

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**01:03:15**

**Theme: THE REBUKE OF THE LORD BY PETER**

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 16:22 “Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee”.*

**Texts: Romans 6:16**

The rebuke of the Lord by Peter on hearing the prediction, smacks of selfishness, ignorance of the spiritual weight of the impending event, and undue concern for the pleasure of the flesh. It is no wonder that Jesus, discerning this carnality in His beloved disciple turned to Peter and rebuked the spirit motivating him saying, “Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savours not the things that be of God, but those that be of men (Mathew 16:23).

It is possible for one to be used of God now and later be influenced by the devil to do what is contrary to God’s will. “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?. Every Christian must therefore be steadfast in profession of faith and obedience to Christ. None should act the part of Satan, the adversary, like Peter did to hinder God’s work.

Another likely reason by Peter objected to Christ’s passion was the pervasive and erroneous belief among the Jews that Christ could not die. “The people answered him. We have heard out of the law that Christ abided forever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up?”(John 12:34). The partial interpretation of such Bible references as Psalm 110:4; Isaiah 9:6-7 and Daniel 7:14 must have led to this. There is a need for believers to thoroughly and prayerfully study God’s word in order to avoid pitfalls of others. The Jews attached power, dignity and political authority to the Messiah, and missed it. Today, Christians are not emphasising holiness and majoring on faith for prosperity, promotion, healing and miracles and missing what is meant for them.