

~NECESSITY (88)

[English, need, requirement, inevitability, obligation, stipulation]

- Throughout this generation, these three Presidents of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, have taken the lead among God's people, by presenting Scriptural facts and principles to Yehowah's people through the printed word. This strengthening by God's servants, has enabled the integrity keeping Three Hebrews Class of Jehovah's Witnesses, to make a formidable stand against the heavy-handed tyranny of this Babylonish system.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered, and they were saying to the king; O Nebuchadnezzar, we are under no **necessity** in this regard to say back a word to you. (Daniel 3:16)
- Jesus then concludes this counsel by showing, that woe comes to those, through whom stumbling comes. It is an unavoidable **necessity** that stumbling blocks must come forth, but woe to the man through whom they come forth. Thus his disciples must not stumble any one of these little ones putting faith in him, and his God and father, Yehowah.
- Woe to the world due to the stumbling blocks! Of course, the stumbling blocks must of **necessity** come, but woe to the man through whom the stumbling block comes! (Matthew 18:7)
- Then Jesus showed, that when this destruction of Jerusalem came, that it would be especially hard upon pregnant women and those who were nursing young children, because of the stress and shortages of food, that would result. Also there would be great **necessity** upon the land, through the invading armies, and then God's wrath would be meted out against his people, Israel.
- Woe to the pregnant women and the ones suckling a baby in those days! For there will be great **necessity** upon the land and wrath on this people. (Luke 21:23)
- Paul here too applies the counsel above to remain as he is, if a virgin. Of course his previous counsel also applies, that this should be done, only if he has self-control over his sexual desires.
- Therefore I think this to be well in view of the **necessity** here with us, that it is well for a man to continue as he is. (1

Corinthians 7:26)

- Paul now shows the converse situation, where the person is settled in his heart, and has the **necessary** self-control to remain celibate, he will do well as a single person serving God.
- But if anyone stands settled in his heart, having no **necessity**, but has authority over his own will and has made this decision in his own heart, to keep his own virginity, he will do well. (**1 Corinthians 7:37**)
- Paul is not boasting that he has performed the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom, for **necessity** is laid upon him by God and Christ, to preach it. This is not his cause for boasting. Really he would be in God's disfavor, as would any anointed Christian, if he did not do so, willingly and joyfully.
- If, now, I am declaring the Good News, it is no reason for me to boast, for **necessity** is laid upon me. Really, woe is me if I did not declare the Good News! (**1 Corinthians 9:16**)
- Paul tells them, that this report has brought him great comfort, even though he is under **necessity** and tribulation, for they are showing faithfulness in the word he preached among them. This makes his heart rejoice.
- That is why, brothers, we have been comforted over you in all our **necessity** and tribulation through the faithfulness you show. (**1 Thessalonians 3:7**)
- Paul now argues, that since the priesthood is being changed, there also needs to come forth by **necessity** a change in the Law itself.
- For since the priesthood is being changed, there comes to be of **necessity** a change also of the Law. (**Hebrews 7:12**)