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ABSENT, ABSENCE

The reason Laban named the heap of stones "Mizpah" was because Laban wanted God to watch between him and Jacob when they were **absent** from one another.

- **Genesis 31:48-49:** "And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

When Moses went up the mountain to spend some time with God, he told the elders of Israel that they had Aaron and Hur with them, and they could handle any matters that arose in his **absence**.

- **Exodus 24:14:** "And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them."

David asked Jonathan who would tell him what Jonathan learned after he told Saul that David was **absent**.

- **1 Samuel 20:10:** "Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?"

Mephibosheth mourned David's **absence** by not trimming his beard or washing his clothes.

- **2 Samuel 19:24:** "And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his

feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace."

In the parable of the talents, when the lord of the servants returned he held them accountable for what they had done in his **absence**.

- **Matthew 25:19:** "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them."

In the parable of the talents, the nobleman commanded his servants to occupy until he returned. (This means he wanted them to continue to work for him while he was **absent**.)

- **Luke 19:13:** "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come."

In the parable of the talents, the faithful servants got to keep the money that had been originally entrusted to them, along with what they earned in the nobleman's **absence**.

- **Luke 19:24:** "And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds."

Jesus taught a number of parables that involved lords entrusting their goods to someone else, and then going to another country for a long time while expecting his servants to continue to serve him in his **absence**.

- **Luke 20:9:** "Then began he to speak to the people this

parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time."

When Paul and Barnabas arrived at Jerusalem, there's a mention of apostles and elders. However, there's no mention of a pastor. The whole concept of a pastor who leads the church is **absent** from the New Testament.

- **Acts 15:4:** "And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them."

The letter that the church at Jerusalem wrote to the Gentiles was from the apostles, elders, and brethren. (Once again, there's no mention of a pastor. The position of pastor is **absent** from the New Testament.)

- **Acts 15:23:** "And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia."

When Paul stood up and spoke to his shipmates (when they were lost at sea in a storm while on the way to Rome), he had been **absent** from them for a long time.

- **Acts 27:20-21:** "And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and

not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss."

While we have this mortal body, we're **absent** from the Lord. (This is because the Lord Jesus Christ is in Heaven and we are on earth.)

- **2 Corinthians 5:6:** "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:"

When we're in Heaven after we die, we're **absent** from the body.

- **2 Corinthians 5:8:** "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

It's better for a Christian to be **absent** from this mortal body and to be present with the Lord, than it is to be apart from Christ.

- **2 Corinthians 5:8:** "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

When Paul wrote his letter to the Colossian church he was **absent** from them. However, he was with them in spirit.

- **Colossians 2:5:** "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ."

It's possible to be **absent** from a church in the flesh and yet be with them in spirit.

- **Colossians 2:5:** "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

All of the ungodly will be judged for all of their wicked deeds. None of them will be **absent** from that judgment, and no ungodly deeds will be overlooked.

- **Jude 1:15:** "To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

One of the reasons the millennium will be a time of great blessing is because the devil will be **absent** from this world.

- **Revelation 20:3:** "And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

After the millennium (a thousand years of peace and harmony, and a total **absence** of war), the devil will deceive a staggering number of people in a short amount of time. He will persuade them to go to war against God Himself, and fight against the very same Jesus who slaughtered the antichrist and all of his armies at the end of the tribulation.

- **Revelation 20:7-8:** "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

MISS, MISSED, MISSING

Not only did Jacob love Joseph more than his other children, but he displayed that love in ways that was impossible to **miss**.

- **Genesis 37:3:** "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours."

When God commanded Moses to go speak to Pharaoh, Moses objected and said that Pharaoh wouldn't listen. (Somehow Moses **missed** it when God told him *in advance* that Pharaoh wouldn't listen, and that He was going to smite Egypt and force Pharaoh to drive them out.)

- **Exodus 6:12:** "And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?"

It seems Moses thought that he had to be eloquent before Pharaoh would listen to him. He somehow **missed** it when God told him that Pharaoh wouldn't free the Israelites until God smote Egypt with His wonders. (It had nothing to do with the eloquence of Moses.)

- **Exodus 6:30:** "And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?"

Under the Mosaic Law, if the Israelites were offering a lamb or

a bull as payment of a vow, but the animal was **missing** some body part, then it wouldn't be accepted.

- **Leviticus 22:23:** "Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted."

Under the Mosaic Law, the Israelites were allowed to offer a lamb as a freewill offering even if it was **missing** a body part.

- **Leviticus 22:23:** "Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted."

When Balaam's donkey talked to him, Balaam seemed to entirely **miss** the fact that his donkey had just spoken to him.

- **Numbers 22:28-29:** "And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee."

The reason Joshua didn't want his armies to immediately pursue the kings of the Amorites was because God had delivered the rest of the Amorites into the hands of Israel, and he didn't want to **miss** out on that opportunity to defeat them. Defeating that army was a bigger priority than killing five kings who were hiding in a cave.

- **Joshua 10:17-19:** "And it was told Joshua, saying, The five

kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them: And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand."

The 700 chosen left-handed men in Benjamin's army could sling a stone at a hair breadth and not **miss**. They were experts with the sling.

- **Judges 20:16:** "Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss."

Kish wanted his son Saul to find his donkeys, which were **missing**.

- **1 Samuel 9:3:** "And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses."

When Saul's uncle asked him where he had gone, he said that he had been out looking for his father's **missing** donkeys.

- **1 Samuel 10:14:** "And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel."

When Saul had his people count themselves, they discovered that Jonathan and his armor bearer were **missing**. (This is

because they had gone to fight the Philistines.)

- **1 Samuel 14:17:** "Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there."

David told Jonathan that if Saul **missed** him, Jonathan should tell him that David earnestly asked permission to run to Bethlehem to attend a yearly sacrifice there for all of his family (which was a lie).

- **1 Samuel 20:6:** "If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family."

Since Saul was hiding the fact that he was trying to kill David from Jonathan, David created a simple test. If Saul was unnaturally angry that David was **missing**, that would reveal to Jonathan that Saul actually was trying to kill him.

- **1 Samuel 20:7:** "If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him."

Jonathan told David that however Saul responded to the news that David was **missing**, he would surely send someone to tell David.

- **1 Samuel 20:12-13:** "And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto

thee, and shew it thee; The Lord do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father."

Jonathan told David that he would be **missed** on the following day because his seat would be empty.

- **1 Samuel 20:18:** "Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."

God told David that if he pursued after the Amalekites he would overtake them and recover everything, and that's exactly what happened. Not a single thing or person was **missing**.

- **1 Samuel 30:19:** "And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all."

Jehu didn't want any Baal worshipers in Israel to be **missed**. He wanted all of them to come (so that he could kill them).

- **2 Kings 10:19:** "Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal."

Even though God spoke to Eliphaz and told him what Job's problem was, Eliphaz **missed** it entirely. Instead of understanding that Job's problem was that he was accusing God of error, Eliphaz believed God was saying that Job was wicked and was therefore suffering for his wickedness.

- **Job 4:15-17:** "Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?"

Job **missed** his children (who had all been killed).

- **Job 29:5:** "When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;"

Job **missed** the prosperous life that he used to have.

- **Job 29:6:** "When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;"

Job **missed** being an important person.

- **Job 29:7:** "When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!"

Job **missed** being honored by those who were young and those who were old.

- **Job 29:8:** "The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up."

Job **missed** being honored by princes.

- **Job 29:9:** "The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth."

Job **missed** being honored by nobles.

- **Job 29:10:** "The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth."

Job **missed** being blessed by others.

- **Job 29:11:** "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:"

Those who have understanding can search out the rich. They can discover things that the rich have **missed** due to their own conceit.

- **Proverbs 28:11:** "The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out."

The time of judgment for the righteous and the wicked won't be **missed** or skipped.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:17:** "I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

When Solomon praised his beloved, one of the things he praised her for was for the fact that none of her teeth were

missing.

- **Song of Solomon 4:2:** "Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them."
- **Song of Solomon 6:6:** "Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them."

God warned the Jews that the Egyptians and the Assyrians would invade all of Judah, even its most desolate and hostile places. There were no places that they would **miss**.

- **Isaiah 7:19:** "And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes."

There are times when God closes people's eyes and puts them to sleep so they don't understand what's going on and **miss** what's happening.

- **Isaiah 29:10:** "For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered."

One of the judgments that God pours out upon the wicked in the day of His wrath is that no one will **miss** them or mourn for them.

- **Ezekiel 7:11:** "Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their's: neither shall there be

wailing for them."

After God defeats Gog's invasion of Israel, the land will be cleaned from the dead bodies of Gog and his army. People will bury the dead for seven months, and then there will be professional buriers who look for bodies that were **missed**.

- **Ezekiel 39:14-16:** "And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog. And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land."

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah was going to be born. Yet they still **missed** His birth anyway, even though Bethlehem was only five miles from Jerusalem and even though a host of angels announced His birth.

- **Matthew 2:4-5:** "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,"

The people of Jerusalem didn't realize the Messiah had been born until the wise men came and told them. They **missed** it.

- **Matthew 2:7:** "Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the

star appeared."

We must pay attention to every single word that God has said. We must let none of them slide, and we must **miss** none of them, because all of them are important.

- **Matthew 4:4:** "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."
- **Luke 4:4:** "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

The reason the religious leaders asked Jesus for a sign from Heaven was because they couldn't discern the signs of the times. Jesus gave them *many* signs, but they **missed** all of them.

- **Matthew 16:3:** "And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"
- **Luke 12:56:** "Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?"

When Jesus fed thousands of people with a few loaves of bread, the disciples should have understood that the miracle meant that Jesus could provide for them. However, they **missed** it.

- **Matthew 16:8-9:** "Which when Jesus perceived, he said

unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?"

- **Matthew 16:10:** "Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?"

If a good shepherd has 100 sheep and one of them goes **missing**, he will go into the mountains and look for the sheep that was lost.

- **Matthew 18:12:** "How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?"

The person who came to Jesus seeking eternal life believed that he was **missing** something. He believed there was something else he had to do, beyond what he had already done, in order to gain eternal life.

- **Matthew 19:20:** "The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?"

Those who claim that Jesus has returned in secret are liars, because the return of Jesus will be like lightning. It will be obvious and brilliant and impossible to **miss**.

- **Matthew 24:27:** "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

- **Luke 17:24:** "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day."

The disciples of Jesus **missed** their opportunity to watch and pray with Him. They slept through it.

- **Matthew 26:43-45:** "And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

When the wise men from the east visited Jerusalem looking for the king of the Jews, everyone should have known that the Messiah had already been born *because that news had been publicly proclaimed*. Yet people were still surprised and had no idea what the wise men were talking about. Even though the news of the birth of the Messiah was publicly proclaimed by an entire multitude of angels, people still **missed** it.

- **Luke 2:18:** "And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

The people who got to see the Messiah when He was an infant were those who believed the message of the angels, and those who *wanted* to see Him and were *waiting* to see Him. His birth was **missed** by those who didn't believe, and by those who didn't care.

- **Luke 2:25-26:** "And, behold, there was a man in

Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ."

- **Luke 2:36-38:** "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

During the ministry of John the Baptist, the people should have known that the Messiah had already been born, but they didn't. They **missed** all the signs and the literal multitude of angels that proclaimed the news.

- **Luke 3:15:** "And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;"

The people didn't understand that the Messiah had to die and then rise from the dead. Even though Isaiah the prophet foretold this centuries in advance, they still **missed** it.

- **John 12:34:** "The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?"

Although Paul was an apostle, he wasn't the replacement for Judas. The person who replaced Judas among the 12 disciples had to be someone who was with Jesus for the entire duration of His earthly ministry. Since Paul **missed** it he wasn't eligible.

- **Acts 1:21:** "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,"

God will give glory, honor, and peace to the righteous Jews and Gentiles. Neither group will be **missed**.

- **Romans 2:10:** "But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:"

Those who wait until something comes to pass in order to believe in it have **missed** the opportunity to have faith. For those people, faith is impossible because it's too late.

- **Romans 8:24:** "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"

If a church is composed of people who are all the same then it's going to be **missing** vital parts, and won't be able to function as well as a church that has all of its components.

- **1 Corinthians 12:17:** "If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?"

Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians addresses their that

they had **missed** the rapture. In his response Paul emphasized that God is our Father (who loves us), and Jesus is both our Savior and our Lord. God hasn't forgotten us and He will remember to gather us to Him when He returns. The apostle wanted the Thessalonian church to understand that they hadn't been left behind, and the tribulation hadn't begun.

- **2 Thessalonians 1:2:** "Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
- **2 Thessalonians 2:1-2:** "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand."

The Scriptures are complete. They're not **missing** anything that we need in order to walk in God's will in this life.

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17:** "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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The fact that the way to the Holy of Holies was blocked off before Jesus died and rose again was a sign from God that something was **missing**.

- **Hebrews 9:8:** "The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:"

OVERLOOK, OVERLOOKED, OVERLOOKING, OVERLOOKS, UNACCOUNTED

God won't **overlook** the wickedness of the wicked.

- **Psalm 28:4:** "Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert."

Solomon told his beloved to look from the top of Shenir and Hermon. (That was part of a mountain range that **overlooked** Damascus).

- **Song of Solomon 4:8:** "Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards."

God refused to **overlook** the sins of the priests or elders of the Jews. Instead He held them accountable for what they had done (because He commanded them to repent, and they refused).

- **Lamentations 4:16:** "The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders."

The time between the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah was going to be 483 years.

(This leaves 7 years **unaccounted** for, which are the years of the tribulation.)

- **Daniel 9:25:** "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."

Although God wasn't going to send the grasshoppers or fire upon Israel, His judgment was still going to come all the same. This is because Israel was wicked and God couldn't simply **overlook** their sin and allow their wickedness to continue unpunished.

- **Amos 7:8:** "And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more."

God cares about the sins of Gentile cities (even though He doesn't have a covenant relationship with them) and doesn't **overlook** them.

- **Jonah 1:2:** "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me."

God warned the Israelites that He wasn't going to **overlook** their sins.

- **Micah 1:13:** "O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel

were found in thee."

The Lord didn't accept or **overlook** the sins of the priests of Israel.

- **Malachi 2:1:** "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you."

We don't have the option of ignoring sin in the lives of others. If a person sins against us and won't repent, that must end the relationship until the person repents. We can't **overlook** it and move on.

- **Matthew 18:17:** "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

After the resurrection of Jesus, God no longer **overlooked** the ignorance of idolatrous nations.

- **Acts 17:30:** "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

Churches must judge sin that's in their midst. They don't have the option of **overlooking** it.

- **1 Corinthians 5:3, 6:** "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, ... Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

All of the ungodly will be judged for all of their ungodly deeds. None of the ungodly will be absent and no ungodly deeds will be **overlooked**.

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