

THE POINT OF NO RETURN

**Is there A Line That
One Can Cross That
Returning To God Is
Impossible?**



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- ◆ **"Crossing the Rubicon"** - Julius Caesar's invasion of Ancient Rome (Jan 10, 49 BC),
- ◆ **"Burn one's bridges"** - Military expression - the point of no retreat.
- ◆ **"Burn one's boats"** - Tariq ibn Ziyad, upon setting foot on the Iberian Peninsula (711 AD), - Hernan Cortes (1485-1547),
- ◆ **"Break the woks and sink the boats"** - Xiang Yu's order at the Battle of Julu (207 BC);

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"RADIUS OF ACTION FORMULA"—
originated as a technical term in air
navigation to refer to the point on
a flight at which, due to fuel
consumption, a plane is no longer
capable of returning to its airfield
of original takeoff.

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◆ **Pharaoh –**

Exodus 4:21;
7:3,4,13, 14;
8:15,19,32;
9:7,34,35; 10:1

◆ **Saul –**

1 Samuel 15:23,26;

◆ **Israel –**

Isaiah 48:4; 44:18,20

◆ **Judah –**

Jeremiah 7:16–24



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Proverbs 29:1 (NKJV)

¹ He who is often rebuked, *and* hardens *his* neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.



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“He who is often rebuked”

REJECTION OF SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTION

- ✦ **Physical evidence** – (Rom 1:20; Ps 19:1; 94:9; 143:5)
- ✦ **Circumstances** – (death of loved one / Birth / hardships / moments of decision)
- ✦ **God's word** – (Prov. 1:14–31; John 5,6,8; 12:44–50)



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“and hardens his neck,”

STUBBORN DISOBEDIENCE

- ◆ **Openly defiant** – (Psalm 14:1)
- ◆ **Pride** – (Neh 9:16,29; Jer. 13:15–17; 44:10,16,17; Jam 4:6–10)
- ◆ **Covetousness** – (Ez 33:31)
- ◆ **Pleasure of sin** – (2 Tim 3:4; Eph 4:17–19; 2 Thes 2:10–12)
- ◆ **Procrastination** – (Prov 27:1; Acts 24:22–27; James 4:13–17; 2 Cor. 6:1; Heb 3:7; 4:7)



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"and hardens his neck,"

STUBBORN DISOBEDIENCE

"The difference between
perseverance and
obstinacy is that one
comes from a strong will,
and the other from a
strong won't."

~ Henry Ward Beecher ~



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"Will suddenly be destroyed,"

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION

- ◆ **Separated from God** – (Isaiah 59:1,2; Prov. 6:15; 1 Tim 5:6)
- ◆ **Literally, "shall be broken"** – (Pro 6:15 – Not instant physical death – but spiritually broken beyond the possibility of restoration – Jer. 19:11,15; 1 Tim. 4:2)
- ◆ **Strong delusion** – (2 Thes. 2:10–12; Ps. 81:11,12; Isa. 29:9–24; Jhn 12:39–43; Rom 1:21–25,28)



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“that without remedy.”

WITHOUT REMEDY

- ✦ **God will not refuse the truly penitent** – (Deut. 4:29,30; Ezek. 18:21–32; Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 3:17–24)
- ✦ **But the heart can be so destroyed by ones own sin that he will not repent** – (Jer. 7:13–16; Heb. 6:4–6; 10:26–31; 13:12–17; Luke 13:24)



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**Attitude and
Direction is the
Difference**



**Sin /
Repent**

**Stumble /
Repent**

**Stumble
/ Repent**

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Sin / Sorrow,
but refuses to
repent

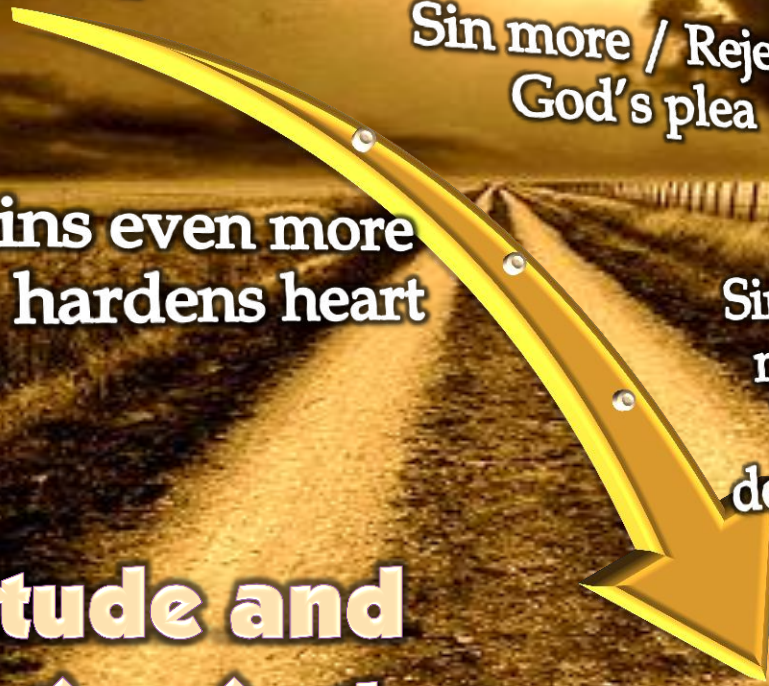
Sin more / Rejects
God's plea

Sins even more
/ hardens heart

Sins even
more /
Heart
destroyed

**Attitude and
Direction is the
Difference**

Sin way of life /
No remedy



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“that without remedy.”

WITHOUT REMEDY

- ◆ **There are some that preaching, pleading, and loving will not penetrate their calloused heart!**
- ◆ **They have hardened their hearts against the truth –**
- ◆ **They have destroyed their conscience so that they cannot feel their guilt and need –**
- ◆ **They are without REMEDY**



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2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.



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Today is the day of salvation –

2 Cor. 6:2; Heb 3:7; 4:7;

2 Pet. 3:10-14

Jesus invites you to come –

Mat. 11:28-30; Rev. 22:17

**Satan wants you to resist,
reject God and be destroyed!**

**How will you respond to God's
rebuke, mercy and LOVE?**



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There is a choice you
have to make,
In everything you do.
And you must always
keep in mind,
The choice you make
makes you.

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