

**Study Aids**  
Discussion items  
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 97

Questions:

When we first presented the topic of separation as a major theme of the Bible, back in our early studies in Genesis, did you think this could not be a truly major theme? What was your view at that time?

Do you recall some of the examples of how ugly separation could become from our Old Testament studies? Are there any in particular that stand out for you?

Can you understand how the principle of separation could have become so corrupted by the time of Jesus that it had become an end in itself?

Can you see how we can become so twisted in our own thinking that we insist on the purity of doctrine, but not on the application of the Word of God to fulfill our mission to the world? Can we really have one without the other?