

Teachers and Prophets

What Jesus and John said about the teachings of Moses and God's commandments

- Mat 5:17 "Don't ever think that I came to set aside Moses' Teachings or the Prophets. I didn't come to set them aside but to make them come true.
- Mat 5:18 I can guarantee this truth: Until the earth and the heavens disappear, neither a period nor a comma will disappear from Moses' Teachings before everything has come true.
- Mat 5:19 So whoever sets aside any command that seems unimportant and teaches others to do the same will be unimportant in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever does and teaches what the commands say will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 1Jo 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born from God. Everyone who loves the Father also loves his children.
- 1Jo 5:2 We know that we love God's children when we love God by obeying his commandments.
- 1Jo 5:3 To love God means that we obey his commandments. Obeying his commandments isn't difficult
- 1Jo 5:4 because everyone who has been born from God has won the victory over the world. Our faith is what wins the victory over the world.

We are to think carefully before we act, rather than seek forgiveness afterwards for wrong actions

- Mat 9:10 Later Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and sinners came to eat with Jesus and his disciples.
- Mat 9:11 The Pharisees saw this and asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- Mat 9:12 When Jesus heard that, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor; those who are sick do.
- Mat 9:13 Learn what this means: 'I want mercy, not sacrifices.' I've come to call sinners, not people who think they have God's approval."
- Jam 1:19 Remember this, my dear brothers and sisters: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and should not get angry easily.
- Jam 1:20 An angry person doesn't do what God approves of.

Calling people names is wrong and has serious consequences

- Mat 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Never murder. Whoever murders will answer for it in court.'
- Mat 5:22 But I can guarantee that whoever is angry with another believer will answer for it in court. Whoever calls another believer an insulting name will answer for it in the highest court. Whoever calls another believer a fool will answer for it in hellfire.

God does not judge people and look for fault in them now

- Jam 1:5 If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you. God is generous to everyone and doesn't find fault with them.
- Jam 4:12 There is only one teacher and judge. He is able to save or destroy you. So who are you to judge your neighbor?
- Rom 2:1 No matter who you are, if you judge anyone, you have no excuse. When you judge another person, you condemn yourself, since you, the judge, do the same things.
- Rom 2:2 We know that God's judgment is right when he condemns people for doing these things.
- Rom 2:3 When you judge people for doing these things but then do them yourself, do you think you will escape God's judgment?
- 2Ti 4:1 I solemnly call on you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge those who are living and those who are dead. I do this because Christ Jesus will come to rule the world.

We must read, listen, pray and do

- Jam 1:25 However, the person who continues to study God's perfect teachings that make people free and who remains committed to them will be blessed. People like that don't merely listen and forget; they actually do what God's teachings say.
- Jam 3:13 Do any of you have wisdom and insight? Show this by living the right way with the humility that comes from wisdom.
- Jam 3:14 But if you are bitterly jealous and filled with self-centered ambition, don't brag. Don't say that you are wise when it isn't true.
- Jam 3:15 That kind of wisdom doesn't come from above. It belongs to this world. It is self-centered and demonic.
- Jam 3:16 Wherever there is jealousy and rivalry, there is disorder and every kind of evil.
- Jam 3:17 However, the wisdom that comes from above is first of all pure. Then it is peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good deeds, impartial, and sincere.
- Jam 3:18 A harvest that has God's approval comes from the peace planted by peacemakers.
- Jud 1:20 Dear friends, use your most holy faith to grow. Pray with the Holy Spirit's help.
- Jud 1:21 Remain in God's love as you look for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you eternal life.
- Jud 1:22 Show mercy to those who have doubts.
- Jud 1:23 Save others by snatching them from the fire of hell. Show mercy to others, even though you are afraid that you might be stained by their sinful lives.

Mistakes made whilst preaching and teaching are unavoidable

- Jam 3:1 Brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers. You know that we who teach will be judged more severely.
- Jam 3:2 All of us make a lot of mistakes. If someone doesn't make any mistakes when he speaks, he would be perfect. He would be able to control everything he does.

True teachers

- 2Ti 2:24 A servant of the Lord must not quarrel. Instead, he must be kind to everyone. He must be a good teacher. He must be willing to suffer wrong.
- Tit 2:1 Tell believers to live the kind of life that goes along with accurate teachings.
- Tit 2:2 Tell older men to be sober. Tell them to be men of good character, to use good judgment, and to be well-grounded in faith, love, and endurance.
- Tit 2:11 After all, God's saving kindness has appeared for the benefit of all people.
- Tit 2:12 It trains us to avoid ungodly lives filled with worldly desires so that we can live self-controlled, moral, and godly lives in this present world.
- Tit 2:13 At the same time we can expect what we hope for—the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Tit 2:14 He gave himself for us to set us free from every sin and to cleanse us so that we can be his special people who are enthusiastic about doing good things.
- Tit 2:15 Tell these things to the believers. Encourage and correct them, using your full authority. Don't let anyone ignore you.
- Tit 3:1 Remind believers to willingly place themselves under the authority of government officials. Believers should obey them and be ready to help them with every good thing they do.
- Tit 3:2 Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.
- Tit 3:3 Indeed, we, too, were once stupid, disobedient, and misled. We were slaves to many kinds of lusts and pleasures. We were mean and jealous. We were hated, and we hated each other.
- Tit 3:4 However, when God our Savior made his kindness and love for humanity appear,
- Tit 3:5 he saved us, but not because of anything we had done to gain his approval. Instead, because of his mercy he saved us through the washing in which the Holy Spirit gives us new birth and renewal.
- Tit 3:6 God poured a generous amount of the Spirit on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- Tit 3:7 As a result, God in his kindness has given us his approval and we have become heirs who have the confidence that we have everlasting life.

- Tit 3:8 This is a statement that can be trusted. I want you to insist on these things so that those who believe in God can concentrate on setting an example by doing good things. This is good and helps other people.
- 2Ti 4:2 Be ready to spread the word whether or not the time is right. Point out errors, warn people, and encourage them. Be very patient when you teach.
- 2Ti 4:3 A time will come when people will not listen to accurate teachings. Instead, they will follow their own desires and surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear.
- 2Ti 4:4 People will refuse to listen to the truth and turn to myths.
- 2Ti 4:5 But you must keep a clear head in everything. Endure suffering. Do the work of a missionary. Devote yourself completely to your work.

Who is a false prophet or teacher

- 1Jo 4:1 Dear friends, don't believe all people who say that they have the Spirit. Instead, test them. See whether the spirit they have is from God, because there are many false prophets in the world.
- 1Jo 4:2 This is how you can recognize God's Spirit: Every person who declares that Jesus Christ has come as a human has the Spirit that is from God.
- 1Jo 4:3 But every person who doesn't declare that Jesus Christ has come as a human has a spirit that isn't from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist that you have heard is coming. That spirit is already in the world.
- 2Pe 2:1 False prophets were among God's people in the past, as false teachers will be among you. They will secretly bring in their own destructive teachings. They will deny the Lord, who has bought them, and they will bring themselves swift destruction.
- 2Pe 2:2 Many people will follow them in their sexual freedom and will cause others to dishonor the way of truth.
- 2Pe 2:3 In their greed they will use good-sounding arguments to exploit you. The verdict against them from long ago is still in force, and their destruction is not asleep.
- Col 2:18 Let no one who delights in false humility and the worship of angels tell you that you don't deserve a prize. Such a person, whose sinful mind fills him with arrogance, gives endless details of the visions he has seen.
- Col 2:19 He doesn't hold on to Christ, the head. Christ makes the whole body grow as God wants it to, through support and unity given by the joints and ligaments.

False teachers

- 1Ti 6:3 Whoever teaches false doctrine and doesn't agree with the accurate words of our Lord Jesus Christ and godly teachings
- 1Ti 6:4 is a conceited person. He shows that he doesn't understand anything. Rather, he has an unhealthy desire to argue and quarrel about words. This produces jealousy, rivalry, cursing, suspicion,

- 1Ti 6:5 and conflict between people whose corrupt minds have been robbed of the truth. They think that a godly life is a way to make a profit.
- 1Ti 6:6 A godly life brings huge profits to people who are content with what they have.
- 1Ti 6:7 We didn't bring anything into the world, and we can't take anything out of it.
- 1Ti 6:8 As long as we have food and clothes, we should be satisfied.
- 1Ti 6:9 But people who want to get rich keep falling into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful desires which drown them in destruction and ruin.
- 1Ti 6:10 Certainly, the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people who have set their hearts on getting rich have wandered away from the Christian faith and have caused themselves a lot of grief.
- 1Ti 6:11 But you, man of God, must avoid these things. Pursue what God approves of: a godly life, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.
- Jud 1:7 What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities near them is an example for us of the punishment of eternal fire. The people of these cities suffered the same fate that God's people and the angels did, because they committed sexual sins and engaged in homosexual activities.
- Jud 1:8 Yet, in a similar way, the people who slipped in among you are dreamers. They contaminate their bodies with sin, reject the Lord's authority, and insult his glory.
- Jud 1:9 When the archangel Michael argued with the devil, they were arguing over the body of Moses. But Michael didn't dare to hand down a judgment against the devil. Instead, Michael said, "May the Lord reprimand you!"
- Jud 1:10 Whatever these people don't understand, they insult. Like animals, which are creatures of instinct, they use whatever they know to destroy themselves.
- Jud 1:11 How horrible it will be for them! They have followed the path of Cain. They have rushed into Balaam's error to make a profit. They have rebelled like Korah and destroyed themselves.
- Jud 1:12 These people are a disgrace at the special meals you share with other believers. They eat with you and don't feel ashamed. They are shepherds who care only for themselves. They are dry clouds blown around by the winds. They are withered, uprooted trees without any fruit. As a result, they have died twice.
- Jud 1:13 Their shame is like the foam on the wild waves of the sea. They are wandering stars for whom gloomy darkness is kept forever.
- Jud 1:14 Furthermore, Enoch, from the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied about them. He said, "The Lord has come with countless thousands of his holy angels.
- Jud 1:15 He has come to judge all these people. He has come to convict all these ungodly sinners for all the ungodly things they have done and all the harsh things they have said about him."

- Jud 1:16 These people complain, find fault, follow their own desires, say arrogant things, and flatter people in order to take advantage of them.
- Jud 1:17 Dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ told you to expect:
- Jud 1:18 "In the last times people who ridicule God will appear. They will follow their own ungodly desires."
- Jud 1:19 These are the people who cause divisions. They are concerned about physical things, not spiritual things.
- Tit 3:9 Avoid foolish controversies, arguments about genealogies, quarrels, and fights about Moses' Teachings. This is useless and worthless.
- Tit 3:10 Have nothing to do with people who continue to teach false doctrine after you have warned them once or twice.
- Tit 3:11 You know that people like this are corrupt. They are sinners condemned by their own actions.

Wealth, spiritual not material

We must strive for spiritual growth and not for materialistic gain. Food and clothing is sufficient. Abraham gave one tenth to Melchizedek and he gave the rest of the spoil to the King of Sodom.

- Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I now raise my hand and solemnly swear to the LORD God Most High, maker of heaven and earth,
- Gen 14:23 that I won't take a thread or a sandal strap. I won't take anything that is yours so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.'
- 1Ti 6:17 Tell those who have the riches of this world not to be arrogant and not to place their confidence in anything as uncertain as riches. Instead, they should place their confidence in God who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.
- 1Ti 6:18 Tell them to do good, to do a lot of good things, to be generous, and to share.
- 1Ti 6:19 By doing this they store up a treasure for themselves which is a good foundation for the future. In this way they take hold of what life really is.
- 1Ti 6:20 Timothy, guard the Good News which has been entrusted to you. Turn away from pointless discussions and the claims of false knowledge that people use to oppose the Christian faith.
- 1Ti 6:21 Although some claim to have knowledge, they have abandoned the faith. God's good will be with all of you.

Christians arrogance towards Jews and Israel

- Rom 11:11 So I ask, "Has Israel stumbled so badly that it can't get up again?" That's unthinkable! By Israel's failure, salvation has come to people who are not Jewish to make the Jewish people jealous.

- Rom 11:12 The fall of the Jewish people made the world spiritually rich. Their failure made people who are not Jewish spiritually rich. So the inclusion of Jewish people will make the world even richer.
- Rom 11:13 Now, I speak to you who are not Jewish. As long as I am an apostle sent to people who are not Jewish, I bring honor to my ministry.
- Rom 11:14 Perhaps I can make my people jealous and save some of them.
- Rom 11:15 If Israel's rejection means that the world has been brought back to God, what does Israel's acceptance mean? It means that Israel has come back to life.
- Rom 11:16 If the first handful of dough is holy, the whole batch of dough is holy. If the root is holy, the branches are holy.
- Rom 11:17 But some of the olive branches have been broken off, and you, a wild olive branch, have been grafted in their place. You get your nourishment from the roots of the olive tree.
- Rom 11:18 So don't brag about being better than the other branches. If you brag, remember that you don't support the root, the root supports you.
- Rom 11:19 "Well," you say, "Branches were cut off so that I could be grafted onto the tree."
- Rom 11:20 That's right! They were broken off because they didn't believe, but you remain on the tree because you do believe. Don't feel arrogant, but be afraid.
- Rom 11:21 If God didn't spare the natural branches, he won't spare you, either.
- Rom 11:22 Look at how kind and how severe God can be. He is severe to those who fell, but kind to you if you continue to hold on to his kindness. Otherwise, you, too, will be cut off from the tree.
- Rom 11:23 If Jewish people do not continue in their unbelief, they will be grafted onto the tree again, because God is able to do that.
- Rom 11:24 In spite of the fact that you have been cut from a wild olive tree, you have been grafted onto a cultivated one. So wouldn't it be easier for these natural branches to be grafted onto the olive tree they belong to?
- Rom 11:25 Brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery so that you won't become arrogant. The minds of some Israelites have become closed until all of God's non-Jewish people are included.

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