



Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5 (p 1257)

The New Testament church was in its infancy as disciples increased

- ✓ Three thousand baptized **Acts 3**
- ✓ Early church busy **Acts 2:42-47**
- ✓ Miracles done **Acts 3**
- ✓ Resistance began **Acts 4:3**
- ✓ Preaching forbidden **Acts 4:18-19**
- ✓ Courage of early saints **Acts 4:31**
- ✓ Meeting needs of saints **Acts 4:32-37**

Who were Ananias & Sapphira?

1. They were Christians

Acts 4:32

2. They possessed some land

Acts 5:1,3

3. Not under obligation to sell

4. Did they want to be like others?

Acts 4:34-35

5. They came at different times

Ananias: **v2**

Sapphira: **v7** (*three hours later*)

The Wrath Of God

Peter knew of their deceit by inspiration!

He confronts Ananias directly (vv3-4)

Ananias dies immediately

He gives Sapphira a chance to come clean

She lies and is struck dead

Impact on the people

Acts 5:5-6

The Wrath Of God

Why did God strike them dead immediately?

Nadab and Abihu *Leviticus 10:1-2 (p 121)*

Belshazzar *Daniel 5:30 (p 1027)*

Herod *Acts 12:21-23 (p 1269)*

AND MOSES SAID TO AARON, "THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SPOKE, SAYING: 'BY THOSE WHO COME NEAR ME I MUST BE REGARDED AS HOLY; AND BEFORE ALL THE PEOPLE I MUST BE GLORIFIED.' " SO AARON HELD HIS PEACE.(LEVITICUS 10:3)

The Wrath Of God

Why did God strike them dead immediately?

BUT THE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL, "DO NOT LOOK AT HIS APPEARANCE OR AT HIS PHYSICAL STATURE, BECAUSE I HAVE REFUSED HIM. FOR THE LORD DOES NOT SEE AS MAN SEES; FOR MAN LOOKS AT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART."

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (P 329)

The Wrath Of God

Why did God strike them dead immediately?

WOE TO THOSE WHO SEEK DEEP TO HIDE THEIR COUNSEL
FAR FROM THE LORD, AND THEIR WORKS ARE IN THE
DARK; THEY SAY, "WHO SEES US?" AND, "WHO KNOWS
US?"

ISAIAH 29:15 (P 815)

The Wrath Of God

Why did God strike them dead immediately?

Psalm 94:4-11 (p 685)

THEY UTTER SPEECH AND SPEAK INSOLENT THINGS; ALL THE WORKERS OF INIQUITY BOAST IN THEMSELVES. THEY BREAK IN PIECES YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD, AND AFFLICT YOUR HERITAGE. THEY SLAY THE WIDOW AND THE STRANGER AND MURDER THE FATHERLESS. YET THEY SAY, "THE LORD DOES NOT SEE, NOR DOES THE GOD OF JACOB UNDERSTAND."

The Wrath Of God

Why did God strike them dead immediately?

Psalm 94:4-11 (p 685)

UNDERSTAND, YOU SENSELESS AMONG THE PEOPLE; AND YOU FOOLS, WHEN WILL YOU BE WISE? HE WHO PLANTED THE EAR, SHALL HE NOT HEAR? HE WHO FORMED THE EYE, SHALL HE NOT SEE? HE WHO INSTRUCTS THE NATIONS, SHALL HE NOT CORRECT, HE WHO TEACHES MAN KNOWLEDGE? THE LORD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF MAN, THAT THEY ARE FUTILE.

The Wrath Of God

Why did God strike them dead immediately?

CAN ANYONE HIDE HIMSELF IN SECRET PLACES, SO I SHALL NOT SEE HIM?" SAYS THE LORD; "DO I NOT FILL HEAVEN AND EARTH?" SAYS THE LORD.

JEREMIAH 23:24 (P 898)

Not Everyone Were Killed Like Ananias/Sapphira

Abraham lied about Sarah

Genesis 12 & 20 (p 12, 19)

Moses disrespected God

Numbers 20 (p 176)

David sinned with Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11 (p 360)

Why were they not killed? *Proverbs 16:5 (p 742)*

FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED THAT WILL NOT BE
REVEALED, NOR HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN.
THEREFORE WHATEVER YOU HAVE SPOKEN IN THE DARK WILL
BE HEARD IN THE LIGHT, AND WHAT YOU HAVE SPOKEN IN
THE EAR IN INNER ROOMS WILL BE PROCLAIMED ON THE
HOUSETOPS.

LUKE 12:2-3 (P 1199)

AS FOR YOU, MY SON SOLOMON, KNOW THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER, AND SERVE HIM WITH A **LOYAL HEART AND WITH A WILLING MIND**; FOR THE **LORD SEARCHES ALL HEARTS AND UNDERSTANDS ALL THE INTENT OF THE THOUGHTS**. IF YOU SEEK HIM, HE WILL BE FOUND BY YOU; BUT IF YOU FORSAKE HIM, HE WILL CAST YOU OFF FOREVER.

1 CHRONICLES 28:9 (P 490)

SO THEN
EVERY ONE
OF US SHALL
GIVE ACCOUNT
OF HIMSELF
TO GOD.

ROMANS 14:12