

# “HE THAT REJECTETH ME”

## INTRODUCTION

In reliable factories where merchandise is manufactured according to a certain **standard**, there are inspectors who check the product to see if the standard has been followed. If not, there may be something like a **stamp** with the word “REJECTED” placed upon the rejected item. It will then be set aside and either sold as a “second”, or disposed of.

So it is with the man’s relationship with God. He has set a standard (His word or truth), and when man rejects God’s standard, then God rejects him. The word “reject” literally means “*to set aside, make void, nullify, dis annul*” Now, let’s look at the word “reject” in the scriptures.

## DISCUSSION

### I. 1<sup>st</sup>, let’s look at the word “REJECT” as used in the Old Testament.

- A. The Jews of old often rejected “knowledge” and were rejected of God. Hosea 4:6; Jer. 6:19; 8:9; cf Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15
  
- B. The Jews were said to have rejected “God” because they rejected Him as their king.
  1. They rejected Him when they wanted an earthly king. 1 Sam. 8:4-7; 10:19
  2. Saul, the first king, rejected God by disobeying Him. 1 Sam. 15:1-3, 7-9, 22-26
  
- C. A prophecy of the Jews rejecting the coming Messiah is made by Isaiah. Isa. 53:3
  1. The whole system of the human doctrine of “premillennialism” (that Christ was to come to earth and set up an earthly kingdom and reign over the Jews for 1000 years) is a rejection of God’s word.
    - a. It is said by proponents of this doctrine that God **intended** to do this, BUT the Jews “rejected” Christ when He came, so God had to change His plans, and **postponed** this government until such time that the Jews WOULD accept Jesus as king, and he built the **church** as a substitute until a later time.
    - b. This doctrine casts reflection on the intelligence of the all-wise, all-knowing God, who apparently did not know the Jesus would reject the Lord as their king.
    - c. Have the Jews outfoxed God for some 2000 years, as He has not YET set up that kingdom?
    - d. How will God EVER know if the Jews will EVER accept Jesus as an earthly king, if He could not know this the first time?
    - e. If they **never** accept Him as their king, then **they** can keep God from doing what He promised, and would be more powerful than God Himself.
      - 1) This is pure garbage or hogwash.
      - 2) This would mean God cannot keep His promise.
  2. God **KNEW** the Jews would “reject” Jesus, and foretold it 700 years before Jesus was even born. Isa. 53:3
  3. As a matter of FACT, the Jews **HAD** to reject Jesus to the point of crucifying Him, **in order that the kingdom could be established.**
    - a. The Jews rejected Jesus because they were expecting an “EARTHLY KINGDOM.”
    - b. God actually outsmarted the Jews, for it was HIS plan all the time, even revealed on the cross, that God’s kingdom was to be a *spiritual kingdom*, as foretold by the prophet Daniel in the Old Testament. Dan. 2:44; cf John 18:36

## **II. 2<sup>nd</sup>, let's look at the word "REJECT" as used in the New Testament.**

- A. Jesus said the Jews WOULD "reject" Him. Matt. 21:33-45; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22; 17:25; 20:17
- B. The Jews "rejected" God by rejecting John's baptism. Luke 7:29-30
  - 1. The publicans "justified" God by being baptized.
  - 2. The pharisees and lawyers "rejected" the counsel of God by refusing baptism.
- C. Jesus foretold that some in this life would reject the will of God, that HE revealed through His word, and that they would be rejected by Him, just as God rejected people in Old Testament times who rejected His word. Matt. 7:21-23; cf John 12:48
  - 1. Jesus joined HIM and His WORD together in rejection, for to reject one is to reject the other.
  - 2. How can one obedient to Christ, while being disobedient to His word?
  - 3. If the Pharisees and lawyers rejected GOD by rejecting baptism as being essential, what does it mean today when some reject baptism as being essential to salvation, in spite of what the Lord said about it? Cf Mark 16:16; John 3:5, 7

### **CONCLUSION**

- I. Christ, through His word, offers salvation to us when we obey Him as revealed in His word. Heb. 5:8-9
  - A. Remember, His word is the final authority, or standard for our judgment in the last day.
  - B. Yet, many seek to replace that standard by a standard of man. Matt. 15:9
- II. If one rejects God in this life, he will be rejected OF Christ for all eternity, and he will have no one to blame but himself. 2 Cor. 5:10-11
- III. What about you—have you obeyed the gospel, and are you faithful to God?
  - A. Eternity will be a long time to suffer for rejecting the truth.
  - B. If you are subject to the invitation, we urge you to respond, as we stand together and sing.

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