

UNDERSTANDING SIN, TRANSGRESSION AND INIQUITY (PART 1)

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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

Sin, transgression and iniquity work together to affect the future generations.

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 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.”

We see from this scripture that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against strategic enemy workers and wickedness (iniquity) in high places. We have read this often, but if we do not understand the differences among sin, transgression and iniquity, this will not make sense to us.

UNDERSTANDING SIN:

The English word for “Sin” comes from archery. The archer would draw the bow and send the arrow toward the target. If he missed the mark, the overseeing official would yell “SIN.”

Romans 3:23 “**For all have sinned** and come short of the glory of God.”

HEBREW MEANING OF SIN:

Slipping away from where you should be. Erring from the path on which God's put you.

You are not achieving a standard that God has set. Missing the road or the mark or the path.

GREEK MEANING:

A missing of the mark. An act of disobedience to the divine Lord.

Sin is not too deep seated if it is not linked with an iniquity. Sin is more on top of the skin and you can put a band aid on it or you can just put some antiseptic on it and that wound should heal naturally unless infection gets in it.

UNDERSTANDING TRANSGRESSION:

HEBREW MEANING:

Perverseness, bowed down, twisted, to be bent or crooked, to be wrung out of course.

“It signifies not merely that which is wrong, but the tendency to do wrong. This inclination lies in the disposition and nature and not merely in an act of transgression of the law.” (CF Dakes Annotated Bible)

Iniquities are second nature sins, which drive us to repeatedly, continually commit sin.

Its a twisting, so that we can't go the right way. A perversion of the truth, which leads to error. A perversion of intents, which affects our will. These are much more powerful definitions than just being guilty, erring, slipping.

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON THIRTEEN

1. How can iniquities affect future generations? Give two scriptures to substantiate your answer.
2. How does our understanding of iniquity affect our warfare?
3. How can iniquity affect our prayers?
4. Define sin in your own words.
5. Define transgression in your own words.

6. Define trespasses in your own words.

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

8. How does iniquity tie in with healing?

9. How can iniquity work through our words?

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

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GREEK 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

Do you notice these words are in the plural form? These are ongoing.

Iniquity is a driving force that influences you to sin like a dynamo produces a light.

Iniquity will abound if there is no desire for righteousness.

Isaiah 53:5 “He was bruised for our iniquities.”

Iniquities are not superficial. They are under the skin; they are deeply imbedded. Bruises and iniquities have to be healed by the blood.

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.”

Satan was perfect until iniquity was found in him. His iniquity of mammon and pride caused him to sin.

Another definition for iniquity can be the besetting sins.

Hebrews 12:1 “The sins that so easily beset us.”

It's like having an elastic band tied to your ankle, which constantly hinders you.

Sin trips us up, causes us to slip, to err, and to just miss the mark. But iniquity defiles our character. It gives us a crooked arrow to start with.

THERE ARE LEVELS OF INIQUITY:

Genesis 15:16 “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.**”

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

The iniquities of the fathers 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.”

We pay for and are judged because we choose not to deal with the iniquities, which our fathers may pass on to us, which we choose continue doing.

In the Psalms, the Proverbs and Matthew 7:21-23, workers of iniquity are referenced. Not being known by Jesus and being a worker of iniquity are two reasons Jesus said that some would not enter. A worker of iniquity is someone who is 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.

6. What is the difference between a rebellious person and a stubborn person?

7. How can we tell when we have become stubborn over something?

8. What is your understanding of a “worker of iniquity?”

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

10. How does understanding iniquity help us deal with problem areas in our lives?

IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC INIQUITIES FROM ISAIAH 59:1-15

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**“BEHOLD, THE LORD'S HAND IS NOT SHORTENED, THAT IT CANNOT SAVE;
NOR HIS EAR HEAVY, THAT IT CANNOT HEAR. (2) BUT YOUR INIQUITIES
HAVE SEPARATED YOU FROM YOUR GOD; AND YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN HIS
FACE FROM YOU, SO THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR.”**

God begins by showing Isaiah the power of the Lord to be able to answer prayer and then shows the effect of iniquity on our prayer life.

**“FOR YOUR HANDS ARE DEFILED WITH BLOOD
AND YOUR FINGERS WITH INIQUITY.”**

Iniquity causes bloodshed, murder, violence, killing, and abortion. We saw this with Abel, whose iniquity led to the murder of his brother.

Genesis 4:3-13 “(6) So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? (7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." (13) And Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear!””

When we study how iniquity can affect a city in Ezekiel 22, we will see that shedding of innocent blood was the most mentioned iniquity (abomination) that was highlighted by God. Today this is typified in the increase of abortion, wars, murders and suicides.

“YOUR LIPS HAVE SPOKEN LIES.”

Lies and deceit. We will see this in the life of Abraham and his generations.

One of the Ten Commandments is that we are not to lie by bearing false witness.

Exodus 20:16 “You shall not bear **false witness** against your neighbor.”

A characteristic of the Anti-Christ is deception and lies.

2 John 1:7 “**For many deceivers have gone out into the world** who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. **This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**”

1 Timothy 4:2 “**Speaking lies in hypocrisy.**”

“YOUR TONGUE HAS MUTTERED PERVERSENESS.”

Perverse and evil talking. As we saw in **James 3:6**, the tongue is a world of iniquity.

Perversity and lies are linked together in Proverbs.

Proverbs 4:23-24 “**Keep your heart with all diligence**, for out of it spring the issues of life. (24) **Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.**”

Perversity can be used to deceive.

Acts 20:30 “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things.”

Perversity can affect an entire generation.

Luke 9:41 “Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation.”

Philippians 2:14-15 “(15) that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.”

“NONE CALLS FOR JUSTICE.”

Lack of true justice – reflected in the legal systems, today.

Justice is a high standard in the kingdom.

Micah 6:8 “But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Genesis 18:19 “For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

Proverbs 21:3 “To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.”

“NOR ANY THAT PLEAD FOR TRUTH. THEY TRUST IN VANITY AND SPEAK LIES, THEY CONCEIVE MISCHIEF AND BRING FORTH INIQUITY.”

This goes back to lies and deceit.

“THEY HATCH COCKATRICE’ EGGS AND WEAVE THE SPIDER’S WEB. HE THAT EATETH OF THEIR EGGS DIETH, AND THAT WHICH IS CRUSHED BREAKETH OUT IN A VIPER. THEIR WEBS SHALL NOT BECOME GARMENTS, NEITHER SHALL THEY COVER THEMSELVES WITH THEIR WORKS. THEIR WORKS ARE WORKS OF INIQUITY.

Workers of iniquity. Those who enjoy their sinful ways are not willing to leave them.

“AND THE ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE IN THEIR HANDS.”

Iniquity leads to violence.

V. 8 – 12 THE FRUITS AND THE RESULTS OF INIQUITY:

“WASTING AND DESTRUCTION ARE IN THEIR PATHS.”

“THE WAY OF PEACE THEY KNOW NOT.”

“THERE IS NO JUDGEMENT IN THEIR GOING, THEY HAVE MADE THEM

CROOKED PATHS. WHOEVER GOES THEREIN SHALL NOT KNOW PEACE.”

“THEREFORE IS JUDGEMENT FAR FROM US, NEITHER DOES JUSTICE OVERTAKE US, WE WAIT FOR LIGHT BUT BEHOLD OBSCURITY; FOR BRIGHTNESS BUT WE WALK IN DARKNESS. WE GROPE FOR THE WALL LIKE THE BLIND, AND WE GROPE AS IF WE HAD NO EYES, WE STUMBLE AT NOONDAY AS IN THE NIGHT, WE ARE IN THE DESOLATE PLACES AS DEAD MEN. WE ROAR ALL LIKE BEARS, AND MOURN SORE LIKE DOVES, WE LOOK FOR JUDGEMENT, BUT THERE IS NONE; FOR SALVATION BUT IT IS FAR FROM US.”

“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.”

Iniquities get stronger and stronger as we saw in Genesis 15:16 and Ezekiel 28:18.

“IN TRANSGRESSIONS AND LYING AGAINST THE LORD AND DEPARTING AWAY FROM OUR GOD, SPEAKING OPPRESSION AND REVOLT, CONCEIVING IN UTTERING FROM THE HEART WORDS OF FALSEHOOD”

V14 LACK OF JUDGEMENT, LACK OF FRUIT AND EQUITY.

V15 YES, TRUTH FAILS.

Abraham had deception or lies. David had lust. Bitterness, pride, mammon, jealousy, bitterness, anger and the various other different roots of iniquity that we were able to identify through Isaiah 59, are all related directly to our emotional response, which goes back to our study on binding up the brokenhearted and restoring the soul.

The solution is to have an intercessor stand in and intercede against these iniquities so that they will not destroy the future generations:

Isaiah 59:16-21 “He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. (17) For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.”

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON FIFTEEN

1. How can iniquities affect our prayers?
2. Explain how you see violence working as an iniquity.
3. Explain how you see perversity working as an iniquity.
4. Explain how you see lies working as an iniquity.
5. Explain how you see injustice working as an iniquity.

6. Would you say workers of iniquity are easily recognizable? If so, why?

7. Can workers of iniquity know they are doing works of iniquity?

8. List some fruits of iniquity which can be seen from Isaiah 59.

9. How do we see iniquities working together in teams?

10. How do iniquities link together with our heart?

11. How do iniquities link together with our soul?

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This is a root of iniquity driving us to greed. It does this by:

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.'"**

Or by withholding money or goods from us, which can cause us to fear.

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'S ATTACK ON OUR EMOTIONS:

DESIRES 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 “Then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' (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.""**

CAUSED SATAN'S FALL:

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.**”

A word for iniquity is lawlessness. The commerce and trade that he was doing allowed mammon to come and get a foothold, it allowed that principality and power of mammon to come.

WEALTH, MONEY AND RICHES

WEALTH

This is your God given inheritance, which He blesses.

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

Money consists of physical coins and notes.

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."**”

RICHES

Luke 16:11 “**Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"**”

Money can be contaminated and lead us into greed and mammon.

When we take our wealth and turn it into money, that is when greed gets hold of us and mammon would want to come and attack us, as illustrated in **Acts 5** by Ananias and Sapphira.

SIMON WAS BOUND BY THIS INIQUITY:

Acts 8:18-23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in a bond forged by iniquity to fetter souls.”

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON SIXTEEN

1. In which two ways can mammon get a hold on us?
2. How does this affect our attitude toward money?
3. How did mammon affect Satan's fall?
4. How is mammon in opposition to God?
5. What is wealth?

6. What is money?

7. What are riches?

8. How do wealth and money affect our attitude toward mammon?

6. Give an example of how mammon affected a couple's life?

7. How does mammon affect our emotions?

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**JESUS SPECIFICALLY SPOKE ABOUT
MAMMON A NUMBER OF TIMES****AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS MINISTRY WHEN
HE GIVES THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT:**

Our giving of alms 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."

He clearly tells us not to be anxious about what we will eat or drink, but says that we are to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness [opposite to unrighteousness].

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:

He shows how mammon has 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:

Who was so driven by his desire for 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 MONEYCHANGERS:

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!"

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."

God's inheritance is His people, not money.

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:

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."

We can tithe our time to the Lord as well as our money.

GIVE:

Mammon says get as much as you can. God says give.

Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received, freely give."

BUDGET:

Matthew 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread."

Recognize mammon is a power over your life and see how it has defiled you. Confess it and repent of

it by asking for forgiveness and cleansing. Begin to budget and to limit yourself to a set amount to take care of your needs, obligations and wants. By setting limits and putting up those boundaries, you are coming directly against that driving force of mammon.

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON SEVENTEEN:

1. How does Jesus show mammon's influence over us in His sermon on the mount?
2. How does Jesus show mammon's influence over us in His dealing with the rich young ruler?
3. How does Jesus show mammon's influence over us in his parable of the rich man and his barns?
4. How does Jesus show mammon's influence over us in talking to us about faithfulness?
5. How does Jesus show mammon's influence over us in His cleansing of the temple?

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

7. How can righteousness help us get victory over mammon?

8. How can tithing help us get victory over mammon?

9. How can budgeting help us get victory over mammon?

10. How can mammon have an effect on our family and business life?

THE AFFECT OF INIQUITIES ON FAMILIES (PART 1)

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INIQUITIES CAN GO DOWN TO THREE, FOUR OR TEN GENERATIONS:

Exodus 20:5 “visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.”

Exodus 34:6-7 “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.””

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.”

ABRAHAM'S FAMILY:

Abraham allows the iniquity of deception to enter his family through fear of man and a lack of prayer.

In Genesis 12:10-13 “(13) “Say I pray, you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake and my soul will live because of you.”

ABRAHAM ALLOWS THE ROOT TO GROW STRONGER

Genesis 20:1-5 “(2) Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.””

ISAAC DECEIVES THE MEN OF GERAR

Genesis 26:6-7 “And he said: she is my sister; for he feared to say, she is my wife; lest said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.”

Isaac, the next generation says and does exactly the same thing.

JACOB DECEIVES HIS FATHER AND HE STEALS HIS BROTHER'S BLESSING.

Genesis 27:30-36 “ (35) But he said, “Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.””

JACOB'S UNCLE LABAN DECEIVES HIM OUT OF HIS WIFE.

Genesis 29:18-25 “And he said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?””

THE SONS OF JACOB DECEIVE THE SHECHEMITES.

Genesis 34:13-17 “The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, and spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.”

THE SONS OF JACOB DECEIVE THEIR FATHER INTO BELIEVING THAT JOSEPH HAD BEEN KILLED.

Genesis 37:31-33 “So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. (32) Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?"”

This deception went from Abraham to Isaac to Jacob to the sons of Jacob; four generations.

Have you ever read through the book of Judges and thought “Israel, what is your problem that you keep on doing the same thing again and again?” You fall into sin, you cry out to God, "God help us!"

SEXUAL INIQUITY

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.”

Sexual iniquities go down the family tree to the tenth generation. Jesus said He did not come to do away with the law, but to fulfill the law. Today, because of the blood and the finished work of Calvary, we don't have to wait ten generations.

JUDAH AND DAVID'S FAMILY

In **Genesis 38**, you read of Judah who had a weakness in regard to lust. His daughter-in-law, therefore, tricks him. Ten generations later, guess who is born? David. And what does he do? **2 Samuel 11**, he commits adultery with Bathsheba.

Psalm 51 “Three times he prays about his iniquity (2) **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.**”

DAVID COMMITS ADULTERY.

2 Samuel 11:1-5 “(2) Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. (3) So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" (4) Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.”

AMNON COMMITS INCEST WITH HIS SISTER, TAMAR

2 Samuel 13:1-15 “After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. (2) Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she was a virgin.”

**ABSALOM HAS SEXUAL INTERCOURSE
WITH ALL OF DAVID'S CONCUBINES.**

2 Samuel 16:20-23 "Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give counsel as to what we should do." (21) And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong." (22) So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel."

SOLOMON LOVED MANY WOMEN.

1 Kings 11:1-4 King Solomon loved many foreign women, of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." **Solomon clung to these in love.** 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and **his wives turned away his heart.** 4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.

As that root of iniquity goes from generation to generation, what happens? It gets stronger and stronger. Like a tree, the older it gets, the deeper its roots go. If you deal with the tree while its still just young, it is easier.

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON EIGHTEEN

1. What are some of the iniquities with which you have seen your family struggle?
2. Are these iniquities throughout your whole family?
3. How can we stop these iniquities?
4. Is it ever right to lie?
5. Do you know others who have chronic sins rooted in iniquity? Explain.

THE EFFECT OF INIQUITIES ON FAMILIES (PART 2)

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Psalm 51:1-19 "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. (2) **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity**, and cleanse me from my sin. (5) **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity**, and in sin my mother conceived me. (9) Hide Your face from my sins, and **blot out all my iniquities**. (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

INIQUITIES ARE A PERSON'S RESPONSIBILITY

Ezekiel 18:1-32 "The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, (2) "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: '**The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge**'? (3) "As I live," says the Lord God, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. (4) "**Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. (5) But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right; (9) if he has walked in My statutes and kept My judgments faithfully -- He is just; he shall surely live!**" Says the Lord God. (10) " **If he begets a son who is a robber or a shedder of blood, who does any of these things (13) if he has exacted usury or taken increase -- shall he then live? He shall not live!** If he has done any of these abominations, he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him. (14) " **If, however, he begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, and considers but does not do likewise; (17) who has withdrawn his hand from the poor and not received usury or increase, but has executed My judgments and walked in My statutes -- He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live!** (20) "The soul who sins shall die. **The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son.** (30) " Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord God. "**Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.**"

AS PRIESTS, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH INIQUITY

Fathers are to be priests in their homes training their children not to commit iniquity:

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. (19) "**You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**"

Ephesians 6:4 "You, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

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.**"

1 Peter 2:9-10 "You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness."

1 Samuel 3:13 "I will judge the house of Eli for the iniquities of his sons."

After having to flee his home because of his iniquity, Jacob wrestled with the Lord as he returned:

Genesis 32:24-30 "Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. (26) And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" (27) So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." (28) And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.""

FAMILIES AFFECTED BY INIQUITY

AHAB'S FAMILY

1 Kings 21:28-29 "(29) "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house.""

JEZEBEL'S CHILDREN

Revelations 2:20-23 "(23) "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts.""

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON NINETEEN

1. What are the differences among sin, transgression and iniquity?
2. How do you know when a sin is rooted in iniquity?
3. What are the results of iniquities on families?
4. How have you seen this in your family?
5. Do iniquities always pass from one generation to another? Explain.

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IDENTIFYING INIQUITIES IN OUR SOCIETY AND CITIES:

EZEKIEL 22:1-31

God is wanting to share His heartbeat concerning a city and show some of the things (iniquities) that displease Him in a city:

Ezekiel 22:1-2 "(2) "And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then **cause her to know all her abominations.**"

INNOCENT BLOOD

Ezekiel 22:3-4 "'a city **shedding blood** in her midst, so that her time will come, and that makes **idols**, contrary to her interest, for defilement! (4) "You have become guilty by the **blood which you have shed**, and defiled by your **idols** which you have made."

Ezekiel 22:6 "'Behold, **the rulers of Israel, each according to his power, have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood.**"

Ezekiel 22:9 "'**Slandering men have been in you** for the purpose of **shedding blood**, and in you **they have eaten at the mountain shrines**. In your midst they have **committed acts of lewdness.**"

Ezekiel 22:12 "'**In you they take bribes to shed blood.**"

Genesis 4:10-11 "**The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.**"

Ezekiel 36:18 "**I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land.**"

Here we see that this grieves God and He takes special note of it. It brings a curse. The life is in the blood and God knows the importance of blood.

This is sacred to God. It was by the blood of His Son that He saved us. Abortion, therefore, grieves Him.

IDOLS

Ezekiel 22:3-5 "'And that makes **idols**, contrary to her interest, for defilement! (4) and defiled by your **idols** which you have made. Thus you have brought your day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands."

1 Samuel 15:22-23 “(23) For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and **stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.**”

Idols are not just statues. Stubbornness can also be an idol. (See notes on Jezebel, Lesson #10 of the Preparatory Training Course.) Idolatry causes us to be mocked as we lose our testimony through negative words spoken against us. (Cf. Proverbs 11:11)

DISHONOR OF PARENTS

Ezekiel 22:7 “**They have treated father and mother lightly within you.**”

Exodus 20:12 “**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long.**”

Ephesians 6:2 **Honor your father and mother**, which is the first commandment with promise.

This is one of the only commandments with a promise. The attack, today, is on the children and rebellion is increasing.

OPPRESSION

Ezekiel 22:7&29 “**The alien they have oppressed in your midst; the fatherless and the widow they have wronged in you. (29) "The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.**”

Micah 6:8 “**What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy.**”

God is a God of justice and it grieves Him when oppression takes place.

NO CONCERN FOR THE FATHERLESS & WIDOWS

Ezekiel 22:7 “**The fatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.**”

God loves the fatherless (**Psalm 68:5**) and in the end times, He wants to restore fathers and sons because if they are not reconciled, it will cause the land to be cursed. (**Malachi 4:5-6**) We have lost this reconciliation today and do not see how vital it is. (**Acts 6:1-4**)

THE SABBATH DAY

Ezekiel 22:8 “**You have despised My holy things and profaned My Sabbaths.**”

Exodus 31:13 “**Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.**”

Ezekiel 20:12 “**Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them.**”

As born again believers, we have entered the Sabbath rest (Hebrews 4) and we are not bound to the law anymore. However, God knew the importance of rest and therefore, he has shown us what pleases Him and would be best for us. We need to have a holy day for this, but, these days, Sundays are being

used for more and more unholy things.

SLANDER AND LEWDNESS

Ezekiel 22:9 “Slandorous men have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood, and in you they have eaten at the mountain shrines. In your midst they have committed acts of lewdness.”

Proverbs 6:16-19 “These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: (19) a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

Here we see that God hates six things and one is people sowing discord.

Jeremiah 2:20 “When on every high hill and under every green tree you lay down, playing the harlot.”

They set up high places and commit adultery by the worship of false gods there.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Ezekiel 22:10 “In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was unclean in her menstrual impurity.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”

This is increasing all the time, world wide, today, E.g. children's homes, prisons, etc.

ADULTERY

Ezekiel 22:11 “One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife, and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law. And another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.”

Exodus 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery.”

This is a common thing, today, in the world as well as in the church and it is being accepted more and more, as our standards are being lowered.

BRIBERY

Ezekiel 22:12 “In you they have taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by oppression.”

Isaiah 33:15-16 “He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil: (16) He will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him, his water will be sure.”

Proverbs 29:4 “The king establishes the land by justice, But he who receives bribes

overthrows it.”

Bribery destroys a land. Look at Africa as an example of this.

UNJUST GAIN

Ezekiel 22:12-13 “In you they take bribes to shed blood; you take usury and increase; you have made profit from your neighbors by extortion, and have forgotten Me,” says the Lord God. (13) “Behold, therefore, I beat My fists at the dishonest profit which you have made, and at the bloodshed which has been in your midst.”

Amos 5:11 “Therefore, because you tread down the poor and take grain taxes from him, though you have built houses of hewn stone, yet you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink wine from them.”

Unjust gain causes man to shed blood and grieve God.

FALSE PROPHETS

Ezekiel 22:25 and 28 “The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. (28) “Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ when the Lord had not spoken.”

Lamentations 4:13-14 “Because of the sins of her prophets And the iniquities of her priests, who shed in her midst the blood of the just.”

Ezekiel 13:1-5 “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, (3) Thus says the Lord God: “Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! (4) O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. (5) You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the Lord.”

There are more and more false prophets in the last days and we need to be alert to this. (Matthew 24)

FALSE PRIESTS

Ezekiel 22:26 “Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.”

Lamentations 4:13-14 “Because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed in her midst the blood of the just. (14) They wandered blind in the streets; they have defiled themselves with blood, so that no one would touch their garments.”

Jeremiah 23:11-12 “For both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in My house I have found their wickedness,” says the Lord.”

There is less and less responsibility being taken by God's children as His priests and very little discernment, today.

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INIQUITY CAN ALSO RISE IN ITS LEVEL:

Genesis 15:16 "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again for **the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.**"

The amplified says: "**full and complete.**" When the iniquity level reaches fullness it brings judgment, for example Sodom and Gomorrah.

That is why you find, as you study communities, cities, and nations, that sins begin in families. From the families, they go to the community, and those iniquities become the strongmen over that community, then from the community it goes to the nation and it becomes a national stronghold.

Jeremiah 3:6-9 "The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "**Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.** (8) "Then I saw that for all the causes for which **backsliding Israel had committed adultery,** (9) "So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that **she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.**"

Enoch was the first city ever built.

Genesis 4:17 "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch; and **he built a city,** and he called the name of the city, after the name of his son Enoch."

INIQUITY BRINGS JUDGEMENT:

IN THE TIME OF NOAH:

Genesis 6:5-7 "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (7) So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth."

THE INIQUITY IN SODOM AND GOMORRAH WAS SO HIGH THAT GOD HAD TO JUDGE THE CITY:

Genesis 18:16-33 "(20) And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, (21) I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." (22) Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. (23) And Abraham came near and said, "**Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?** (32) Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." (33) So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place."

**IN EZEKIEL 22:14-24, WE SEE THAT JUDGEMENT COMES
AS A RESULT OF THE INIQUITY, THE PEOPLE BECOME
POWERLESS AND THE LAND IS DEFILED:**

Ezekiel 22:14-24 "Can your heart endure, or can your hands remain strong, in the days when I shall deal with you? (24) "Son of man, say to her: 'You are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.'"

**INTERCESSION IS NECESSARY
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE:**

GOD CALLS FOR A MAN TO STAND IN THE GAP

Ezekiel 22:30-31 "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."

HE SENDS HIS OWN SON:

Isaiah 59:16-21 "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him."

HE CALLS FOR WATCHMEN:

Isaiah 62:1-12 "For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, (7) And give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (10) Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples!"

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON TWENTYONE

1. Explain how iniquity can rise in levels.
2. Why was the first city built?
3. Why do you think that has an effect on cities today?
4. When does God bring judgment on a city?
5. Why did God bring judgment in the time of Noah?

6. Why did God bring judgment to Sodom and Gomorrah?

7. What can hinder judgment from coming?

8. Does intercession for a city always work? Explain.

9. What is the watchman's role in intercession for a city?

10. How are you responding to God's call to stand in the gap for your city?

HOW INIQUITIES CAN AFFECT OUR PRAYERS

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INIQUITIES CAN HINDER US FROM ENTERING HIS PRESENCE

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.”

STOP GOD FROM HEARING US

Being a worker of iniquity can hinder God from hearing us.

Psalm 66:18 “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”

INIQUITIES BRING SEPARATION

Isaiah 59:1-2 “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.”

AFFECT OUR DESIRE TO PRAY

Isaiah 64:1-7 “Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence.(6) But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (7) And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.”

V.7 “Have delivered us into the consuming power of our iniquities.” (Amplified Vers.)

Verse 6 talks of our iniquities driving away God’s favor.

Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Luke 18:1-8 “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, (8) “I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

OUR LOVE FOR GOD

Matthew 24:12 “Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”

In the last days, iniquity desires to destroy our love relationship with the Lord. The main purpose of this school is to help the body of Christ to become intimate with the Lord, to teach people to move into intimacy.

OUR DESIRES IN PRAYER

James 4:1-3 “Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? (2) You lust and do not have. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

1 Samuel 8:4-10 ““Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. **Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**” (6) But the thing displeased Samuel when **they said, "Give us a king to judge us."** (9) "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, **you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.**" (10) So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked him for a king.”

2 Kings 20:1-4 ““Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'” (2) Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, (3) "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”

INIQUITY AFFECTS OUR POWER IN PRAYER

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.”

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON TWENTYTWO

1. How do iniquities affect prayer?
2. How would iniquity work to blind you from wanting the truth?
3. How do iniquities defeat the desire to do good works for God?
4. Have you ever been separated from someone you love because of iniquity?
5. What did you do to overcome this separation?
6. How does your solution for overcoming separation compare to God's solution?

UNDERSTANDING REPENTANCE

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REPENTANCE DEFINED:

IT MEANS TO CHANGE:

Repentance comes from the Greek word metaneo, from which we get the word metamorphosis.

REPENTANCE CAN BE SEEN AS COMING TO OUR SENSES AND TAKING ACTION:

Luke 15:17-19 “**But when he came to himself**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! (18) 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, (19) "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.””

1 Kings 8:46-52 “(47) **yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land** of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness'; (48) **"and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul.** (49) **"then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause,** (50) **"and forgive Your people who have sinned against You,** and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them”

REPENTANCE BRINGS PERSONAL REVIVAL:

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.”

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. The earnest, heartfelt continued prayer of a righteousness man makes tremendous power available dynamic in its working.” (Amplified)

FRUITS OF REPENTANCE:

Luke 3:8 “**Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.**”

GODLY SORROW

Godly sorrow protects nothing.
Godly sorrow is impacted for others.

2 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.**”

EXPRESSED BY DAVID:

2 Samuel 12:1-16 “(13) So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord.””

BY PETER

Matthew 26:69-75 “(74) Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. (75) And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times. **So he went out and wept bitterly.**”

WORLDY SORROW

Tries to save face.
Shifts the blame.

2 Corinthians 7:8-10 “But the sorrow of the world produces death.”

ADAM

Genesis 3:8-11 “(10) So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." (11) And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?””

SAUL

2 Samuel 21:10-25 “” (14) But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" (15) And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.”

JUDAS

Matthew 27:3-5 “Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.”

HUMILITY

TRUE HUMILITY

True humility is a sense of true respect for someone who is greater than you, to whom you are willing to submit.

SHOWN BY THE ROMAN CENTURION:

Matthew 8:5-13 “(8) The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. (9) "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me.”

SHOWN BY THE WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN FORGIVEN:

Luke 7:37-44 “And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, (38) and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. (44) Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but **she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.**”

FALSE HUMILITY

This is an unwillingness to believe that God can do what He said he would.

SHOWN BY MOSES:

In **Exodus 3-4** he resists the divine call of God on his life.

SHOWN BY JEREMIAH:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 “Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: (5) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (6) Then said I: "**Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.**"”

6. How would you describe humility?

7. How do you think that affects our relationship with God?

8. Describe an example of true humility.

9. Describe an example of false humility.

10. How have you seen repentance help or destroy relationships in your life?

UNDERSTANDING BINDING AND LOOSING

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IMPORTANT ASPECTS ABOUT BINDING AND LOOSING:

Matthew 12:24-29 "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. (26) "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? (28) "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. (29) "Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

Binding and loosing should be done in unity, for a kingdom purpose and over a specific strongman.

PREPARATION FOR BINDING AND LOOSING:

Matthew 16:13-19 "He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (17) Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. (18) "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (19) "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.""

Know who you are in Christ. See it as a help for His church and use the keys of the kingdom.

HOW DO WE BIND AND LOOSE?

Matthew 18:18-20 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (19) "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. (20) "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.""

In unity and in God's presence.

HOW CAN WE APPLY THESE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM?

PERSONALLY

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Matthew 16:21-23 “(23) But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.””

2 Timothy 2:19 ““Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.””

FOR YOUR FAMILY

Matthew 12:29 “How can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY – THROUGH CONFESSION

Nehemiah 1:2-11 “ (4) So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.”

Daniel 9:1-27 “(3) Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. (4) And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, (5) "we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. "

THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE

Jeremiah 1:10 “See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

WHAT CAN HINDER US FROM BINDING AND LOOSING?

LEGAL RIGHT

Jezebel allowed witchcraft to have a legal right in her life.

2 Kings 9:22 “So he answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?””

When we are not willing to confess something pride can keep us in bondage. We get bound with the thought of fearing what man will say or think about us:

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.”

FRIENDSHIP

Until the problem has ceased being our friend and we begin to desire to war against it, we will struggle to get set free:

Hebrews 1:9 “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.”

APPLICATION FOR LESSON TWENTYFOUR

1. What are the three key aspects of binding and loosing?
2. How should we go about preparing for binding and loosing?
3. How should we go about binding and loosing?
4. How do you see binding and loosing as a personal thing?
5. How do you see binding and loosing applying to your family?
6. How do you see binding and loosing applying to your community?

7. Why is it important to be balanced when we bind and loose?

8. Can we bind and loose something in someone else who does not want it?

9. How effective is binding and loosing if that thing is our friend?

10. What do you learn most from Hebrews 1:10?

HOW TO DEAL WITH INIQUITIES

AN INTERCESSOR'S GUIDE TO MATURITY AND
TRANSFORMATION

See dealing with iniquities as an ongoing process.

BY HOLY SPIRIT REVELATION WHICH CAN COME THROUGH:

A VISION:

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.””

KNOWLEDGE:

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.”

HEARING FROM THE LORD:

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.”

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.”

THE TRUTH:

Jesus said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Jesus Christ is the answer for all iniquity.

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.”

PEOPLE:

Ephesians 4:13-15 “(15) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ.”

1 Peter 1:22-23 “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.”

BY CONFESSION:

OF MY INIQUITY

Psalm 38:18 “For I will declare my iniquity and I will be sorry for my sin.”

David cried out to be cleansed from his iniquity:

Psalm 51:2 “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.”

When Isaiah acknowledged his iniquity, it was purged.

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.

The finished work of Calvary took care of all iniquity that we will ever have in our life, but we need to recognize it and confess it.

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.”

Aaron had to confess those iniquities of the people.

AS A NATION

Nehemiah 9:2 “And they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.”

The Israelites had gotten to a place where mixture had come into their lives and they weren't as pure as God really wanted them to be. They had to come to the point of returning to God by confessing their sins and iniquities and the iniquities of their fathers.

Jeremiah 3:11-13 “(13) **Only acknowledge your iniquity**, that you have transgressed.”

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

Psalm 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 just 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.

REPENTANCE:

2 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.”

There can be two kinds of sorrow. Examples are David and Saul, Judas and Peter. Godly sorrow produces weeping and true brokenness. A root of iniquity can become our friend, which hinders us from breaking free. It has to become our enemy. That is why we cannot do it on behalf of somebody else. Each one has to do it for himself. It's a personal thing.

Repentance means a 180-degree turnaround. You were walking in one direction, you turn around and walk in the opposite. So, if lying was an iniquity, you choose to walk in the truth.

WE NEED TO SEE IT AND REPENT:

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, our hearts and our minds. That is why we to have a change of heart and mind as we choose to repent.

A LOVE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Hebrews 1:9 “You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity.”

A love of righteousness releases an anointing on our lives, and we have gladness.

THE ANOINTING:

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.

As we choose to be in the Anointed One, giving Him Lordship over iniquities, that will bring liberty and freedom.

Isaiah 10:27 “And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.”

I was given a beautiful illustration of that while praying with a group. One of the ladies said as we prayed she saw the yoke being smashed and falling like splinters onto the ground.

Newer translations say that the yoke shall be destroyed because of fatness, which prevents it from going around your neck. I battled to understand this until someone told me about a game where they take some of the strongest men and women, put them in an arena, drench them in oil and then chase pigs into the arena. The object of the game is to see how long they can hold onto a pig. From that illustration, I saw that when we are dripping with the anointing of the Lord, iniquity can't stick to us. It just goes right through us; it does not get a foothold on us. As the Word says, “Don't give the enemy a foothold.”

DESIRE 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.”

When David confessed his sin and prayed about his iniquities, he said, create in me a new heart, create a new thing in me. As we get into Christ, He can transform our character flaws. He can take those things from us and remove them.

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.”

Ephesians 2:5-6 “He has raised us up together and made us sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

Our inheritance is to be in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in the Anointed One.

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.”

Don't let sin reign in your life. Don't let it become that cycle of repeated sin that develops into a root of iniquity. The word in Romans 6:13 for instruments is weapons.

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”” (KJV)

“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)

Then he goes on to talk about the vessels of honor and dishonor.

2 Timothy 2:20-22 “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.”

Isaiah 52:11-12 “Depart! Depart! Go out from there, though no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the Lord. (12) For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.”

APPLICATIONS FOR LESSON TWENTY FIVE

1. How can you discover iniquities in your life?
2. How has the Holy Spirit helped you to see iniquities in your life during this course?
3. How important is confession?
4. Is iniquity just forgiven? Explain.
5. How can God deal with iniquity if we allow Him to?

6. How important is repentance in the process?

7. How does righteousness help us to deal with iniquity?

8. What role does the anointing have in dealing with iniquities?

9. Explain how dealing with iniquities is a war?

10. Explain the importance of seeing it as a war.