

## He That Doeth Not Take Up a Reproach Against His Neighbor

*Scripture reading:* Luke 10:30-37

So many times there are so many things said against brethren which are artfully contrived by Satan and his agents to discredit them, and the child of God who is naïve and gullible will believe them or some part of them, thus become a recruit of evil forces. The question is: How do I become a part of evil forces when I am not evil and do not desire to be? Anyone who becomes an accessory to any action before or after it is committed, legally is as guilty as the one committing the act. In some cases the act could not have been carried out without the help of the passive person who merely acquiesced.

Evil spirits cannot of their own accord hurt any human being, but when we give them the authority, then they can in our name do so. To hear a story about a person and to believe it and sometimes be hurt about it, and be upset with the person because of it, without any investigation or approaching the person, is indeed taking up a reproach against our neighbor.

The word of God declares that we should “*Love thy neighbour as yourself.*” The Apostles asked Jesus to explain who is classified as a ‘neighbour’. In reply Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan: Two people passed the wounded man without rendering assistance, but the Samaritan helped him and bound up his wounds. This definition of ‘neighbour’ adds a new understanding to the word – not to take up a reproach against one’s neighbour. It is saying in effect, beware of how you take up a reproach against those who do you good. It is a common experience that those you seek to do the greatest good are sometimes the ones who level the most criticism at you. Out of the abundance of a good heart many times we over-extend ourselves to do good to others. Sometimes our efforts backfire leaving us looking not so good. God is saying to us, “Look carefully at those who are trying to do you good, and whether they succeed or not do not criticize them, because in so doing you will displease the Lord very much.”

Those of us who read this message and can recognize this spirit in our selves are indeed blessed of the Lord, for this will be the beginning of the casting out of that spirit. The people of God must be completely free of all evil spirit activity soon and very soon. The evil spirits are PREACHING through some of our brothers and sisters that there is NO EVIL SPIRIT and no DEVIL. They say the devil is just the Adamic nature in man. Those who subscribe to this doctrine are not hearing from God, and we must pray that the Holy Spirit will quickly deal with them to deliver them from the clutches of the enemy before it becomes too late.

There are dozens of scriptures which can prove this evil doctrine to be evil, but I must only give you one and I am sure the Holy Spirit will do the rest. When God put Adam and Eve in the Garden, there was no Adamic nature; the Adamic nature only came about after man had sinned, nevertheless, the Scripture records that the devil was in the Garden before the Adamic nature.

Genesis 3:1, “*Now the serpent was more subtil and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord had made. And he (Satan) said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*”

The first step of being free of evil spirit manifestations is to know and acknowledge that there are such manifestations in us.

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*Thought for today:* To take up a reproach against one’s neighbor is an evil spirit manifestation.