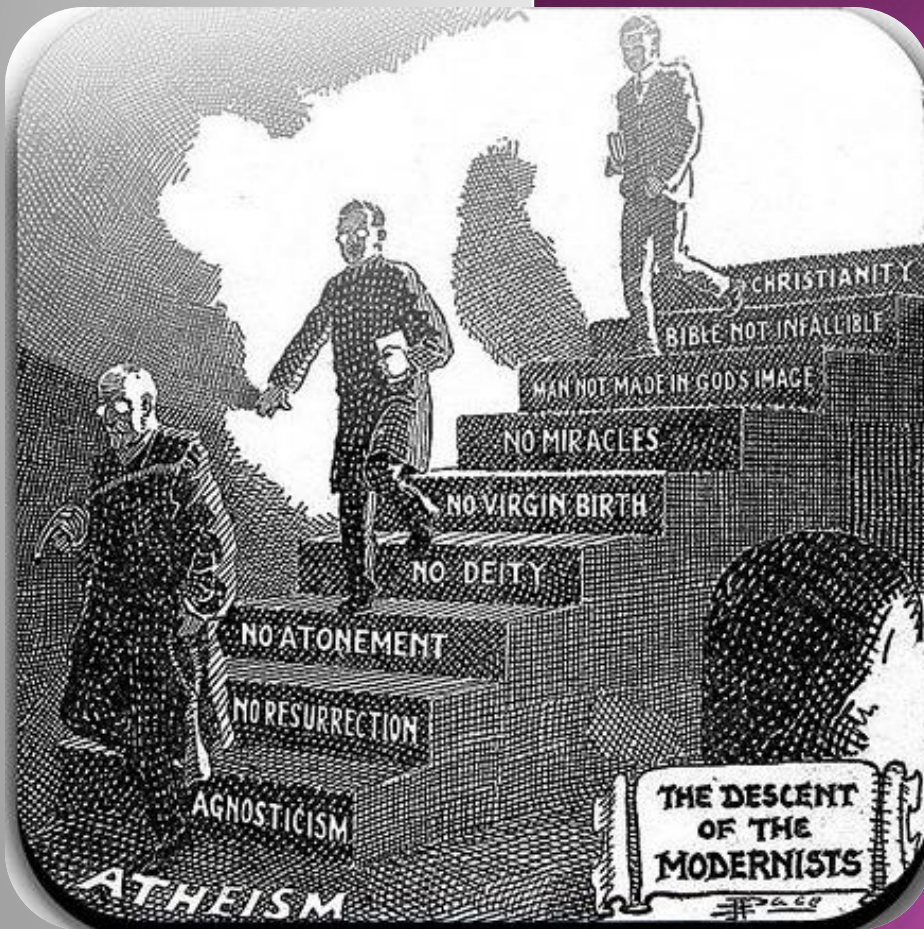




**“... he has laid
the foundation,
and is not able
to finish”**

Luke 14:29

The dreadful path of apostasy

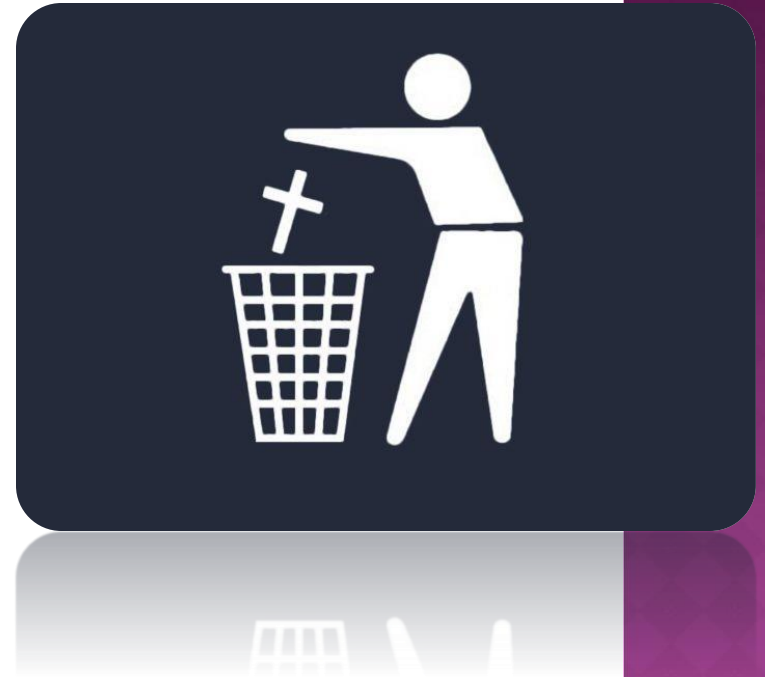


Apostasy: (Merriam Webster)

1. an act of refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognize a religious faith.
2. abandonment of a previous loyalty : defection.

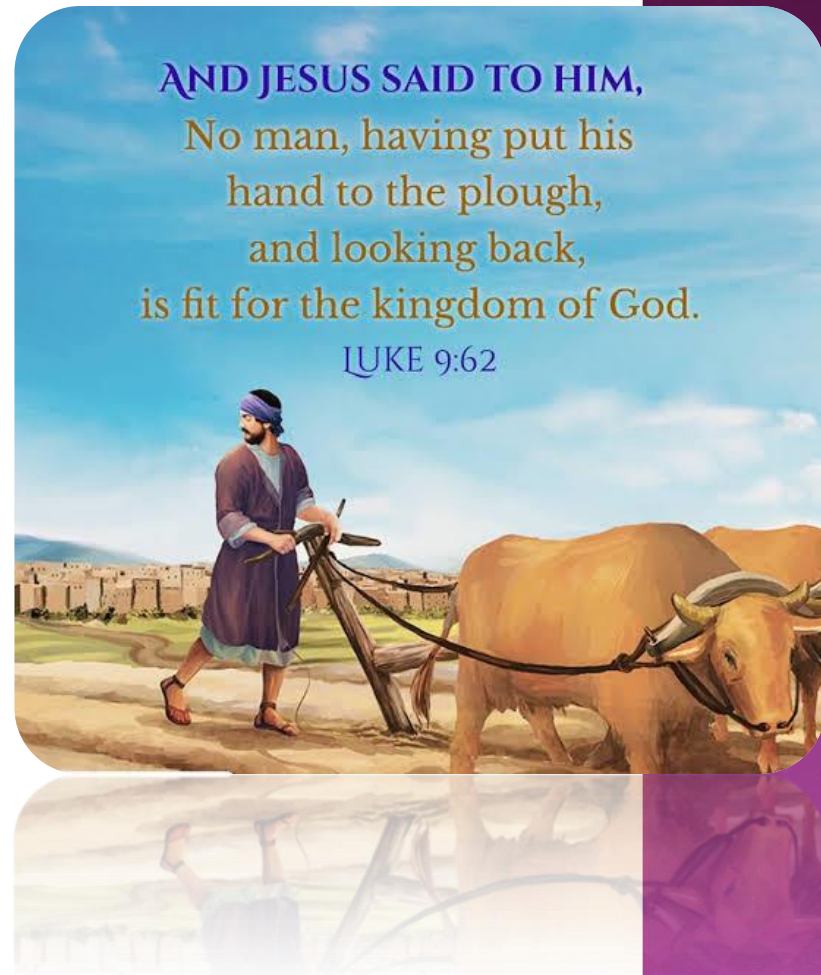
Highlights

1. Biblical warnings
2. Causes of personal apostasy
3. Signs of apostasy
4. Guarding against apostasy



I. Biblical Warnings ⁽¹⁾

- “But Jesus said to him, ‘No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God’” *Luke 9:62*
- “Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?” *Galatians 3:3*



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LUKE 9:62

I. Biblical Warnings (2)

- “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them” *2 Peter 2:21*



II. Causes of personal apostasy ⁽¹⁾

1. Love of the present world:
“Demas has forsaken
me, having loved this present
world” *2 Tim 4:10*
2. Loss of sight of the goal



II. Causes of personal apostasy (2)

3. Longing for the past memories of slavery: “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full!”

Exodus 16:3



II. Causes of personal apostasy (3)

4. Spiritual bankruptcy and absence of the daily nourishment with the Lord Christ.
5. Distraction by a foreign love (Judas Iscariot)



II. Causes of personal apostasy (4)

- 6. Adopting a Christianity void of a Cross
- 7. Yielding to the temptation and the pressure of New Age ideologies



III. Signs of apostasy ⁽¹⁾

1. Moving away from spiritual practices
2. Becoming more vocal in criticizing and ridiculing the church and its followers



III. Signs of apostasy (2)

3. Developing a careless attitude towards what is defined as “trivial” transgressions
4. Growing more insensitive towards God’s word, His service, and His people



III. Signs of apostasy ⁽³⁾

- 5. Going more and more to old practices related to the time of ignorance of the Lord Christ.
- 6. Questioning the established canons, rules, and tradition of the Church



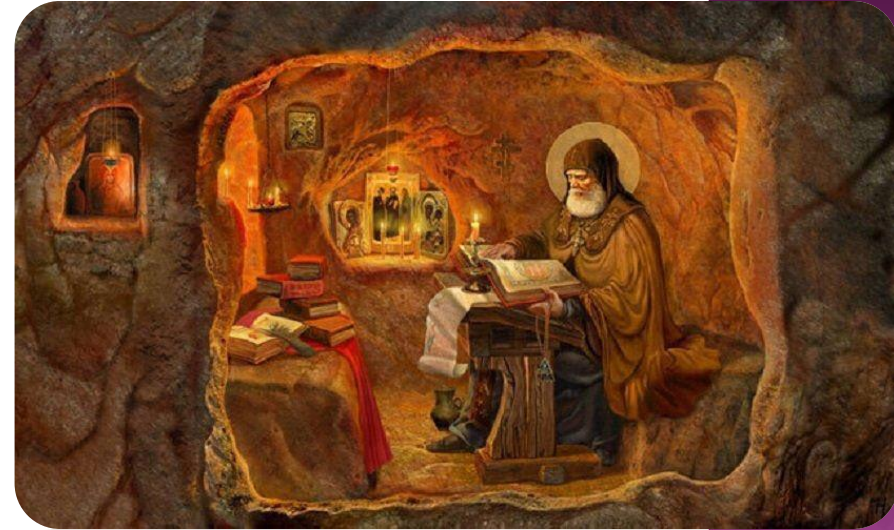
III. Signs of apostasy ⁽⁴⁾

- 7. Settling with a divided heart
- 8. Further descent into questioning Biblical truth



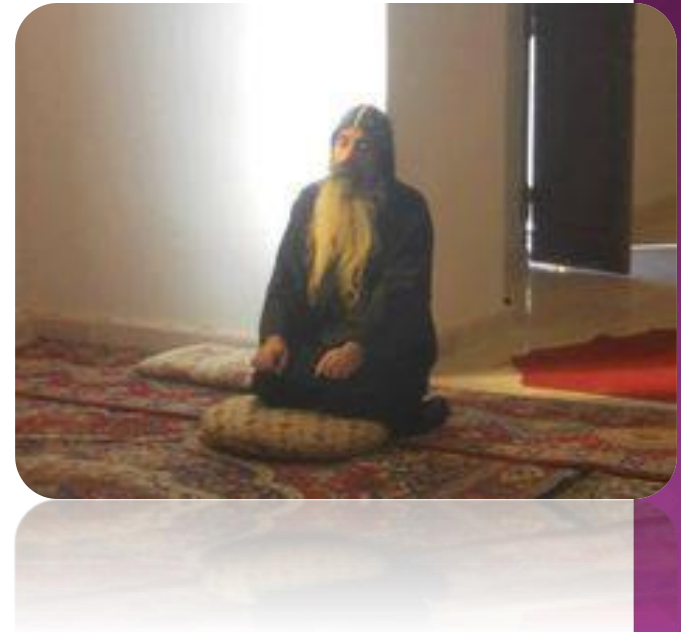
IV. Guarding against apostasy ⁽¹⁾

1. Continuing in the daily meeting and satisfaction with the person of the Lord Christ
2. Remembering the first love and daily renewal of vows



IV. Guarding against apostasy (2)

3. Maintaining the spiritual practices and growing in their quality and quantities
4. The diligent repentance
5. The spiritual readings



IV. Guarding against apostasy (3)

6. The watchfulness over the mind and what is presented to it
7. Handling God's service and people with faithfulness and diligence

