

Acts 5:1-11

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Subject: Idolatry  
The Church

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## DISOBEDIENCE IN THE CHURCH

New Testament definition:

Col. 3:2,5

Eph. 5:9

He. 12:15

I Tim. 6:10 {6:7-11}

### 1. Intrusion into The Church

1. Chapter 4: persecution by church  
: preacher in jail. Only man tried by YH.  
: Ananias (Cathar) can't touch the church  
can only threaten, denounce, imprison  
fire cause burn it; water not drown it

2. Chapter 5 BUT.  
comes upon the real danger, inside the church.  
that BUT like a floor is the base  
Ready for freely - suddenly an ~~inward~~ but (fall) re-  
vealed in 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. Smelled at Simeon.. Felt oppressed  
Then the great shock B. This is death 1 year  
→ like Sardis | Colos - after the milder separation forms  
Den 1, 7, 1 Den 3, 7

3. Perfect picture w/ 3 fulfillments plot  
Chapter division between the contrast

Ch 4 division between Verse 33 in vs next vs  
upon the judgment of God

4: 32-33 removes Verse 33 in vs next vs  
: 36, 37 One Marph, Joseph, Cyprus (Barabbas)

Then, ~~but~~

5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira.

full length story, as ~~Cyrus~~ <sup>Something</sup> ~~something~~ <sup>longer</sup>  
Because? Moral lesson of truth is first

Begins at the Ananias, but

II. Our Lad, Th. 17:15 " Beware of <sup>contaminated</sup>  
mean DEATH. <sup>is suspect, can be in danger.</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>medicines,</sup>

1. Male liars ad supporters? <sup>re.</sup>  
Can and act out to lie.  
Today, walking down street. A pleasure for God would be great  
(a) man, wife children due to S.S. ch. He objects,  
I made him to Russia. not true in town, so act, his children  
walk down street a child, suppose, parent! no. etc & lie.

2. Leads to beneficial consequences.  
Spirit? Yes, Mary of Mt., well drawn support at Peter and  
Every day the same. George the saint for <sup>not</sup> <sup>well</sup> prepared.  
Only here, in medit., carry stem  
Soul in in one - rays, it is under <sup>the</sup> <sup>the</sup>

3. Blinds us to the presence / God  
Sought repentence every now. But forget God.  
The great considerates is God. what, this?  
f. One never des part, last <sup>last</sup>) The best, the last in es  
an ..  
(a) James K. Hoff. Oregon, 55 South Washington St. Oct 1904  
On Fair Royal, Paddy. or Virgin -  
(b) Wash. D.C. <sup>had</sup> <sup>had</sup> <sup>had</sup> <sup>had</sup>  
Mall. 6:39  
I.K. 3: 9-14 Solomos

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Acts V

Fifth Sunday

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SUBJECT: Idolatry in the Church

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5th lesson

## IDOLATRY IN THE CHURCH

4<sup>th</sup> Chapter. Prostration to the church. 4:8-4. But the founders of faith; only multitudes like 8%, Anna, Lazarus, Job, etc., and all the hundred of the best profit cannot trouble church. Can only threaten, dominate, injure, but cannot touch the life. This cannot stop it; neither can it drown it; friends cannot understand it.

BUT - 5<sup>th</sup> ch. Come now upon real danger. Inside the life. That BUT like a dove in the fire. Ready to fly fully - suddenly an invisible bird galled us to the earth. Galled us & like smitten at Anna, Lazarus, lost the importance of our strength, power. But the great, new BUT - This is death.

### I. The Old Testament Thunder Against Idolatry

E. 20. Ten commandments. I. Thou shall have no other gods before me.  
II. Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image ... for the Lord thy God is a jealous God, visiting...

32. The golden calf.

Idolatry the evil. the materialism. (Exodus 21:25; Leviticus 17:2-5)

Ex. 40:46  
Exo. 4:17

Judge - more further east.  
Joshua - like west of Mt. Carmel. Omri.  
Ahab - replaced Omri's 2nd.  
Asaphus - like Am 4:17.  
Belshazzar - usurped vast dominions / Babylon destroyed.  
Darius. Finally, Babylon destroyed.  
2Kings 18:22-24

### II. The New Testament Abhors Idolatry

Another name first: Col. 3:5. Eph. 5:5  
2K. 12:13-21 (verse 15)  
I Tim. 6:10

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55  
75

### III. The Word of God - Acts V - Presents a Terrible Picture of That Abhorrence

Like the garden of Eden, beautiful, lovely; then comes the subtle suggestion from the evil one.

Do him.

1. The perfect picture: the community of goods.

(1) No apostolic rule or law laid down. Spontaneous, voluntary. [cf. communism]

(2) Converts of Jesus. Verse 33 is the model / verses 32 & 34.  
Unselfishness in earthly things in secret contact, secret bonds, with possessors of spiritual power over them. Unbelieved.

In this unselfishness existed among the masses of the people. Not just a few generous, liberal, <sup>charity at large</sup> and with great power. The law of interaction prevails between clergy & people: with respect, unselfish love, desire interest in the past / the people are converted / ministering power with human souls. A people filled with this spirit and attitude produced power in their leaders: leaders wrote treat guides, taught more freely.

and, greatest: iii. When people becoming over with power & love, it calls down a supernatural, divine power. A blessing for reward works, consecrated works.

(3) One example of the generous spirit among the people: Barnabas (Joseph of Cyprus).

#### 2. The obstruction of covetousness.

As Satan gained entrance into Eden, so into this atmosphere of perfect accord and unselfishness, covetousness abhors itself to cling with its foul presence the church dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

The accidental death of the book into laying hands caused readers from noticing that the act of Ananias & his wife is set by the writer even against that of Barnabas.

The dark, black plot. The Heretic.

They looked on the money - kept it.

This death recorded at full length (like that of Lazarus at the beginning), the conquest of the promised land) because they bring eternal lessons of justice, judgment and truth.

Judgment must begin at the house of God. Anna, Lazarus, John, Alexander, Reed

not. But watch out for Ananias and Sapphira.

#### IV. "Beware of Covetousness". Materialism. Selfishness. Greed.

wordless

Beyond every evil thing  
done - both in the heart & the  
outward expression of it  
is what happened - by  
covetousness.

##### 1. Makes liars and hypocrites of us.

Ananias acted this lie - apparently did not know it at first. Present here.  
Do not regard Ananias as a liar like Lying 1900 yesterday. He is a liar of today. Present here.  
Some in the church - mostly outside. Walk down the street, assuming that we are honestly doing  
our part for the world and the God who made it. But hiding the fact that we are chiselers,  
living off the benefits of other labor.

(as a man here in town I saw one object to his wife and children going to SS. Church. Would not live in a town  
when we don't - we raise his children there. But will not support it. Does he walk down to work like  
a chisel? a parasite? No. He acts a lie as tho more doing is right thing. He is a hypocrite - he will  
not admit he lives off the benefits of others - he loves the lie as tho he did not. The only way he can live  
with himself is to hide it away.  
and what will a man not do for money?!

##### 2. Leads to fearful consequences.

The Spirit and Jesus of life, according and supporting the words of Peter, withdraws his support from  
the human frame of the sinner, and drawing closer to leave.

A stern judgment - but judgments have a stern side. Inevitable. Here, but everywhere.  
Ananias & Sapphirus were cut off in their sin, and so are men and women every day in the  
world. Plunged into eternity is precisely the same state and same way. Only difference, possibly,  
here we see the man rebuked till judgment and then we see the judgment immediately  
following. Money, keep it, till it is in the safety with you. Do not trust your having it then. make a pillar  
any lighter here comes out of a low and constricted / the nature of God and His Christ.

God is love; Christ death and redemption. But God also truth and judgment and justice.  
You are poor, weak, uneducated, fleshly things, without backbone or earnestness. Death is  
carried out there, death, judgment, hell. Phil. 3:18-19; Heb 10: 30-31; 12: 29

We cannot serve God and mammon; if it is the battle to be chosen, the fearful consequences to be met.

##### 3. Blinds us to the presence of God.

He sought to obtain reputation among men, but had no regard to the eye and  
judgment of the Almighty. The greatest factor in the reputation before which he did  
not reckon, was God.

In the new dispensation of grace, as well as in the old dispensation of law, "the fear  
of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

The great consideration is God. What, then? not  
(Hearing Mr. Wright. S.S. right down North Shore Bdg. Church Chicago.)  
but it is PADDY or nothing and down the street is dead. His own country - to  
make money in the chess business. So his hand - you won't God not? To  
make money, a new way, all the rest.

##### 3. Takes the reality out of religion.

The greatest delusion you could make of life, not from man or all men, for me, out for God.  
Impressed by the H. S., heard right ch. right every night. But not the spirit of it - nothing gone. In vain attempt  
to keep up the outward religion every day. Kicks up chs., with others, altogether, often left the spirit.  
(Shall), a ch., and you kick the poor. Body stands barely, like commonhouse. But God gone. Sing  
hymns - technically. But look again / God goes back to the sacred Book - no memory. Long interested.

Only acceptable order is honest / God's reality. genuine man.  
How moved! Fall to prayer. all answers worth having are to be had from  
heaven only. Consecrate the purpose of his life to the interest. Conveying man, that spirit. easily impressed, short  
of our heads. Dashed now it

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