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FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

Exodus 34:7

“Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”

Numbers 14:18

“The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.”

Deuteronomy 23:2

“One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD.”

Ephesians 6:12

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness [iniquity] in the heavenly places.”

James 5:16

“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

SIN

MISTAKE

A cut

Romans 3:23

Band –Aid

**TRANSGRESSION
TRESSPASS**

Dirt in the cut

Ephesians 2:1

More Permanent

Overstepping limits

**INIQUITY
TWISTED**

Bruise / Infection

Psalm 103:1-3

Besetting Sin Ensnared

First occurrence

Through Words Defiles

Watchmen brings warning

Priestly Responsibility

MISSING THE MARK

STRAIGHT ARROW MISGUIDED

accidental/ slipping

archer missing the mark

Erring / Disobedience

**WILLFUL VIOLATION
MISGUIDE ARROW**

Rebellion against

Choose to misguided

Go beyond

**BENT – CROOKED
PERVERTED**

Go your own way

Isaiah 53:5-6 & 11

Hebrews 12:1

Genesis 4:13

James 3:6

Ezekiel 33:7-8

Numbers 18:1-2

Psalm 103:1-3

“(3) who forgives all your iniquities and who heals all your diseases.”

Isaiah 53:5-6 & 11

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 11 and he shall bear their iniquities.”

Hebrews 12:1

“let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us [beset us], and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

Proverbs 5:22

“The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him.” (RSV)

Genesis 4:13

“Cain said, “My punishment [iniquity] is greater than I can bear!”

James 3:6

“The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body.”

Ezekiel 33:7-8

“So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 “When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.”

Numbers 18:1

“The LORD said to Aaron: “You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall bear the iniquity related to the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity associated with your priesthood.”

What is iniquity? Defiled or twisted DNA that can be passed on

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

After this lesson how have you been able to identify how iniquities affect future generations? Give two scriptures to substantiate your answer.

How can your understanding of iniquity affect your warfare?

Can you define sin, transgression and trespasses in your own words?

In your own words, give four of the key definitions of iniquity.

How can iniquity work through our words?

Explain when and where iniquity appears the first time in the bible.

Course 3 – Lesson 1

notes

INIQUITY HEBRAIC MEANING

Tendency to do wrong.

Lies in the disposition and nature.

Willful transgression. Automatic driving pattern of sins. A twisting from the right way.

Perversion of truth – error. Perversion of intents – will. More powerful than being guilty, erring, slipping.

GRECO MEANING OF INIQUITY

Wrong, injury, misdeed, to do wrong, wrongdoing, evildoing, wickedness, lawbreaking, transgression.

THE THREE WORDS THAT SUM UP INIQUITY ARE

Unrighteousness, wickedness, lawlessness.

In the plural form – ongoing.

SATAN'S FALL

MAMMON AND PRIDE

Ezekiel 28:14-18

“(15) You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. (16) By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, and you sinned. (17) Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. (18) You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading.”

Acts 8:23

“For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.”

Sin trips us up, causes us to slip, to err, and to miss the mark. Iniquity defiles or bruises our character and gives us a crooked arrow to start with.

LEVELS OF INIQUITY

Fullness brings judgment

Genesis 15:16 – Genesis 6 –Genesis 18:18-33

“But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

1 Samuel 15:23

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and iniquity is as stubbornness and idolatry.”

Progression a person – their family- their community – their nation.

A stubborn person makes an idol of what he believes and is unteachable.

The iniquities of the fathers that we choose to take on are passed on, not the sins.

Exodus 34:7

“Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and upon the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

EXAMPLES OF FAMILY INIQUITIES ABRAHAM’S AND JUDAH’S FAMILY

Abraham - deception through fear of man and lack of prayer.

Genesis 12:10-13 and 20:1-5

Isaac deceives the men of Gerar **Genesis 26:6-7**.

Jacob deceives his father and he steals his brother’s blessing. **Genesis 27:30-36** Jacob’s uncle.

Laban deceives him out of his wife. **Genesis 29:18-25**.

The sons of Jacob deceive the Shechemites and then their father. **Genesis 34:13-17 and 37:31-33**.

Sexual iniquities ten generations [**Deuteronomy 23:2**]

Judah and David.

Genesis 38 Judah had lust. Tamar tricks him.

Ten generations later David battles the same iniquity

2 Samuel 11.

Amnon commits incest with his sister, Tamar

2 Samuel 13:1-15.

Absalom has sexual intercourse with all of David’s concubines. **2 Samuel 16:20-23**.

Solomon loved many women. **1 Kings 11:1-4**.

DESCENDANTS OF MAX JUKES AND JONATHAN EDWARDS

Max Dukes: Atheist married to a godless woman

560 descendants traced

310 died as paupers

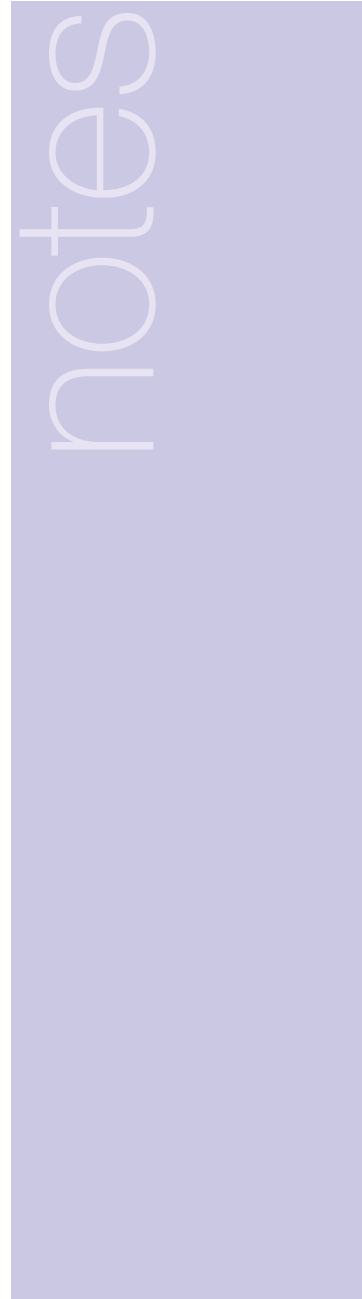
150 became criminals

7 murderess

100 drunkards

More than half the women were prostitutes

Descendants cost US more than 1,25 million in 19th century dollars.



Jonathan Edwards: Committed Christian gave God 1st place in his life – He married a godly lady.

1394 descendants traced

295 graduated from college

Of these:

13 college presidents

65 professors

3 elected as US senators

3 as state governors
& others sent as ministers to foreign countries

30 judges

100 lawyers

1 dean of law school

56 practiced as physicians

1 dean of medical school

75 officers in military

100 well known missionaries, preachers and prominent authors

80 some form of public office of whom

3 mayors of large cities

1 controller of US Treasury

Another – President of US – Not one a liability to the US government

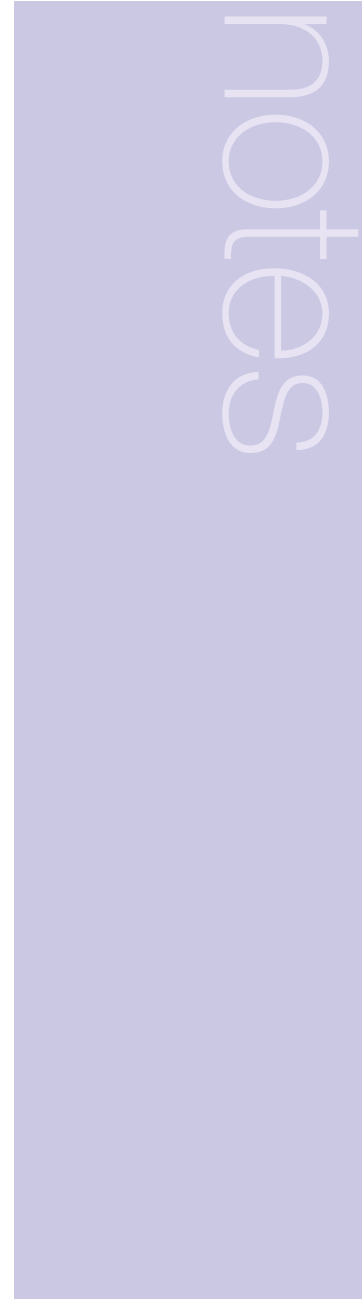
WORKERS OF INIQUITY - enslaved to a cycle of sin, but they enjoy it and are not willing to give it up.

RELATING INIQUITY TO A PLANT

The flower is the sin. The greenery is our evil ways. (Isaiah 53:6) The root is iniquity.

We need to deal with each accordingly. Many Christians reach a point of frustration and don't break free because they have not gotten down to the root.

You have read that "as a man speaks, so is he." You have also read that "as a man thinks, so is he." What does this mean? Speaking refers to behavior. Thinking refers to character. Character comes first; behavior follows. You cannot change your behavior until God changes your character.



LIFE APPLICATIONS

What three words are often used instead of iniquity?

How did iniquity play a role in Satan's fall?

Explain the concept of how iniquities increasing in power can affect God's judgment?

Give two examples of iniquities working together with one another?

What is your understanding of a "worker of iniquity"?

How can we relate sin, transgression and iniquity to a plant?

DEFILING AND CONTAMINATING AND THE POISON OF DESTRUCTION**BITTERNESS AND UNFORGIVENESS**

Are powerful forces that we have to war against. Causing illness and blocking people from growing. Like myself. They were two of the first things God dealt with first in the wilderness.

Exodus 15:20-27

“(23) Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. (24) And the people complained against Moses, saying, ‘What shall we drink?’ (25) So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them. And there He tested them.”

They enslave many and work with resentment, rancor, bitterness and hatred, causing bitter torment and contamination and defilement.

Hebrews 12:14-15

“Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will ever see the Lord. Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look after one another to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God’s grace, His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing. In order that no root of resentment, rancor, bitterness or hatred shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment and the many become contaminated and defiled by it.” (Amplified)

God directs us to the tree of Calvary for freedom.

Luke 23:34

“Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.’”

BITTERNESS CAN DEVELOP

AS A RESULT OF UNRESOLVED CONFLICT Esau and Jacob

Genesis 27:30-37

“I have blessed him – and indeed he shall be blessed.” (34) When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, ‘Bless me – me also, O my father!’”

AS A RESULT OF BEING ABUSED OR MISUSED

Israel in Egypt

Exodus 1:14

“And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage.”

DUE TO BITTERNESS OF SOUL

Job 3:20

“Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter of soul.”

BITTERNESS CAN LEAD TO

MURMURING AND COMPLAINING

Job 23:2

“Even today my complaint is bitter; My hand is listless because of my groaning.”

GOSSIP

Proverbs 6:19

A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

DESTRUCTIVE WORDS

Psalms 64:3

“And bend their bows to shoot their arrows -- bitter words.”

LACK OF DISCERNMENT

Isaiah 5:20

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”

DEFILEMENT OF A NATION

Habakkuk 1:6

“For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, a bitter and hasty nation.”

DISTORTED WISDOM AND LACK OF DISCERNMENT

James 3:14-17

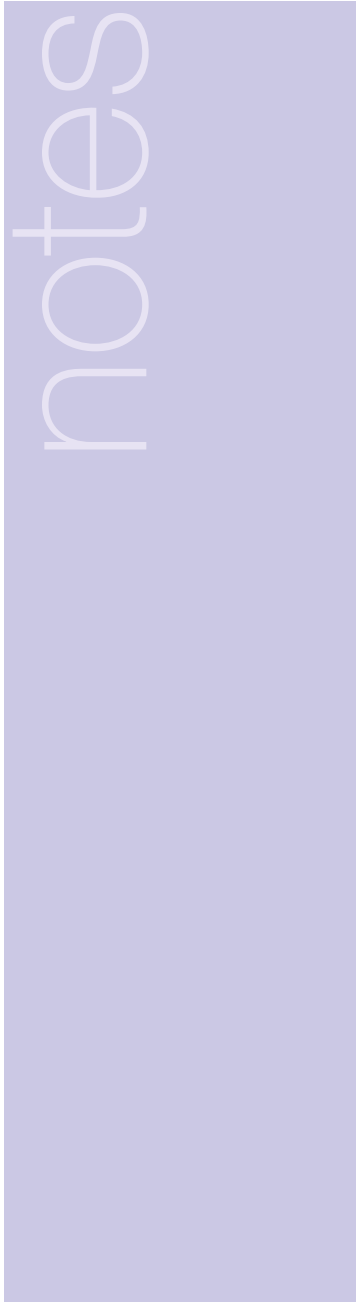
“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF DEALING WITH UNFORGIVENESS WHEN WE PRAY

Jesus showed that this was vital for effective prayer

Matthew 5:23-26

“Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 ‘leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.’”



Matthew 6:10-14

“(12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (14) For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

John 20:23

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

We find it easier to forgive others than ourselves

1 John 1:7-9

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

**EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS
JESUS AND STEPHEN**

Luke 23:34

“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.””

Acts 7:59-60

“Lord, do not charge them with this sin.”

We can tell if we have really forgiven someone by how we respond when we see them.

We will reap what we sow in mercy, judgment, condemnation or forgiveness.

Luke 6:36-38

“Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. 37 “ Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Why do you think God led Israel to Marah first?

Explain how bitterness can defile us.



What importance would you place on Hebrews 12:14-15?

How would you now see bitterness coming as a result of unresolved conflict?

How would you now see bitterness coming as a result of being abused or misused?

How would you now see bitterness coming as a result of your soulish emotions?

Could you provide some personal examples of how can we allow bitterness and unforgiveness to develop?

What can bitterness lead to?

Why do you see it as important to deal with bitterness and unforgiveness in relationship to our prayer life?

How can you tell if you have truly forgiven someone?

How do you perceive the giving and receiving of mercy, judgment, condemnation or forgiveness after this lesson?

FEAR CAN BE

Negative and paralyzing or a healthy fear of the Lord.

In the fear of the Lord you see sin the same way that He does.

FEAR IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IS DESCRIBED AS

Fear - afraid - terrible - terrible thing - dreadful - reverence – fearful.

Meaning to fear, revere, be afraid, to stand in awe of, be awed, to honour or respect, to be fearful, be dreadful, be feared, to cause astonishment and awe, be held in awe, to inspire reverence or godly fear or awe, to make afraid, terrify.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Fear - be afraid – reverence.

Meaning to: put to flight by terrifying (to scare away) - flee – fear -be afraid - be struck with fear - be seized with alarm, be startled by strange sights or occurrences, be struck with amazement, afraid of one, fear (i.e. hesitate) do something (for fear of harm) or reverence, venerate, treat with deference or reverential obedience.

Showing us the positive and negative sides of fear.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD**THE LORD DESIRES TO TEACH US THIS****Psalm 34:11-15**

“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.”

THIS IS PART OF WHO GOD IS**Isaiah 8:13**

“The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.”

Matthew 6:9

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”

Isaiah 11:2-3

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears.”

IT IS CLEAN AND ENDURES FOREVER**Psalm 19:9**

“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever.”

Psalm 103:17

“But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children.”

THE FEAR OF THE LORD BRINGS**US INTO INTIMACY WITH THE LORD****Psalm 25:14**

“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.”

Psalm 33:18

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him.”

CONFIDENCE AND LIFE**1 Samuel 12:14-15**

“If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God. 15 “However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as it was against your fathers.”

Psalm 27:1

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”

Proverbs 10:27

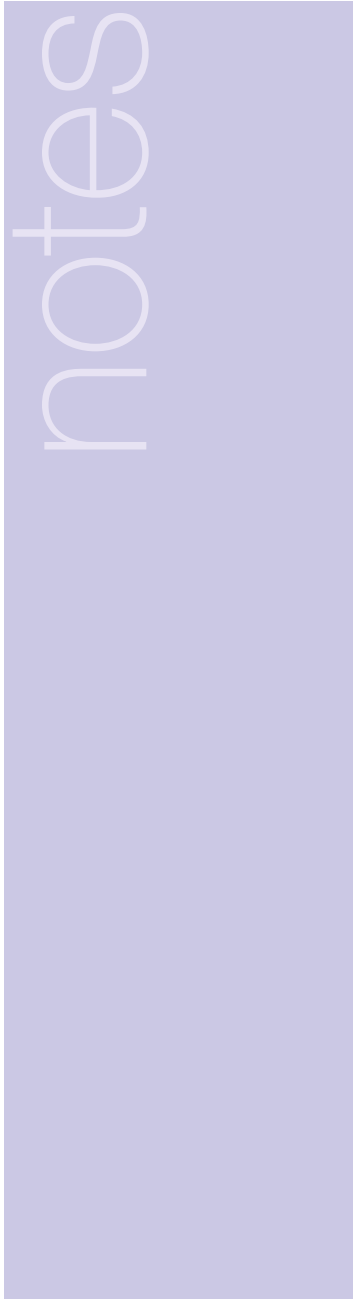
“The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.”

Proverbs 14:26-27

“In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.”

Proverbs 22:4

“By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.”



INSTRUCTION AND WISDOM

Job 28:28

“Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.”

Psalm 111:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.”

Proverbs 1:7

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 15:33

“The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.”

SAFETY

Proverbs 14:26

“In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.”

Proverbs 16:6

“In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.”

Proverbs 29:25

“The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.”

PROTECTION

Proverbs 8:13

“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.”

Genesis 3:8

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. “

Revelation 22:14

“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Do you think that fear is only negative and if not explain?

How would you define knowing when you have the fear of the Lord?

Can you identify four things that the fear of the Lord can bring to your life and explain how you think they could impact your personal life.

A)

B)

C)

D)

What are five benefits that we can gain through allowing God to teach us the fear of the Lord and how would you say these could be of benefit to you?

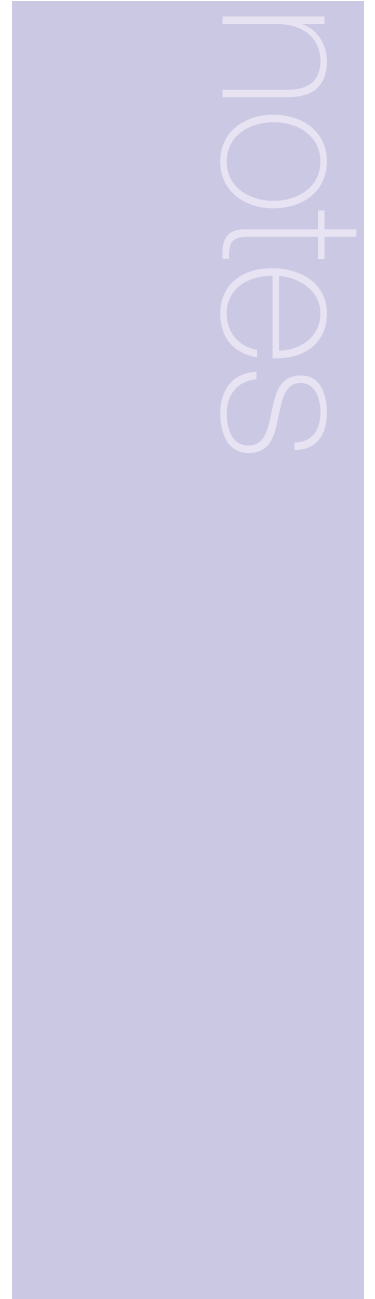
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FACING FEAR

THREE PRIMARY FEARS - fear of failure, the fear of the unknown and the fear of rejection.

TWO REACTIONS - withdraw or attack in anger.

PEOPLE WHO FACED FEAR

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the sons of Jacob. Moses due to perceiving he was rejected.

FEAR CAN CAUSE US TO

FEAR MAN MORE THAN GOD

Luke 12:1-12

“(4) And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. (5) But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! (7) But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear.”

BECOME ANXIOUS

Matthew 6:19-33

“For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? 26 “Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”

Luke 12:22-34

“Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.”

Philippians 4:5-6

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

LOOK AT THE STORM AND CIRCUMSTANCES

Exodus 14:13

“And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.”

Mark 4:35-41

“(40) But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?” (41) And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!””

Matthew 14:22-32

“(27) But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” (28) And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” (29) So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. (30) But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

FEAR CAN BE A POWERFUL INFLUENCE TO TRY STOP US FULFILLING OUR DESTINY

As with Joshua

Joshua 1:1-9

“(6) Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. (7) Only be strong and very courageous. (9) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

FEAR CAN BE A POWERFUL INFLUENCE TO - TRY STOP US FULFILLING OUR DESTINY

As with Jeremiah causing him to resist God's call on his life

Jeremiah 1:4-8

“(6) Then said I: “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” (8) Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.”

Ezekiel when he was being called

Ezekiel 2:3-8

“(6) And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house.”

Timothy and his call

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear.”

TRY DESTROY OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FATHER GOD

Romans 8:15

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear.”

HINDER US FROM FUNCTIONING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

Isaiah 11:2

“The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

TRY TO CAUSE CALAMITY TO COME UPON US

Job 3:25

“For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.” (KJV)

HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR THROUGH PRAYER

Philippians 4:6-8

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (7) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

THE ANOINTING

Isaiah 11:1-5

“(2)The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

FAITH

Zechariah 4:6

“‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts. (7) ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!’”

Matthew 21:21

“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.’”

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Joshua 1:8

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Romans 10:17

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

GOD’S RHEMA [LIVING] WORD

Joshua 1:6-7

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“And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house.”

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear.”

THE LOVE OF GOD

1 John 4:18

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Can you identify 3 major fears that we face and have these ever affected your life in any ways?

What are two ways that we can respond to fear?

What would you say was the root behind the fear in Abraham and Moses' lives?

Do you believe that our fears can have an effect on our families? If so please highlight some personal examples that you can relate to.

How can fear interfere with our calling? Provide three personal examples.

How do you believe that fear can affect your relationship with God, your father?

How can fear rob you of your anointing?

How can fear open a door for calamity to come upon us?

How can fear of man affect your commitment to serve God?

How can fear rob you of peace? Give two examples.

Give five ways we can break free from fear.

How has fear robbed you in different ways?

notes

MAMMON IS DRIVEN BY GREED, SELFISHNESS AND LUST**Ezekiel 28:15-16**

“Through the abundance of you commerce you were filled with lawlessness and violence and you sinned.” (Amplified Ver.) V.18 “You have profaned your sanctuary by the multitude of your iniquity and the enormity of your guilt by the unrighteousness of your trade.”

Either showering us with an abundance of money, causing us to want more.

Luke 12:13-21

“(16) Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. (17) “And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ (18) “So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.”

Getting us to love money and riches more than God.

1 Timothy 6:10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

Or by withholding money or goods from us, causing us to fear and develop a poverty mentality.

1 Kings 17:8-16

“(13) And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. (14) “For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.”

MAMMON CAN ATTACK OUR EMOTIONS

DESIRING WORSHIP

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Mark 10:28-31

“Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” (29) So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or

sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, (30) “who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions.”

GIVES US A WRONG UNDERSTANDING OF PROSPERITY

Deuteronomy 8:17-20

“(18) And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

3 John 1:2

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

CAUSES US TO SEE GIVING FROM MAN’S PERSPECTIVE

Genesis 4:2-8

“(3) And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, (5) but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”

Mark 12:41-44

“(42) Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. (43) So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; (44) “for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.””

MAMMON WAS ONE OF THE CAUSES FOR SATAN’S FALL WEALTH, MONEY AND RICHES

WEALTH - This is your God given inheritance, which He blesses

Deuteronomy 8:18

“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers.”

2 Chronicles 1:11

“And God said to Solomon: “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life -- but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king.”

Psalm 112:1

“Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.”

Proverbs 13:22

“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”

Mark 10:28-31

“‘Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, (30) ‘who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time -- houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions.’”

MONEY - physical coins and notes - can have a positive or negative affect - has the stamp of the world - must obey the rules of the world

Matthew 22:15-21

“(20) And He said to them, ‘Whose image and inscription is this?’ (21) They said to Him, ‘Caesar’s.’ And He said to them, ‘Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’”

Money is not evil, but the love of money it.

1 Timothy 6:10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

It can be controlled by mammon

John 2:14-15

“And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables.”

Acts 8:18-20

“And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, ‘Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.’ 20 But Peter said to him, ‘Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!’”

RICHES - Are not wrong, God desires to give them to us as we seek Him first and are responsible stewards.

1 Chronicles 29:12

“Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.”

Psalm 112:1

“Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.”

Luke 16:11

“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”

A rich man is a man that has something that he is willing to die for.

VARIOUS WARNINGS ABOUT RICHES**Psalm 39:6**

“Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them.”

Psalm 52:7

“Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

Psalm 62:10

“Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.”

Proverbs 11:28

“He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.”

Jeremiah 9:23

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches.’”

Matthew 13:22

“Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

Mark 10:23

“Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

1 Timothy 6:17

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”

Matthew 6:19

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

When we turn wealth into money it can lead to greed and mammon for example Acts 5

SIMON WAS BOUND BY THIS INIQUITY

Acts 8:18-23

(23)“For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in a bond forged by iniquity to fetter souls.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

In which two ways can mammon get a hold on us?

How does this affect our attitude toward money?

How did mammon affect Satan’s fall?

How is mammon in opposition to God?

What is wealth?

What is money?

What are riches?

How do wealth and money affect our attitude toward mammon?

Give an example of how mammon affected the life of Ananias and Sapphira?

How does mammon affect our emotions?

JESUS SPECIFICALLY SPOKE ABOUT MAMMON A NUMBER OF TIMES WHEN HE GAVE THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Our giving should be done as an act of worship to Him

Matthew 6:1-4

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

Telling us not to be anxious, but to seek first His Kingdom and righteousness.

Matthew 6:19-33

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; (24) You cannot serve God and mammon. (27) “Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? (28) “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; (31) “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ (33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

WHEN HE RESPONDED TO THE RICH YOUNG RULER – showing mammon can have such an influence over us that it can hinder us from entering the Kingdom

Luke 18:18-25

“(22) “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” (23) But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.”

WHEN HE TALKS OF THE RICH MAN – So driven by his money that he satisfied himself and his soul was at peace, but he was not ready to meet his Maker

Luke 12:13-21

“(20) “But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ (21) So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

WHEN HE SPEAKS OF OUR NEED TO BE FAITHFUL

Luke 16: 11

“If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon who will commit to your trust the true riches.”

WHEN HE CLEANSED THE TEMPLE OF THE MONEY CHANGERS -He was dealing with the issue of mammon

John 2:13-17

(14) And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. (16) And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!”

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MAMMON?

Mammon is empowered through iniquity

Drug pushers make money

Mafia make money

Gambling make money

Anti-God committing for affection

A little thing that boasts of being great if you have it

Money fails depression in the 30’s

Gets its power when through demons

Mammon is a liar. More expensive is better

Controls relationships – How do you get rich in India?

Marry into Money is the only way.

It limits enjoyment. Always need something new.

It belongs to another system that God want to use to bring authority to our walk.

IDENTIFYING MAMMON’S INFLUENCE IN OUR LIVES

Are you anxious about the future?

Matthew 6:21-22

Do you rationalize why you can’t give money when you see a need?

Do you feel discontentment with what you have

I Timothy 6:17

Is our abundance available to others?

Proverbs 19:17 Give to poor – loaning to God

Do you give things away or accumulate: Not antiques or family stuff, but clothing, etc.

Do you feel shame or guilt over the things you purchase?

Do you wish to be full time in the ministry as a source of support?

HOW CAN WE GET FREE FROM MAMMON?

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

Matthew 6:33*“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”***Luke 17:20-21***“For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”***Romans 14:17***“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”*

BECOME RIGHTEOUS

Proverbs 13:22*“But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”***Psalms 37:21-26***“The righteous shows mercy and gives. (25) I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. (26) He is ever merciful, and lends; and his descendants are blessed.”*

TITHE - Tithing protects us from mammon, lust and greed. It's another aspect of order. The first 10% of what we get is not available to us. We can give it as a tithe or let mammon take it. It's a redeeming process as God cannot use unredeemed money. Illustrated

Exodus 13:13*“But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.”*

Tithing is bringing our first fruits to the Lord.

Proverbs 3:9*“Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase.”***Genesis 4:3-5***“3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”*

Abraham tithed before the law showing us that it is an attitude of the heart

Genesis 14:18-20*“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.”*

We are shown the attitude that we should have towards tithing.

Deuteronomy 26:1-10*“And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 “that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 “And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ 10 ‘and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.’ Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God.”*

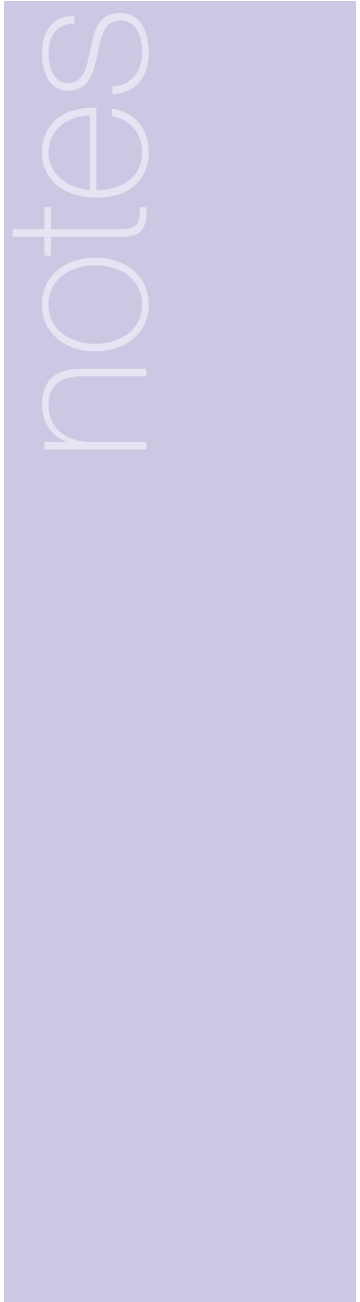
When we are obedient to tithe the Lord promises to bless us and to do warfare for us.

Malachi 3:8-11*“‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. (9) You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. (10) Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. (11) “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field.””*

GIVE

Mammon says get as much as you can. God's heart's desire is to give to us so that we can give His life and blessing to others.

Matthew 10:8*“Freely you have received, freely give.”***John 3:16***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*



Romans 8:32

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

BUDGET

Matthew 6:11

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Recognize mammon and how it has defiled you. Confess it and repent. Begin to budget limiting yourself. Have a set amount to take care of your needs, obligations and wants. This is not a doctrine, but a tool.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

How does Jesus show mammon’s influence over us in His sermon on the mount?

How does Jesus show mammon’s influence over us in His dealing with the rich young ruler?

How does Jesus show mammon’s influence over us in his parable of the rich man and his barns?

How does Jesus show mammon’s influence over us in talking to us about faithfulness?

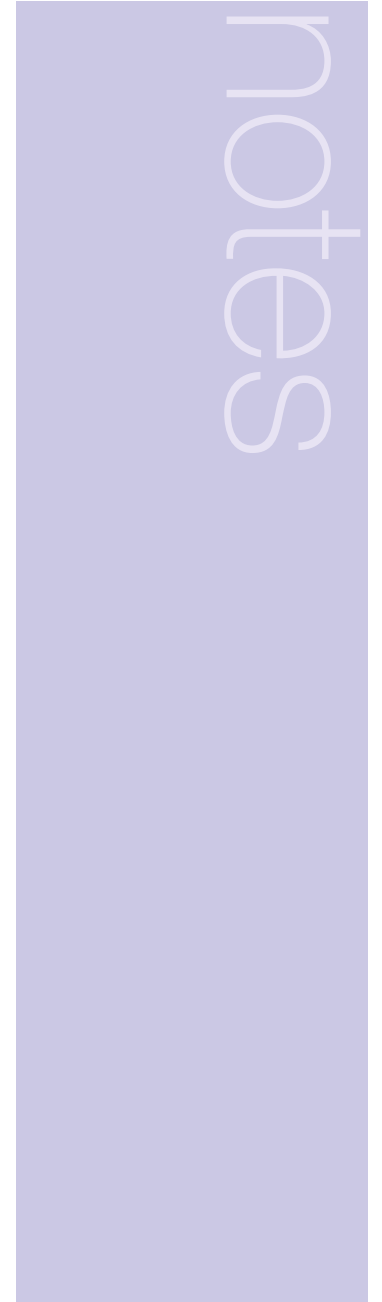
How does Jesus show mammon’s influence over us in His cleansing of the temple?

How can seeking first His Kingdom and righteousness help us get victory over mammon?

How can righteousness help us get victory over mammon?

How can tithing help us get victory over mammon?

How can budgeting help us get victory over mammon?



SEEING DIVINE TRANSFORMATION AS WE WAR AGAINST INIQUITY

The prophet foresees God's plan of redemption - to purchase and set free explained in **Isaiah 53**. This shows the Savior as a Lamb and Scape-goat for sin, transgression and iniquities.

This was fulfilled when Jesus took the bread saying 'This is My body which is broken for you' and then He takes the cup with the wine in and says 'This is My Blood of the new covenant.'

Jesus died on the cross a one-time event, but appropriating what He has achieved for us is a life long process by faith. This is called theologically the sanctification. Dealing with iniquities is also an ongoing process of obedience and faith. Paul helps us in **Romans 6-8** to see this struggle with the besetting sin.

Isaiah 53:5-6

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Leviticus 16:21

"And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions in all their sins putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away."

Hebrews 11:1-2 and 6 says

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." 6 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.'

WE DEAL WITH OUR SIN, TRANSGRESSION AND INIQUITY

BY BECOMING AWARE OF OUR INIQUITY

As the Lord warns us through His watchmen or shows us through people .

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. (8) "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak

to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. (9) "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul."

Ephesians 4:13-15

"(15) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ."

AS WE WAIT BEFORE HIM AND LISTEN

Habakkuk 2:1

"I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected."

AS WE DESIRE TO KNOW THE TRUTH

Proverbs 16: 6

"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged."

John 8:32

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

AS HE REVEALS IT THROUGH VISIONS

Isaiah 6:1-5

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. (5) So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.""

AS WE BECOME AWARE OF OUR LOVE FOR OUR INIQUITY

Isaiah 59:12

For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them.

WE ARE THEN TO CONFESS IT INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A FAMILY

Psalms 38:18

"For I will declare my iniquity and I will be sorry for my sin."

Jeremiah 3:13

"Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God."

Psalms 51:2,5 and 9

"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." (5) Behold I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin that my mother conceived me. (9) Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity."

2 Samuel 24:10

“David’s heart smote him after he had numbered the people. Oh Lord, take away the iniquity of your servant for I have done very foolishly.”

Isaiah 6:7

“I am a man of unclean lips and I live among people of unclean lips.”

James 5:16

“Confess to one another therefore your faults, your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins that you may be healed and restored to a spiritual tone of mind and heart. [Amp. Version]

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

AS PRIESTS

Leviticus 16:21

“And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions in all their sins putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away.”

Numbers 18:1

“Then the LORD said to Aaron: “You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall bear the iniquity related to the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity associated with your priesthood.”

AS A TOWN OR NATION

Nehemiah 9:2

“And they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.”

Nehemiah and Daniel confessed the sin transgression and iniquity of their people. **Nehemiah 1 and Daniel 9**

HOW IS INIQUITY DEALT WITH AS WE CONFESS IT?

IT PASSES AWAY

Zechariah 3:4

“He said behold I caused your iniquity to pass from you and I will clothe you with the change of raiment.”

Isaiah 6:7

“He touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.””

IT IS FORGIVEN

Psalms 78:38

“But He being full of compassion forgave their iniquities.”

IT IS PURGED

Proverbs 16: 6

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged.”

Sin is like a graze, a cut or a surface sore where you can put antiseptic or a Band-Aid on and it heals, naturally. But iniquity is under the skin. It is a bruise, something deeper.

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (A word for unrighteousness is iniquity).

LEADING US TO REPENTANCE

We must know what we are repenting for. Godly sorrow produces weeping and true brokenness. [David and Peter]

1 Corinthians 7: 8 – 10

“(10) For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

Worldly sorrow produces remorse. [Saul and Judas]

Iniquity can become our friend, hindering us from breaking free. It has to become our enemy.

Repentance means a 180-degree turnaround. We need to admit and recognize it and repent of it.

Acts 3:19

““Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Acts 8:22-23

““Repent therefore of this your wickedness. (23) “For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.””

Iniquities come into our soulish realm thus we need a change of heart and mind. Our actions must line up with our confessions.

HAVING A LOVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Hebrews 1:9

“You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity.”

COMING UNDER THE ANOINTED ONE

We need to choose to live and move and have our being in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 17:28

“For in Him we live and move and have our being.”

Lord means Lordship and authority.

Jesus means He is God’s Son, and a person who relates to us.

Christ means Messiah, the Anointed One.

Choosing to be in the Anointed One, giving Him

Lordship over iniquities letting His anointing destroy the yokes of our iniquity

Isaiah 10:27 not letting the enemy get a foothold.

“And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.”

SEE THE VICTORY GAINED FOR US AT CALVARY

Isaiah 53:5-6 By asking for a new heart as David.

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Letting Christ transform our character flaws.

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are new.”

Romans 5:17

“For if by the trespass on one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Adam allowed sin and iniquity to enter in. As we come to the Lord Jesus Christ and we allow Him to do a work in our life, He allows us to reign in righteousness with Him.”

SEE IT AS A WAR

Romans 6:12-13 & 19

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. (13) And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. (19)

for as you have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.”

2 Corinthians 10:4

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.”

& 2 Timothy 2:19-22

“(19) “The Lord knows those who are His, and let everyone who names himself by the name of the Lord give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it.” (Amplified)

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

How can you discover iniquities in your life?

How has the Holy Spirit helped you to see iniquities in your life during this course?

How important is confession?

Is iniquity just forgiven? Explain.

How can God deal with iniquity if we allow Him to?

How important is repentance in the process?

How does righteousness help us to deal with iniquity?

What role does the anointing have in dealing with iniquities?

Explain how dealing with iniquities differs from dealing with a sin.

Have you been able to share any of this with your family in order that they to may help speak into your life and struggles?

notes

DEALING WITH THE FRUITS OF REJECTION IN MY LIFE

1) WALLS - self-protection to deal with pain.

Psalm 127:1

“Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.”

2) LACK OF INTIMACY - with the Lord and with others.

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

3) HYPER SENSITIVE – especially with youth causing a lack of trust.

Psalm 56:11

“In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

Psalm 118:6

“The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

4) RESISTED TO HIS CALL AND UNBELIEF - I was not willing to believe that He could really use me until He showed me that He did not want my ability but my availability.

Exodus 4:10

“Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

Jeremiah 1:6-8

“Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” 7 But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD.”

Matthew 13:58

“Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”

Hebrews 3:19

“So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

5) SELF-HATRED – programmed by lies not the truth.

James 3:6

“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell”

Matthew 19:19

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Psalm 139:15-17

“My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!”

6) BITTERNESS TOWARDS GOD AND MAN defiling my relationships.

James 3:14

“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.”

Hebrews 12:15

“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

Matthew 19:19

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

7) REJECTED PEOPLE - Rejected people reject people.

Isaiah 53:3

“He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”

1 Peter 2:7

“Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.”

8) FEAR OF AUTHORITY - Being rejected by authority figures that judged me or because I never achieved the standard that they wanted me to.

Ephesians 6:9

“And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”

9) OPEN REBELLION – When I couldn't do something perfectly or thought I would not do it correctly my frustration would lead me into rebellion. I thought I would be rejected if I did not do it perfectly meeting unrealistic expectations.

Matthew 23:4

"They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders."

1 Samuel 15:23

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

10) SILENT REBELLION – Instead of speaking the truth in love I would correct in silence and in anger.

Ephesians 4:15

"Speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head Christ."

11) PERFECTIONISM – if I couldn't do something perfectly or others did not do things perfectly I became frustrated and angry. There was a battle to delegate.

Exodus 18:18-19

"Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. 19 "Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God."

12) PERFORMANCE – As subconsciously I thought if I don't work hard enough for people or God I am going to be rejected. I struggled to set boundaries, to rest apart from ministry and to say no.

Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

Matthew 17:5

"While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

13) CO-DEPENDENCY – This happened with special friends instead of having a number of healthy friendships.

Genesis 12:4

"So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him."

Exodus 4:14

"So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well."

14) IDENTITY FROM MINISTRY AND A NEED TO BE NEEDED – Got a false sense of self worth and value. Fatherhood freed me.

Matthew 3:17

"And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

15) SELFISH – When in groups where I did not know people I didn't share until I felt secure enough.

Matthew 10:8

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

16) FALSE HUMILITY – I would cover up my selfishness with sense of false humility

Jeremiah 1:7

"But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD."

17) INSECURITY – used name dropping.

Proverbs 24:6

"For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors there is safety."

18) CORRECTION AS CRITICISM – becoming unteachable and over reactive.

Hebrews 12:5

"And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him."

19) SELF PITY – Feeling sorry for myself using my handicap and isolation.

1 Kings 21:4

So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.

Proverbs 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Could you please list 9 of the 19 fruits of rejection that impacted you the most showing the negative aspects as well as the positive steps that can be taken to overcome these in your life or the lives of others that you know suffer rejection.

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