

Portraits of

REBELLION

What is **REBELLION**?

Examples:

- ❖ Israel at Kadesh – *Numbers 13-14*
- ❖ Korah – *Numbers 16*
- ❖ Israel Demanding a King – *1 Samuel 8*
- ❖ Saul Failing to Destroy Amalek – *1 Samuel 15*
- ❖ Jewish Rulers Rejecting Jesus' Authority – *Luke 20:1-8*
- ❖ All Involved in Jesus' Crucifixion – *Psalms 2*

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Defined by Samuel – 1 Samuel 15:22-23

- ❖ (v. 22) – disobedience (*cf.* vv. 11, 19, 20-21)
- ❖ (v. 23) – self-will (witchcraft, idolatry)

Rebellion:

- ❖ “the action or process of resisting authority” (New Oxford American Dictionary)
- ❖ “opposition to one in authority or dominance” (Merriam-Webster)
- ❖ Does not necessitate a “rebellious spirit,” i.e. openly defiant.
- ❖ ALL lawlessness (sin) is rebellion – *1 John 3:4* – must avoid sugar-coating sin based on the intention or attitude of the offender.

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Offenses of Ignorance

- ❖ Ignorance does not excuse the sin or lessen the punishment.
 - ❖ *Acts 17:30-31; 1 Timothy 1:12-13* – not suggesting lack of guilt.
- ❖ A person guilty of ignorant sin is lost until they repent:
 - ❖ *Psalms 19:12* – a prayer for knowledge of faults unknown for the purpose of change and forgiveness.
 - ❖ Sin is still sin even if one is ignorant of it – *Leviticus 5:17-19; 4:13-14* – forgiveness requires a knowledge of the sin for repentance to occur.

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- ❖ Ignorant sin is not less sinful before God.
- ❖ God will not forgive sin from which there is no repentance –
1 John 5:16-17
- ❖ Repentance requires knowledge of the wrong.
- ❖ God's longsuffering provides time to come to that knowledge –
2 Peter 3:15-18
- ❖ Until the sin is repented of and forgiven the offender is in a lost state.

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Presumptive Righteousness

- ❖ Intended good does not make sin any less sinful and rebellious – *Matthew 7:21-23; John 16:2*
- ❖ Some want to please God but presume to know what He is pleased with – *Romans 10:1-3* – such is zeal without knowledge.
- ❖ David would have been guilty of sin if he built God a house! – *2 Samuel 7:1-7*
- ❖ Instead of thinking on what **MAY** be pleasing to God, we must focus on what we **KNOW** is pleasing to God – *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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