

1. Last week I taught in part Gal 5:19. When the clock tolled 10:45 we were about to begin a review of a word study of ακαθαρσια, ασελγεια, translated uncleanness, lasciviousness.”
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. So far we have exegeted that portion of Gal 5:19 which in the KJV has been translated “*Now the works of the flesh are these; Adultery, fornication ...* noting it might better be translated “**Understand, the production from the old sin nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins such as adultery and fornication ...**”
4. Gal 5:19 has been translated in its entirety in the KJV:

KJV-Sentence continues

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

UNCLEANNESS, LASCIVIOUSNESS, ακαθαρσια, ασελγεια,

1. **Akatharsia Aselgeia** is better translated “filthy thoughts and shameful sexual conduct.
2. **Akatharsia Aselgeia** are nouns declined as nominative singulars. Let’s see how each is used elsewhere in Scripture.
3. **Akatharsia** appears ten times in Scripture where it is always in the KJV translated “uncleanness.” Examples:

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Rom 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to **uncleanness** through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Rom 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

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Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to **sexual impurity** for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Rom 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator -- who is forever praised.

Amen.

Rom 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

Rom 1:27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Rom 1:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

Rom 1:29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

Rom 1:30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;

4. **Aselgeia** appears nine times in the New Testament where it is translated in the KJV: “lasciviousness, filthy, debauchery” and “wantonness.”

Examples:

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Rom 13:13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and **debauchery**, not in dissension and jealousy.

Rom 13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

KJV

Rom 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and **wantonness**, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

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2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

2Pe 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

2Pe 2:6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

2Pe 2:7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the **filthy lives** of lawless men

2Pe 2:8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) --

2Pe 2:9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

KJV

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the **filthy conversation** of the wicked:

2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

5. Let's see how the entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:19 Understand, the production from the old sin nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins such as adultery and fornication, ..."

6. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 5:20.

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Gal 5:20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, ...

1. I could take the nine overt sins and discuss each in great detail. Instead I want to review the Devil's strategy for our 21st century world which, no doubt includes the use of all nine. We will look at the first two this morning: **Eidolatria** translated Idolatry and **Pharmakeia** translated "witchcraft."

1.1 The Devil has a strategy for the world. His primary strategy is to encourage internationalism and discourage nationalism. From the earliest of times foolish leaders motivated by Satan have attempted to conquer other countries. Their power lust was their form of **Idolatry**.

2. There is something about mad men at the helm. There has never been any shortage of mad men as we see myriad examples both in history and in our world today; intra and inter boundary fighting abounds everywhere. Those nations who have been foolish enough to disarm are often made vassal states to aggressor nations.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
how art thou cut down to the ground, you who did weaken the nations!

2.1 God in His Word has instructed us that military strength is the cure for the disease of coveting a neighbor's borders. Military power has always been the divinely proscribed antidote for war. The awesome power of the Atomic Bomb kept the mad man Stalin from appropriating all of Europe.

2.2 He was not satisfied with just eastern Europe which we so graciously handed him but fear of the big bomb was sufficient to deter his insane appetite for Russian hegemony.

3. This fear of a bomb was effective even though we had used up our inventory. An anecdote from the memoirs of David E. Lilienthal, the first chairman of the A.E.C. reveals a little-known dilemma:

"In the late afternoon of April 3, 1947, I was in the oval room of the White House ... I had come to report to President Truman ... we had just taken over the Army's wartime Manhattan District. At this time, it was assumed by everyone, the President included, that America had a supply of atomic bombs. In fact, Winston Churchill was bombastically claiming that it was our atomic stockpile that restrained the Soviet Union from moving in on the otherwise defenseless people of Europe. What we of the A.E.C. had just discovered ... was that this defense did not exist. There was no stockpile. There was not a single operable bomb ... nor could there be one for many months to come. This news was top secret ... As I gave President Truman this shocking information, the impact of the news was evident in his expression ... He turned to me, a grim, gray look on his face, the lines from his nose to his mouth visibly deepened ..."

4. The military is the principle protector of a nation. They provide its citizens with protection from aggressor nations.

5. When a nation's citizens are positive to the Word of God, that nation will maintain a strong military. One of the characteristics of a client nation to God is the maintenance of a strong military. Hosea 4:6 warns of failing to heed the Word of God.

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest (*nation*) to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

6. A case study of military preparedness and how God uses the military to protect a nation is provided in Neh 4:13-15.

Neh 4:13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

Neh 4:14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not afraid of them: remember the Lord, Who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

Neh 4:15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard of our preparedness ... we were able to return to the wall, every one unto his work.

7. When Jehovah God, Jesus Christ, led the nation of Israel out of Egypt He told them at the Red Sea to relax and watch Him fight for them.

Exo 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

8. Jehovah God recognized Israel was not ready for battle. Jesus told Moses to take Israel around the land of the Philistine because they had not as yet been trained in the art of war.

Exo 13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest per adventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

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