

~BELIAL (194)

(Be'li-al) [from Hebrew, meaning, Good for Nothing, a compound of *beli'*, not, without, and *ya-`al'*, be of benefit, be beneficial]

- The quality or **state of being useless, base, good for nothing**. The Hebrew term *beli-ya'`al* is applied to ideas, words, and counsel.
- Watch out for yourself for fear a base word should come to be in your heart, saying; The seventh year, the year of the release, has come close, and your eye should indeed become ungenerous toward your poor brother, and you should **give him nothing**, and he has to call out to Yehowah against you, and it has become a sin on your part. (**Deuteronomy 15:9**)
- I shall not set in front of my eyes any **good-for-nothing** thing. The doing of those who fall away I have hated, it does not cling to me. (**Psalms 101:3**)
- Out of you there will actually go forth one who is thinking up against Yehowah what is bad, counseling what is **not worthwhile**. (**Nahum 1:11**)
- To calamitous circumstances
- A **good-for-nothing thing** is poured out upon him, now that he has lain down, he will not get up again. (**Psalms 41:8**)
- And most frequently, to **good-for-nothing men** of the lowest sort for example, men who would induce worship of other gods.
- **Good-for-nothing men** have gone out from your midst that they may try to turn away the inhabitants of their city, saying; Let us go and serve other gods, whom you have not known. (**Deuteronomy 13:13**)
- Those of Benjamin who committed the sex crime at Gibeah.
- While they were making their hearts feel good, look! The men of the city, **mere good-for-nothing men**, surrounded the house, shoving one another against the door, and they kept saying to the old man, the owner of the house; Bring out the man that came into your house, that we may have intercourse with him.

(Judges 19:22)

- At that the owner of the house went on out to them and said to them; No, my brothers, do not do anything wrong, please, since this man has come into my house. Do not commit this disgraceful folly. **(Judges 19:23)**
- Here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out, please, and you rape them and do to them what is good in your eyes. But to this man you must not do this disgraceful, foolish thing. **(Judges 19:24)**
- And the men did not want to listen to him. Hence the man took hold of his concubine and brought her forth to them outside, and they began to have intercourse with her, and kept on abusing her all night long until the morning, after which they sent her off at the ascending of the dawn. **(Judges 19:25)**
- Then the woman came as it was turning to morning, and fell down at the entrance of the man's house where her master was, until daylight. **(Judges 19:26)**
- Later her master rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to get on his way, and, look! The woman, his concubine, fallen at the entrance of the house with her hands upon the threshold! **(Judges 19:27)**
- And now give over the men, **the good-for-nothing men**, that are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and let us clear out what is bad from Israel. And the sons of Benjamin did not want to listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel. **(Judges 20:13)**
- The wicked sons of Eli;
- Now the sons of Eli were **good-for-nothing men**, they did not acknowledge Yehowah. **(1 Samuel 2:12)**
- Insolent Nabal;
- And now know and see what you are going to do, for calamity has been determined against our master and against all his house, as he is too much of a **good-for-nothing fellow** to speak to him. **(1 Samuel 25:17)**

- Please, do not let my lord set his heart upon this **good-for-nothing man** Nabal, for, as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and senselessness is with him. As for me your slave girl, I did not see my lords young men that you had sent. (**1 Samuel 25:25**)
- **Opposers of God's anointed, David.**
- Now there happened to be there a **good-for-nothing man**, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri a Benjaminite, and he proceeded to blow the horn and say; We have no share in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every one to his gods, O Israel! (**2 Samuel 20:1**)
- For deadly breaking waves encircled me, there were flash floods of **good-for-nothing men** that kept terrifying me. (**2 Samuel 22:5**)
- But **good-for-nothing persons** are chased away, like thornbushes, all of them, for it is not by the hand that they should be taken. (**2 Samuel 23:6**)
- The ropes of death encircled me, flash floods of **good-for-nothing men** also kept terrifying me. (**Psalms 18:4**)
- **Rehoboam's unsteady associates.**
- And idle men, **good-for-nothing fellows**, kept collecting themselves together by him. Finally they proved superior to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam himself happened to be young and fainthearted, and he did not hold his own against them. (**2 Chronicles 13:7**)
- **Jezebel's conspirators against Naboth.**
- And make two men, **good-for-nothing fellows**, sit in front of him, and let them bear witness against him, saying; You have cursed God and the king! And bring him out and stone him that he may die. (**1 Kings 21:10**)
- Then two of the men, **good-for-nothing fellows**, came in and sat down in front of him, and the good-for-nothing men began to bear witness against him, that is, Naboth, in front of the people, saying; Naboth has cursed God and the king! After that they

brought him out to the outskirts of the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. (**1 Kings 21:13**)

- **And men in general who stir up contention.**
- **A good-for-nothing man**, a man of hurtfulness, is walking with crookedness of speech. (**Proverbs 6:12**)
- **Winking with his eye, making signs with his foot, making indications with his fingers.** (**Proverbs 6:13**)
- **Perverseness is in his heart. He is fabricating something bad all the time. He keeps sending out merely contentions.** (**Proverbs 6:14**)
- **A good-for-nothing man** is digging up what is bad, and upon his lips there is, as it were, a scorching fire. (**Proverbs 16:27**)
- **A good-for-nothing** witness derides justice, and the very mouth of wicked people swallows down what is hurtful. (**Proverbs 19:28**)
- **Indicating that the enemy power would no longer interfere with the carrying out of true worship by his people in their land, Yehowah declared through his prophet,**
- **Look! Upon the mountains the feet of one bringing Good News, one publishing peace. O Judah, celebrate your festivals. Pay your vows, because no more will any good-for-nothing person pass again through you. In his entirety he will certainly be cut off.** (**Nahum 1:15**)
- **Do not make your slave girl like a good-for-nothing woman, for it is out of the abundance of my concern and my vexation that I have spoken until now.** (**1 Samuel 1:16**)
- **As for the good-for-nothing men, they said; How will this one save us? Accordingly they despised him, and they did not bring any gift to him. But he continued like one grown speechless.** (**1 Samuel 10:27**)
- **However, every bad and good-for-nothing man out of the men that had gone with David answered and kept saying; For the reason that they did not go with us, we will give them none of**

the spoil that we delivered, except to each one his wife and his sons, and let them lead them and go. (1 Samuel 30:22)

- Shall one say to a king; You are **good for nothing**? To nobles; **You are wicked**? (Job 34:18)
- By the time Bible writing resumed in the first century, **Belial** was used as a name for **Satan**. So when Paul wrote at;
- Further, what **harmony** is there **between Christ** and **Belial**? Or what portion does a faithful person have with an unbeliever? (2 Corinthians 6:15)
- In his series of parallel contrasts; What harmony is there between **Christ** and **Belial**? The conclusion usually drawn is that Belial is **Satan**. The **Syriac Peshitta** here reads **Satan**.