy 1, oppressor 1, proud 1, do wrong 1, oppression 1, thrust out; 21

1) to oppress, suppress, treat violently, maltreat, vex, do wrong

1a) (Qal) to oppress, suppress 1b) (Hiphil) to treat violently, maltreat

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.

Joshua 1:6-8 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. **7** Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. **8** This book of the law

shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day & night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, & then thou shalt have good success.

Proverbs 29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

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

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Hebrews 5:14-6:1 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. 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

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.

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

2 Kings 6 Summarized Elisha made enemy men blind then healed them.

Psalms 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

We can be more than overcomers through Jesus.

More Service Notes:

Leviticus 18:18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life.

Leviticus 19:33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

Numbers 20:15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:

Numbers 33:55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of

them *shall be* pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

Deuteronomy 28:20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

Judges 2:18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

Judges 10:8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.

Judges 16:16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

1 Samuel 14:47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*.

2 Samuel 12:18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

2 Samuel 13:2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

2 Kings 4:27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

2 Chronicles 15:5,6 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries. 6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

Nehemiah 9:27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

Job 19:2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

Job 27:2 As God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the

Almighty, *who* hath vexed my soul;

Psalms 2:5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Psalms 6:2,3,10 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. 3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long? 10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

Ecclesiastes 1:14,17 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit. 17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness & folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 2:11,17 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun. 17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 2:22,26 For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? 26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 4:4,6,16 Again, I considered all travail, & every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This *is* also vanity & vexation of spirit. 6 Better *is* an handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail & vexation of spirit. 16 *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

Isaiah 7:6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

Isaiah 9:1 Nevertheless the dimness *shall* not *be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

Isaiah 11:13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Isaiah 28:19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only *to* understand the report.

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

Isaiah 65:14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

Ezekiel 22:5,7 *Those that be near, & those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous & much vexed. 7 In thee have they set light by father & mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless & the widow.*

Ezekiel 22:29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

Ezekiel 32:9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

Habakkuk 2:7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

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