

PROPHETS: LESSON # 2
“GOD IS NOT MOCKED”
Gal.6:7

INTRODUCTION:

In **Obadiah 10 & 15**, GOD is clear in pointing out that Edom’s haughty spirit and evil deeds against his brother-nation, Judah, were going to be repaid in like manner against them -- by their own confederates (friends), **vs.9**.

- Thus, the unalterable law of God rings true again, “*What one sows, that will he reap.*” Brief explanation: “sowing”-plant seed; “reap”-harvest crop. Plant corn; you harvest corn. You cannot plant beans and harvest carrots.
- Down through time, including today, this principle demands our attention. Even as Christians, during times when we think God doesn’t see, hear, or care what we do, this principle is ALWAYS true!
- In **Gal.6:7-9** Paul warns us that we “be not deceived, for God is not mocked;” His law of sowing and reaping still stands fast.
- “Mocked” means “Turn up the nose at; ridicule, evade, or outwit.”

GOD’S PRINCIPLE: “*Whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*”

I. SOW Seeds of the Flesh -----> Reap CORRUPTION

Gal.5:19-21 Will & Dictates

1. Lusts of the Flesh
2. Cruelty
3. Violence
4. Hate

(Inferior or worse condition; destruction)

It is a sobering fact that even divine forgiveness does not fully alter this law. Many still reap the harvest or consequences of evil sown.

II. SOW Seeds of the Spirit -----> Reap ETERNAL LIFE

Gal.5:22-23 Will & Dictates

1. Love of the Spirit
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Long-suffering
5. Kindness
6. Self-control

(Blessing NOW and more in future)

Now both guilt and penalty for our sins are remitted--NO eternal death for us.

III. “DO NOT Be Deceived; God Is NOT Mocked.”

- A. An occasional sowing of the seed of the Spirit will NOT offset or overcome the harmful effects of many sown seeds of the Flesh.
 1. Occasional attendance; giving; studying; helping others
 2. If we are not careful, worldly attractions will choke out the message of God.
- B. The formality of sowing seeds of the Spirit does NOT make either the sowing or the seeds genuine.
 1. Some “pretend” to play church or Christian...when it is convenient.
 2. “Reaction Formation”: Cruel or hard in business and personal affairs; but generous in church, giving, teaching, etc. Here is one who continues to sow BOTH seeds of the Flesh and seeds of the Spirit thinking that the latter will balance out or cancel the former.
 3. One must first STOP sowing seeds of the Flesh, and then sow ONLY seeds of the Spirit before his fruit is pure and genuine. “God is not mocked.” Gal.5:24-26
 - 1) Must consciously admit errors -- cruelty, violence, deception...

- 2) Must consciously work against sin
- 3) Must seek and identify the seeds of the Spirit
- 4) Must then sow only these seeds before a pure harvest of spiritual fruit will be made...and eternal life realized.

CONCLUSION:

- We all need to be more aware of this important principle of God; if we sow a crop of wild oats when we are young, it will lead to a harvest of grief and sorrow for years to come. **DO NOT BE DECEIVED!**
- Instead, channel your desires into proper activities that not only bring us happiness and well-being now, but also **GLORIFY GOD**---sowing the seeds of the Spirit!

QUESTIONS ON LESSON 2