

~HYMENAEUS (89)

(Hy-me-nae'us) [named after Hymen, the Greek god of marriage]

- An apostate from Christianity during the **First Century**, **Hymenaeus** was identified by Paul as a blasphemer, full of empty speeches that violate what is holy.
- In his deviation from the truth, **Hymenaeus**, along with a certain Philetus, taught false doctrine, subverting the faith of some. One of their false teachings was that the resurrection had already occurred in their day.
- Evidently this was their teaching, that the resurrection was merely a spiritual one, of a symbolic kind, and that the dedicated Christians had already had their resurrection, that this was all there was to the matter and there was no further resurrection in the future under God's Messianic Kingdom.
- These very men have deviated from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already occurred, and they are subverting the faith of some. (2 Timothy 2:18)
- Now if Christ is being preached that he has been raised up from the dead, how is it some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? (1 Corinthians 15:12)
- If, indeed, there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised up. (1 Corinthians 15:13)
- But if Christ has not been raised up, our preaching is certainly in vain, and our faith is in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:14)
- Moreover, we are also found false witnesses of God, because we have borne witness against God that he raised up the Christ, but whom he did not raise up if the dead are really not to be raised up. (1 Corinthians 15:15)
- For if the dead are not to be raised up, neither has Christ been raised up. (1 Corinthians 15:16)
- Further, if Christ has not been raised up, your faith is useless. You are yet in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

- In fact, also, those who fell asleep in death in union with Christ perished. (1 Corinthians 15:18)
- If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:19)
- However, now Christ has been raised up from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death. (1 Corinthians 15:20)
- For since death is through a man, resurrection of the dead is also through a man. (1 Corinthians 15:21)
- For just as in Adam all are dying, so also in the Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22)
- But each one in his own rank. Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence. (1 Corinthians 15:23)
- In Paul's first letter to Timothy, **Hymenaeus** name is associated with another apostate, **Alexander**. The apostle states that he had handed **Hymenaeus** and **Alexander** over to Satan, evidently referring to Paul's **expelling or disfellowshipping** them from the congregation.
- This mandate I commit to you, child, Timothy, in accord with the predictions that led directly on to you, that by these you may go on waging the fine warfare. (1 Timothy 1:18)
- Holding faith and a good conscience, which some have thrust aside and have experienced shipwreck concerning their faith. (1 Timothy 1:19)
- **Hymenaeus** and **Alexander** belong to these, and I have handed them over to Satan that they may be taught by discipline not to blaspheme. (1 Timothy 1:20)
- But shun empty speeches that violate what is holy, for they will advance to more and more ungodliness. (2 Timothy 2:16)
- And their word will spread like gangrene. **Hymenaeus** and Philetus are of that number. (2 Timothy 2:17)

