

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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SHOULD WE BE BUDDIES WITH GOD’S ENEMIES?

No. In the long ago, Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, got “buddy-buddy” with wicked Ahab, king of Israel. Now pay attention: Jehoshaphat was rebuked by the Lord for such!!! Scripture reads: “*And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD*” (2 Ch. 19:1-2).

Foolishly not fearing God’s wrath, still today many are “buddies” with those whom God despises (Ps. 5:4-5). Yes, all too often I’ve seen (or heard of) professed “Christians” throw their lot in with the ungodly. They need to alter their course before its too late (Mt. 24:48-51). Listen, 2 Ch. 19:1-2 is not an obscure passage. Time and again throughout scripture God has made it very plain that those who follow Him aren’t to be unequally yoked with His enemies. **Note:** I realize we must reach out to people (Lk. 7:36ff); that is not what I am discussing. Being buddy-buddy with the ungodly is the issue under consideration. Below are a few of the passages mentioned above. If you “buddy-up” with God’s enemies, please consider your ways (Hag. 1:5-10).

“*Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee*” (Ex. 34:12).

“*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful*” (Ps. 1:1).

“*I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked*” (Ps. 26:4-5).

“*He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight*” (Ps. 101:7).

“*They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them*” (Ps. 106:34-36).

“*Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God*” (Ps. 119:115).

“*Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies*” (Ps. 139:21-22).

“*...if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.... walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path*” (Prv. 1:10, 15).

“*Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away*” (Prv. 4:14-15).

“*...He that followeth vain persons is void of understanding*” (Prv. 12:11).

“*Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul...*” (Prv. 29:24).

“*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners*” (1 Cor. 15:33).

“*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel*” (2 Cor. 6:14-15).

“*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them*” (Eph. 5:11).

“*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us*” (2 Th. 3:6).

“*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds*” (2 Jn. 10-11).