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The act of book burning has a long history. For instance, on May 10, 1933 around 25,000 volumes of books labeled as being “un-German” by the Nazi’s were burned throughout Germany. Their goal was to eliminate books that were contrary to their beliefs and to hold a demonstration in favor of what the Nazi’s stood for. In some places, these ceremonies and the accompanying speeches were even broadcast on the radio. For Nazi Germany, this helped usher in a period of censorship by the government.

Yes, there have been many examples of book burning throughout the world’s history. And, each one of these instances were designed to accomplish a specific purpose. Of all these, there are even two examples of book burning in the Scriptures.

We can learn powerful lessons from observing each one of these. In fact, as we study these two examples, we should learn that there is one book we should never burn and many that we would do well to burn. And, I want to emphasize the fact that we can burn books without actually setting them on fire! Then, I want us to consider the reality that there will be a future book burning that will impact us all.

Burning God’s Book

One example in the Scriptures details how a book containing the words of God was cast into the fire and burned. We should be careful so that we learn lessons from that example. In addition, we should carefully evaluate our own lives and see whether or not we are guilty of casting God’s word into the fire (physically or figuratively).

The story of Jehoiakim

In Jeremiah 36, we learn about a king’s decision to cut the word of God and cast it into the fire. This king over Judah was Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah. In the fourth year of this king’s reign, God used His prophet Jeremiah to bring His message to Jehoiakim.

Jeremiah was instructed, “Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin” (verses 2-3).

Then, Jeremiah employed his scribe, Baruch, to write the message of God on a scroll of a book according to all that the Lord said (verse 4). Jeremiah instructed Baruch, “I am confined, I cannot go into the house of the Lord. You go, therefore, and read from the scroll which you have written at my instruction, the words of the Lord, in the hearing of the people in the Lord’s house on the day of fasting. And you shall also read them in the hearing of all Judah who come from their cities. It may be that they will present their supplication before the Lord, and everyone will turn from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that the Lord has pronounced against this people” (verses 5-7). Baruch did all that he had been instructed, and read from the book all that God had said in the temple before the people.

Then, in the fifth year of Jehoiakim, a fast was proclaimed for all the people in Jerusalem. At this time, Baruch “read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord...in the hearing of all the people” (verse 10). When a man named Michaiah heard the words of God, he went to the scribe’s chamber in the king’s house. While the princes were sitting there, he told them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the scroll containing the words of God (verses 11-13). The princes then sent Jehudi to Baruch, instructing him to bring the scroll he had read and come to them (verse 14). Then, when Baruch came, he was told to sit down and read it to them (verse 15).

After they heard all the words from the Lord, “they looked in fear from one to another, and said to Baruch, ‘We will surely tell the king of all these words’” (verse 16). Then, they asked Baruch about how he had written all these words – whether it was truly by the prophet’s own mouth (verse 17). Baruch confirmed that the words did, in fact, come from Jeremiah – that he had just written with ink all that Jeremiah said to him with his mouth (verse 18). After hearing this, the princes told Baruch that he and Jeremiah should hide and let no one know where they were (verse 19).

Whenever these princes went to the king, they told him all the words that had just been shared with them, but they left the scroll in the chamber of Elishama, the scribe (verse 20). The king then instructed Jehudi to bring the scroll – and he read it before the king (verse 21). Then, listen to the events that transpired in verses 22-26.

“Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, with a fire burning on the hearth before him. And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe’s knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. Yet they were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments, the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words. Nevertheless Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah implored the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king’s son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the Lord hid them.”

God’s word to the people of Judah clearly contained a message of warning to them. They were being warned that there would be consequences brought on them if they would not repent of their wickedness. However, while many of the people in Judah appear to have taken this warning seriously (including Michaiah and Jehudi), King Jehoiakim was not fazed by it. Instead, he completely disregarded the message from God and tried to destroy it. In fact, the king even attempted to harm the messengers who had carried God’s message to them (i.e. Baruch and Jeremiah).

However, although the king attempted to destroy God’s words by burning the scroll in the fire, he was unsuccessful. After the king burned the scroll, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah again. This time, the Lord said, “Take yet another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, ‘Thus says the Lord: “You have burned this scroll, saying, ‘Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and cause man and beast to cease from here?’” Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: “He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night. I will punish him, his family, and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah all the doom that I have pronounced against them; but they did not heed!”” (verses 28-31).

These words were then written by Baruch in another scroll – in addition to all the words that were in the book Jehoiakim had burned in the fire. “And besides, there were added to them many similar words” (verse 32). So, despite the king’s best efforts, he could not change the message that was from God! Instead, whenever he resisted that message, God brought additional consequences upon him, his family, his servants, and the people of Judah.

How to burn God’s word today

Although I do not know what the entire message was from the Lord to the people of Judah, it must have contained something that the king did not want to comply with. Maybe he did not want to change his ways. Maybe he did not like to be told what to do. Maybe he did not believe that any of it was true. Maybe he did not want to believe that any of the consequences could actually happen to him or the people of Judah. Regardless of his reasoning, he determined to burn the word of God.

In the same way, there are many people who are actively burning God’s word today – because there is something about God’s word they do not like, do not believe, do not want to accept, or some other reason. However, this is exactly what Paul told

Timothy would happen. 2 Timothy 4:2-4: “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

God has given His law for people to read today (contained in the pages of the New Testament). This law contains: Commandments that must be obeyed (1 John 5:3), a pattern that must be followed in all areas (2 Timothy 1:13), promises about the blessings to be given to those who obey God (1 Peter 1:3-9), and warnings about the punishment that will come to those who do not obey God (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). This law ought to be heard and obeyed at all times by all people. However, there are many people (the majority of people, according to Matthew 7:13-14) who will not “endure sound doctrine.” Perhaps sound (pure, healthy) doctrine (teaching) from God requires more than an individual is willing to give. Perhaps it requires a change an individual is unwilling to make. Perhaps it warns of consequences that an individual refuses to accept or believe. Regardless, there are many who will turn away from sound doctrine and turn to someone who will tell them what they want to hear. Yet, in doing so, they turn away from the truth to fables. In doing so, these people are, effectively, burning the word of God in their own hearts!

You see, burning God’s word does not require that a Bible be cast into the fire – literally. Instead, the same effect is achieved through even more subtle means. It is accomplished anytime God’s word is not properly regarded. For, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

There is nothing that is taught in the word of God that is insignificant. It is all part of the sound doctrine God has revealed. Therefore, mankind is not free to disregard anything that is involved in this pattern of sound words (2 Timothy 1:13). Everything

that we do in our lives (if we want to have God’s approval) must be according to the authority given from God in the Bible (Colossians 3:17)!

Yet, there are many people who try to accept some/most of what God says, but they burn a small part. However, we must recognize that neither adding anything to God’s word or taking away anything from God’s word is acceptable! We are not permitted to change the word of God in any way to fit our own desires, our own belief-systems, our own man-made traditions, make us feel good about ourselves, or any other thing.

Revelation 22:18-19 says, “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

Examples of burning God’s word today

There are many examples of God’s word being burned today – in every part of the world! In fact, most people are burning the word of God daily in their lives. Even many religious people who call themselves “Christians” are burning God’s word! Let’s consider just a handful of examples.

(1) Burning God’s word about His nature. There are many people who reject God’s truth about His own nature. Rather than accepting what God teaches about His nature (i.e. that He is a loving and a severe God who will punish those who disobey Him, see Romans 11:22 and Hebrews 12:29), many only accept the fact that God is a loving God – and disregard His severity. They believe that God’s grace and mercy will cover anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ – regardless of how they conduct their lives.

(2) Burning God’s word about His plan for saving mankind. There are many people who profess to be “Christians,” but they have not really obeyed God’s plan of salvation. God’s plan of salvation requires that mankind hear His word (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus Christ (John 8:24), repent of their sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ (Romans 10:9-

10), be baptized for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38), and remain faithful throughout their lives (Revelation 2:10). Yet, there are many people who reject the necessity of baptism for salvation. Instead, they claim that faith only is enough to save an individual (although God's word says that it is not, see James 2:14-26). Or, there are many who believe that once a person is saved, he/she cannot sin so as to be eternally lost. Yet, God's word says that it is possible to fall from the grace of God after being saved by it (see Galatians 5:4).

(3) Burning God's word about His church. There are many people who profess to be "Christians," but they are not really part of Christ's church. In fact, there are tens of thousands of different religious organizations and churches in the world today. Yet, God's word only teaches us about one church Christ promised to build (see Matthew 16:18 and Ephesians 4:4). Only those who have obeyed the true plan of salvation are part of this one church (see Acts 2:37-47). Then, there are many who pervert the pattern for the local church in its work, worship, and organizational structure. For instance, many have burned what God has said about how the local church is to worship God through singing (as He has only authorized singing as the music to be used in worship, see Ephesians 5:19). Yet, many churches have decided to use mechanical instruments of music in worship.

(4) Burning God's word about marriage, divorce, and remarriage. There are many marriages that end in divorces that do not meet God's standard. Then, many marriages are made that do not have God's approval. Today, it is common for divorce to be permitted for just any reason. And, there are even homosexual marriages that are being made throughout this world. However, God's word is clear that marriage must only be between one man and one woman – and it is to last for a lifetime (see Genesis 2:21-25 and Romans 7:2-3). The only cause for divorce that God has authorized is fornication (see Matthew 5:31-32 and Matthew 19:1-9).

(5) Burning God's word about holiness. God expects us to be holy as He is holy (see 1 Peter 1:13-16). To be "holy" is to be separated from all that is evil and completely dedicated to God. Yet, there are many people who burn God's standard of holiness.

They accept homosexuality, the consumption of alcoholic beverages, pornography, immodest dress, dancing, sexual relationships outside of marriage, deceit, lying, profanity, unwholesome entertainment/recreation, etc.

(6) Burning God's word about Christian responsibilities. There are even many people who have become true Christians by obeying the gospel's true plan of salvation, but do not do the things God has expected His people to be doing. For instance, God expects all of His people to be teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are lost (2 Timothy 2:24-26), doing good to everyone they have the opportunity and ability to serve (Galatians 6:10), showing hospitality (1 Peter 4:9), visiting (James 1:27), faithfully attending the assemblies of the local church (Hebrews 10:24-25), etc. Yet, many Christians allow other things in their lives to get in the way and keep them from obeying God in these areas.

(7) Burning God's word about family responsibilities. There are many people who do not fulfill their God-given responsibilities in the home. Since God is the one who has designed the home, He is the one who is fully capable of organizing the home according to how it will function the best. In doing so, He has given headship of the home to the husband (Ephesians 5:23) and wives the responsibility to submit (Ephesians 5:22-24). Husbands and fathers have the responsibility to love their families and lead them in the ways of God (see Ephesians 5:22-6:4 and 1 Peter 3:7). Wives and mothers must submit to their husbands, show respect to their husbands, love their children, and be keepers of the home (Ephesians 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:1-6, and Titus 2:4-5). Children must obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1). Yet, there are many who twist these responsibilities in the home or entirely neglect them!

There are certainly many ways that people are burning the word of God today. However, none of these attempts actually change what God's word says. The word of God is perfect and it will judge us all on the Day of Judgment – whether we have chosen to believe and obey it or not! Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). So, if

you are guilty of burning God's word in any way, recognize today that you will not change anything. Like Jehoiakim did not actually get rid of God's word whenever He burnt it in Jeremiah 36, you will still be held accountable by the words you are now trying to burn! Only, then it will be too late. Instead of burning God's word, determine that you will commit yourself to humbly obeying what God has said during your life!

Burning Man-Made Books

A second example in the Scriptures details how many man-made books were burnt after people recognized their need to follow God instead of those books. We should be careful so that we learn lessons from this example. In addition, we should carefully evaluate our own lives and see whether or not we are willing to cast man-made books/ideas into the fire (physically or figuratively) that hinder us from serving God.

The story of the Ephesians

At the beginning of Acts 19, we read about Paul finding some in Ephesus who had followed Jesus Christ. However, they had only been baptized with John's baptism (verses 1-3). Then, whenever Paul taught them that John's baptism was no longer in effect, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (verses 4-5). After this, Paul laid hands on them and the Holy Spirit came upon them so that they spoke with tongues and prophesied (verse 6). There were about twelve men in total.

Paul continued his work in Ephesus after this, speaking boldly in the synagogue for three months, "reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God" (verse 8). When some were hardened and did not believe, speaking evil of the Way, Paul withdrew the disciples from them and continued reasoning with people for two years in the school of Tyrannus. As a result of his work, "all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (verses 9-10).

Then, verses 11-19 say, "Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even

handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.' Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?'

Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed."

These people who burned their magic books recognized something. They knew that what they were doing was fake, but the miracles Paul was doing through Jesus were real! Just imagine how these individuals who may have even gained a livelihood through practicing magic were willing to completely disregard what they had done in order to follow the way of truth!

Then, not only this, but also observe how these individuals were willing to suffer financial loss in the earthly value of the books that they burned. The value of these books were 50,000 pieces of silver! Notice that they did not try to sell these books to other people who still wanted to practice magic. Notice that they did not keep these books around for "sentimental value" or because of their monetary value. Instead, they recognized that these books were both spiritually worthless and harmful – and they chose to completely destroy them!

The result of this book burning was an increase in the word of the Lord! The false and deceptive ideas that were contained in those books would have only worked to lead people away from

God rather than to Him. And, if they had been kept, they could have easily served as a stumbling block for the Christians down the road. Now that these books were destroyed by their owners who rejected their ideas, the word of God increased!

How to burn man-made books

This book burning by the Ephesians demonstrates that some ideas and teachings are spiritually harmful for an individual – and downright false! So, recognizing this to be true about their magic books, they saw that the books were not worth saving. The only proper way to deal with them was to completely destroy them.

In the same way, there are many ideas in the world today that hinder people from following God. While I do not believe that governments or churches should be involved in censorship or confiscation, I am speaking about those who understand and accept the truth that God has revealed in the pages of Scripture being determined to eliminate all false ideas from their own minds and refusing to spread false ideas to others.

For instance, listen to what God's word says concerning anything that goes against His pure word. Galatians 1:6-9 says, "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed."

Romans 16:17-18 says, "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple."

2 John 1:9-11 says, "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to

you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds."

And, Ephesians 5:11 says, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

Everything that does not agree with God's word is a lie – and should be disregarded entirely! Sometimes we can accomplish this by literally burning the things that promote any false idea. Sometimes we can accomplish this by throwing away the things that pull us away from God. Sometimes we can work to forget the things that we have been taught in the past. Sometimes we can work to stay away from the people who are teaching the lies. Sometimes we can accomplish this by unplugging the television and turning off our computers and phones.

Regardless of how we can actually accomplish this, we do need to keep in mind what we have learned from Acts 19 and all the other passages we have just read. Those things that run contrary to God's word of truth are not helpful to us in obtaining eternal salvation from God. Instead, they work contrary to that goal. So, rather than deceiving ourselves to think that we will be okay with a little bit of false ideas, we should mark them distinctly as being false – and eliminate them in whatever way we are capable of! Then, we should also do this so that we will not spread these false ideas to anyone else or fall back into them later!

Examples of books that need burned today

Books are a common way to spread ideas. Solomon said, "Of making many books there is no end" (Ecclesiastes 12:12). But, there are even more ways that false ideas are spread today. Consider just a few as you think about the sources of false ideas you need to get out of your life.

(1) Creed books. There are many types of religions in the world today – even in "Christianity." The beliefs and ideas of these religious groups have often been collected in book form (commonly known as "creed books"). Yet, according to the teachings of Revelation 22:18-19, if a creed book says more than the Bible says, it says too much. And, if a creed

books says less than the Bible says, it says too little. So, we should eliminate man-made creed books from our lives that teach anything other than what the Bible says!

(2) Man-made traditions. There are many kinds of man-made traditions that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. So, in practicing the traditions of men, many people fall into error. In fact, there are even many religious traditions practiced by churches that are contrary to the will of God. For instance, Jesus told some of the Jews that they had “made the commandment of God of no effect” by their tradition (Matthew 15:1-9).

(3) Movies, books, magazines, music, internet sites, etc. In our culture today, there are many other sources of false ideas than were available in the days of Acts 19. For instance, with the advances of technology, secular books and magazines are widely printed and distributed, secular music is available at any moment, movies and television programs are abundant, and internet sites are innumerable and accessible across the world. Although these forms of media are not inherently sinful, they are commonly used to spread ideas that are harmful to serving God. Those who are Christians, therefore, must be committed to evaluating each one by the standard given in Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

(4) Close companions. One of the most effective tools that the devil has always used in spreading false messages is the people that we closely associate with. Because these people have gained our trust, they can be effective at swaying us – even when they are presenting false ideas. For instance, whenever the apostle Paul was teaching the Corinthian Christians the truth about the resurrection, he warned them about their companions. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’”

There are certainly many ways the devil attempts to get us to accept false ideas. However, we

should desire to follow the true ways of God so much that we will do whatever we can do to eliminate false ideas from our minds and our lives that try to pull us away from God! Do not fool yourself into thinking that you are strong enough to never be desensitized to evil. The apostle Paul said, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12)!

A Future Book Burning

Finally, there is a third book burning that is indirectly mentioned in the Bible. However, this one hasn’t happened yet. Yet, this final book burning is the reason why everything that we have discussed in this lesson is so important. It will take place on the Day when Jesus Christ returns to judge all who have ever lived on this earth!

All will be burned up

Jesus has promised that He will come at a time (still in the future) that He has not announced (see Matthew 24:36-44). On that Day, God has said that everything on this world (and the earth itself) will be burned up! 2 Peter 3:7 says that the heavens and the earth are preserved by the word of God and are “reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

Then, 2 Peter 3:10-13 says, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

Only God’s word will remain

Every book and man-made idea that is contrary to the truth that God has revealed will be

destroyed at this time. There will be no man-made creed book, tradition, or idea that survives the fire with which God will consume this world. The only book that will remain from this earth is the book that contains the words of God!

1 Peter 1:25 says that “the word of the Lord endures forever.” In fact, whenever Jesus comes and this world is destroyed, He will use the word of the Lord to judge us all (see Revelation 20:11-15 and John 12:48)! We will all be judged according to our works, by the things which were written in the books (Revelation 20:12). If we had listened to, believed, and followed man-made ideas that were contrary to God’s truth, we will be punished on this Day. But, if we had listened to, believed, and obeyed God’s truth, we will be saved eternally in Heaven!

Conclusion

We need to make sure that we are burning the right books in our lives (literally and figuratively), while we prepare for the Day on which God will burn everything that pertains to this world! Rather than following the false ideas of men, we need to be studying and rightly applying the word of God to our lives. Jesus said, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). While God’s word of truth will set you free from your sins, the false ideas of man will keep you enslaved to your sins. So, which books are you burning in your life?

Study Questions

Why have people burned books?

1. Burning God’s Book

What was God’s message to the people of Judah?
What did King Jehoiakim do with this book?

How is it possible to burn God’s word today?

List some examples of God’s word being burned today.

2. Burning Man-Made Books

What books did the Ephesians burn? Why did they burn them?

How can you burn man-made books?

List some examples of books that need burned today.

3. A Future Book Burning

What will be burned up whenever Jesus returns?

What is the only book on earth that will remain?

***Which books are you burning?**