

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 17:1-5 “TIME FOR STONES?”** P. 1041 PEW BIBLE

**Luke 17:1-5**- And He said to His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

*An unforgiving and quarrelsome spirit is the mark of an unregenerate heart. But who does not know that pride, haughtiness, high-mindedness, readiness to take offense, implacable determination never to forget and never to forgive, are common among men and women who go to the Lords Table? -JC Ryle*

**1- TIME FOR STUMBLING STONES?** - causing others to sin

Luke 17:1 - entrapment  
Lev 19:14 - you shall not  
Matt 18:7-9 - the hell of fire  
Rom 1:18-32 - approving sin

*In this oracle of judgment, Jesus said it is one thing for you to sin, but the judgment of God will be even greater upon those who tempt others to sin. -RC Sproul*

*Why is the world so offended by everything - except what God calls sin?*

**2- TIME FOR MILLSTONES?** - sin has consequences

Luke 17:2 - it would be better  
Matt 18:1-6, Mk 9:42-50 - little ones  
Luke 16:19-31 - place of torment  
Rev 18:21 - everlasting punishment

*An inconsistent believer, whether he knows it or not, is daily doing harm to souls. Such a life is a positive injury to the gospel of Christ. -JC Ryle*

**3- TIME FOR FORGIVENESS!** - extend God's grace to others

Luke 17:3 - pay attention  
Luke 17:4 - you must  
Matt 18:15-20 - repent  
Matt 18:21-35 - forgive  
Eph 4:32 - in Christ

*The obligation to forgive even when a brother sins repeatedly is based on the reality that God has forgiven us a massive debt that we can never repay. -RC Sproul*

**4- TIME TO TRUST & OBEY!** - disciples do what Christ says

Luke 17:5 - increase our faith  
Isaiah 8:13-15 - cornerstone  
Luke 2:29-34 - rise & fall  
Rom 9:30-33 - be saved  
Eph 4:20-24 - new life

*Jesus is 'the' stumbling block. Would His disciples be prepared to stand up against the derisive and pervasive forces? Stumbling blocks are inevitable. But by Christ's teaching, and the Holy Spirit, disciples will endure. J.McDurmon*

**DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

4-25 **Luke 17:1-2** - stones  
4-26 **Rom 1:18-32** - sins  
4-27 **Luke 17:3-4** - forgive  
4-28 **Eph 4:17-32** - new life  
4-29 **Luke 17:5-6** - increase  
4-30 **Isa 8:13-15** - cornerstone  
5-01 **Rom 9:24-33** - remnant

*The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God*

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey ?*

