

“Being Entangled”

Exo. 14:3

Introduction

- I. Have you ever walked into the woods and gotten hung by briars? Maybe you've walked into an old house and had a spider web stick to your hair and clothing. If so, then you understand what it means to be entangled.
- II. We must be diligent that we do not allow ourselves to be entangled with sin, evil and error (2 Cor. 2:11; 2 Tim. 2:24-26).

Discussion

- I. Christians must be careful not to be entangled in the Old law (Gal. 5:1-4).
 - A. Some taught that it was necessary to be circumcised, but that made people debtors to the whole law (Gal. 4:21; Acts 15:7-21).
 - B. Seventh-Day Adventists plead for the observance of the Sabbath because of the Old law (Col. 2:14-17; Rom. 6:14-15; 3:19; 7:4, 6-7; Gal. 4:4).
 - C. Some Mormons advocate for polygamy because of the Old law (Eph. 2:14-16; cf. Matt. 19:3-9 original design).
 - D. Those who are for instrumental music in worship largely do so because of the Old law (Col. 2:14; Rom. 6:14; Heb. 10:9-10; cf. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15).
 - E. To be entangled with the Old law for authority would obligate a person to do all of the Old law (Gal. 5:1-4).
- II. Christians must be careful not to be entangled “with the affairs of this life” (2 Tim. 2:3-4).
 - A. Love of money/wealth entangles many Christian soldiers (Matt. 16:26; 1 Tim. 6:5-9; Luke 8:14).
 - B. Many occupations can entangle a Christian (Eph. 4:28).
 - C. Worldly wisdom, instead of the wisdom of God, can entangle a Christian (Matt. 6:33; Prov. 1:7; Heb. 3:12; Luke 8:13).
 - D. Debt can entangle many a Christian (Rom. 13:8; Eph. 4:28).
- III. Christians must be careful not to be entangle with “pollutions of the world” (2 Pet. 2:20-22).
 - A. The life of a Christian is to be different from the life of a non Christian (Rom. 12:1-2; Titus 2:11-14; James 1:27).
 - B. Christian should be living lifestyles according to the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
- IV. Some become entangled in other things.
 - A. Denominationalism (John 17:20-21; Rom. 16:17-18).
 - B. Unscriptural attempts at marriage (Matt. 19:9).
 - C. Any sinful habit (Psm. 9:15; Prov. 5:22).

Conclusion

- I. We must be diligent to make sure that we do not become entangled with anything that will keep us from Heaven.
- II. If I am entangled with something that will keep me from Heaven, then I need to get free as soon as possible.