



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Is it possible to be guilty of apostasy today?

Answer: Any child of God may so apostatize as to be finally and eternally lost. Adequate proof from the word of God makes this abundantly clear.

Adam and Eve apostatized, forfeiting their home in Eden to which they had been undisputed heirs. They were driven out forever disinherited. Proof of that apostasy is confirmed in every death. There is not the slightest hint that they were ever pardoned.

Cain was disinherited, driven from "*the presence of Jehovah*" into a land of wandering (Gen. 4:14, 16), because of his apostasy. No forgiveness mentioned.

The ante-diluvian world forfeited their right to occupy the earth, and perished in the Flood, disinherited because of apostasy from their inheritance. Each item of evidence of the Flood is proof of that.

The family of Noah apostatized, necessitating the confusion of human speech. Every one of the tongues of earth's nations is abiding proof of that.

Of the 3,263,000 (the number estimated by Adam Clarke) Israelites delivered from Pharaoh by their baptism unto Moses in the Red Sea, all but two perished in the wilderness, disinherited because of apostasy; for God made them heirs of Canaan, then swore that they should not inherit the land. This case of apostasy is emphasized in the New Testament in several places, as a solemn warning to Christians. Jude says (v. 5): "*Now I desire to put you in remembrance . . . that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not*" (all but 2 out of 3,263,000). Why do we need to remember that? Simply because we may "*fall after the same example of disobedience,*" says Paul (Heb. 4:11. That same example is given as a warning to Christians, in 1 Cor. 10. Yes, apostasy is possible today!

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