

# Hinder/Hindereth — (Let)

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The actual word *hindereth* is found only one time in the KJV Bible. *Hinder* or hindered, however, is found 25 times. The word simply means to stop or slow someone's intended action. We might say something like this, '*the rain hindered us from having fun at the picnic*'. Here are some Bible verses which use *hinder* in that sense.

In Genesis 24:56, Abraham's servant said to Rebekah's family; "...**Hinder** me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master."

In Galatians 5:7 the Apostle Paul rebuked the Galatian Christians who were turning from the grace of God in the gospel they had received, to putting themselves back under Jewish law to obtain God's blessing. This was very, very wrong and was completely against the beautiful, pure gospel of the grace of God. Thus Paul said to them; "*Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?*"

There is another way in which the word *hinder* is used in the Bible. It is used in the old, formal English sense of when today we say *back* or *behind*. This is seen in the following verse. (When speaking of a boat, the word *hinder* would today be called the *stern*).

"*And He [Jesus] was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest Thou not that we perish?*" (Mark 4:38).

The word *let* often, in the original Biblical Greek, means the same thing as hinder. The following passage in 2 Thessalonians, is speaking of the Holy Spirit, Who *hinders* or *lets* or *keeps* the Anti-Christ and full apostasy take place in this world, until the church is raptured home. The Spirit of God will go with the church, and then, no longer will there be any power to stop the awful apostasy from fully developing in this world.

"*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He [the Holy Spirit] who now letteth [hindereth Satan] will let [hinder Satan and Anti-Christ and apostasy], until He [the Holy Spirit] be taken out of the way [at the rapture of the true church].*" (2 Thess. 2:7).