

TOPIC: "DO NOT BE CARRIED AWAY BY FALSE TEACHING/DOCTRINES"**SCRIPTURES: HEBREWS 13:9; 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11****Rev. Alice Tamrie, Facilitator****I. Historical Background and Biblical Context**

Paul continues in this last chapter of Hebrews to adamantly make it clear that some strange teachings are to cease and desist. Rather he makes concluding exhortations about love, marriage, love of money, remembering our leaders who are genuinely uplifting the Word of God. We are to imitate them in the faith and stating that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Christ is always the same! Put away idolatry, false teachings/doctrines!

We are to have Christian living and see the benefits of serving Christ. There is no sacrifice except through praise that continually comes from the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name, and not daily sacrifices of animals which could never away sins. It is God through Jesus Christ who gets the glory! Jesus Christ is the spokesman for God; the appointed heir of all things; the Brightness of God's glory! the Express Image of God's person; Upholder of all creations! It is Jesus who is the Savior of the world-that purged and is purging us all from sins! Do not be carried away by false teaching/doctrines. Read! Study! Pray! Meditate! Hear the true Word of God which is the Truth and it shall set you free!

II. The Lesson: "Do Not be Carried Away by False Teaching/Doctrines"**A. Hebrews 13:9: Don't Be Carried Away by Strange Teachings**

"**Do not** be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so."

Now, Paul, the acclaimed author of this book, here in Hebrews 13:9, continually states how we will be no longer be like infants being tossed about/stirred up/blown away back and forth like waves, being blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of 'super apostles' (Eph. 4:14). This man of God wants to see to it that no one takes you captive through hollow/empty and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles/values of this world, rather than on Christ (Col. 2:7). He emphasized with sincerity (Col. 2:16) that we do not let anyone judge you by what

you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebrations or a Sabbath Day. (Other reference scriptures are from 2 Tim. 4:15; Phil. 3:17-19).

Thusly, today as preachers, teachers, leaders, parents, and children of God, we have an obligation, responsibility, and accountability to warn others and not be carried away by “all kinds of strange teachings”. There is a variety of wrong teachings that has been written about and experienced by some. We should know better than to go after such teachings, for we have known the grace of God. The heart stands for the whole of the inner life, which is not sustained by anything material, such as food, but by grace. **God is the source** of the believer’s strength as he/she lives out their Christian life. (Discussion).

Most religions of that day had food regulations, as did the Jews; but usually this meant that some foods were regarded as “unclean”. The foods were not regarded as “good for our hearts”. The real life of mankind is not sustained on the level of things to eat. It requires the **grace of God**. It points to a way of life in which “food” is a dominant element yes, but. In a Christian context the sacrifice must be on the cross. Let’s not lose what we as Christian have and a warning that we are not to lose it.

Strange doctrines imply ideas foreign to the gospel message. Many of the Jews were pertaining to ritual observances, sacrificial feasts, and various laws identifying what is clean and unclean.

B. WARNINGS: Beware of False Doctrines/Teachings

1 Timothy 1:1-11:

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer ⁴ or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God’s work—which is by faith. ⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. ⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.”

As a minister, apostle, Paul was a special messenger, personally chosen representative of Christ Jesus by the commandment of Christ Jesus, by God our Savior of whom is our hope. He was admonishing Timothy, as a true son in the faith adorned with faith you grow in grace, mercy and peace-inner calm and spiritual well-being from God.

There are many false prophets and here are some facts about such people/doctrines:

- Backsliders (those who forsake, stray from, wander, deceive, seduce) being one-time believers, get entangled and overcome in and by such.
- Were one time saved and that they had gone back into sin again; swallowing in it like a dog to its vomit; or sow/pig in the mire (illustration).
- There are many false things: witness, report, matter, ways, utterances, tongue, lips, gifts, visions, dreams, burdens, swearers, pretenders of Christ, apostles, teachers.
- Claim to foretell future vents, or to have God's power to produce miracles, signs, and wonders.
- Walking in darkness; failing to walk as Christ; leaving Christian fellowship.
- Denying God and Jesus, being in the world and having fellowship with it
- Having no personal acquaintance with God or knowledge of eternal life
- False doctrines that state Jesus is not the Christ.
- That God is not the Father of Jesus
- That Jesus is not the Son of God
- Denying the miraculous virgin birth of Jesus Christ, considering him to be of a common man, of the son of Joseph and Mary

Old Testament False prophets fell into general categories 1) who falsely claimed to receive messages from the Lord; 2) those who worshiped false gods and served idols and 3) those who's wandered from the truth and ceased to be true prophets. I.e. King Ahab, and his queen, Jezebel; giving messages they knew the politicians wanted to hear. They are often found in the employment of the powerful and that they are careful to speak pleasing, positive, and flattering words. The Prophet Jeremiah condemned them but was thrown into a dungeon (Jer. 38:6). They preached popular messages and were rewarded.

New Testament prophets were often given many "woes"(deep sorrow, grief expressions of dismay by Jesus...as he told the disciples..."woe to those who come...in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). The signs of the times and the end of the age...Matt. 24:11, 24 many false prophets will rise up and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive.

C. THE LAW IS GOOD IF ONE USES IT PROPERLY.

⁸We know that **the law** is good **if** one uses it properly. ⁹We also know that **the law** is made not for the righteous **but for** lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine ¹¹ that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

Sound Doctrines are 'healthy teaching', blatant and in your face. The law was for sinner's awareness of their sinfulness. The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:3-17): the first four address a person's relationship with God (lawless and insubordinate, the ungodly and sinners and the unholy and profane). The other 8 violations spell it out more directly: fornicators (Sodomites: male homosexuals) kidnappers, liars, perjurers. The proper use of the law is to demonstrate human sinfulness and our need for the Good News that Christ must save us from bondage to the law and our sins.

The Law was for the lawless, disobedient, ungodly, sinners/transgressors of law, unholy-totally deprived; profane-not fit to attend public worship, murders-those who take lives; whoremongers; perverts, men stealers/traffickers; liars, perjurers-lie under oath and vice-evil. None of these will inherit heaven!

D. CONCLUSION

We must promote God's love in the church. Jesus is the glory! Oh, glory! Let us be ambassadors of Christ. Our authority comes from two sources: from God our Savior and from the Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, our justification and sanctification. Giving Glory to God is to praise, honor, worship and give dignity. Let us ought to give the more earnest heed, lest we slip away from the truth; let us know neglect our salvation; take heed to not have an evil heart, exhort one another, heed the Word; -less we become short in our values, hold fast to the profession of our faith, if we fall away = let us be quick to renew ourselves unto repentance; have full assurance of faith till the end; if we sin willfully we will receive judgment, let us lay aside every weight that so easily entangles us; let no bitterness spring up in you troubling you, less you become defiled. See to it that you don't defile/refuse Godly ways; let us have grace and serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear, for God will punish by a consuming fire. DO NOT BE CARRIED AWAY BY FALSE TEACHING/DOCTRINES!