

THE A FILES

NEED TO KNOW

FILE FOUR

Anon

WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

Seeing as this is just a wee word let's look for it in two places! You can find it in the first book of the New Testament - Matthew - chapter 13 verse 20. Then look in the second book - Mark - chapter 1 and verse 30.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

This tiny word actually has two meanings. When you read the word ANON in the Bible it means IMMEDIATELY or STRAIGHT AWAY. That's nice and easy to understand, isn't it? Often you will come across this word in other things which you read. Usually it refers to the word ANONYMOUS and it will be written with a little dot after the letter 'N', like so - ANON. But in the two verses which you looked up in the Bible it simply means IMMEDIATELY.

HOW CAN I USE IT?

If you read the two stories in the Bible where this word ANON is used you will learn that in both it teaches us how quickly responses were made by those involved in the stories. Very often we need to be quick in our reactions and not old slow coaches who are behind in everything!

ASSIGNMENT [circle the correct meaning for each word]

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| ■ Anon means | ALONE | SLOW | IMMEDIATE |
| ◆ Anon. means | BEHIND | ANONYMOUS | AHEAD |

THE B FILES

TOP SECRET

FILE ONE

Blasphemy

WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

There are 27 books in the New Testament and there are 39 books in the Old Testament. Colossians is book 12 in the New Testament and it is not a very big book as it only has four chapters. Look for chapter three and find verse 8. The word BLASPHEMY is in this verse.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The first thing we learn about this word is that it is something we must not do. We know this because the verse which you found in Colossians says we must 'put off' or not do several things, and BLASPHEMY is one of these things. BLASPHEMY is what we do if we insult God. God is completely good. He cannot be unfair. He cannot tell lies. He cannot be evil. To use words which say He is bad or dishonest or unkind is BLASPHEMY.



Extra info go to CONCEPTS FILE 'U' Unpardonable Sin

HOW CAN I USE IT?

Let's find the book of Exodus now. Exodus is the second book of the Old Testament. This book has forty chapters! It is a lot bigger than Colossians isn't it? Halfway through Exodus, in chapter 20 you will find the TEN COMMANDMENTS. In verse seven you can read the THIRD commandment which teaches us that we must not BLASPHEME. It says we must not use God's name as a curse word nor as a worthless name because it is of great value. It also says that we will be regarded by God Himself as

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FILE THREE

Buckler**WHERE CAN I FIND IT?**

In the Old Testament the ninth and tenth books are called Samuel, First Samuel and Second Samuel. There are 55 chapters altogether in these two books called Samuel. If you find Second Samuel and go to chapter 22, verse 31 you will see the word BUCKLER.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

A BUCKLER is a SHIELD. Very often in the Bible God is called the SHIELD of His people. A SHIELD protects and so this word BUCKLER teaches us that God is our protector.

HOW CAN I USE IT?

The BUCKLER or SHIELD is part of a suit of armour. Armour also includes a breastplate, a helmet and a sword. All these things protect the warrior. The Bible teaches us that we are a bit like warriors. There are things which come at us in our lives which try to destroy us and seek to hurt us. But if God is our BUCKLER or SHIELD He serves to stop them even touching us!

ASSIGNMENT [circle your answer]

Find the book of Ephesians in the New Testament. In chapter six you can read all about this special armour. It starts in verse 14.

- Did you find the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS? YES NO
- ◆ Did you find the SHIELD OF FAITH? YES NO
- ▲ Did you find the HELMET OF SALVATION? YES NO
- ◆ Did you find the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT? YES NO

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FILE FOUR

Brimstone**WHERE CAN I FIND IT?**

The book of Psalms in the Old Testament uses this word in Psalm number 11 and verse 6. The book of Psalms is the book before the book of Proverbs. Psalms are songs. Proverbs are sayings.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

BRIMSTONE is SULPHUR. Sulphur is pale yellow in colour and smells disgusting! The verse in Psalm 11 where you found this word BRIMSTONE tells us what God thinks about wicked people. He is so angry with them for doing evil that He is prepared to release this disgusting element upon them!

HOW CAN I USE IT?

Our sins are just like sulphur. They smell disgusting! BRIMSTONE is required to get rid of wicked people who love to smell disgusting. On the other hand the very next verse in Psalm 11, verse 7, tells us that God loves people who are good and showers them, not with BRIMSTONE but with His love!

ASSIGNMENT [fill in the missing 'S' words]

■ Brimstone is S _____ and it S _____ disgusting!