

# Is It A Small Matter?

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- ▶ <sup>20</sup> Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. *Were your acts of harlotry a small matter,* <sup>21</sup> that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through *the fire?* <sup>22</sup> And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, struggling in your blood.

## Ezekiel 16:47

- ▶ You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, *as if that were* too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways.

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Insincere?

- ▶ Hebrews 2:2 <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Insincere?

- ▶ **Mathew 23:28** Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.
- ▶ **Matthew 15:8-9** <sup>8</sup> *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.* <sup>9</sup> *And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'* "

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Insincere?

- ▶ **1 Peter 1:22** Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Causing others to stumble?

- ▶ **Matthew 18:6-7** <sup>6</sup> "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Causing others to stumble?

- ▶ **Romans 14:21** *It is good* neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.
- ▶ **1 Corinthians 8:13** Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.



# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Causing division?

- ▶ **Matthew 12:25** But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

## Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Causing division?

- ▶ **1 Corinthians 1:10** Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

## Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Causing division?

- ▶ **Romans 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Teaching false doctrine?

- ▶ **Galatians 1:8-9** ˆ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ˆ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Teaching false doctrine?

- ▶ **2 John 9** Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Neglecting our soul?

- ▶ **Mark 8:36-37** <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

# Is It A Small Matter that we are - - - Ignoring the plan of salvation?

- ▶ God has a plan to save you.
- ▶ Believe that Jesus is the Son of God
- ▶ Decide to turn your life over to serving God
- ▶ Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins
- ▶ Remain faithful in serving God