

SUBJECT: Topical.

TITLE: The Sons of Corruption.

PROPOSITION: To look at the sons of corruption and what they are.

OBJECTIVE: So we can see how we are not to live.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) The word Belial is defined as:

A. "From [H1097](#) and [H3276](#); *without profit, worthlessness*; by extension *destruction, wickedness* (often in connection with [H376](#), [H802](#), [H1121](#), etc.): - Belial, evil, naughty, ungodly (men), wicked."

B. Barnes wrote: "**Sons of Belial** - See the marginal reference note. The phrase is very frequent in the books of Samuel. In the New Testament, Paul contrasts Christ and Belial, as if Belial were the name of an idol or the personification of **evil** [2Co 6:15](#). **This** probably led to the use of the term "Belial" in the the King James Version, instead of expressing its meaning, which is "mischief, wickedness."

C. ISBE: "**Belial** bē'li-al, bēl'yal ([בליעל](#), *b'liya'al*; [Βελιας](#), *Belíar*): This name, occurring very frequently in the Old Testament, has the sense of "worthlessness" (compare [2Sa 23:6](#) margin); accordingly in such phrases as "sons of Belial" ([Jdg 20:13](#); [1Sa 10:27](#), etc.), "men of Belial" ([1Sa 30:22](#); [1Ki 21:13](#), etc.), which the English Revised Version usually retains, the American Standard Revised Version more correctly renders, "base fellows" (so "daughter of Belial" [1Sa 1:16](#), "wicked woman"). There is here no suggestion a proper name. Afterward, however, "Belial" became a proper name for Satan, or for Antichrist (Thus frequently in the Jewish Apocalyptic writings, e.g. in XII the Priestly Code (P), Book Jubilees, Asc Isa, Sib Or). In this sense Paul used the word in [2Co 6:15](#), "What concord hath Christ with Belial?" (*Belíar*). Bousset thinks that Paul's "man of sin" in [2Th 2:3](#), where some authorities read "man of lawlessness," is a translation of this term. The sense at least is similar. See ANTICHRIST; MAN OF SIN.

(2) These were considered worthless, destructive and wicked, evil and naughty men.

A. This is why we are told to be busy working, so we won't be worthless and destructive (1 Tim. 5:11-15).

B. People who are idle end up doing things that are evil (Lk. 24:11).

C. Paul commanded that people either work or not eat (2 Thess. 3:6-11).

(3) With all of this we can see why they are called the "Sons of Corruption" because all these things lead to corruption.

3. Reference to S.T.P.O.

DISCUSSION: IN OUR LESSON LET US NOTICE THAT--

I. HOMOSEXUALITY IS CAUSED BY BEING SONS OF BELIAL (Judges 19:16-25).

1. They wanted to know the man sexually.
 - (1) They didn't want his daughter or his concubine (Jud. 19:24,25).
 - (2) They wanted him the same way the Sodomites wanted the men in Lot's house (Gen. 19:5).
 - (3) These people were depraved and had no natural affection (2 Tim. 3:3).
2. Homosexuality has always been a blight upon society.
 - (1) It caused God to wipe out Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen. 19:24).
 - (2) It was condemned in the law of Moses (Lev. 20:13).
 - (3) Paul condemned it in his letter to Rome (Rom. 1:31-32).
3. Homosexuality is a blight upon our nation today.
 - (1) Lesbianism is hailed as something great (Rom. 1:26).
 - (2) Male homosexuality is considered great in our society (Rom. 1:27).
 - (3) Those who speak out against homosexuality are considered homophobic (Isa. 5:20).

II. ADULTERY IS CAUSED BY BEING SONS OF BELIAL (1 Sam. 2:22).

1. Eli's sons would get women who worked in the temple and have sexual relations with them.
 - (1) Under Mosaic law Adultery was punishable by death (Lev. 20:10).
 - (2) Eli's sons disregarded the law by doing what the law said not to do (1 Sam. 2:23).
 - (3) They caused Israel to sin (1 Sam. 2:24).
2. Today people live together out of wedlock and people think nothing of it.
 - (1) It is shown on TV, movies, and even in real life (Gal. 5:19-21).
 - (2) People decide to just live together because they think that marriage is just a piece of paper (Gen. 2:23,24).
 - (3) The home, as described in the Bible, is under attack by calling anything a home (Tit. 2:5).
3. Children are being raised up in homes where the parents aren't married and they don't know that it is sin.
 - (1) Statement by Poppy Montgomery (Heb. 13:4).
 - (2) God warned Israel about how long it would take to get sin out of a family (Ex. 34:7).
 - (3) When we raise children up in sin it takes generations to get the sin out of the family (Ex. 20:3-6).

III FELLOWSHIP WITH UNBELIEVERS IS CAUSED BY BEING THE SONS OF BELIAL (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

1. We try to justify fellowship with unbelievers by saying we fellowship them on the grounds of science.
 - (1) The Bible is clear, we are not to have fellowship with them (Eph. 5:11).
 - (2) These unbelievers are going against the Biblical account of creation (Ex. 20:9-11).
 - (3) These unbelievers are going against God's existence (Psa. 14:1).
2. We are part of the Lord's body, and we are to stand apart from the world of unbelief.

- (1) We are a peculiar people (1 Pet. 2:9).
 - (2) We are to be unspotted from the world (Jas. 1:27).
 - (3) We are to let our lights shine (Mt. 5:16).
3. As Christians we should not even want to have fellowship with the enemies of the cross.
- (1) Friendship with the world is enmity with God (Jas. 4:4).
 - (2) We cannot have God and worldliness together (1 Jno. 2:15-17).
 - (3) Those who try to have fellowship with unbelievers are traitors of the cross (Heb. 6:6).

CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: We have seen in this lesson that--

1. Homosexuality is caused by being sons of Belial.
2. Adultery is caused by being sons of Belial.
3. Fellowship with unbelievers is caused by being sons of Belial.

APPEAL: We cannot be a son of Belial, we have to be a son (a child) of God.

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