

WHEN WE KNOW TOO MUCH

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 7:51-53 NIV
LUKE 12:47-48

INTRODUCTION

HERE IS THE INDICTMENT FROM STEPHEN AGAINST ISRAEL'S LEADERS. THESE MEN WERE MEN WITH GREAT KNOWLEDGE: THEY HAD HEARD FROM GOD, THEY HAD BEEN PERSONALLY DEALT WITH BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY HAD RECEIVED THE LAW. YET EVEN WITH ALL THEIR KNOWLEDGE, THEY WOULD NOT RESPOND PROPERLY TO GOD.

I. WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

2 CHRONICLES 36:15 NIV THE LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR FATHERS, SENT WORD TO THEM THROUGH HIS MESSENGERS AGAIN, BECAUSE HE HAD PITY ON HIS PEOPLE AND ON HIS DWELLING PLACE.

- A. A REVELATION OF GOD'S WILL
- B. THE HOLY SPIRIT DEALS WITH US AND DIRECTS US
- C. WE HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S LAWS TO LIVE BY

II. HOW WE RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US

2 CHRONICLES 36:16 NIV BUT THEY MOCKED GOD'S MESSENGERS, DESPISED HIS WORDS AND SCOFFED AT HIS PROPHETS UNTIL THE WRATH OF THE LORD WAS AROUSED AGAINST HIS PEOPLE AND THERE WAS NO REMEDY.

ACTS 7:51, 54 NIV YOU STIFF-NECKED PEOPLE, WITH UNCIRCUMCISED HEARTS AND EARS! You ARE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHERS: You ALWAYS RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT! ...YOU WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE LAW THAT WAS PUT INTO EFFECT THROUGH ANGELS BUT HAVE NOT OBEYED IT.

- A. WE ARE STIFF-NECKED CONCERNING GOD'S WILL
- B. WE RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT

- C. WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD BUT DO NOT OBEY IT

III. HOW GOD WILL DISCIPLINE US

MATTHEW 12:47-48 NIV THE SERVANT WHO KNOWS HIS MASTER'S WILL AND DOES NOT GET READY OR DOES NOT DO WHAT HIS MASTER WANTS WILL BE BEATEN WITH MANY BLOWS. BUT THE ONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW AND DOES THINGS DESERVING PUNISHMENT WILL BE BEATEN WITH FEW BLOWS. FROM EVERY ONE WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN MUCH, MUCH WILL BE DEMANDED; AND FROM THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH MUCH, MUCH MORE WILL BE ASKED.

- A. ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE
- B. ACCORDING TO PRIVILEGE
- C. ACCORDING TO OUR OBEDIENCE