

Common Enemies # 8: The Prison cell of Offense

Matthew 11: 1-6

Review:

1. Wrong desires
2. Poor Memory
3. Way of Cain (Having relationship to God but on your terms) My God loves everyone! I don't want a God like the one you are talking about, etc....
4. Error of Balaam for filthy gain (Serving God for what you can get)
5. Gainsaying of Korah (Allowing Jealousy to turn you against God's Messengers)
6. Lordship (Struggling to Surrender to let God Drive)
7. Loving this Present world

2nd Timothy 4: 10 Demas hath forsaken me, loving this present world more than the things of God!

8. The Prison cell of Offense

A. The Thief of the cell (cage) offense

This cage puts you or me in a place where you cannot see!

Matthew 13: 57-58 When Jesus waked into the Synagogue and stated truth, the city there became offended at the statement He made and in turn lost it for themselves and others...

Mark 6: 3 "...and they were offended at him"

Romans 9: 30-33 Read – the Stumbling block stole it all ...

1 Corinthians 1: 23 Paul explained that Christ must be preached but to the Jew, the preaching of Jesus has become a stumbling block...

His Home town was offended at Him and in turn imprisoned themselves, separated themselves from His inevitable blessings.

Matt. 11: 6 *"And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me."*

Matt. 13: 57-58 *“And they (Nazareth) they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house. And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”*

B. The Thief of Offense

This cell steals away our future blessings!

- ***Eve and Offense – stole everything from her and all those that she loved or would love!***
- ***Cain and offense – stole everything from Him in this life and in the life to come.***
- ***Esau and Offense – Stole away His place to repent Hebrews 12: 15- 17***
- ***Ammon – In 2nd Samuel 13: 4 he, like Eve, felt that He deserved better than having limits out on Him... and in turn became offended at the very person that he had loved. Therefore stealing away the true love that could have been!***
- ***King Saul, offended at God and in turn David... therefore stealing away the most of His Kingdom... missing God’s voice and the joy of seeing God do great things through Him...***

The Pharisees were offended at Him. Therefore they became so blind that no matter what they knew they could not see the truth.

John the Baptist was even on the verge of becoming offended and in turn destroying his transfer into Heaven...

Question: Will you allow yourself to become offended at God or even at someone in your life and in turn stealing away your blessings whether you live or die. Many become offended and steal away the future of their families, their crowns, etc....

Offense is a cage, Offense is a thief... Hell will be filled with people who fell into the tar pit of offense and could not get free of it... but is there a place in that tar pit for you?