

us to follow His word, and especially the Christian believer. He of all people is not excusable because some other man, no matter how golden his tongue or how apparently brilliant his reasoning or how great his reputation or how fine a man he's been in the past, if he says something that is wrong, we are not excusable if we follow him. We are responsible to follow God's word. (Student). Deut. 9:6, no, this is if a man ~~for~~ tells you to go and follow a false prophet. All sin is worthy of death. And every one of us deserves eternal death. But the Lord if we believe in Christ has cleansed us and is ~~trying~~ sanctifying us, but we still commit many sins that are worthy of death. Human beings in order to carry on ordinary life and protect one another, have to have certain things which are punishable with death, but that doesn't mean that those necessarily are in God's sight worse than some other things that He couldn't possibly punish with death, and you will find that in the New Testament when Ananias lied, God condemned him to death, Sapphira too. But there are thousands of others who have lied, who have not been killed. It was not because Ananias and Sapphira's sin was more heinous, rather than anybody else, that they were killed. It is because it was very vital for the progress of the Christian church that a stop be made at this vital point to this thing that they had introduced, which others would follow their example. Their sin was worthy of death and everyone of us has sinned, which is worthy of death, but at this particular point, it was vital that an example be given, in order to stop the spread of this thing, as it happened when David brought the ark of God up to Jerusalem. I believe it was Uzzah, who pushed against the ark to keep it from falling over, and God smote him dead. Well, that was a good thing to push against the ark and keep it from falling over. But these people had disobeyed God's command that the ark should be carried in a certain way. They put it on a cart to carry it which was not the way that God said it should be carried. They were disregarding God's law, and God's perfectness, and God smote him dead, to show them that in these matters it was vital that they find exactly what God wanted done and try to do it. Many others did far worse than this and were not smitten to death. The eternal punishment of those who are not saved through Christ will be proportional to their wickedness. You cannot expect any punishment in this life to be ~~propotional~~ proportional to wickedness, because we all deserve a punishment far worse than anything we could get in this life, punishment in this life was given for its affects upon others and it helps in the process of God here.