

Doctrine of Presumptuous Sinning

1. A presumptuous sin refers to the act of taking upon one's self more than good sense and propriety warrant.
2. The English word speaks of excessive boldness or overconfidence in thought and conduct and reflects the sentiment of several Hebrew words and one Greek word.
 - To act overboldly (Heb. zud, "to seethe"; figurative, "to be insolent"), spoken mostly of those who knowingly and purposely violate the commands of God and commit sin

Exodus 21:14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

Deuteronomy 1:43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

Deuteronomy 17:13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

- Arrogance (Heb. zed, "arrogant"; zadon), as "presumptuous sins" or "willful sins"; of resistance to priest or judge through pride.

Special Note.

Resistance to the priest took place when anyone was dissatisfied with his interpretation of the law. Resistance to the judge occurred when anyone was discontented with the sentence that was passed on the basis of the law. Such refractory conduct was to be punished with death, as rebellion against God.

3. Defiance ("doeth aught presumptuously") is the synonym for "with a high hand" (from Heb. yad, "hand," rum, "be high").
 - *Numbers 15:30 But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.*

Special Note.

The person who acted in open rebellion against God blasphemed Him and was to be cut off. Specific acts of presumptuous sinning are identified.

Failure to give the sign of circumcision to a child. *Genesis 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.*

Anointing oneself with the special holy oil. *Exodus 30:31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations. 32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. 33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.*

Eating the Peace Offering in an inappropriate manner. *Leviticus 7:19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof. 20 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. 21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the Lord, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.*

Eating the fat from an animal which had been dedicated to God. *Leviticus 7:25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.*

Eating blood. *Leviticus 7:27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.*

4. Insolence (Greek, *tolmetes*, "daring," "bold"), is spoken of those who were self-willed, licentious, and contemptuous of authority.

- *2 Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*

5. Generally, presumptuous sins (*Psalms 19:13*) are those committed:

with knowledge. *John 15:22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.*

with deliberation. *Proverbs 6:14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.*

with contrivance. *Psalms 36:4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.*

with obstinacy. *Jeremiah 44:16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee.*

Deuteronomy 1:43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

with inattention to the remonstrances of conscience. *Acts 7:51 Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

with opposition to the dispensations of Providence. *2 Chronicles 28:22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the Lord: this is that king Ahaz.*

and with repeated commission of the same sin. *Psalms 78:17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.*

5. The psalmist prayed to be kept back or restrained from presumptuous sins.

- *Psalms 19:13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.*

6. Peter referred to those that walk in the flesh as being presumptuous.

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