

No More Strangers – Ephesians 2:19

Genesis 35:2,4 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments: 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem.

Deuteronomy 32:12,16 So the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him. 16 They provoked Him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they Him to anger.

Joshua 24:20,23 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that He hath done you good. 23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

Judges 10:16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and His soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

1 Samuel 7:3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve Him only: and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 Chronicles 14:3 For he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

2 Chronicles 33:15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city.

Psalms 44:20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

Psalms 81:9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

Isaiah 43:12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are*

My witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.

**Jeremiah 5:19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say,
Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us?
then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken Me, and
served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers
in a land *that is* not yours.**

**Daniel 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a
strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with
glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall
divide the land for gain.**

**Malachi 2:11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination
is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath
profaned the Holiness of the LORD which He loved, and hath
married the daughter of a strange god.**

**Acts 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of
the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this
babblor say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of
strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the
resurrection.**

**Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of
thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house,
unto a land that I will shew thee:**

**Genesis 13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and
in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.**

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

**Exodus 14:10-12 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of
Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched
after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of
Israel cried out unto the LORD. 11 And they said unto Moses,
Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us
away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus
with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 *Is* not this the word
that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we
may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to
serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the
wilderness.**

Summarized of the Judges. When Israel was obedient, God

blessed them. When they went after other gods, God punished them into slavery. When they turned back to God, God sent a judge to free them. The punishment got worse each time Israel sinned.

1 Kings 11:7,8 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

1 Kings 12:28,31 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves *of* gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 31 And he (Jeroboam)made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

2 Chronicles 11:14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:

2 Kings 17:25,28,29,33 And *so* it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them. 28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. 29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

Daniel 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured Him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation: (but he never served Him.)

Daniel 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the

form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Referred to persecuted Believers in China, N Korea, Nigeria, etc. & to pray for them.

Strong's #3581 xenos *xen'-os* AV-stranger 10, strange 3, host 1; 14 1) a foreigner, a stranger 1a) alien (from a person or a thing) 1b) without the knowledge of, without a share in 1c) new, unheard of 2) one who receives and entertains another hospitably 2a) with whom he stays or lodges, a host.

Matthew 17:25,26 He saith, Yes. And when He was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? 26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

Matthew 25:35,38 For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: 38 When saw we Thee a stranger, and took *Thee* in? or naked, and clothed *Thee*?

Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,

Matthew 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not.

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Matthew 25:44 Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee?

Matthew 27:7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the

potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Luke 17:18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

Luke 17:17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

Luke 24:18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto Him, Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

John 10:4 And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice.

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Acts 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

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.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.

Acts 7:29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

Acts 13:17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought He them out of it.

Ezekiel 14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

Acts 17:21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear

some new thing.)

Acts 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

Acts 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

Ephesians 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Luke 16:22,23 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My Voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Summarized of salvation by Jesus.

1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

Luke 10:5,6 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Matthew 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have

watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Romans 15:6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

3 John 1:5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

Strong's #4339 proselutos *pros-ay'-loo-tos* AV-proselyte 4; 1) a newcomer 1a) a stranger, alien 2) a proselyte 2a) one who has come over from a Gentile religion to Judaism.

The Rabbis distinguished two classes of proselytes, proselytes of righteousness, who received circumcision and bound themselves to keep the whole of the Mosaic law and to comply with all the requirements of Judaism, and proselytes of the gate, who dwelt among the Jews, and although uncircumcised observed certain specific laws, esp. the seven precepts of Noah, i.e. against the seven chief sins, idolatry, blasphemy against God, homicide, unchastity, theft or plundering, rebellion against rulers and the use of "flesh with the blood thereof".

Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

Deuteronomy 16:14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy

maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.

Exodus 20:3,4,7 Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: 7 Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

1 Kings 21:3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

1 Kings 21:13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

2 Kings 9:26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the Word of the LORD.

Exodus 20:14,15 Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15 Thou shalt not steal.

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Acts 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and

Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Genesis 6:31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Acts 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Luke 10 Referred to the Good Samaritan Parable.

2 Kings 6:18,23 And when they came down to him (at Dothan), Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a Word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

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