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What causes people who are in covenant with God to abandon His laws and annul their covenant responsibilities? Through Ezekiel, God singled out one primary reason that I have been attempting to grasp. The particular word used to describe the primary cause is Strong's # 1760 - לְבַח . This word describes the desire driven thought process that causes a person to choose the direction he or she goes.

Here is one of God's summary statements where this word is used 23:49 - "and your ungodliness shall be imputed upon you and the sins of your INTENTIONS (the things that you have planned in your heart) you shall bear and you shall know that I am the Lord."

This same word is found in Hebrews 4:12 - where the living active word of God pierces deep, dividing and judging even the thoughts and INTENTS ($\hat{\imath}\mu\hat{1}\frac{1}{2}\hat{1}, \hat{1}... \hat{1}\frac{1}{4}\hat{1}-\hat{1}\frac{1}{4}\hat{1}\rightarrow\hat{1}, \hat{1}_{\%}\hat{1}\frac{1}{2}$) of the heart.â€

The word itself is rare in the New Testament, but the idea is prominent.

Men receive not the love of the truth because they ~~â€~~take pleasure in unrighteousness.~~â€~~ Sound doctrine does not suit the INTENTIONS ($\hat{\mu}\hat{1}\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \hat{1}\frac{1}{4}, \hat{1}\frac{1}{4}, \dots, \%0\frac{1}{2}$) of those more concerned about their own desires than pleasing God.

Men develop a mindset based upon what they WANT and that combination of desire and reason becomes their operating INTENTION - the thoughts of their heart.

Lusts leaven logic and thus the "mind of the flesh" is formed - hostile to and unable to submit to God because carnal desire has influenced the internal thought process.

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Re: Intentions of the heart by Alan Martin - posted by EAGLEFLYING (), on: 2017/11/15 10:16

Amen Brother Greg

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One of the things I love about King David was that He looked at his own heart..
Psalm 51:10-12 King James Version (KJV)

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit

May we daily all look at our own hearts. in JESUS name.

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