

SOME SCARY WORDS

Hosea 4:17 Genesis 6:3 Matthew 7:21 Acts 7:42 Romans 1:24, 26

Introduction: Most people think of God as loving, gracious, long suffering, patient, forgiving and He is all these and more, but there is another side of God which is not mentioned very much nor may even be know by some and that is "**ENOUGH!**" After warnings, even punishments, and there is no turning away from sin, no repentance, no turning back to God, such as the tribe of Ephraim was guilty of, even offering their children as sacrifices to a god named "Moloch" God finally said those awesome scary words, "***...let him alone...***" God did not warn nor punish Ephraim anymore for wrongdoings, God turned Ephraim over to their own wicked ways and would have nothing more to do with that tribe of Israel.

I. HOW BAD DOES IT HAVE TO GET FOR GOD TO SAY "*...let him alone...***"?**

1. When there is deliberate and persistent sin, God may turn His back and utter those words.
 - When the conscience speaks up, when there is uneasiness, when one knows it is wrong.
 - When one continues sinning, knowing it's wrong, God can say, "***...let him alone...***"
 - Some will receive greater condemnation as they have heard God's Word over and over yet continue on in deliberate sin.

2. When God's warnings are ignored, after a while God may utter those words.
 - God will send illness, dangers, threatening situations, troubles, in mercy to bring that sinful one back to Him.
 - Sadly when things are restored to "normal" after all of God's warnings, that same old sinful way of life is resumed, forgetting they were God's warnings.
 - God may say "**Enough!**" ***Let him alone...***"

3. When one deliberately closes the mind, quenching the conscience against the Holy Spirit, God may say, "***...let him alone...***"
 - Much struggle of the conscience between right and wrong.
 - Much terrible feelings of guilt after the sin.
 - Less and less struggle, less and less feelings of guilt, finally the conscience is quiet and the Holy Spirit is no longer heard. God has said: "***...let him alone...***"

II. THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVES TO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THOSE WORDS ARE SPOKEN BY GOD

1. What happens is the only thing that can happen.
 - As a farmer works and works on a piece of land and it continually fails to produce only weeds and briars and barrenness he finally gives up and says, "...I'll just leave that section of land alone, it's good for nothing..."
 - God does the same thing with people when He has done everything He can do to bring them to Him but they keep refusing and turning the other way, God has been given no other alternative but to say, "***...let him/her alone...***"

2. What happens when God leaves a person alone?
 - That person is not bothered anymore about Godly things, religion, the conscience no longer is a bother and Christians don't disturb or upset anymore.
 - Everything is fine, all is well, God was never needed anyhow.
 - When God says "*...leave him/her alone...*" the Holy Spirit leaves, to bother no more, all restraints will be removed, no more warnings, nothing more from God and there will be no more effort on God's part to bring that person into His family and that person will die and go to the place prepared for all who have rejected God with no chance to change the mind to become what God wanted all along. It's over.

3. Who will let that person alone when God says to?
 - Protecting angels will back away, the Holy Spirit will go away, all who might pray for or witness to that person will not feel led to any more.
 - It won't be Satan though as that person has been turned over to Satan, nor the world or its ways or the old sin nature, nor the Lake of Fire, not an eternity of torment, permanently separated from God and any chance of changing.
 - It will be only those who have been trying to help God get that person into God's family through faith in God's Son, Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

1. Everyone has a God-given right to choose how he/she wants to live.
 - God has a way He wants everyone to live.
 - The world has a way it wants everyone to live.
 - Satan has a way he wants everyone to live.
 - Man's human nature has its way it wants to live.

2. God has declared that every human being will live on throughout eternity even after the human body dies and turns back to dust.

3. God has declared that every human being will stand before His throne and give an account of how that human life was lived.

4. God has declared that those who were obedient, those who believed in His Son, Jesus shall spend their eternal life in a place prepared just for them, called Heaven.

5. God has declared that those who refused to hear, refused to believe, refused to obey, refused His Son, Jesus will spend their eternity in a Lake of Fire, called Hell along with Satan and all of his.

6. Those are "Some Scary Words" "*...let him alone...*"- "*...my spirit will not always strive with men...*" "*...and God gave them up...*" "*Not everyone who saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven...*"

7. Does your conscience still bother you about Godly things?