

No. 15 **Loyally Uphold Jehovah's Judgments (Symposium)**
 -Shun Unrepentant Wrongdoers

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

JEHOVAH'S JUDGMENTS ARE BENEFICIAL (4 min.)

Jehovah lovingly gave to Moses the Law, which protected God's people from corrupting influences, both physical and spiritual

Some of the laws tested the Israelites' loyalty (De 13:1-11)

Likewise, since the first century, Jehovah has commanded that we "stop keeping company" with unrepentant wrongdoers [Read 1 Corinthians 5:11-13]

Some in Satan's permissive world may view disfellowshipping as extreme; however, it is beneficial (w15 4/15 29-31)

It helps keep Jehovah's organization morally clean and his name free from reproach

It protects us from bad associations

Associations include messages that apostates and others have used to spread wrong ideas (2Jo 10, 11)

Disfellowshipping the sinner may help him to return to Jehovah
Loyal Christians would not associate with "anyone called a brother" who is practicing serious sin

This is true even if no congregation action has been taken, as may be the case with an inactive one (w85 7/15 19 ¶14)

This can be a real trial when a family member is involved

We must not allow strong family ties to lead us to compromise loyalty to Jehovah and his organization (w13 1/15 15-16 ¶16-20)

In the dramatization that follows, note how loyalty results in a blessing

VIDEO (3 min.)

JEHOVAH KNOWS THE PAIN OF LOSING A FAMILY MEMBER (2 min.)

Jehovah's reaction to Israel's rebellion gives us insight into how he may have felt when some of his spirit sons joined the Devil in rebellion (Ps 78:40, 41; w07 1/15 17-18)

Yet, Jehovah is not controlled by sentimentality

He severely disciplined the Israelites (Ps 78:60-62)

He took action against the wicked spirits to protect the rest of his spiritual family (Jude 6; Re 12:7-9)

RESPECT JEHOVAH'S ARRANGEMENT FOR DISCIPLINE IN YOUR LIFE (1 min.)

Disfellowshipping can be painful discipline, but it yields the fruit of righteousness to those trained by it [Read Hebrews 12:11] (w12 4/15 12 ¶16)

Let us be resolved not to undermine the effectiveness of Jehovah's discipline

But what should we do when someone repents and changes course?

Brother _____ will now consider the final part of this symposium, "Loyally Uphold Jehovah's Judgments-Be Forgiving"

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