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Numbers

Two

Judgment-Two Witnesses

God has given to men in the Old Testament and in the New Testament that two witnesses are needed to judge anyone to conviction:

1. Num. 35:30 "Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die."
2. Deu 17:6 "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death."
3. Deu 19:15 "One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established."
4. Mat 18:16 "But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."
5. Mat 26:60 "But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses."
6. 2 Cor 13:1 "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."
7. 1 Tim 5:19 "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."
8. Heb 10:28 "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses."
9. Rev 11:3 "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

Based on the above, men were not to be put to death, or convicted of any iniquity unless there were at least two witnesses. Likewise, a charge is not to be brought against an elder except in the mouth of two or more witnesses. A trespass is not to be brought before the church unless two witnesses had first judged it.

The witnesses had to agree together for their testimony to be judged valid. Two witnesses whose testimony did not agree together were considered invalid testimony.

Finally, the two faithful witnesses listed in Rev. 11:3, which we have otherwise shown to be the law and the prophets are two witnesses that have rightfully convicted all men of sin: Gal. 3:10 "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

These two faithful witnesses have also testified to us that we were redeemed from our sins: Gal. 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."