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0:00 : Donna & David welcome us.

David recommends an assembly that meets in both Evansville, IN and Marietta, GA.

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2:30 : David lists prayer requests and leads us in prayer:

- Skylar, going through a divorce - Please pray that the Lord offers him strength and guidance to salvation.
- Kenneth’s mom in Kenya, she has collapsed - Please pray for her healing.
- The fires in California & Oregon - Please pray that the Lord protects His people, offers guidance to all, and leads all to repentance.
- Families of 9/11 workers – Please pray that the Lord offers them comfort.
- David & Donna will be moving soon – Please pray that the Lord protects them.

8:00 : David presents our opening scripture.

GENESIS 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive ^{H1777} with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Lexicon :: Strong's H1777 - <i>diyn</i>	
דִּיַן	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>diyn</i>	den (Key) 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	A primitive root [comp. דִּיַן־ (H113)]
Dictionary Aids	
TWOT Reference: 426	
Variant Spellings	
Variant spellings for this word: דִּיַן (Strongs and Gesenius) דִּיַן (Strongs)	

KJV Translation Count — Total: 24x

The KJV translates Strong's H1777 in the following manner: judge (18x), plead the cause (2x), contend (1x), execute (1x), plead (1x), strife (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

i. to judge, contend, plead

A. (Qal)

i. to act as judge, minister judgment

ii. to plead a cause

iii. to execute judgment, requite, vindicate

iv. to govern

v. to contend, strive

B. (Niphal) to be at strife, quarrel

Strong's Definitions [?] (Strong's Definitions Legend)

דִּיַן *diyn*, *deen*; or (Genesis 6:3) דִּיַן *dūwn*; a primitive root; to rule; by implication to judge (as umpire); also to strive (as at law);—contend contend execute (judgment) judge minister judgment plead (the cause) at strife strive.

9:30: David describes God's proclamation to the antediluvian world, quoting the work of a 19th century British scholar. He compares this with our modern circumstances, noting that we seem to be on the verge of His judgement today.

I'm sorry I didn't catch the name of the book, but I believe the author was an evangelist named James Cohee and it was published in Great Britain in 1851.

11:30: David defines the spirit striving in the following manner:

“It is an energy of God applied to the mind of man, setting truth before his mind, reasoning, counseling, and persuading.”

12:30: David notes our reaction to this plea from the Lord determines our eternal fate.

2 PETER 2:5 And spared not the old ^{G744} world ^{G2889}, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness ^{G1343}, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly ^{G765}

12:30: David encourages us to stand in witness just as Noah did, trusting the Spirit of God to strive with the minds of those we witness to.

JOHN 16:8-11 ⁸And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

16:30: David again quotes Cohee, urging us to respond to the call of the Spirit and draw closer to Him:

“No man can to hell fire till the Spirit has first striven with him and given him up.”

Again, I am sorry if I have this name wrong. If you are interested in finding a copy of this book for further reading, please contact David & Donna for more information.

20:00: David notes that Satan has been judged.

JOHN 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

MATTHEW 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

REVELATION 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

[23:00](#) : David reminds us that we can repent and choose to love God, as He has chosen to love us.

I SAMUEL 15:23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

[25:00](#) : David cautions against false doctrines & occultism, that can easily be the end result of rejecting our Lord.

I SAMUEL 28:15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

[26:30](#) : David observes that rejection can occur at both a personal level, or en mass, as in complete congregations or entire cities and nations.

LUKE 19:41-42 ⁴¹And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, ⁴²Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

HEBREWS 12:16-19 ¹⁶Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. ¹⁸For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, ¹⁹And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

HEBREWS 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

[28:30](#) : David implores us to come to the Lord in a manner as commanded in Romans chapter 12. He further reminds us to not confuse the striving of the Spirit with rejection.

ROMANS 12:1-3 ¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ³For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

[30:00](#): We should embrace conviction & reproof in order to mature spiritually. This is beautifully exhibited in King David's great psalm of repentance, uttered after many sins & spiritual failures.

PSALM 51:10 ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

[33:30](#): David again quotes Cohee:

“The devil has hold of you and the Spirit of God has hold of you, and both are striving with you. One or the other will soon prevail.
Now I say to you with a tender heart. Oh my brother, you were on the edge of the pit, on the brink of the burning lake. Another step and you may pass the verge and splash on the fiery wave. Come away. Come away. Oh come away to Jesus”

Again, my apologies for the misspelled name and poorly recorded quote. Such beautiful words to have transcribed so poorly.

[35:00](#): David mentions the sermon of Jonathan Edwards, titled “Sinners in the hands of an angry God”.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 ¹²Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. ¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

[36:00](#): David helps us to define sin in a biblically accurate way.

1 JOHN 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin ^{G266} transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

KJV Translation Count — Total: 174x
The KJV translates Strong's G266 in the following manner: sin (172x), sinful (1x), offense (1x).
Outline of Biblical Usage [?]
<p>I. equivalent to 264</p> <p>A. to be without a share in</p> <p>B. to miss the mark</p> <p>C. to err, be mistaken</p> <p>D. to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honour, to do or go wrong</p> <p>E. to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin</p> <p>II. that which is done wrong, sin, an offence, a violation of the divine law in thought or in act</p> <p>III. collectively, the complex or aggregate of sins committed either by a single person or by many</p>

Lexicon :: Strong's G266 - hamartia		Aa
ἁμαρτία		
Transliteration	Pronunciation	
hamartia (Key)	hā-mār-te'-ā (Key) 	
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)	
feminine noun	From ἁμαρτάνω (G264)	

What does the Greek word Hamartia mean?

The term **hamartia** derives from the **Greek** ἁμαρτία, from ἁμαρτάνειν hamartánein, which **means** "to miss the mark" or "to err". It **is** most often associated with **Greek** tragedy, although it **is** also used in Christian theology.

**Of additional interest when doing a New Testament word study on sin:

1. "Hamartia" = "To miss the mark", as in archery competition, and therefore fail to receive the prize, or blessing. This is the general Greek word for sin, and is used 221 times. "Hamartia" encompasses the other 6 words for specific sins, in the sense that in all types of sin, we are "missing the mark". Example: Heb. 12:1, KJV = "the sin (hamartia) which doeth so easily beset us". We are aiming at God's best, but miss it.
2. "Hetteima" = "Diminishing what should have been given full measure". Example: 1 Cor. 6:7, KJV = "there is a fault (hetteima) among you". We all need God's constant help on this one! Placing emphasis on the things that please God will bring God's wonderful blessings into our life.
3. "Paraptoma" = "Falling when one should have stood". This one is actually an unintentional slip. I guess you've experienced this, as I have, and we are surprised when we realize we've sinned. Example: Eph. 1:7, KJV = We have "the forgiveness of sins (paraptoma), according to the riches of His grace". Even our "slip-ups" are forgiven.
4. "Agnoeema" = "Ignorance when one should have known". Example: Heb. 9:7, KJV = "the errors (agnoeema) of the people". This passage speaks of how the Old Testament was a shadow of the New Testament. Ignorance is no excuse, that's why we stay in the Word!
5. "Parakoe" = "To refuse to hear and heed God's word". Example: 2 Cor. 10:6, KJV = "disobedience". In this passage, Paul urges us to hear God's Word and to bring every thought into captivity for Christ.
6. "Parabasis" = "To intentionally cross a line". Example: Heb. 2:2, KJV = "every transgression (parabasis) & disobedience (parakoe) received a just recompense of reward". When God "draws a line in the sand", we can suffer great loss of rewards and blessings by intentionally "stepping over".
7. "Anomia" and "Paranomia" = "Lawlessness, or willfully breaking God's written rules". Example: Titus 2:14 KJV = Jesus gave himself for us in order to "redeem us from all iniquity (anomia)". God has "rules" to bless us, not to curse us. Someone said "the Bible is the owner's manual for human beings". Can you imagine trying to operate something as complicated as a human life without referring to the owner's manual? That would be just asking for frustration and failure!

-taken from Biblefood.com

[38:00](#) : David references a teaching on JimmiVision concerning the Doctrine of Christ & Christian perfection in the eyes of the Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

MATTHEW 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

[40:00](#) : David discusses the prophetic statement in the book of Ephesians regarding the eventual perfection of the church through its continual striving with the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:26-27 ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

[40:00](#) : David acknowledges that we are all works in progress and prompts us to neither be too hard on ourselves, nor ignore the striving of the Spirit of God.

ROMANS 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

[43:00](#) : Donna reminds us that FOJC is live each Friday at 6:00 EST on their radio page, including a live chat where listeners can fellowship & read the scriptures that she posts as Brother David is teaching. If you miss the live broadcast, you can also review each show on their podcast page. You can also find links to the videos of these broadcasts on the FOJC Ministry page. The news page offers a wealth of information and links to other important websites. The FOJC site also offers help with finding local fellowships as well as resources for those struggling with abuse and its after-effects. There are additional resources in the form of bible study and various educational assets. The site most likely includes anything you might be looking for, but if you are having trouble, please email Mrs. Donna at lastdayschurch@cs.com. She welcomes you and would like very much to help you on your walk with Christ.

I believe you can only hear Sister Donna's music during the live broadcast on the website, so you'll definitely want to check that out.

[47:00](#) : David welcomes us back, kindly thanks us for our prayers & support and recommends a great new website created by Brother Jimmy Cooper.

TheDoctrineOfChristSeries.com

He humbly recognizes his fantastic brothers in Christ, Jimmy Cooper & Jon Pounders, then hints at some great things to come as the ministry expands, as well as reminding us of the new Brighteon page.

[49:30](#) : David describes the manifestation of mystery Babylon in our modern day American churches.

He's too kind to say it, so I will – this so-called 'prosperity gospel', Joel Olsteen, Kenneth Copeland, "The Secret", "The Shack"... Turn off the television & chuck those books in the garbage.

JEREMIAH 50:24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

[50:30](#) : David describes Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus & how we can all relate that to our own spiritual development, suggesting we quietly cooperate, rather than resisting as our sin nature sadly inclines us to do.

COLOSSIANS 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving^{G75} according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

[53:00](#) : David explains that the reason for the 5-fold ministry gifts is to promote & allow unity, which would otherwise be impossible.

PHILLIPIANS 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 ¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

[56:30](#) : David reminds us that Christ is the door. Saying His name or holding up a public image is not enough alone. We must believe and trust in His doctrine.

LUKE 13:24-27 ²⁴Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: ²⁶Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. ²⁷ But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all *ye* workers of iniquity.

JOHN 10:1-10 ¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ⁵And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁶This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. ⁷Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

GALATIANS 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

[1:01:00](#) : David breaks down the central text of Romans in an eye-opening way. He describes chapter 6 as the mechanics of salvation, chapter 7 as the failure to serve God under human effort, and chapter 8 is the victory of the Spirit-filled life. He suggests we study these 3 chapters together in order to gain greater understanding.

ROMANS 7:18-19 ¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. ¹⁹For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do

ROMANS 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

[1:02:00](#) : David describes our victory over the flesh.

GALATIANS 5:24-25 ²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

GALATIANS 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

GALATIANS 3:1 'O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? ²This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

[1:05:00](#) : Please note use of the Greek “stoicheion” in this passage.

GALATIANS 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements^{G4747}, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

KJV Translation Count — Total: 7x

The KJV translates Strong's G4747 in the following manner: element (4x), rudiment (2x), principle (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* any first thing, from which the others belonging to some series or composite whole take their rise, an element, first principal
 - A.* the letters of the alphabet as the elements of speech, not however the written characters, but the spoken sounds
 - B.* the elements from which all things have come, the material causes of the universe
 - C.* the heavenly bodies, either as parts of the heavens or (as others think) because in them the elements of man, life and destiny were supposed to reside
 - D.* the elements, rudiments, primary and fundamental principles of any art, science, or discipline
 - i.* i.e. of mathematics, Euclid's geometry

☐ **2Pe 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements ^{G4747} shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

☐ **2Pe 3:12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements ^{G4747} shall melt with fervent heat?

1 Strong's Number: G4747

Greek: *stoicheion*

Elements:

used in the plural, primarily signifies any first things from which others in a series, or a composite whole, take their rise; the word denotes "an element, first principle" (from *stoichos*, "a row, rank, series;" cp. the verb *stoicheo*, "to walk or march in rank;" see [WALK](#)); it was used of the letters of the alphabet, as elements of speech. In the NT it is used of

(a) the substance of the material world, [2Pe 3:10, 12](#);

(b) the delusive speculations of gentile cults and of Jewish theories, treated as elementary principles, "the rudiments of the world," [Col 2:8](#), spoken of as "philosophy and vain deceit;" these were presented as superior to faith in Christ; at Colosse the worship of angels, mentioned in [Col 2:18](#), is explicable by the supposition, held by both Jews and Gentiles in that district, that the constellations were either themselves animated heavenly beings, or were governed by them;

(c) the rudimentary principles of religion, Jewish or Gentile, also described as "the rudiments of the world," [Col 2:20](#), and as "weak and beggarly rudiments," [Gal 4:3, 9](#), RV, constituting a yoke of bondage;

[1:07:00](#): The following verses from the book of Galatians can be of particular use to those struggling within the ‘Hebrew Roots’ movement.

GALATIANS 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

GALATIANS 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

GALATIANS 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

[1:08:30](#): David reads from 2nd Timothy, quoting John Gill:

“They strive not about words. It became them to strive and contend for the form of sound words. For the wholesome words are doctrines of our Lord Jesus. But not about mere words, and especially such as were to no profit to no advantage or truth, but to the subverting of the hearers, the confounding of their minds, misleading their judgements and overthrowing their faith and therefore were not only unprofitable but hurtful and pernicious and by all means to be avoided.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

[1:11:00](#): David also quotes 19th century Methodist Daniel Whedon. Wheaton produced one of the two former Methodist commentaries (the other being Adam Clark). On such matters, Whedon remarked the following:

“Not practicing **logomochy**, or word fight...”

Definition of *logomachy*

- 1 : a dispute over or about words
- 2 : a controversy marked by verbiage

2 TIMOTHY 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

[1:12:00](#): Referencing the above scripture, Albert Barnes stated the following:

“Must not strive. He may calmly inquire after truth. He may discuss points of morals or theology, if he will do it with the proper spirit. He may contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, but he may not do that which is here mentioned as strife.”

[1:13:30](#): David closes with the following scriptures and a word of prayer.

1 TIMOTHY 6:3-6 ³If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ⁴He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ⁵Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.