
UNBEARABLE YOKES

SADDUCEES

Rejected:

- Tradition
- Resurrection
- Prophets + Writings
- Future reward or punishment

Embraced:

- Free will
- Self-determinism

Characteristics:

- Affluent
- Priests

PHARISEES

Beliefs:

- Traditions
- “Oral Torah” = Torah
- Resurrection
- God’s sovereignty

Characteristics:

- Legalistic
- Poor

Acts 15:5 – *“But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, ‘It is necessary to circumcise them [the Gentiles] and to direct them to observe the Torah of Moses.’”*

Peter answers:

Acts 15:10 – *“Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?”*

I John 5:3 – *“Now this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”*