

Rebellion And Stubbornness

I. Introduction:

- A. Rebellion is popular, but that is not God's perspective (**Proverbs 17:11**).
 - 1. God desires reasonable, good, obedient followers (**Isaiah 1:17-20**).
 - 2. Under the Law of Moses, rebellious people were executed (**Joshua 1:18** and **Deuteronomy 21:18-21**).
- B. Rebellion and stubbornness normally join together (i.e. **Psalms 78:8**).
 - 1. Think of what the Scriptures call being "stiffnecked" because they are unyielding (**II Chronicles 30:8** and **Acts 7:51**).
 - 2. A stubborn, stiff-necked, unyielding person(s) aren't generally turned even with much evidence and reason to change (**Isaiah 48:1-8**).

II. Body: **I Samuel 15:1-35** (*Lesson From vs. 23)

- A. Departure from the will of God is rebellion (**Ezekiel 20:8** and **Daniel 9:5**).
 - 1. The type of person who walks in his or her own way (**Isaiah 65:1-2**).
 - 2. Likewise, a stubborn person is one that walks the way he/she/they want to (**Judges 2:19**).
- B. What does your way of doing things get you (**Proverbs 16:25**, **Proverbs 30:12**, and **Romans 6:19-21**)?
 - 1. Paul, with a clear conscience (**Acts 23:1; 24:16**), thought persecuting the saints was the right thing to do (**Acts 26:1-15**).
 - 2. Ignorantly doing things your way will not be excused (**Romans 10:1-3**; cf. **Matthew 7:21-23**).
 - 3. Following the example of Christ, as we ought to (**I Peter 2:21-22**); even when something is difficult to do we need to do it according to the will of God (**Luke 22:39-46**; cf. **Hebrews 5:5-10**).
- C. We who are faithful and will be saved are to be compliant; not self-willed; yielding to what is right (**II Corinthians 5:14-17**).
 - 1. Saints cannot be self-pleasing (**Romans 14:7-9** and **I Corinthians 6:20**).
 - 2. We should have a servant's mentality even in addition to serving God (**Romans 15:1-3** and **Galatians 5:13-14**).
 - 3. We need to be willing to learn (**Proverbs 8:33**) rather than like a mule (**Psalms 32:8-9**).
 - 4. Understand that you are serving one god or the God (**I John 3:8-10**). Therefore, even when you think you're doing things your way, you're yielding to someone (**Romans 6:16**).

III. Conclusion: Think of this "invitation" that was given to the congregations in Asia at the conclusion of John's revelation (**Revelation 22:6-21**).