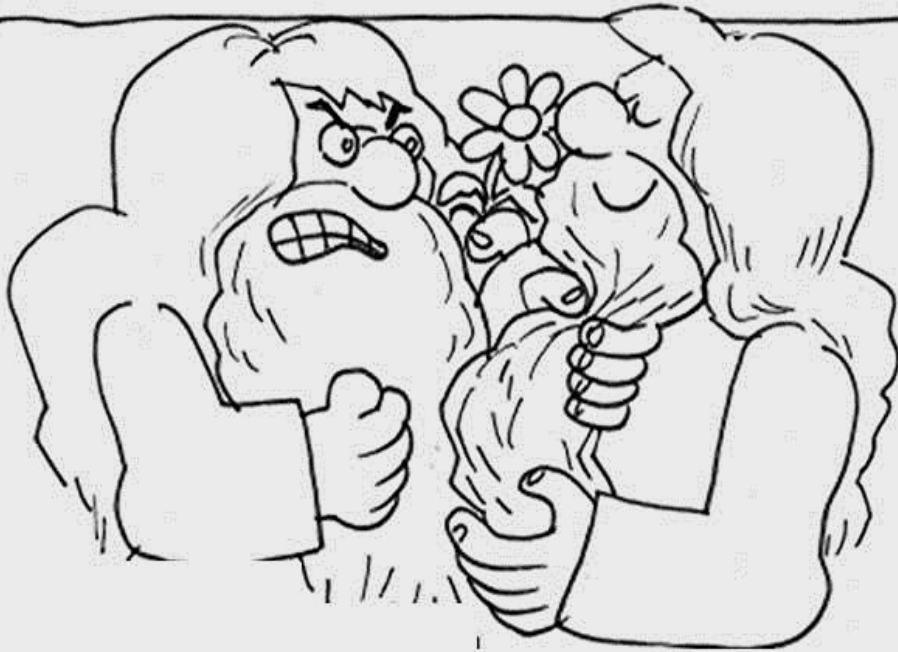




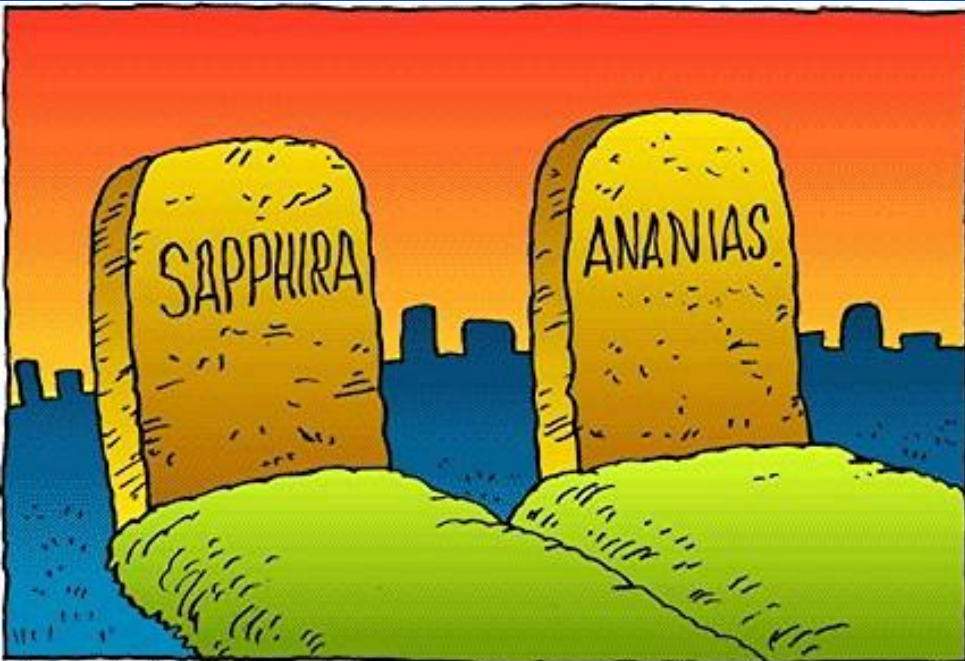
- Ananias and Sapphira is a controversial story
- Church of Rome favored the New Testament but disparaged the Old Testament
- Carried over into Protestantism
- David Stern: *“....heresy of Marcion...the NT preaches a superior God of love, while the OT God is an inferior deity concerned with judgment and wrath....”*

OLD TESTAMENT GOD VS NEW TESTAMENT GOD



# GOD OF LOVE OR WRATH?

- Premise: new religion of gentiles called Christianity
- New God, Jesus, always forgives, never punishes
- Conundrum: God has just killed NT Believers Ananias & Sapphira !
- To understand we must know the OT
- Laws of Herem and Vow Offerings
- Holy property belongs exclusively to God



# Love? What is It?

- What is God's viewpoint of love and sin?
- 1John 3
- Love is not a feeling
- Love is DOING
- Love elicits emotions but that is just one element of love
- Biblically: Love is to accept, hate is to reject
- John says that action is "love in reality"
- 1John 3:17 ties closely to the crime of Ananias and Sapphira



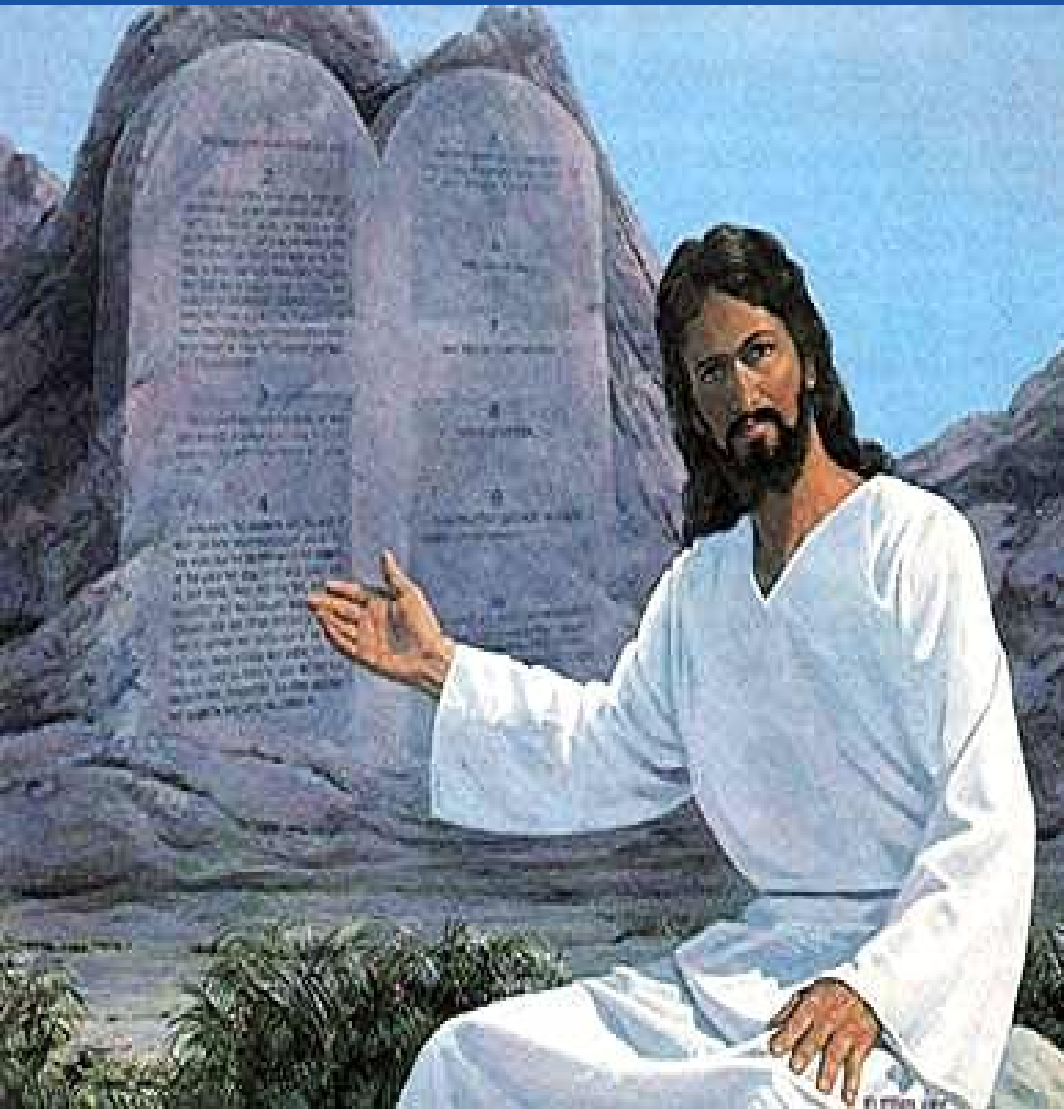
# WHAT IS SIN?

- The Doctrine of Situational Sin
- 1) Sin is different for different people
- 2) Since Christ came sin is now customized and circumstantial
- 3) No standard for sin, Holy Spirit will inform each person
- 1John 3:3 – 7
- Can Holy Spirit override the written Word of God?
- If so, then God is NOT One !



**SIN ~~WAS~~ IS**  
**TRANSGRESSION**  
**OF THE LAW.**  
(1 JOHN 3:4)

# WHAT DID CHRIST SAY IS SIN?



- Matt.5: 17 -19
- Christ said Law (Torah) is not abolished
- Said we are to obey the commandments
- Those who obey will be great in His Kingdom
- Acts 5:4 “*...filled your heart...*”
- **Pleroo** = fill, fill up
- **Pleroo** NEVER means to end, finish
- Law was alive and well for Ananias and Sapphira
- They were Believers in good standing

# AT SOLOMON'S PORTICO

- Believers back to the Temple Mount to do healings and miracles
- Many Believers dared not join them from fear
- Many more Jews came to believe due to the healings
- Those frightened Believers missed out on the blessing of participating in a great outpouring of God's healing power
- Modern Believers' #1 reason for not going to Israel: FEAR



EVERYTHING  
YOU WANT IS  
ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF FEAR

# EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS HEALED !!

- Jews not sold on medicine and physicians
- Sick and demon afflicted brought to the Disciples
- Shadows were considered as part of the person
- Simple faith was sufficient for God to heal them because they believed what they saw
- Sadducees did not have such faith and instead were jealous and angry
- High Priest and other Sadducees came to stop what they had ordered was never to happen again!



# THE MYSTERY OF ANGELS



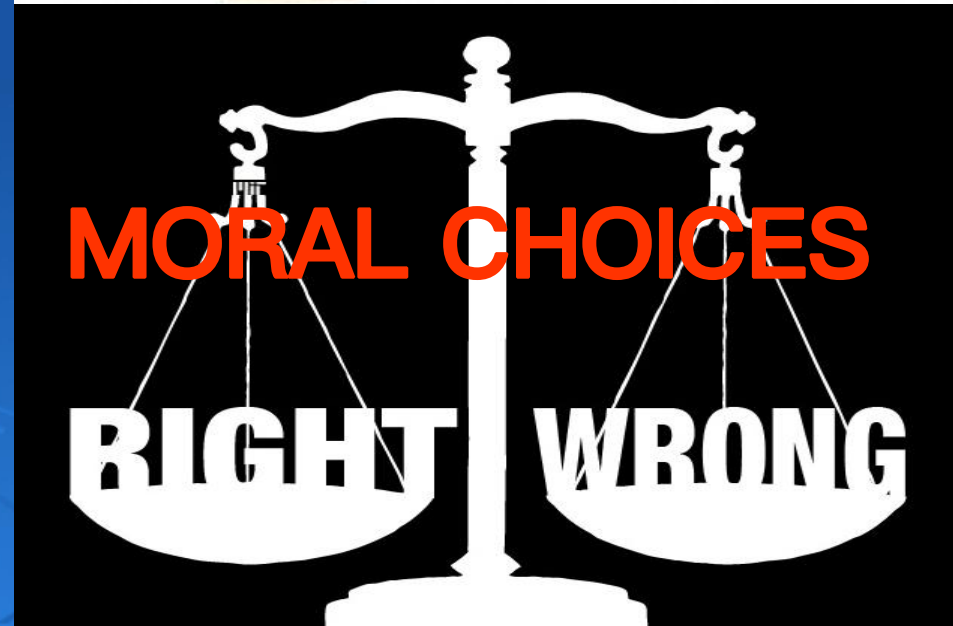
- An Angel opened the doors and helped Peter and disciples to escape from jail
- ***Angelos kurios*** = Greek, angel of the Lord
- ***Malach*** = Hebrew, generic term meaning messenger
- ***Malach elohim*** = Hebrew, angel of God
- ***Malach adonai*** = Hebrew, angel of the Lord
- ***Malach YHWH*** = angel of Yehoveh; is a manifestation of God



# ROMANS 13

## AND THE AMERICAN BELIEVER

- Romans 13:1 *“Everyone is to obey the governing authorities.....”*
- So why is Peter defying his government authorities?
- He says in Acts 4:19 that we are to obey God and not man
- Preferences do NOT involve morality
- Morality is about right and wrong, and God sets the standard



PREFERENCE



# CIVIL MORALITY VS. PREFERENCE

- Most of what happens between USA citizen and government is about preferences
- Romans 13 is about obeying our government when the matter is not MORAL
- Peter sees preaching and healing in Yeshua's name as a moral issue

MORALITY



# CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ?

- We must NOT obey immoral laws !
- Should we seek confrontation? NO.
- Should we be as peaceable as possible? YES.
- NO shame in going to jail or paying a fine by refusing to obey an immoral law
- We should have courage and be prepared for the consequence
- Count it as JOY!

