

Crisis Ahead Study Guide 8b

Chpt. 17 – Perfection in Christ

Please read Crisis Ahead, pp. 146-154.

1. Can those with the strongest temptations also achieve complete victory over sin?
Rom. 5:20-21.
2. Have there ever been people in the past who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, have learned to live above sin? Gen. 5:23-24; 6:9; Job. 1:8; Dan. 6:4, 5; Ezek. 14:14, 20.
3. Are there people living above sin today? Eph. 5:8; 1 Jn. 3:22.
4. Do those Christians who are living the closest to Christ realize how saintly they are?
Job 9:20-21, 30-31; Dan. 10:8; 1 Tim. 1:15.
5. What is Christ's attitude toward those who commit sin while sincerely trying to be Christians? Jn. 8:10-11; Lk. 22:31-34.
6. What should the Christian's attitude be when he or she falls into sin? 1 Jn. 2:1; Rev. 2:5; Col. 2:6.
7. Does the pen of inspiration tell us of other God-fearing persons who also at times were overcome by temptations? Gen. 9:21; Ex. 2:11-12; 32:1-4; 2 Sam. 11; Ac. 15:38-40; Gal. 2:11-13.
8. What is the difference between the Christian who sometimes is led into sin and the worldling who commits the same sin? 1 Jn. 2:1; Phil. 1:6.
9. Is there any difference between the professed Christian who is a slave to just one bad habit, and the worldling? Jn. 8:34; Rom. 6:16.
10. What great blessing of heaven will soon be poured out on those who have gained the victory over every besetting sin and who are not controlled by evil? Joel 2:23-24.
11. What is the purpose of the latter rain? Deut 11:14; Jas. 5:7.
12. Under the power of the perfecting latter rain, to what spiritual state will God's people – the 144,000 – be brought by the close of probation? Mk. 4:26-29; Rev. 14:1, 5, 14-16.
13. Is a long period of years necessarily required for the perfection of Christian character?
Joel 2:23; Am. 9:13.
14. When will all temptation cease? Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:51-52.