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Those Who Forsake the Way

Pr 15:10 — There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way (the *Path*, ha Derek), and he who hates reproof, correction will die. The one who is refractory in the heat of trials will die. The Amplified Bible says will die physically, morally, and spiritually. Are you glad that those who hate correction will die?

If one does not die physically [after forsaking the Way], he does not belong to Messiah (1 Cor 5:5; 6:17). He never did what Gal 5:24 says, never was a part of Gal 3:29, and is like Rom 8:9 and never really belonged to Messiah.

So, in that case, you will live and do well. You have great ability, and you have a sweet wife. But I wonder why the Amplified Bible says you will die morally? Has that got anything to do with the *iniquity* in you? That is, that evil bent and crooked way as Ps 130:3 says (Ps 119:133, Strong's 5771) — perversion, crookedness, guilt.

*Avon* — you've heard of "Avon calling" — iniquity is the evil bent within human beings, or the crooked direction or warped deeds of the sinner. Pr 15:10 — Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes *The Way*. He who hates correction will die, or he who hates the Holy Spirit's work in him to rectify him will die (Jn 8:31,32,51). Pr 10:11 says that *sheol* and *abaddon* wait for you, unless you make *restitution* for all you have wasted — time and talent, and your inheritance — and return and be once more devoted to Acts 2:42 — fellowship, in *koinonia*.

[To "Derek ha Tsar"] Please don't regard the word of instruction — the "teaching letter" — I sent you about *refractory* as something *impersonal*. The last time I went and got you from there you went, or were sent, to Florida, and our Father worked mighty miracles in your favor and for the whole community, bringing back His children. Please do not work against Him now. Please do not be like Cain in Gen 4:13. He said, "My iniquity (his punishment) is greater than I can bear." We know that iniquity is something too heavy to be borne by fallen man. But our Father promised that His *Suffering Servant* would bear the iniquities of His people (Isa 53:11,5,6). Matt 1:21 says *my people*.

Can one imagine the consequences of those who are not His or do not belong to Him, like 1 Pet 2:7-8?

Come back to 1 Pet 2:9-10. You've been gone too long from the place you belong (1 Tim 2:8). Make it become as Mal 1:11 says it will be. This will require all your strength, all your life and talents (Mt 25:14-30). Do not forget verse 30 and Pr 15:10.