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# EXCLUSIVELY

When Manoah asked for instructions about how to raise his son Samson, the angel talked about the restrictions his wife had to follow while she was pregnant. However, the angel said nothing about how to raise Samson *after* he was born. The angel's focus was **exclusively** on protecting Samson from anything that would break his Nazarite vow while he was still in the womb.

- **Judges 13:14:** "She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe."

Although Paul was primarily a minister to the Gentiles, there were times when he preached and wrote to the Jews as well. He didn't minister **exclusively** to Gentiles.

- **Romans 15:16:** "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

# FINITE

The days of the wicked are numbered and **finite**. They won't always be around to bring trouble to the righteous.

- **Proverbs 12:7:** "The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand."

# INSUFFICIENT

The fig aprons that Adam and Eve made for themselves were **insufficient**. God gave them clothing, which He obtained from an animal sacrifice.

- **Genesis 3:21:** "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

Many people care more about a person's wealth than his wisdom. If a person has **insufficient** wealth then he won't be taken seriously, even if he's very wise.

- **Ecclesiastes 9:16:** "Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard."

The sun caused Jonah grief. The shadow from the booth that he made provided him with **insufficient** shade. He was very grateful when God provided a gourd for him.

- **Jonah 4:5-6:** "So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd."

The amount of food the disciples had was completely **insufficient** to feed the large crowd of 5,000 people.

- **Mark 6:37-38:** "He answered and said unto them, Give ye

them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes."

- **John 6:7-9:** "Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"

Those who have **insufficient** knowledge have a weak conscience. (Since they lack knowledge, they may believe something is a sin when it actually isn't. That means their conscience convicts them of things that aren't sinful at all.)

- **1 Corinthians 8:4, 7:** "As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. ... Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled."

The only way we can be made righteous in the sight of God is if Jesus gives us His perfect righteousness. Our own righteousness is wholly **insufficient**.

- **Revelation 3:18:** "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

# LIMIT, LIMITED, LIMITS, LIMITATIONS, LIMITETH, LIMITING

In the days before the Flood, God set a **limit** of 120 years upon mankind. (It seems this was how long mankind had left until the Flood was going to come and destroy them.)

- **Genesis 6:3:** "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

The covenant that God established with Noah, his descendants, and all of the animals (that He would never again send a global flood) was an everlasting covenant that endured for perpetual generations. It wasn't time **limited**.

- **Genesis 9:12, 15-16:** "And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ... And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth."

Under the Mosaic Law, when priests grieved for the dead they weren't allowed to profane themselves. God put **limits** on what they were allowed to do during the grieving process.

- **Leviticus 21:4:** "But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself."

God gave Moses the commandments regarding the age **limitations** for serving in the tabernacle. (Levites could only begin serving once they reached 25 years old, and they had to retire when they were 50.)

- **Numbers 8:23-26:** "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more: But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge."

God spoke of **limits** that He put on darkness.

- **Job 38:19-20:** "Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?"

It seems that the leviathan (which was a dragon) was a type of sea creature (although it doesn't seem to have been **limited** to just the water).

- **Job 41:31:** "He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment."

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, they **limited** God. (This may be referring to the time they went to the border of

Canaan and then decided to turn back and return to Egypt. That generation didn't inherit Canaan, but instead died in the wilderness.)

- **Psalms 78:40-41:** "How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."

The power of mankind has **limits**. (It's impossible for mankind to overcome God.)

- **Ecclesiastes 6:10:** "That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he."

The Lord said that He would send destruction upon the Jews for a **limited** period of time. (In other words, His anger against them wouldn't last forever.)

- **Isaiah 10:25:** "For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction."

God said that He placed **limits** on the boundary of the sea. Although the sea roared and tossed, it couldn't escape the limits He placed upon it. (The point is that although God's infinite power can be seen in the fact that He forced the sea itself to obey Him, the Jews still refused to fear Him or take Him seriously.)

- **Jeremiah 5:22-23:** "Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that

it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone."

Since the Levites committed abominations by engaging in idolatry, in the millennium they won't be allowed to approach God in the temple. Although they will serve in a **limited** capacity, they will be prevented from approaching the holy things. They will have to bear their shame. (The right to approach God will instead be given to the sons of Zadok, who were faithful.) This means that people's position in the millennial kingdom (after the resurrection) may be impacted by their faithfulness in this life.

- **Ezekiel 44:12-13, 15-16:** "Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. ... But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God: They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge."

The wicked may not go beyond the **limits** that God has set. When the time comes, God will free His people from the oppression of the wicked.

- **Nahum 1:13:** "For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder."

The power of the antichrist will have **limits**. There will be people who rise up against him, and treat him the way he treated the nations.

- **Habakkuk 2:7-8:** "Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein."

God isn't **limited** by our circumstances. He's able to keep His promises no matter what the situation is (and He *always* keeps His promises).

- **Zechariah 8:6:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts."

The Jews had a **limited** opportunity to do good to Jesus (because He wouldn't be with them in person for very long).

- **Mark 14:7:** "For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always."

Those who persecute the righteous in this world, and put them to death, don't have the power to cast them into Hell. There's a **limit** to what harm they can do. (That's why we must fear God instead of the wicked.)

- **Luke 12:5:** "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him."

The parable of the trees included the fig tree, but it wasn't **limited** to the fig tree. Instead it included all the trees. (The point of the parable was that when people saw the signs that Jesus spoke of come to pass, that meant His return at the end of the tribulation was near.)

- **Luke 21:29-31:** "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

It seems that when God gave His Spirit to everyone other than the Messiah, He gave them a **limited** amount. However, God didn't limit the amount of the Holy Spirit that was given to Jesus.

- **John 3:34:** "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."

The ability of water to quench our thirst is **limited**. (One day

we will become thirsty again.)

- **John 4:13:** "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again."

The reason Jesus was buried in the tomb which was near where He was crucified was because there was **limited** time to prepare His body before the Sabbath. (In other words, since they were short on time they chose a tomb that was nearby.)

- **John 19:42:** "There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand."

Our time in this world is **limited** and is drawing to a close. (Since that's the case, we must earnestly pursue righteousness.)

- **Romans 13:12:** "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

If we're strong in the faith then we must not use our liberty in a way that harms fellow Christians. It's enough to be strong in the presence of the Lord. We must **limit** ourselves so we don't cause those who are weak in the faith to stumble.

- **Romans 14:21-22:** "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."

Instead of seeking to please ourselves we must seek to do good to those who are around us, even if that means **limiting** what we do so we don't cause problems for others.

- **Romans 15:1:** "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

The presence of sin in a church **limits** the teachings it will accept.

- **1 Corinthians 3:1-3:** "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

God places **limits** on how highly we're allowed to think of other people.

- **1 Corinthians 4:6:** "And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another."

Married couples need to **limit** how much time they spend in fasting and prayer, so that it doesn't interfere too much with having sex. (This is to prevent them from falling into sexual temptations, which destroy lives and entire nations.)

- **1 Corinthians 7:5:** "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves

to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

God hasn't given fathers the freedom to treat their children however they want. Instead He's put **limits** on what they can do.

- **Colossians 3:21:** "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

Paul warned the Colossian church that whoever does wrong will be punished for the evil thing he did. This doesn't seem to be **limited** to just unbelievers, because Paul is addressing the church.

- **Colossians 3:25:** "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons."

Paul wanted the Thessalonian church to abound in love toward all men. Paul didn't **limit** this love to just fellow Christians.

- **1 Thessalonians 3:12:** "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:"

There's a **limit** to what evildoers and false teachers can do, and how far they can go, and who they can deceive.

- **2 Timothy 3:8-9:** "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall

proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was."

The apostle Paul didn't tell Titus to **limit** his message in order to reach as large an audience as possible. Instead Titus was commanded to rebuke those who were in sin and reject heretics.

- **Titus 3:10-11**: "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself."

Fathers chasten their children for a **limited** amount of time. (Eventually children grow up and become adults.)

- **Hebrews 12:9-10**: "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

Our time in the flesh is **limited**. (One day we'll be resurrected and given a spiritual body.)

- **1 Peter 4:2**: "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."

The time of the antichrist is **limited** to 42 months. That is all the time he will have to make war with the saints and the

nations. (Once those days are over, the Lord Jesus Christ will return and cast him into the lake of fire.)

- **Revelation 13:5, 7:** "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. ... And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."