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- w. The second stage is dying that includes loss of health, vv. 14–15.
- x. The third stage is national crisis and the Fifty Cycle of Discipline for the client nation, vv.16–18.

## A. Doctrine of the Sin unto Death: Introduction

- 1. There are three stages in the process of a believer's spiritual decline being documented ending in the sin unto death.
- 2. During any one of these three stages a believer through rebound can recover.
- 3. The issue post recovery is to continue one's consistent study of doctrine, either face-to-face or by means of an electronic contrivance.
- 4. Recovery could occur in any of the three stages but one's physical heath is endangered as the process continues unabated.
- 5. Yet, recovery of one's spiritual life would enable the believer to recover and resume his spiritual life.
- 6. In each stage there is a loss of health. Stage 1 is halted by rebound recovery which is covered in verse 16.
- 7. Failure to recover in Stage 1 moves the believer into stage 2 where is physical health further declines leading to the sin unto death. This is documented in verses 14 and 15.
- 8. Failure to recover in stage three results in the physical death of the individual.
- 9. When enough believers move through these two stages the spiritual impact of the client nation creates a vacuum into which rushes the lie augmented by the corrupt and caustic souls of those who rush in to replace the dislodged believers who vacate the spiritual battlefield or die the sin unto death.
- 10. It is during these last two periods that a vacuum is created that sucks the cosmic lie into the body politic and chaos emerges into the client nation's system of economy, establishment principles, public order, and common sense.
- 11. Into this vacuum rushes the cosmic lie which is documented as stage 3 in James 5:16–18.
- 12. The United States of America has for almost 4 years carried out these four stages of national suicide. Its collective recovery hangs in the balance come the elections in November 2024. Include the USA in your prayers.
- 13. God directs and controls historical activity on the basis of client nations and each is responsible for (1) evangelism, (2) teaching of doctrine, (3) protection and communication of Bible doctrine, (4) provide a haven of Jews in the nation, and (5) send out missionaries to evangelize other nations.

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- 14. The sin face-to-face with death is not a specific sin. It is the believer residing and functioning in the cosmic system. All his human good and sins add up to motivational evil toward self and functional evil toward others.
- 15. The sin face-to-face with death is maximum divine discipline, the most painful experience in life with no alleviation. It implies loss of reward and blessing and ashamedness at the judgment seat of Christ.

## B. The Context for the Sin Face-to-Face with Death.

1. The context is the general doctrine of divine discipline. Divine discipline is the sum total of punitive measures by which God judges, corrects, and teaches the believer in time.

Hebrews 12:5 and so you yourselves have forgotten the principles of doctrine which teach you as a son. My son do not make light of discipline from the Lord, nor be fainting when you are punished by Him. For you see, 'Whom the Lord loves He punishes and scourges with a whip every son whom He receives.'"

2. Divine discipline is confined to time according to:

Revelation 21:4 "... and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

3. Divine discipline results from the believer using his own volition to create his own failures,

Psalm 7:14 Behold, he travails with wickedness, and he and he conceives mischief and bring forth falsehood.

- **v. 15** He has dug a pit and hollowed it out, and he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
- v. 16 His mischief will return upon his own head, and his violence will descend upon his <u>pate</u> [ the crown of his head ].
- 4. Certain sins are worse as far as divine discipline is concerned, i.e., sins of the tongue that bring triple compound discipline: Mathew 7:1-2.

**Matthew 7:1** "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

- v. 2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you."
- 5. If you have personal love toward God, you have impersonal love toward man. So do not gossip, judge or malign others:

Psalm 64:7 But God will shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly they will be wounded.