

## No More

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The Holy Spirit used the words “no more” 226 times to teach some needed lessons. Let’s take a look at a few Bible “no more’s.”

**1) Waters No More Become a Flood to Destroy All Flesh.** The Lord did not promise no more floods or no more deaths by flood. He promised, “...the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh” (Gen. 9:15). God keeps His promises!

**2) The Lord Added No More.** When the Lord spake unto Israel, “...he added no more....” (Dt. 5:22). A good principle is that when God adds no more, neither should we! (Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19).

**3) Come Up No More.** “As the cloud is consumed and vanished away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more” (Job 7:9-10). This

does not deny the resurrection (Job 14:12; 19:25-26), but affirms an end to one’s earthly existence when one dies. Thus, no reincarnation!

**4) Bring No More Vain Oblations.** Isaiah chapter one finds the Lord’s people as a sinful nation, a seed of evildoers, and corrupters (v. 4). The Lord would not accept their worship in that condition. He said, “Bring no more vain oblations...” (v. 13). His appeal was for them to be willing and obedient that their scarlet and crimson red like sins be white like snow/wool (vv. 18-19). Our worship must be in spirit and in truth to be acceptable unto God (Jn. 4:24).

**5) Say No More.** Jeremiah 31:29-30 records, “In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children’s teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every

man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.” This “no more” saying teaches individual accountability; the guilt of sin is not inherited.

**6) Remember Their Sin No More.** One of the blessings of the new covenant is when the Lord said, “...I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12; 10:17). Under the old covenant, there was “...a remembrance again made of sins every year, For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins” (Heb. 10:3-4). By the better blood of the better covenant, sins are forgiven and forgotten! Thank you, Lord!!!

**7) No More Twain.** In answering the Pharisees’ question about divorce, the Lord referred them to “the beginning” (Gen. 2:18-24) and said, “Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God

hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mt. 19:3-6). This “no more” statement, if respected, would bring an end to divorce. It would lead to more togetherness in marriage. It would bring about less selfishness on the part of husbands and wives. It would cause us to say words like, “us,” “our,” and “we”, instead of “me,” “mine,” a “I.”

#### 8) **Sin No More.**

Jesus said to a man in the temple, “Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee” (Jn. 5:14). To “a woman taken in adultery” He said, “...go, and sin no more” (Jn. 8:11). There is a worse thing than physical pain and suffering — to “...be tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Rev. 20:10). Jesus said, “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Lk. 13:3).

#### 9) **No More Strangers and Foreigners.**

By the grace of God through Christ, Paul could write of the Ephesian Gentiles, “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19). This took place, “When they heard...” and “... were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:5).

#### 10) **No More Children.** Paul declared, “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive...” (Eph. 4:14). The Lord wants us to be mature, to “grow up” (Eph. 4:15), and have our feet on the ground spiritually.

#### 11) **Steal No More.** Ephesians 4:28 states, “Let him that stole steal no more:

but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” The eighth commandment of the ten was, “Thou shalt not steal” (Ex. 20:15). The Bible teaches us to work for things we have need of. Paul commanded, “...that if any would not work, neither should he eat” (2 Th. 3:10).

#### 12) **No More Death, Sorrow, Crying, Nor Pain.** The future blessed state of the Lord’s people is described in this language: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21:4). Won’t it be wonderful there?

May we appreciate God’s use of “no more.”

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