

JOURNEY FREEDOM!



UPROOTING generational
heart-attitudes and **ROOTS**

J2F Book 7

There is a balm in
Gilead that heals
the wounded
soul ... in is found
in the Healing
Hands of our Abba
Father

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Overview of the Journey

- J2F1 “MAN’S PURPOSE AND THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT”

We discover that each and everyone of us have been created by **GOD the Father** with a **UNIQUE** purpose and destiny. In fulfilling this **purpose**, GOD has placed within each of us a special combination of **gifts**. When we discover our gifts, and **develop** them, we are able to walk in **GOD’S Destiny** for us ... as well as being able to bless and **help others**. We also learn how to **protect** our gifts from attack.

- J2F2 “GENERATIONAL BLESSINGS”

Each and every one of us have been given a **piece of land**, a garden. This land represents ourselves, as well as our **family**. We study the important and vital role of the **father** — how it is his job to keep, protect, and **nurture** the garden of our family.

As **priest** of the home, a father has a mandate to **bless** his children. This **blessing** is not simply speaking words of encouragement — but **role-modelling**, training, and **teaching** our children to walk in **GOD’S Ways** and **SH’MA** His Voice in **LOVING** obedience. It is a father that establishes our **identity** and gives us **significance** ... and it is a father’s **purpose** to bring up his children in the LORD, leaving behind a **generational legacy** of righteousness.

- J2F3 “BLESSINGS AND CURSES OVER MOTHERHOOD”

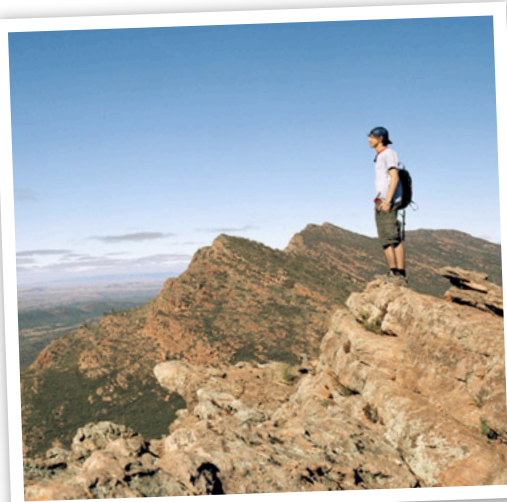
Just as important is the role of the father, so is the role of the **mother** to **nurture** and bond with her children. It is from our mothers that we learn to **develop** and interact in **relationships** ... we learn to either **LOVE** or FEAR, depending on our mother’s nurturing.

- J2F4 “UNDERSTANDING WATER BAPTISM (MIKVAH) AND THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

In order to possess and enter our land, we must be **empowered** and equipped! Both the water baptism [**mikvah**] and baptism in the **Holy Spirit** set us apart as unto the LORD, and empower us to walk this journey with **success**.

The baptism in water (mikvah) of repentance is our declaration of **following Messiah** Y'shua¹ (Jesus) as King and LORD ... it is our “change of status” from slavery and bondage to **NEW life** in Messiah. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is our receiving our own **special** prayer language — we now speak GOD's Language! The Holy Spirit is also our **Perfect Counsellor**, directing and guiding our steps on this journey. He guides us into all **Truth**, strengthens us, and brings us **refreshing**.

- **J2F BOOKS 5 - 6**



Like Israel in the Book of Deuteronomy, we are stand at the **border**, looking into the land. We have **come out** of Egypt, been through the Red Sea (**mikvah**), received the **Covenant** at Mount Sinai, and learnt the lessons of the **wilderness**. We are ready to enter and POSSESS the land. We have seen the **giants** and places of strongholds — and yet we know we have the **VICTORY** in Messiah! He will **lead us** into battle, and grant us the victory. Are you **ready** for the battle?

In this manual, we explain the **warfare** ... just who/what the enemy is, how he and his kingdom **operate**, and the **weapons** we have in **Messiah** to fight. GOD has given us the land — His Fullness, Wholeness, and **FREEDOM** in Messiah — but we must **possess** it, we must fight. Are you **prepared** to take action? The **WILL** to possess the land is going to be one of the most important factors in gaining the **VICTORY**. The rest is just basic, straight-forward, **battle tactics** and warfare strategy. The motto? **Know** your enemy ... and be on the **offensive**.

* Y'shua (Hebrew) is Jesus' real name, which means “Salvation”. We have no problem with the name “Jesus” — it is merely the Greek transliteration of “Y'shua”. Jesus is the name most of us grew up with. Remember though, Y'shua was a Jew, of the Tribe of Judah, not a Greek. It's sort of like this ... when you come to know someone's real name, you want to use it, hence the use of Y'shua instead of Jesus. Another powerful reason to use Y'shua is that every time you say His Name, you are proclaiming “Salvation”. You will also note in some places, we have used the real Name of the FATHER, YHVH. The Name is made up of the Hebrew letters, Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey, and is most commonly pronounced “Yahweh” or “Jehovah”. Again, we have chosen to use this, as YHVH is the FATHER's Name.

Deuteronomy 1:21 “21 Behold, the LORD your GOD has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the LORD, the GOD of your fathers, has said to you. Fear not, neither be dismayed.”

- **J2F BOOKS 7-9**

We end the J2F series by looking at “the **other side** of the coin” — dealing with EMOTIONAL roots and pain. Satan does not only put us in bondage ... but he also **bruises** us. These bruises grow roots, which we will **need to face** and root out of our lives. In J2F7, we look at the roots of bitterness, **rejection**, rebellion, and pride.

We work through **forgiveness** and learn to **let go** of the past so that we can **embrace** our PURPOSE and destiny in Messiah Y’shua (Jesus)! In the last two books (Book 8 and Book 9) of J2F, we continue to look at understanding emotional pain/wounds, and how to walk the journey of healing/restoration ...

- **J2F BOOK 8 AND 9**

As Kanaan Ministries continues to learn MORE, we again and again realize the IMPORTANCE of **bonding** and building **JOY-capacity** in childhood, and just how ESSENTIAL it is to address **childhood** pain on the journey to freedom and **RESTORATION** ... when we are emotionally bruised and hurt in childhood, and these wounds are NOT dealt with ... we will be **ARRESTED** in our development, **unable** to MATURE as GOD designed ... to **love** and grow within family and community.

Have you realized ALL pain
is RELATIONAL?

WHY?! We were created for RELATIONSHIP and FELLOWSHIP, right from the Beginning, when GOD **walked** with Adam in the Garden, in the **cool** of the day ... within each and everyone of us is the **DESIRE** and NEED for family, fellowship, and **COMMUNITY** ...

So what's **WRONG?!**



When I’m **hurt** in childhood — either through **rejection**, abuse (sexual, emotional, physical), and/or trauma — I **loose** trust and become a SURVIVOR ...

"I can't trust ANYONE!"
"If I don't look out for MYSELF, who else will?!"
"I'm not going to let ANYONE hurt me like that again!"

And so we **waver** between **desperately** wanting LOVE and fellowship (co-dependency), and putting up walls around us (isolation). NOT healing the wounds of childhood **perpetuates** the destructive family CYCLES of **brokenness** and hurt, from generation to generation ...

Unable to **cope** with life, we turn to B.E.E.P.S. — **B**ehaviors, **E**vents, **E**xperiences, **P**eople, and **S**ubstances — anything that brings comfort or **"escape"** from the pain ...

In J2F8, we learn the development stages of **childhood**, and how our brains are literally wired through **BONDING** ... this is so important for PARENTS! We also learn about the **lies/pain** of childhood, and how we carry this **BAGGAGE** into adulthood, which keeps us in ARRESTED development ...

J2F9 is the **follow-on** from J2F8, and discusses more specifically MOTHER-bonds, and how, if our mother-bonds were **weak** or **unhealthy**/un-Godly, we will be open to abuse and DECEPTION, particularly in the **FALSE prophetic** ...



As with the entire J2F series, J2F8 and J2F9 deal with **addressing** the **ROOT** issues ... this is the **only** way for true/complete RESTORATION!

Y'shua (Jesus) said He came to put an **AXE** to the **ROOT** — if you only look at dealing with the FRUIT (drugs, depression, eating disorders, anger, and so forth) and not the roots that PRODUCE the **fruit**, you will **not** walk in lasting victory and wholeness ...

*Y'shua (Jesus) came to heal
the BROKEN hearted!*

In J2F8 and J2F9 we learn to address the **ROOTS** of pain, hurt, and lies in our childhood — and what the **building blocks** are to grow to MATURITY — and the steps in the HEALING journey ...

Armed with these TOOLS, you can start to **pray** that these missing building blocks (of Godly **bonding**, building joy-capacity, **family**/community, and **mentorship**) be put back into place, that you can walk in greater **intimacy** with GOD the Father, and others! That you can MATURE and walk in WHOLENESS!

A word on the prayers of renunciation ...

Our books of prayers of renunciations work **IN-CONJUNCTION** with the J2F series (as you work through the materials) — they are not designed to be used on their own ...

And we want to **EMPHASIZE** the importance of working through the entire J2F series, in order to get the full understanding/teaching/background of dealing with generational curses and deliverance, how the spiritual realm works, and inner healing -- that you can pray so much more **EFFECTIVELY!**



PLEASE NOTE! In our years of experience/ministry, we have found that deliverance and inner healing are **NOT** just a prayer — we are **VERY** complicated beings, and there are so many areas one has to explore, to find the roots of so many issues we battle with.

This is why we ask people to work through the entire J2F series — this enables the person to understand what went wrong, to recognize and identify the roots/issue they need to deal with ... and how they are able to receive healing, and keep their deliverance ...

We also strongly encourage those who can, to get the **J2F DVD's**. The manuals are really just the framework for the series, where the DVD's are the real "meat" with Amanda teaching/expounding the material, using real-life examples, as well as slides and diagrams -- we especially encourage everyone to get the J2F6 DVD's, for more detailed explanation in dealing with and breaking generational curses.

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Introduction ...



We are now starting on the most sensitive area of this course, the area of our EMOTIONS. The main objective of satan is to hurt every person born into this world, to bruise him. These bruises give the enemy a place in a person's life to perform his destructive work.

Innocent children, who are a particular target of the enemy, carry these bruises throughout their childhood, growing into adults who are never really free to be the people God intended them to be. Fears, insecurities, bitterness, rejection, an inability to build healthy relationships ... all prove this work. The oppression of the enemy will remain there until the works (lies) of the enemy are exposed and loosed.

To be alive, one must be able to connect spiritually and emotionally.

The blessings vs. emotional abuse . . .

We learned in the manual *Generational Blessings* [J2F Book 2] how important it is that we need to receive words of blessing and affirmation – they are emotional building blocks vital for personal growth and development.

*Proverbs 15:23 “23 A man has joy in making an apt answer, and a **word spoken at the right moment—how good it is!**”*

*Proverbs 25:11 “11 A **word fitly spoken and in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver.**”*

*Proverbs 12:25 “25 Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs it down, **but an encouraging word makes it glad.**”*

Emotional abuse threatens to become a national illness. The emotional abuse of children can lead, in adulthood, to addiction, rage, a severely damaged sense of self and an inability to truly bond with others.

Of all the forms of child abuse, emotional abuse may be the cruelest and longest lasting of all. Emotional abuse is the systematic diminishment of another. It is designed to reduce a child’s self-concept to the point where the victim considers himself unworthy – unworthy of respect, unworthy of friendship, unworthy of the natural birthright of all children ... love and protection.

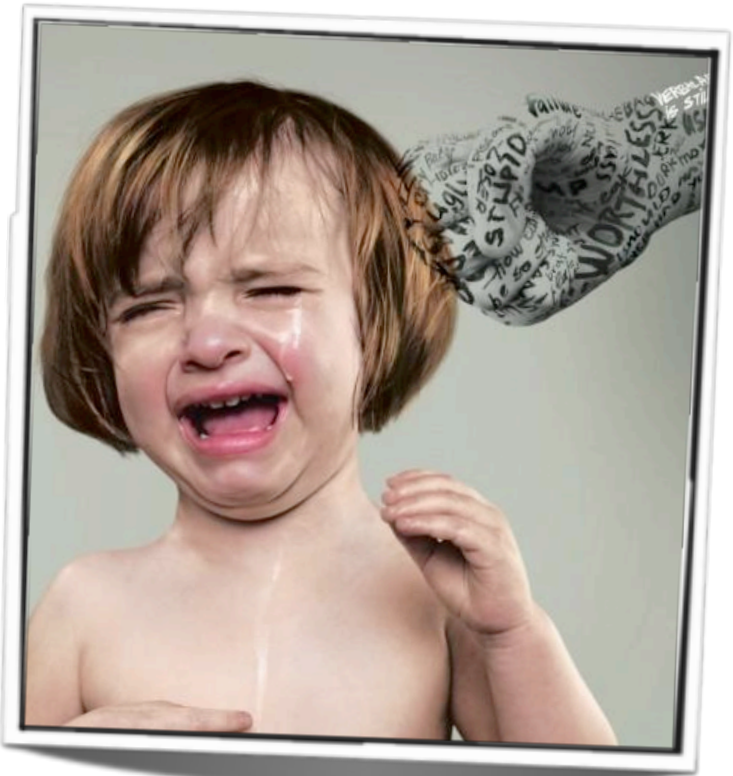
Emotional abuse can be as deliberate as a gunshot: *"You're fat! You're stupid! You're ugly!"* Emotional abuse can be active: *"You'll never be the success your brother was. I'm ashamed you're my son/daughter ..."*

Emotional abuse conditions the child to expect abuse in later life. It is a time bomb, but its effects are rarely visible, because the emotionally abused tend to implode, turning the anger against themselves¹.

If a parent rejects a child then their identity is defiled. This leaves the child to drink from the wellspring of shame. Once our identity is cursed, shame becomes the basis of our existence, the filter through which every thought and emotion is processed.

Our view of others and our concept of the future is radically altered and contorted by this filter of shame. Saying, *"I made a mistake"* is healthy and comes from well-balanced introspection. But shame takes one beyond *"I made a mistake"* to the abyss of *"I am a mistake"*.

Shame is a feeling of being defective, of being infected and quarantined with a rare disease that has no cure. A person whose identity has been cursed will live either under the banner of extreme worthlessness or under the banner of artificial independence and self-sufficiency.



Symptoms of worthlessness are:

- Anger when circumstances are out of control.
- Fear of emotion.
- Fear of experiencing feelings.
- Fear of losing control.
- Difficulty saying "NO".
- Fear of trying new things.
- Fear of failure or failing.
- Dependence and/or co-dependence.
- Walking in reluctant responsibility.

¹ Concept taken from *"You Carry The Cure In Your Own Heart"* by Andrew Vachss.

- Walking in false responsibility.
- Frequent depression.
- Compulsive sin or addiction.
- Need to succeed in order to be accepted.
- Procrastination.
- Independence and self-sufficiency.
- Isolation – difficulty making close friends.
- Avoidance of getting into a position of need or dependence.
- Difficulty asking a favour or for help.
- A better giver than receiver.
- Fear or discomfort being in a small group without being the leader.
- Discomfort being in a small group.
- Feeling of being tolerated rather than chosen.
- Having been a recipient, feeling a need to repay.
- Restlessness.
- Compulsion – drawn to schemes to make money.

If you identify with any of these descriptions, your experiences may be in some measure abuse in your childhood. Take heart and be encouraged, because we will discover in this manual how to work with the pain in your past and how to continue on this “Journey2Freedom”!



Part I:
The bruises of
the enemy

Messiah Y'shua [Jesus Christ], Who is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, has come to destroy the works of the enemy and to set the captives free who are bruised and broken hearted.



When we are wounded, we are victims who did not CHOOSE to get hurt. We then form various ways to try and defend ourselves. Some examples are:

DENIAL ... we then create hiding patterns. We also try to defend ourselves with various self-defense mechanisms like anger, “macho” attitudes, being shy, lonely, and withdrawn. This leads us to be uncomfortable with love.

Luke 4:18 “18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],”

Isaiah 61:1-4 “1 THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound, 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. 4 And they shall rebuild the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations and renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.”

What is the Hebrew understanding of "clean" and "unclean"?

Holy = "Kadosh"	Common = "Chol"
CLEAN = "T'HOR"	UNCLEAN = "TAMEI"
Set apart royal priesthood, holy nation.	Any thing that is manmade, self-effort, pleasing to the flesh.
The explanation of this word defines it as: "having our fragmented soul made whole, unity, and completeness".	The explanation of this word defines it as: "fragmented, incomplete, incapable of perfection or completion."

In a healthy and Godly family (where the father has been restored to his priesthood), it is the father's role to take the broken and fragmented pieces of his family, and bring them to wholeness. This is part of the emotional-healing process.

We, as emotional beings, can be bruised ...

One of the enemy's greatest goals is to BRUISE us, especially when young. This is satan's OBJECTIVE.

- By inflicting deep wounds, satan can acquire territory (not only through sin) and he can then bring oppression, confusion, and control over the person through these emotional bruises. All newly born things – such as baby Christians, new marriages, new ministries, and so forth – becomes the target of satan to bruise and ultimately to destroy. Satan aims to lay a crooked foundation from the very beginning of birthing something new.
- The objective of the bruising (John 10:10) of satan is to bring us to a place where we cannot have a proper relationship with anyone ... to separate and destroy us. Destroying trust leads to a spirit of betrayal.
- Our deepest problems lie in relationships. We do not have the ability any longer to communicate, or to give love, and we are filled with feelings of guilt, condemnation, rejection, insecurity and desolation. For example, a child born too early and put into an incubator may have a foundation of abandonment and loneliness – the child does not bond properly with the mother, affecting his/her relationships in life. Not one of the above mentioned is an ingredient for a relationship.
- The deepest problems are a result of things experienced in childhood, as well as the things that had to be endured alone. BUT children from stable homes can endure many negative things and still stay reasonably free emotionally. A stable parent/child relationship and a good father image are powerful weapons against satan's onslaughts.

Y'shua [Jesus] was bruised for our healing (Isaiah 53:5, 10) – physically and emotionally!

Y'shua [Jesus] was:

- Betrayed by a close friend (Judas).
- Rejected (Isaiah 53:2-3).
- Falsely accused (Matthew 12:24).
- Hated.
- Forsaken.

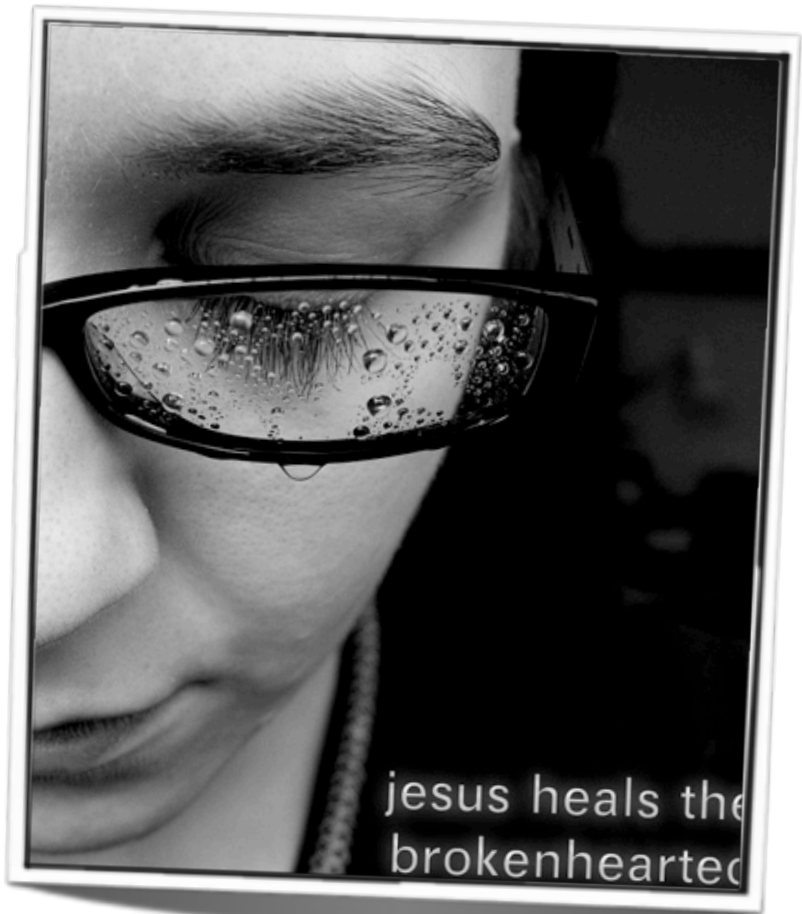
Examples of the bruises of the enemy ...

DIVORCE – Broken parent relationship.

- Results:
 - Insecurity and rejection.
 - The security of a child is based on the father/mother relationship.
 - When this is taken away, the child's security is removed.
- Symptoms:
 - Fear, insecurity, anxiety, depression, withdrawal.
 - Live in a fantasy world (day-dreaming all day).
 - Many symptoms come through rejection.

UNFAIR TREATMENT – Man is built upon a basis of justice. We have a sense of right and wrong, of justice. Unfair treatment does something to man that allows demons to penetrate his soul.

- Results:
 - Anger, hatred, bitterness.
- Symptoms:
 - Anger, outbursts of wrath, enmity, failure, passivity, vindictiveness, revenge.



SEXUAL ABUSE (especially INCEST).

- Results for a GIRL:
 - Guilt, condemnation, shame.
 - She feels its her fault. Cannot look at her body because it is now a source of shame.
 - Cannot build a relationship with her father (if he abused her).
 - Later in her life, she will either be very active sexually (a spirit of lust will enter), or,
 - She will be sexually frigid and fear men. Feelings of shame will be so strong that she will not be able to have a normal marriage relationship.
- Results for a BOY:
 - Homosexuality, opens the door to a spirit of perversity.
 - His emotions are twisted by this experience and demonization takes place.
- Symptoms:
 - Emotionally incapable of coping, self-hatred.

VIOLENCE.

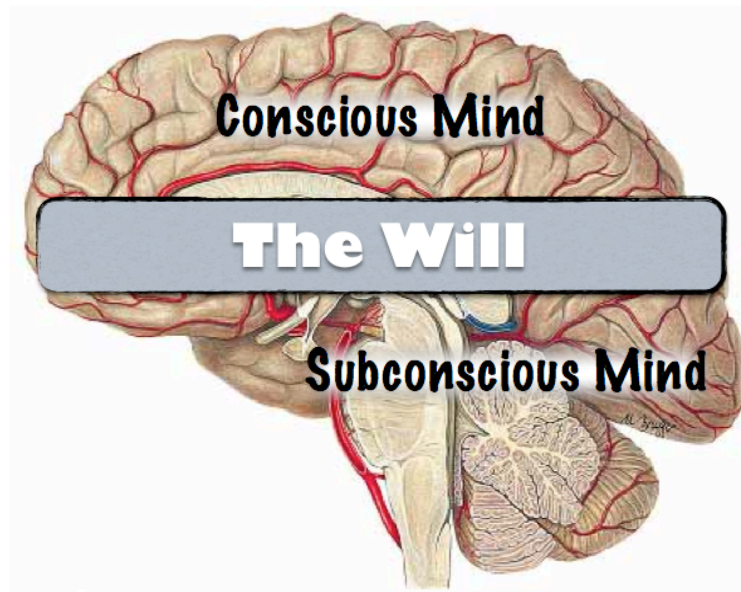
- Results:
 - Fear, anxiety, panic attacks, phobias, compulsive behaviour.
- Symptoms:
 - Withdrawal, hardness, anger, outbursts of violence, timidity.

WORDS THAT ARE SPOKEN – “You are just like your father/mother”. The child believes the lie and gives up trying to improve.

- Result:
 - Curses are spoken/placed on the child.
- Symptoms:
 - Depression.

Thought patterns are formed by BRUISES ...

As a result of an emotional bruise, tremendous pressure builds up. The will becomes a lid that forces this pressure down and suppresses it. A lot of physical energy and willpower is needed to suppress the painful memories.



Memories and emotions are stored in the **subconscious** mind

The pain is constant. The person becomes uncontrolled in his emotions – one day up, next day down, becoming emotionally very unstable. If the will stops functioning, as in passivity, a big eruption will take place. At this point, the will weakens (becomes too tired to suppress), and the oppression pushes up into the conscious mind at any time.

The person is now controlled and manipulated by what the enemy projects into your mind ... for instance, fear, rejection, shame, inferiority – whatever is linked to that bruise/ oppression.

There can be great emotional turmoil caused by thoughts that are demonically controlled. A blockage in the mind causes a blockage in the spirit. Examples of blockages include fear, anger, hatred, and so forth.

NOTE! A passive mind loses all control. When the will does not suppress or control the emotions any longer, you are not in control any more.

What is the final result of the enemy's bruising?

The bruises of the enemy become BONDAGES. We are bound by bitterness towards the one who has wounded us, and are also bound by not giving or receiving love.

When we get hurt and bruises follow, we tend to judge those that hurt us. Forgiveness means releasing the judgments. Do not look to those that hurt you to come and say they're sorry – let them go – also of the feeling that they owe you something. In reality, it does not matter.

In some people their thoughts and emotions are frozen/buried in their subconscious mind in time with a “time-clock”. Only God can touch that, heal you, and set you free. You can make right in the present by forgiving people ... but only God can move into the deep places of your heart and touch the past!



REMEMBER! Inner healing and deliverance is ONE ministry. You cannot separate them from one another – like two sides of a coin.

One needs to wait on the Holy Spirit to show you what caused the original wound that is now keeping you in bondage. When the wound was caused, demons entered through shock, transference, trauma, and so forth. The memories need to surface as to what exactly happened, and then one can dismantle the demonic structure, break the power of the lie (holding person bound to the past) and expel the demons in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus].

The body's way of protecting itself is pain. Not ALL pain is negative. We need to discern what are bruises. Ask the LORD for the Healing Balm of Gilead for the wounds. Ask Him to **RESTORE** your personality as promised in Isaiah 53:4.

Part 2:
The root of
bitterness



This is the number one problem in believers' lives. Some believers will not tolerate sin in their lives ... yet, walk in bitterness. Satan's strategy in the Body of Messiah is to divide and to destroy. Bitterness is the greatest weapon available to him – it is the seedbed of all demonic work. We have been created to live in love and acceptance, not in bitterness.

Bitterness will dry you up!

There is no guarantee that after this lesson you will never get hurt again – you will! However, for our OWN good, Messiah asks us to walk in peace and forgiveness ...

*Hebrews 12:12-15 “12 So then, **brace up and reinvigorate** and set right your slackened and weakened and drooping hands and **strengthen** your feeble and palsied and tottering knees, 13 **And cut through and make firm and plain and smooth, straight paths for your feet** [yes, make*

*them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction], so that the lame and halting [limbs] may not be put out of joint, **but rather may be cured.** 14 Strive to live in **peace** with everybody and pursue that **consecration** and **holiness** without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. 15 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—“*

Let's have a look at some of the HEBREW words used to describe the concept of bitter/bitterness ...

- **M-(a)-R-(a)-R** [Strong's Hebrew 4843/6] meaning:
 - To trickle,
 - Grieved,
 - Provoke and/or vex,
 - Bitter,
 - Moved with bad temper (choler).

Lamentations 1:4 “4 The roads to Zion mourn, because no one comes to the solemn assembly or the appointed feasts. All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh and groan, her maidens are grieved and vexed, **and she herself is in bitterness.**”

Lamentations 3:15 “15 **He has filled me with bitterness;** He has made me drink to excess and until drunken with wormwood [bitterness].”

Ruth 1:20 “20 And she said to them, Call me not Naomi [pleasant]; call me **Mara [bitter]**, for the Almighty has dealt very **bitterly with me.**”

Exodus 1:14 “14 **They made their lives bitter** with hard service in mortar, brick, and all kinds of work in the field. All their service was with harshness and severity.”

- **M-(a)-R-(a)-H** [Strong’s Hebrew 4751] meaning:
 - Bitter,
 - Angry,
 - Chafed,
 - Discontent,
 - Heavy.

Psalms 64:3 “3 Who whet their tongues like a sword, who aim **venomous words** like arrows,”

Proverbs 5:4 “4 But in the end she is **bitter** as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged and devouring sword.”

Proverbs 14:10 “10 The heart knows its own **bitterness**, and no stranger shares its joy.”

Job 7:11 “11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the **anguish** of my spirit, I will complain in the **bitterness** of my soul [O Lord]!”

Job 10:1 “I **AM weary** of my life and loathe it! I will give free expression to my complaint; I will speak in the **bitterness** of my soul.”

- **T-(a)-M-R-(u)-R** [Strong’s Hebrew 8563] meaning:
 - Mostly bitter.

Hosea 12:14 “14 Ephraim has provoked most **bitter anger**; therefore shall his blood [guilt] be left upon him, and his disgrace and reproach shall his Lord return upon him.”

2 Kings 17:17-18 “17 They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire and used divination and enchantments and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, **provoking Him to anger.** 18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of His sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah.”

Let's look at the picture-meaning of the word **M-R-R** ...

- **MEM:**
 - Stretch out,
 - To extend,
 - To bend,
 - Also refers to water and here we need to understand that water carries something, somewhere.
 - Within this context we need to see that envy and/or judgments are the things that are carried along, and the time will be a reflection of how long this “river of our circumstances” is.
- **RESH:**
 - Head.
 - Herein we understand that man's will and our freedom of choice will determine our path of action.
 - At the same time the concept of head reflects the concept of:
 - Taskmasters and/or slave drivers,
 - Someone who controls others,
 - Who sets limits and boundaries,
 - Which results on poverty.

What picture do we get?

Bitterness has the effect of taking the circumstances of our pain and carry them on a river of feelings until the time has come where we find ourselves slaves to the limits of our will/mind choices – we remain slaves to the pain and in the poverty of the consequences.

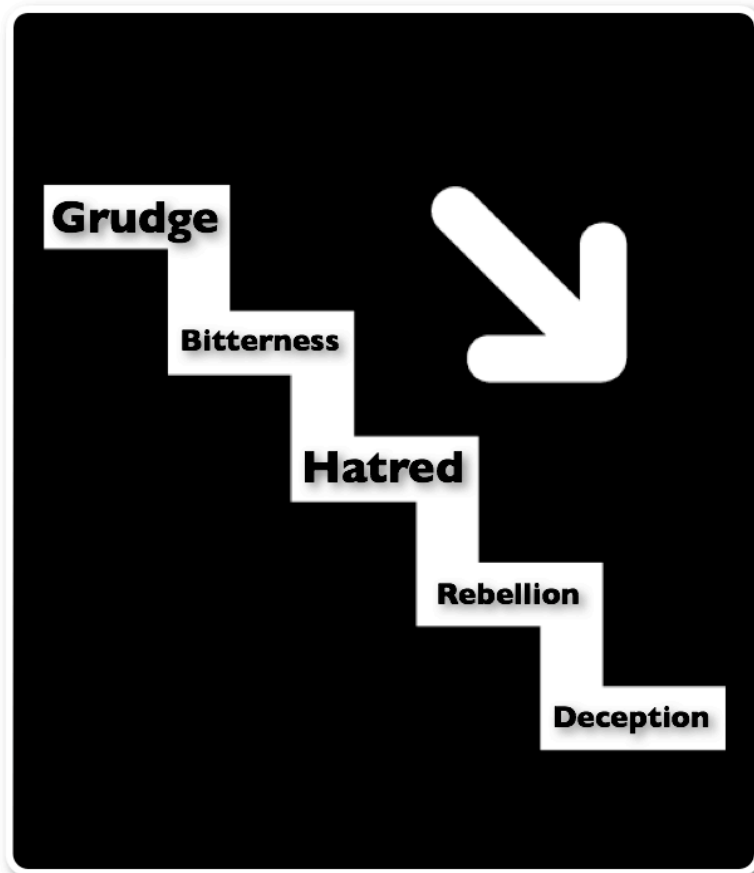
BITTERNESS ... a road to bondage.



- Satan infiltrates the soul and gets a hold in a person's life by bruising. He controls a person through these bruises. Satan uses fellow believers to attack one another. How does Y'shua [Jesus] role-model to handle this hurt? You BLESS, not curse.
- Bitterness comes out of dysfunctional relationships. You cannot drive the bitterness out – you must work with the relationship through which it came in.

Y'shua [Jesus] was bruised by satan, but satan could not get a foothold because Y'shua [Jesus] never became bitter. He always walked in forgiveness. Hurts that you hold onto will always end in bitterness. The motto of many Christians seems to be "resist God, submit to satan, fight everyone around us!" This is BONDAGE! The answer to this should be that the thorn be removed immediately. We must deal with bitterness before it become REBELLION!

Progression of bitterness..



The SOURCES of bitterness.

Bitterness is a ROOT that begins with a grudge. A grudge can come as a result of:

- Unfulfilled needs – bitterness against the family.
- Abuse – physical and emotional, which is very much tied to bitterness against the family.
- Hurts (come from relationships) – bitterness against others.
- Circumstances in life – accidents, death of loved ones, sickness, and so forth. Remember the account of Naomi and Ruth? Like Naomi, many of us are bitter against God.

Events of the past need to be dealt with. Make a list of all that hurt you and the reasons why. We must release bitterness and hatred caused by relationships from the past. Even if a person is dead – you are still bound because the hurt is still alive in your heart.

The FRUITS of bitterness.

There is a good TEST for whether you have bitterness ... what is your attitude towards people? Do you talk about what happened to you? How often?

- Bitterness is a toxin that poisons the whole system.
 - Comes out in your conversation,
 - Is seen in your deeds and in your attitude.
 - Your physical health deteriorates (arthritis, gout, goiter).
- Bitterness defiles others. Often, parents carry bitterness over to children through having a critical attitude, always being hard or negative, with a sharp tongue. Gossiping is another source of defilement.
- Bitterness builds walls of isolation (prisons).
 - Fear of being hurt again (Isaiah 53, open the prison doors!).
 - Fear and distrust of people.
 - Fear that inner hurts and weaknesses will be exposed (“if I forgive, it means they get off scott-free and they will just hurt me again!”).
 - Loneliness.
- Bitterness always ends in broken relationships.
 - Cut people out of your life (without feeling pain) – hatred, which is emotional murder.
 - Critical attitude towards others – very sensitive. Always blaming others. Cannot maintain steady relationships. Bad track record.
 - Self pity and depression.



The damage of BROKEN relationships.

- Rejection is a form of hatred. To cut off a relationship, you choose to walk in hatred. It will never solve the problem. Ignoring, silence, and refusing to talk are forms of hatred.

- Broken relationships cause blind spots. These blind spots hinder us from seeing ourselves and others as they really are.

1 John 2:9 11 “9 **Whoever says he is in the Light and [yet] hates his brother [Christian, born-again child of God his Father] is in darkness even until now.** 10 **Whoever loves his brother [believer] abides (lives) in the Light, and in It or in him there is no occasion for stumbling or cause for error or sin.** 11 **But he who hates (detests, despises) his brother [in Christ] is in darkness and walking (living) in the dark; he is straying and does not perceive or know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”**

- Broken relationships cause insensitivity. Your life becomes self-centered with no proper regard or respect for the needs of others. You become “very touchy”, being quick to take offence.
- Broken relationships cause immaturity. The emotional growth of a person could have stopped when he was bruised and will continue again once healing and deliverance take place.

EMOTIONAL IMMATURITY:

- Selfishness (wants to take everything, gives nothing).



- Jealousy.
- Tantrums (slam doors, stamp feet).

- Always demands own will.
- No deliberate effort to fulfill another's need.
- Show off.
- Sulks/moody (will kick and scream when opposed).
- Spiteful – “I’ll show you!”

We must realize the MATURITY comes through walking in and dealing with relationships! How much do you expect in return when you give? Lay down your own needs for needs of others. When you are a baby, you are a total taker. When you grow up into an adult you need to mature to a place of becoming a total giver.

Conclusion ...

Bitterness will destroy any believer. The precaution against bitterness is to constantly walk in forgiveness ... when satan comes to bruise, do not accept the hurt. Loosen it immediately by forgiving.



Part 3:
The root of
rejection



Man has today lost his self-identity. There is an inability to associate with other people. A successful person is one who is free to have good relationships; one who is free to be the person whom God has created him to be. To have material and financial success – being a successful businessman, sportsman, minister – does not make a successful person out of you.

We were created for RELATIONSHIPS! What are some good ingredients for healthy and beneficial relationships? Love, trust, and fellowship.

We are the result of experiences from the past. We are born into a family unit, and in this unit we grow up and mature through relationships. The family meets our basic desires for love and acceptance. We get our self-image, self-worth, self-identity from this unit and especially from our fathers. Should the

father fail to communicate love and

acceptance, the result will be a love vacuum, and out of this vacuum grows rejection. There can be a root of rejection coming through generations. Rejection can be inherited as well as communicated. It is very painful to know and feel that nobody wants you around – you are just in the way. The enemy wants to cripple us in our soul area (personality) so that we cannot grow up to be what God intended us to be.

*Isaiah 53:1-3 “1 **WHO HAS believed (trusted in, relied upon, and clung to) our message [of that which was revealed to us]? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been disclosed? 2 For [the Servant of God] grew up before Him like a tender plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He has no form or comeliness [royal, kingly pomp], that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him.”***

Let’s look at the HEBREW understanding of rejection ...

An analysis of the Scriptures shows that there is only one word to describe this ACTION:

- **N-(a)-(a)-S** [Strong’s Hebrew 3988] meaning:
 - To spurn,
 - To abhor,
 - To cast away,
 - To reprobate.

1 Samuel 8:7 “7 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken to the voice of the people in all they say to you; for they have not **rejected** you, but they have **rejected** Me, that I should not be King over them.”

Jeremiah 2:37 “37 From [Egypt] also you will come away with your hands upon your head, for the Lord has **rejected** those in whom you confide, and you will not prosper with [respect to] them.”

Jeremiah 6:19 “19 Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing evil upon this people, the fruit of their thoughts (their schemes and devices) because they have not listened and obeyed My words, and as for My law, they have **rejected** it.”

Jeremiah 7:29 “29 Cut off your hair [your crown, O Jerusalem] and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights, for the Lord has **rejected** and forsaken the generation of His wrath.”

- **NUN:**

- A fish,
- The action of sprouting or blossoming,
- The latter action is only a part of the cycle of life – consequently every season will have a time to flourish and to degenerate.

- **SHIN:**

- To lean on or support,
- To surround or encircle and it is exactly this last action which needs further analysis. The process of enclosing causes us to be closed off from God and fellowman.
- To the extent that this action of encircling is enforced to a greater degree, we could find that our focus on self-interests will be greater than our interest in God and fellowman.



What picture-meaning do we get?

Man, who has slipped into a path of degeneration due to the pain and the humiliation experienced, will use this as a weapon to close himself off from God. He will “lean on” the pain to sustain him in his path of destruction.

Factors regarding REJECTION ...

1. The basic needs of a child² are:

- Love.
- Acceptance.
- Identity (sense of belonging) ... who are you? Where do you come from? Where do you fit in?
- Recognition – value.
- Determination – purpose.



NOTE! Love must be communicated³ so that it can be received! There are four ways to show love:

- Eyes – windows of your soul.
- Voice.
- Touch – holding hands.
- Time.

² For additional study, please see our book *"The JOY Of The LORD Is My Strength"*, available from the website or for order from the office.

³ For additional study, please see our book *"Arrows In The Hand Of The Warrior"*, available for download from the website, or for order from the office.

2. An unfulfilled need causes a vacuum in which rejection grows. Every child has an emotional tank that keeps him going. If this tank is filled daily with love and acceptance, the child will function well. If not, you will find there are some emotional bruises and wounds ...
3. A child receives his own identity and sense of worth from his relationship with his father.
4. Rejection maims and destroys the whole person. We have no defense against rejection.
5. Rejection will create an unstable relationship with God – it produces a spirit of competition, coupled with the need to perform to be acceptable.

*Psalm 131:1-2 “1 **LORD, MY heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in matters too great or in things too wonderful for me. 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me [ceased from fretting].”***

SOURCES of rejection.

We have built a materialistic society that has left children with a deep need of love. Fathers leave the upbringing of children to the mothers. People should be loved and things should be used! The parents are too busy, their thoughts are busy with their own interests, or they are too lazy to communicate with their children. Today, the generation gap is in fact a communication gap.

1. The DEEPEST ROOT, *parent-child relationships*.

- Before birth – A mother can communicate rejection to her unborn baby, a mother transfers to her child that which she herself has.
- Adopted children – Most are rejected by their natural mother and experience a sense of being cast out. When doing their bloodlines, the children need to be cut free from both their biological parents as well as their adopted parents – four bloodlines need to be dealt with.
- Divorce – A child feels that he is rejected by the parent who left home. The child feels he/she has to choose sides. A divorce is emotionally worse than death. The child is in the middle and experiences hatred/hurt from both parents.
- Parents who cannot communicate⁴ love.
- Parents who suffer from rejection cannot communicate love. Often, these parents will show love by working for children – they feel ashamed to express love.
- Parents who are alcoholics/addicts – they will have unstable moods, and/or speaks a lot of nonsense.
- Substitute love with giving presents/things. This results in a generation of people who cannot give of themselves. Often, the children commit suicide.

⁴ For additional study, see our book “*Communicating Love*”, available from the website or for order from the office.

- Busy with your own thoughts/things ... love implies to give time and attention to someone else.
- Critical, requires perfection – parents will only give acceptance if the child performs according to the parents' values. The child knows that he has to earn his parents' love and a yoke of slavery is placed upon him/her.
- Objectives parents set for children – force the child to do what mom/dad could not do.
- Discipline by rejecting – the parent shows his disapproval by rejecting the child. It cuts the child off and he feels unworthy, and this creates a negative self-image. Note, this also includes ignoring the child.
- The parent projects an image of an unworthy person on the child. Satan will use this to put the child in bondage. For example, if a son fears his father, he will also fear his manhood.

2. PEER-GROUP *relationships*.



- Cruel remarks when the child is overweight, physical disabilities, freckled, and so forth.
- Cliques and exclusivity – can cause self rejection.
- Lack of achievement (sports, academics, prize-giving, prefects, and so forth).

3. SOCIETY and **culture**.

- Racism causes rejection in minority groups (inferiority).
- Poverty (lack of clothing, shoes, children's homes, orphanages, and so forth).
- The non acceptance of certain social norms brings rejection.

4. Physical CHANGES in the body – **different stages of growth**.

- Insensitive remarks can cause serious wounds. The result is rejection of self. To be able to receive love, a person must accept and love him/herself.

*Isaiah 45:9 “9 **Woe to him who strives with his Maker!**—a worthless piece of broken pottery among other pieces equally worthless [and yet presuming to strive with his Maker]! Shall the clay say to him who fashions it, **What do you think you are making?** or, Your work has no handles?”*

5. CLIENTS, business, and **work**.

- When clients go to someone else you can experience it as rejection.

RESULTS of rejection.

1. **Emotional immaturity.**

- Maturity comes only through relationships and a person that cannot accept love and acceptance, will be immature and insecure.
- As an adult you are selfish and want your own needs met. You over-react – you see all criticism as further rejection. You take everything up as “personal”.
- Emotional, social and spiritual maturity comes from the love and acceptance of the father.
- An unfulfilled need will be projected in marriage a girl who did not receive her father's love, will look for that love in her marriage.



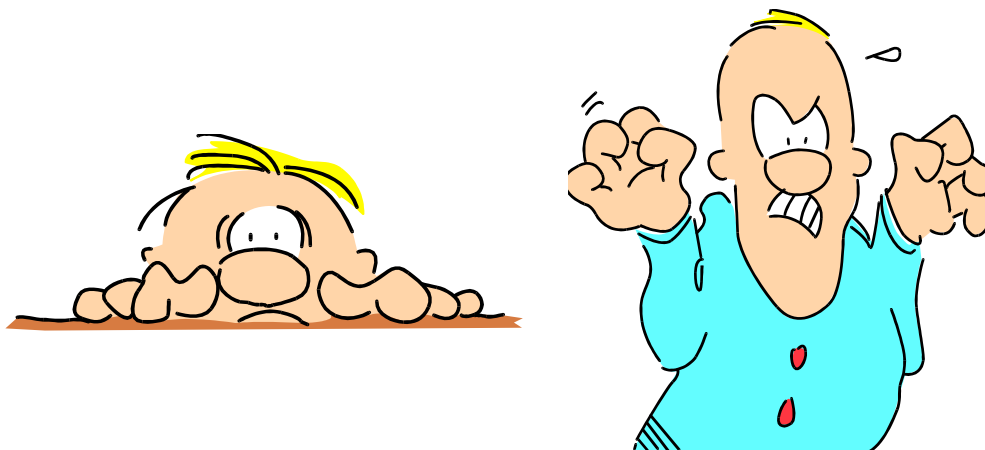
2. **Fear and loneliness.**

- Cannot communicate or associate well with people.

- Afraid to allow people close to them for fear of further rejection. Dominated by fear of rejection.
- Need warmth and love, nevertheless the person becomes hard and puts people off (“I am going to reject you before you reject me”).

Healing can only take place through good relationships – but a rejected person does not want to build relationships. You must continually give such a person LOVE. For example, a young man teased by older brothers – called a sissy, “moffie”, wimp, and so forth, has a great potential to end up as a homosexual ... a very lonely man, seeking love so desperately. This will result in:

- On the INSIDE, he will be filled with insecurity, loneliness, fears, self-pity, arrogance and imagination.
- OUTWARDLY, he will be one of two extremes:



Ahab.	Jezebel
Reserved.	Competitive (root of pride).
Passive, no ambition.	Aggressive.
Competitive spirit.	Shy.
Dream world, lives in the future (the grass is always greener on the other side).	High achiever.
Non-competitive.	Must compete to experience a sense of self-worth - failure is a tragedy!
Imaginary concept of “who he is” is totally false.	Self-rejection.
Sees himself as a victim - “poor me”.	

3. **Self-rejection.**

- Always wants to please others, always looks for attention and approval.
- Negative self image, accepts the rejection of others as an indication of his own unworthiness.
- Accepts the way others evaluate them instead of their own or God's Evaluation. Must always know what others think of you. Not looking for compliments – you are looking for value. All people must like you. You have no opinion of your own – you just go with the flow!
- Compare themselves to others.

2 Corinthians 10:12 “**12 Not that we [have the audacity to] venture to class or [even to] compare ourselves with some who exalt and furnish testimonials for themselves! However, when they measure themselves with themselves and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding and behave unwisely.**”

4. **Critical spirit (of themselves and others) [Matthew 7:3].**

- Loss of self-identification (sense of belonging).
- Rejection destroys a person's self-identification (schizophrenics and homosexuals have no father image). The two roots of homosexuality are rejection and rebellion (in a stable home a child is taught boundaries and this gives him security and a sense of belonging).
- Seeks identity somewhere else. For example, teenagers in a peer group, adults in a church, club or occupation, fashion, pop stars, and so forth.
- Women become blank pieces of paper for their husbands to write on – they cannot make their own choices/decisions. They have no opinion of their own – this is clearly a spirit of slavery.

*What does **GOD** say? You will know who you are when you know
WHOSE you are!*

5. **Unstable relationship with God [Psalm 27:10].**

- A child without the love of a father will find it difficult to build a stable relationship with God as Father.
- A child who grows up with rejection will rather accept rejection from God than His Love, they will always read negative Scriptures.

James 2:13 “**Mercy triumphs over judgment.**”

- A person suffering from rejection will have a relationship with God based on works and he works **HARD** to be accepted by God.

6. A “love vacuum” – you become demanding.



- When love is not communicated, it creates a vacuum out of which rejection grows.

- Anything that you use to fill the need in that **love vacuum**, will become an idol, an object of worship. Only Y'shua [Jesus] can fill a love vacuum. Nevertheless people try to fill it with:

- People,

- No person can ever fill a love vacuum – “I must find someone to love me.” Singles think marriage will fulfill them – LIE! You need to grow up and mature to a place that you are able to be a GIVER! Your spouse cannot fill the vacuum, nor your pastor or counselor.

- The person who has a love vacuum, tends to draw others into this vacuum and suck the life out of them. The spouse and/or friends feel suffocated and dominated ... “Love me enough to make me feel good!”

- Example of a love vacuum in a marriage (Proverbs 30:23):

- Spouse is SUFFOCATED – the vacuum sucks life out of them.

- Spouse is WORSHIPPED – they become the centre of your life, and you manipulate them.

- Spouse is BOUND – requirements are made that cannot be met, there is a reaction of hate and jealousy (cannot have their own friends).

- The person with a love vacuum becomes jealous and possessive, domineering and has a controlling spirit. Will require the other person's attention continually, and if it is refused, they feel rejected. It becomes a one-way relationship with one person who gives and the other who takes. Do not want to share the person.

- NOTE! Don't allow the needs of another person to control you, otherwise you become their slave!

- Emotional Blackmail:

- Marriage – “If you really love me you will ... ”

- Threats of suicide.

- Parent-child relationships – “I am your mother!” The relationship is used to cause guilt on the other party.

- Friendship (within homosexuality, the emotional ties are very strong – the weaker one gets sucked in).

- Objectives and possessions.

- Pleasures.

- Career – workaholic.

- Intellectualism – degrees.

- Free sexual relationships – jump from bed to bed (the physical can never satisfy the spiritual).

- Become totally self-centered – “it's all about ME!”

- Pleasure, self-gratification.
- Sex, lust, and perversity (love without a commitment).
- REMEMBER! If you cannot receive love emotionally and spiritually, the body becomes the instrument by which love is given or received.
- Religion:
 - “Saviour image” (Jim Jones for example).
 - The broken person wants followers and tries to keep them dependent on him. He has a need to feel important and wants to be needed – this could be the motivation for starting a ministry. Some people become religious to fulfill a need.
- Drugs and alcohol.

7. *Seeking position and recognition.*

- A person in a vacuum of rejection seeks a position of leadership because it is there that he finds self worth. He will find it difficult to be a servant, because it gives him no self-esteem.

How to be SET FREE from rejection ...

1. ***Forgive the ones who have rejected you*** ... loose the ones who have rejected you and then God can loose you. Forgiveness is a choice – it is a process and starts with a decision. If you cannot forgive, you will not be able to receive God's Love.

Hebrews 12:14 “14 Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord.”



Remember, certain people hurt out of ignorance, not on purpose – it can be because of a careless attitude or they were just in a bad mood.

2. ***Y'shua [Jesus] carried your rejection:***

- a. Isaiah 52:14 – Y'shua [Jesus] was marred on the cross.
- b. Isaiah 53:1 3 – new shoot.
- c. Isaiah 54:4-6
- d. Isaiah 30:17
- e. Psalm 22:6

Messiah in you enables you to permanently walk in forgiveness. As our High Priest, Y'shua [Jesus] identifies with our rejection. He was rejected by the people closest to Him, as well as by the world. Give all your rejection to Him.

3. **Find your identity in our Messiah** and confirm the Image of the Father. Your name is written in God's Book. Value: He paid for you with His Blood.

*Isaiah 64:8 "8 Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; **we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand.**"*



*Psalm 22:9-10 "9 Yet You are He Who took me out of the womb; **You made me hope and trust when I was on my mother's breasts.** 10 I was cast upon You from my very birth; from my mother's womb You have been my God."*

*Psalm 139:13-16 "15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery]. **16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.**"*

*Psalm 27:10 "10 Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, **yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child].**"*

4. **Accept the fact that YOU are already ACCEPTED in the Beloved.**

*Ephesians 1:6 "6 [So that we might be] to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), **which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**"*

5. **Find your identity in Messiah Y'shua [Jesus], that you are:**

- a. Made in His Image (2 Corinthians 3:18).
- b. New creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- c. His Workmanship.

*Ephesians 2:10 "10 **For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].**"*

6. **Accept yourself and receive the Father's LOVE** ... think as Father God thinks.

7. **Allow our Messiah to fill the love vacuum in your life** ... remember, John lay his head of the breast of Y'shua [Jesus]. How close can you get to Messiah? As close as you want to!

*Revelation 3:20 "20 **Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.**"*

*Jeremiah 17:5 -7 "5 **Thus says the Lord: Cursed [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in and relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh his arm, and whose mind and heart turn aside from the Lord.** 6 **For he shall be like a shrub or a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come, but shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.** 7 **[Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is.**"*

*Proverbs 18:24 "24 **The man of many friends [a friend of all the world] will prove himself a bad friend, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**"*

*Song of Solomon 2:4,16; 8:5 "4 **He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love [for love waved as a protecting and comforting banner over my head when I was near him].** 16 **[She said distinctly] My beloved is mine and I am His! He pastures his flocks among the lilies.** 5 **Who is this who comes up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved? [And as they sighted the home of her childhood, the bride said] Under the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother gave you birth, there she was in travail and bore you.**"*

- 8. **Very IMPORTANT!** Spend a lot of time to study God's Word on how He feels about you. Let God's Word satisfy you. God does not expect the impossible from you. It's like a little child learning to walk. Draw on HIS LOVE until your vacuum is filled!
- 9. **FORGIVE** – even yourself – and give your hurt to Y'shua [Jesus].
- 10. **Break down the walls by the Power of the Holy Spirit.**
- 11. **Build "spiritual muscles", rooted in God's Word.**

12. **Discover you calling** (1 Peter 4:10).

13. **Renew your mind** (Romans 12:2).

John 16:33 "33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]"

14. Enter and possess your land!

15. Additional Scriptures:

- a. Philippians 4:13, 19
- b. 2 Timothy 1:7
- c. 1 John 4:4
- d. 1 Peter 5:7
- e. Romans 8:1, 31



Part 4:

Loosing our hurts

The KEY to human relationships is forgiveness. This is a Biblical Command – you have no choice. Denying your past prevents reclaiming of the land! Many believers are tortured by the enemy because of unforgiveness. Unforgiveness gives the enemy a legal right – he comes to oppress and to torment.



Forgiveness (not money) is the price to pay for peace, joy, long life, and so forth. Bitterness, the result of unforgiveness, is the seedbed of every evil work. Satan respects no believer who walks in unforgiveness!

*Luke 6:37 "37 **Judge not** [neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure], and you will not be judged; **do not condemn** and pronounce guilty, and you will not be condemned and pronounced guilty; acquit and **forgive** and **release** (give up resentment, let it drop), and you will be acquitted and **forgiven** and **released**."*

*Ephesians 4:32 "32 And **become useful and helpful and kind to one another**, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), **forgiving** one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you."*

*Colossians 3:13 "13 Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; **even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive]**."*

FORGIVENESS is the key to loose bitterness!

Let's look at the HEBREW understanding of the ACTION of forgiveness ...

- **N-(a)-S-(a)-H** [Strong's Hebrew 5375/83] meaning:
 - To lift,
 - To accept,
 - To bear up, suffer,
 - To take, or burn/carry away.

*Exodus 10:17 "17 Now therefore **forgive** my sin, I pray you, only this once, and entreat the Lord your God only that He may **remove from me this [plague of] death.**"*

*Exodus 34:7 "7 Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin**, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation."*

*Genesis 50:17 "17 So shall you say to Joseph: **Forgive** (take up and away all resentment and all claim to requital concerning), I pray you now, the trespass of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you. **Now, we pray you, forgive the trespass of the servants of your father's God. And Joseph wept when they spoke thus to him.**"*

- **S-(a)-L-L-(a)-CH** or S-L-(a)-CH [Strong's Hebrew 5545/6/7] meaning:
 - To be ready to forgive,
 - To pardon.

*Psalms 86:5 "5 For You, O Lord, are good, and **ready to forgive** [our trespasses, sending them away, letting them go completely and forever]; and You are abundant in mercy and loving-kindness to all those who call upon You."*

*Psalms 103:3 "3 Who **forgives** [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases,"*

*Psalms 130:4 "4 But there is **forgiveness** with You [just what man needs], that You may be reverently feared and worshiped."*

*1 Kings 8:30 "30 Harken to the prayer of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray in or toward this place. **Hear in heaven, Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.**"*

- **K-(a)-P-H-(a)-R** [Strong's Hebrew 3722] meaning:
 - To cover,
 - Condone,
 - Be merciful,
 - Cleanse.

If we take the Hebrew word, N-S-H, most frequently used, and then analyze the hidden meaning within the letters that make up the word we get this interesting picture ...

- **NUN:**
 - To sprout, propagate, flourish,
 - To endure,
 - To transform that which was dying into a new season of life.
- **SAMEKH:**
 - To support, draw near,
 - To encourage,
 - An act of trust – something like building an altar/pillar (such as the flame by night and the cloud by day).
- **HEY:**
 - Behold,
 - Here is,
 - The power of self-expression – where our thoughts, words and actions are aligned to the Will of God.

Let's look at the amazing picture that we get!

Forgiveness is that action which we take which transforms the part, which is dying inside of us – into a new season of life. These actions becomes a pillar where our thoughts are molded in line with God's thoughts and we can truly say: "Behold, see the Hand of the Lord!"

Another word which forms an interesting picture is S-L(a)-KH:

- **SAMEKH:**
 - To support, draw near,
 - To encourage.
 - An act of trust – something like building an altar/pillar (such as the flame by night and the cloud by day).
- **LAMED:**
 - To learn,
 - To study,



- To transform our hearts so that our spirit towers above the body and soul.
- **KHAF:**
 - Hollow of the hand (as in the hip of Jacob that caused him to walk differently),
 - A cliff, a rock, a high place.

What picture—meaning do we get?

Forgiveness is ... an act of trust, the building of a memorial of faith, by studying the Word so that God's Words can transform our hearts and where our actions in faith cause us to walk with a limp – to walk differently than before.

Forgiveness is the ACTION that changes us!

What is forgiveness?

Our flesh does not want to forgive ... it cries for an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth! The flesh wants to keep count (70 x 7) – it wants to take revenge.

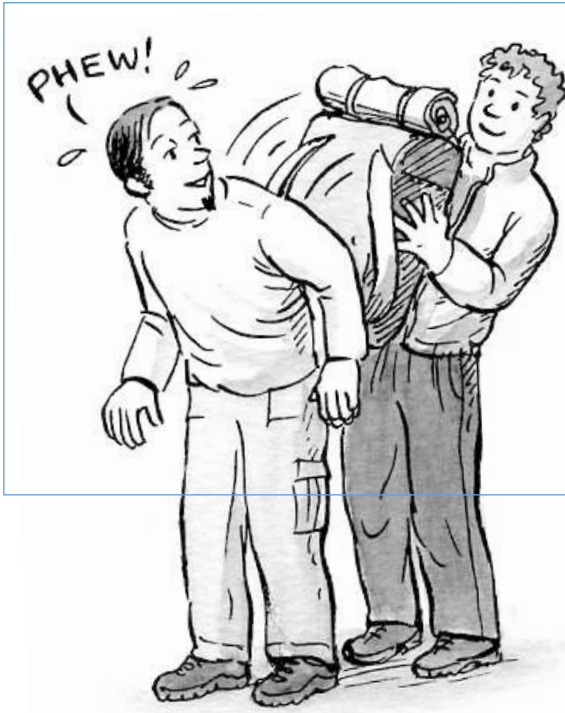
*Matthew 18:23-35 “23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a human king who wished to settle accounts with his attendants. 24 **When he began the accounting, one was brought to him who owed him 10,000 talents [probably about \$10,000,000 – about R30 million],** 25 And because he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and his children and everything that he possessed, and payment to be made. 26 So the attendant fell on his knees, begging him, Have patience with me and I will pay you everything.”*

- **27 And his master's heart was moved with compassion, and he:**
 - **Released him and,**
 - **Forgave him [cancelling] the debt.**

The Greek word used here for “released” is APOLUO, meaning to loose, to deliver (Luke 13:12), to let go, to free a prisoner.

The Greek word used here for “forgave” is APHIAMI, meaning to let go, send away, to cancel, remit, pardon.

*“28 But that same attendant, as he went out, **found one of his fellow attendants who owed him a hundred denarii [about twenty dollars – about R200]; and he caught him by the throat and said, Pay what you owe!** 29 So his fellow attendant fell down and begged him earnestly, Give me time, and I will pay you all! 30 But he was unwilling, and he went out and had him put in prison till he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow attendants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and told everything that had taken place to their master.*



*"32 Then his master called him and said to him, **You contemptible and wicked attendant! I forgave and cancelled all that [great] debt of yours because you begged me to.** 33 **And should you not have had pity and mercy on your fellow attendant, as I had pity and mercy on you?** 34 **And in wrath his master turned him over to the torturers (the jailers), till he should pay all that he owed.** 35 **So also My heavenly Father will deal with every one of you if you do not freely forgive your brother from your heart his offenses."***

What are the starting points to forgiveness?

- **Forgive, and in so doing, become like God.**
Keep your hurt and become like the one who has hurt you.

*John 20:22-23 "22 And having said this, He breathed on them and said to them, **Receive the Holy Spirit!** 23 [Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] **if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained."***

- Forgiveness is the Spirit of God. Unforgiveness and hatred is the spirit of the world (as shown in the media).

Forgiveness and deliverance ...

Without forgiveness there is no deliverance! We have seen this over and over! If you are not prepared to forgive ... you will NOT walk in freedom.

- Begin with broken relationships, because bitterness cuts people off from the Grace of God. The restoration of relationships is the first step in deliverance.
- Second step – make restitution. Ask forgiveness of others you have hurt. Go back on your footsteps.
- The one who carries the pain is in bondage to the past. You cannot live in the present, the bitterness of the past will flow over into present relationships.
- The one who carries the pain is tied to the people from the past. You can keep another one back in his sin through unforgiveness (John 20:22-23). Your unforgiveness can hinder God from working in that person's life.
- Unforgiveness is not changed by time – the person can even be dead.
- You are spiritually bound to a person for as long as you carry the hurt and bitterness of that relationship – unforgiveness is literally like a shackle!

- The one who carries the pain is tortured (Matthew 18:21-35). Your heart will also close up if you do not forgive. NOTE! In the “Our Father” prayer, the prayer for deliverance follows AFTER forgiveness (Matthew 6:9-13)!
- Forgiveness looses God's Forgiveness and healing for you. When you do not forgive anymore, you can also no longer receive forgiveness (Mark 11:23-26).

Matthew 6:14-15 “14 For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.”

Steps to forgiveness ...

- Forgiveness is a decision of the will; you choose to forgive. The feelings will follow later. As you loose the person, God will free you from the hurt and healing will take place. Be careful not to use forgiveness to tell others they did you wrong – test your motives!
- Be specific as you forgive, be specific (with yourself) exactly as to what it is you forgive. Make a list of relationships from the past that were bad. Handle each relationship and loose the person by your forgiveness.
- Pray for the person bless him claim him for the Kingdom of God (Psalm 2). Keep on praying for that person daily until God fills you with love/hate is exchanged with love.
- Some people have to walk the second mile. This is the principle of doing good to those who spitefully use you.
- Do not carry bitterness on behalf of someone else – for your, spouse, children, friend, and so forth.

Our responsibility is to strive for peace!

1 Peter 3:11 “11 Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]”

Romans 14:19 “19 So let us then definitely aim for and eagerly pursue what makes for harmony and for mutual upbuilding (edification and development) of one another.”

Hebrews 12:14 “14 Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord.”

Remember the account of Joseph and his brothers?

Genesis 50:20 "20 As for you, you thought evil against me, **but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are this day.**"



How do you know that you have truly forgiven?

- Do not allow your mind to dwell on it.
- Do not talk about it.
- Do not listen when someone else talks about it.
- Do not allow it to affect your present attitude towards that person.
- Never act according to your feelings when you have forgiven.

Job 42:10 "10 And the Lord turned the captivity of Job and restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; **also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.**"

Conclusion ...

- You can open up old wounds when you talk about the hurts of the past. FORGIVE AND LET GO! Make right with the person who hurt you ... treat them as though it never happened. God does not remember your transgressions. And remember, forgiveness does not happen over night.

Hebrews 10:17 "17 He then goes on to say, **And their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.**"

Psalms 103:12 "12 As far as the east is from the west, **so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**"

*Luke 6:37 "37 Judge not [neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure], and you will not be judged; do not condemn and pronounce guilty, and you will not be condemned and pronounced guilty; **acquit and forgive and release (give up resentment, let it drop), and you will be acquitted and forgiven and released.**"*

- You must also forgive yourself.
- In some cases you also have to forgive God. For example, a child/spouse dies and now you are so disappointed with God.
- Your Christian walk started when God forgave you. It is maintained in an attitude of forgiveness. Do not receive hurts, but forgive immediately and loose the person – keep short accounts!

What is God's Forgiveness? God did all the work through sending Y'shua [Jesus] – it has nothing to do with works! He came looking for us to tell us what He did! Likewise, I can't expect that anyone must earn my forgiveness, pay for it, suffer for it ... God's Grace is more than enough than any pain you could've suffered.

God knows about your pain but He also knows about His Resurrection Power inside of you. He does not expect the impossible. Did you know forgive spells JOY?



The BONDAGE of unforgiveness . . .

Living with unforgiveness, you become like the one who has hurt you. Holding onto the pain, bitterness, and unforgiveness – you will put yourself in bondage and enclose yourself in a terrible prison. AND, the longer you hold onto the unforgiveness, the thicker the prison walls become.

BUT, what happens when you forgive?

The prison doors are OPENED and you are released! The list of charges is destroyed (Colossians 2:14) – no record is kept! Did you know you can have unforgiveness towards yourself? You imprison yourself!



*John 20:23 "[Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] **if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained.**"*

We as mature followers of Messiah carry the responsibility of making amends – to walk in peace. If you have been hurt, go and put it right.

*Matthew 18:15 "15 If your brother wrongs you, go and show him his fault, **between you and him privately.** If he listens to you, you have won back your brother."*

If you know someone else has something against you, go and put it right.

*Matthew 5:23 26 "23 So if when you are offering your gift at the altar you there remember that your brother has any [grievance] against you, 24 Leave your gift at the altar and go. **First make peace with your brother, and then come back and present your gift.**"*

Forgiveness and Communion ...

*1 Corinthians 11:24-34 "27 So then whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is unworthy [of Him] **will be guilty of [profaning and sinning against] the Body and Blood of the Lord.**"*

“28 Let a man [thoroughly] examine himself, and [only when he has done] so should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discriminating and recognizing with due appreciation that [it is Christ’s] body, eats and drinks a sentence (a verdict of judgment) upon himself. 30 That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason many of you are weak and sickly, and quite enough of you have fallen into the sleep of death.”

What is the understanding of verse twenty-eight?

- Every person has to search his own heart.
- Another person or a church cannot do it for you.
- You are responsible to search your heart for sin, unforgiveness, bitterness, and so forth – it was at this moment that Y’shua [Jesus] gave the bread and cup to Judas.

John 6:51,53 “51 I [Myself] am this Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever; and also the Bread that I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh (body). 53 And Jesus said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you cannot have any life in you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood [unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His blood].”

Judgment and forgiveness ...

1 Corinthians 11:29-31 “29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discriminating and recognizing with due appreciation that [it is Christ’s] body, eats and drinks a sentence (a verdict of judgment) upon himself. 30 That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason many of you are weak and sickly, and quite enough of you have fallen into the sleep of death. 31 For if we searchingly examined ourselves [detecting our shortcomings and recognizing our own condition], we should not be judged and penalty decreed [by the divine judgment]. 32 But when we [fall short and] are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined and chastened, so that we may not [finally] be condemned [to eternal punishment along] with the world.”

What is the progression we must be careful to follow?

- We must judge ourselves correctly.
- If we are not sincere, God will judge and chastise us.
- If we eat of the bread and drink of the cup carelessly, then we bring the Judgment of God upon ourselves.
- Therefore many are weak, sickly and some die.

We must realize the seriousness of the Covenant Meal [Communion]! Confess the times in the past where you have eat of the Meal [Communion] carelessly, even maybe as a habit or ritual?

Breaking your own chains by blessing your enemies⁵ ...

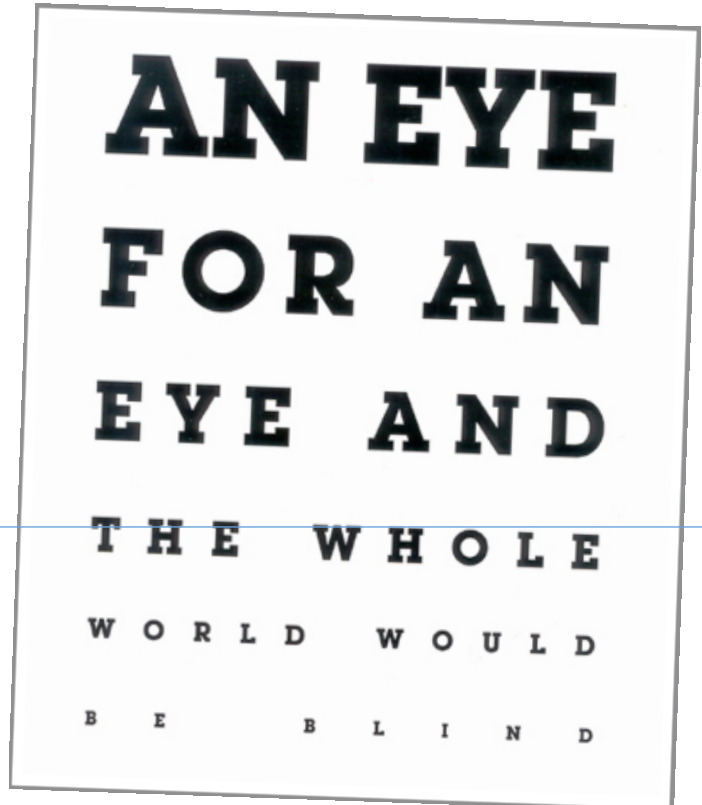
*Matthew 5:43-44 "43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; 44 But I tell you, **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**"*

How do we bless our enemies?

Hateful things have possibly happened to you ... but you can choose whether or not those things become a part of you!

Let's face it ... we live in a fallen world. Transgenerational, hate-filled verbal abuse has reached epidemic proportions. Y'shua [Jesus] warned of this in Matthew, when He spoke about the climate of relationships during the last days:

*Matthew 24:10-12 "10 And then many will be offended and repelled and will begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred. 11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error. 12 **And the love of the great body of people will grow cold** because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity,"*



Notice that love gone cold, hatred and betrayal are all rooted in an offense. You can allow the trap of offense and unforgiveness to destroy you, or you can choose to forgive and bless the very ones who have harmed you.

In our JOURNEY2FREEDOM, we have cleared the thorns and thistles and can now see our way more clearly. That you are still reading and trudging on beyond the clearing process with me is a testament to your overwhelming desire to come to terms with your life and the conflicts you have endured. My hope and prayer is that at this point of our journey you have come to a place of releasing those who have offended you.

The pathway to a life of blessing begins with forgiving your offenders and then blessing them. Yes, you heard me right! Blessing the very ones who have betrayed and cursed you. You probably know that forgiveness is a mark of our Christian life, but we will see in this chapter that verbally blessing an offender is a mandatory calling as well. Forgiveness is oftentimes a matter of the heart, but blessing the one who initially brought the offense is the outward expression of a forgiving spirit.

⁵ Revised and edited from a chapter in the book *"The Forgotten Blessing"* by Aaron Früth.

Please hear me on this, because it is crucial to living a life that is receptive to God's Blessing ... verbally blessing your enemies opens the portal to victory over the curses spoken against you and breaks the chains to your past!

Benefit 1: Completeness

Blessing the one who has cursed you will make you a "complete" Christian. Listen to the words of Messiah in the Sermon on the Mount:

*Matthew 5:43-48 "43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; 44 **But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** 45 To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike]. 46 **For if you love those who love you, what reward can you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that?** 47 And if you greet only your brethren, what more than others are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles (the heathen) do that? 48 You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], **as your heavenly Father is perfect.**"*

Y'shua [Jesus] was not merely commanding us to bless the people we have personality conflicts with. He was talking about people who hate you, despise you and verbally curse and persecute you! He was talking about the person who willfully betrays you and uses you for his or her own ends.

He was talking about the person who deceives you and steals your goods. Y'shua [Jesus] says that if we will verbally bless such a person we will be "perfect." This little word, perfect, is the Greek word "teleios", and it means "whole, complete and mature." Verbally blessing an offender brings us into the blessing of wholeness and maturity!

Remember the word of the LORD to Abraham: "In blessing I will bless you." Y'shua [Jesus] is not making a suggestion here, but rather giving us a command ... to bless those who curse us. He knows that we will never be complete and whole without taking this difficult plunge.

Benefit 2: Release

Blessing the one who has cursed you releases you from many of life's pressures. Let's look again at Messiah's Sermon on the Mount:

*Matthew 5:38-41 "38 You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. [Exod. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21.] 39 **But I say to you, Do not resist the evil man [who injures you]; but if anyone strikes you on the right jaw or cheek, turn to him the other one too.** 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your undershirt (tunic), let him have your coat also. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two [miles]."*

Y'shua [Jesus] commands us: "I tell you not to resist an evil person." The word resist in this passage is the Greek word "anthistemi", and it means to oppose vigorously. It carries the connotation of standing one's ground in face-to-face confrontation. Y'shua [Jesus] says not to do this. Interestingly, "anthistemi" is the Greek root word of our English antihistamine. We take antihistamines to fight symptoms of colds and allergic reactions. Y'shua [Jesus] is telling us here to quit resisting and confronting the person who has set out to slander and betray us.



We live in a culture of contention that says: "Don't yield to anyone! Fight for your rights! Defend yourself at all costs!" But along comes Y'shua [Jesus] commanding us to get out of the fight and to bless the person who wants to take advantage of us by giving him our right and left cheeks, our tunics and our committed service! He is calling us to trust in God to vindicate and cover us. When we are willing to do this, there is an awesome release from life's burdens and pressures.

Benefit 3: Changed Hearts

Blessing your enemy will produce in him a spirit of repentance. Paul said:

Romans 12:17-21 "17 Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest and proper and noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone. [Prov. 20:22.] 18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God's] wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord. [Deut. 32:35.] 20 But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head. [Prov. 25:21, 22.] 21 Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good."

There are several interpretations of what Paul meant by "heap[ing] coals of fire" on an enemy's head, but most agree that the context is repentance. When we bless an evil person with good, our righteous actions will ultimately usher in conviction and bring the person to repentance.

Benefit 4: Protection

Blessing your enemy preserves and protects your life. When we refuse to bless our enemies and curse them instead, we grieve the Holy Spirit and open ourselves up to God's Judgment. Notice these words in Paul's letter to the Ephesian Christians:

*Ephesians 4:29-31 "29 Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it. 30 **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed** (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin). 31 **Let all bitterness and indignation and wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind).**"*

It is clear from this and other passages of Scripture that when we feel the need to defend ourselves with retaliatory words of cursing, we quench and grieve the Holy Spirit. It may sound self-centered but it is very biblical to preserve your life through the peacefulness of your tongue. Job said:

*Job 31:29-30 "29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me or lifted myself up [in malicious triumph] when evil overtook him—30 **No, I have let my mouth sin neither by cursing my enemy nor by praying that he might die—"***

Job is saying here that cursing an enemy is a sin before God. We remove ourselves from God's protective covering when we succumb to cursing an enemy.

Benefit 5: Freedom

Blessing your enemy is your gateway to freedom! The children of Israel served as slaves to Pharaoh for four hundred years. Because Egypt would not allow God's people to leave and journey to the land of promise, God sent a series of plagues upon the land to compel Pharaoh to let the people go.

We read this verse earlier, but notice its import: The last act of Moses on his way out of Egypt was to bless the man who had enslaved his family. There were many supernatural factors involved in the exodus of the Jews, but I find it astonishing that the key that finally opened the portal to promise was a verbal blessing:

Exodus 12:31-32 “31 He called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the Israelites; and go, serve the Lord, as you said. 32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone! And [ask your God to] bless me also.”

Though Scripture does not record the actual event, I am sure that Moses complied and placed his hands upon Pharaoh and blessed him with a wonderful blessing. Was it the blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh? Perhaps so. That Pharaoh would ask for a blessing tells me that it was a common thing for the Jews to verbally bless the one who was enslaving them.

Benefit 6: Blessings

Blessing your enemy is the key that unlocks the double portion blessing. In our study we have examined the life and character of Joseph. It would have been easy for him to allow thoughts of unforgiveness and revenge to rule his spirit after enduring the pain that his brothers brought upon him. But upon revealing himself to his brothers, Joseph said,

*Genesis 45:5 “5 But now, do not be distressed and disheartened or vexed and angry with yourselves because you sold me here, **for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.**”*

Not only did Joseph bless them verbally, he went one step further and encouraged his brothers to forgive themselves of any lasting guilt for what they had done to him! Later on, when his brothers feared that Joseph might take revenge upon them, they fell down before him and declared that they were his servants. Joseph told them:

*Genesis 50:19-21 “5 But now, **do not be distressed and disheartened or vexed and angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.**”*

Was Joseph rewarded for not paying back evil for evil? Yes! Though Joseph was not the firstborn son, he received the birthright blessing of the double portion. After Jacob finished blessing his two grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh, he blessed Joseph with these words:

*Genesis 48:22 “22 Moreover, I have given to you [Joseph] one portion [Shechem, one mountain slope] more than any of your brethren, **which I took [reclaiming it] out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.**”*

Maintaining a forgiving spirit in the face of evil and then expressing the spirit of forgiveness through verbal blessing will always unlock for you a double portion of blessing from your Father in Heaven.

It is true that blessing someone who has harmed you might be the most difficult thing you have ever done. You might feel resistant at first, but I can assure you that verbal blessing is the key to unlocking many unopened doors in your future.

After you begin enjoying the blessing that obedience brings, there will be many more ways to bless your enemies. Let's now look at four ways you can do this.

Speak Well of Your Enemies

Y'shua [Jesus] said, "Bless those who curse you" (Luke 6:28). Remember that the word bless from the Greek language is taken from the words *eu*, which means "well," and *logos*, which means "speech." Put the two words together, and you have *eulogy* or *eulogize*. The word eulogy basically means "to speak well of." When we bless an enemy we are, in essence, speaking well about her to others and to her as well.

Keep in mind that the principle of blessing is not accomplished in the mind but rather with the tongue. It is verbal. The word means speaking well, not just thinking well! If you just think about forgiveness rather than expressing the spirit of forgiveness through the act of eulogizing your enemy, you will forever be on the street level watching others cascading over the summit into the double-portion blessing God has prepared for them. Without verbally blessing the one who has abused you and taken advantage of you, you will never grasp completeness and wholeness in Messiah.

Pray for Your Enemies

Not only are we to bless the ones who have cursed us, we are also called to pray for them. Y'shua [Jesus] said in Luke 6:28: "Pray for those who spitefully use you." Listen to the words of David as he describes a prayer that he prayed for an enemy who had become ill:

*Psalm 35:11-14 "11 Malicious and unrighteous witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I know not. 12 **They reward me evil for good to my personal bereavement.** 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting, and I prayed with head bowed on my breast. 14 **I behaved as if grieving for my friend or my brother; I bowed down in sorrow, as one who bewails his mother.**"*

Y'shua [Jesus] prayed for the hate-filled mob who stood beneath His cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34). Steven prayed for the very ones who were stoning him to death: "Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not charge them with this sin'" (Acts 7:60). Here is a prayer of blessing for an enemy that I think might help you:

Prayer ...

LORD, today I bring to you in prayer the person who has done one or more of the following to me:

- Verbally cursed and abused me.
- Betrayed me.
- Despitemfully used me.
- Falsely accused me.
- Stolen my goods.
- Physically or sexually abused me.

First of all, Lord, I forgive and release this person from any feelings of revenge, hatred or anger within me. Now I bless this person, and I ask You to bless him [or her].

- Bless his life with riches and honor.
- Bless his home with kindness, joy and love.
- Bless him with healing and wholeness.
- Bless him with integrity and wisdom.
- Bless the good works of his hands.
- Bless his mind, will and emotions with the peace of God.
- Bless him with the desire to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I pray, Lord, that You will bless him with the blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh and that he would forget the pain of his past and be fruitful in his future. I pray that You will bless him and keep him, and cause Your face to shine upon him and be gracious to him and give him peace. I pray that Your strong Name will be upon him. Amen!

☒ *Prepare a Meal for Your Enemies*

Romans 12:20 "20 But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

I know that this sounds farfetched, but it is a biblical principle that deserves our attention: We are to help supply the needs of our enemies in practical ways. One of the greatest conquerors in history was Cyrus the Great. When nations fell before him, it was his practice immediately to comfort his enemies and feed them, many times allowing them to remain in power under his new governorship. In so doing he showed mercy to his enemies and guaranteed that future uprisings against his sovereign rule would be few.

The prophet Elisha fed the enemies of Israel, and it became the key that established long lasting peace between Israel and Syria:



2 Kings 6:21-23 "21 **When the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, My father, shall I slay them? Shall I slay them?** 22 [Elisha] answered, You shall not slay them. Would you slay those you have taken captive with your sword and bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and return to their master. 23 So [the king] prepared great provision for them, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel."

☑ Show Kindness and Mercy to Your Enemies



Can you trust God to cover and protect you as you bless your offenders? That is really what it is all about, isn't it? Trust. When it comes down to it, you and I have many fears about speaking well of our enemies because we don't trust God to cover and protect us. Beyond that, our greatest fear is the same fear that captivated Jonah.

God told Jonah to take a message of repentance and judgment to the Ninevites. The Ninevites were hated, heathen enemies of the Jews, and Jonah wanted nothing to do with them. Jonah ran from the call to bless his enemies because he was afraid that God just might show them mercy. He repented only after his running away from the protective covering of God landed him in a whale of a problem. Jonah finally preached the Word of the Lord to the Ninevites and, amazingly, they repented and God showed them mercy. Here is the record of Jonah's anger toward God when He had mercy on Jonah's enemies:

Jonah 3:10-4:2 "10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and **God revoked His [sentence of] evil that He had said that He would do to them and He did not do it [for He was comforted and eased concerning them].** 1 **BUT IT** displeased Jonah exceedingly and he was very angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, I pray You, O Lord, is not this just what I said when I was still in my country? **That is why I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and [when sinners turn to You and meet Your conditions] You revoke the [sentence of] evil against them."**

Later God would say to Jonah: "And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left?" (Jonah 4:11).

You see, God wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth of His Son. The very ones who have harmed and hurt you are on God's heart! He loves them and sent His Son to die for them. Your act of mercy and kindness toward them may be the very thing that opens their hearts to Christ and brings them to a place of receiving God's blessing. Yes, it is true: Our merciful, loving God desires the best for our enemies. When the enemies of Messiah came to arrest Him, it was His mercy that reattached the ear of the high priest's servant after Peter had cut it off with a sword. God wills to show mercy even to evil people. Look at the words of Messiah:

Luke 6:35-36 “35 But love your enemies and be kind and do good [doing favors so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting and hoping for nothing in return but considering nothing as lost and despairing of no one; and then your recompense (your reward) will be great (rich, strong, intense, and abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind and charitable and good to the ungrateful and the selfish and wicked. 36 So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].”



This is often the main reason why we don't bless our enemies – we are afraid that God might just show them mercy and answer our words of blessing! I know that you might have to swallow hard to accept this, but it is true nonetheless. I am afraid that too many of us are running from the call to bless our enemies and boarding a ship with Jonah, headed in the opposite direction. Deep down we do not want our enemies to be blessed ... what it really comes down to is faith – faith in God's Promise that He will reward you for blessing an offender, faith in His Promise that in blessing others He will bless you. David had faith in God's Provision and proclaimed in his now-famous 23rd Psalm, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" (Psalm 23:5).

It is true that we live in a fallen world that produces fallen evil people like Adolph Hitler. It may even have been a monster like Hitler who tried to destroy your life. But hate and revenge toward your offender will produce only the bitter residue of Hitler in you. Someone once said that revenge is the sweetest morsel ever cooked in hell. I believe they were right. Revenge tastes sweet initially, but its side effects shatter the human spirit. You will find that blessing an enemy causes a river of satisfaction and comfort to flow your way and frees you to live in completeness and wholeness. By walking in forgiveness, you are finding sure footing on the ancient pathway of blessing. By blessing your offenders, you are choosing to set aside bitterness and hatred in order to receive the double-portion blessing. A glorious life absent of relational pressures and filled with fruitfulness and completeness awaits you.

The Afflictions of Love⁶

Wounding is inevitable if we are following Christ. Jesus was both "marred" (Isaiah 52:14) and "wounded" (Zechariah 13:6), and if we are sincere in our pursuit of His nature, we will suffer as well. How else can love be perfected?

Yet, let us beware. We either become Christlike and forgive, or we enter a spiritual time warp where we abide continually in the memory of our wounding. Like a systemic disease, the hurtful memories destroy every aspect of our reality. In truth, apart from God, the wounding that life inflicts is incurable. God has decreed that only Christ in us can survive.

Intercessors live on the frontier of change. We are positioned to stand between the needs of man and the provision of God. Because we are the agents of redemption, Satan will always seek the means to offend, discourage, silence, or otherwise steal the strength of our prayers. The wounding we receive must be interpreted in light of God's promise to reverse the effects of evil and make them work for our good (Romans 8:28). Since spiritual assaults are inevitable, we must discover how God uses our wounds as the means to greater power. This was exactly how Christ brought redemption to the world.

Jesus knew that maintaining love and forgiveness in the midst of suffering was the key that unlocked the power of redemption. Isaiah 53:11 tells us, "By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities."

Jesus possessed "revelation knowledge" into the mystery of God. He knew that the secret to unleashing world-transforming power was found at the cross. The terrible offense of the cross became the place of redemption for the world. Yet, remember, Jesus calls us to a cross as well. (See Matthew 16:24.) Wounding is simply an altar upon which our sacrifice to God is prepared.

Listen again to Isaiah's prophetic description of Jesus' life. His words, at first, seem startling, but as we read, we discover a most profound truth concerning the power of woundedness. He wrote,

"But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand" (Isa. 53:10).

How did Jesus obtain the power of God's pleasure and have it prosper in His hands? During His times of crushing, woundedness, and devastation, instead of retaliating, He rendered Himself "as a guilt offering."

⁶ Article by Francis Frangipane

The crushing is not a disaster; it is an opportunity. You see, our purposeful love may or may not touch the sinner's heart, but it always touches the heart of God. We are crushed by people, but we need to allow the crushing to ascend as an offering to God. The far greater benefit is the effect our mercy has on the Father. If we truly want to be instruments of God's good pleasure, then it is redemption, not wrath, that must prosper in our hands.

So, when Christ encounters conflict, even though He is the Lion of Judah, He comes as the Lamb of God. Even when He is outwardly stern, His loving heart is always mindful that He is the "guilt offering." Thus, Jesus not only asks the Father to forgive those who have wounded Him, but also numbers Himself with the transgressors and intercedes for them (Isaiah 53:12). He does this because the Father takes "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11), and it is the pleasure of God that Jesus seeks.

Is this not the wonder and mystery, yes, and the power, of Christ's cross? In anguish and sorrow, wounded in heart and soul, still He offered Himself for His executioners' sins. Without visible evidence of success, deemed a sinner and a failure before man, He courageously held true to mercy. In the depth of terrible crushing, He let love attain its most glorious perfection. He uttered the immortal words, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

Christ could have escaped. As the Romans came to arrest Him, He told Peter, "Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:53). In less than a heartbeat, the skies would have been flooded with thousands of warring angels. Yes, Jesus could have escaped, but mankind would have perished. Christ chose to go to hell for us rather than return to heaven without us. Instead of condemning mankind, He rendered "Himself as a guilt offering" (Isa. 53:10, emphasis added). He prayed the mercy prayer, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34).

Jesus said, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also" (John 14:12). We assume He meant that we would work His miracles, but Jesus did not limit His definition of "works" to the miraculous. The works He did—the redemptive life, the mercy cry, the identification with sinners, rendering Himself a guilt offering—all the works He did, we will "do also."

Thus, because He lives within us, we see that Isaiah 53 does not apply exclusively to Jesus; it also becomes the blueprint for Christ in us. Indeed, was this not part of His reward, that He would see His offspring (Isa. 53:10)? Beloved, we are the progeny of Christ. Read these words from Paul's heart:

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Col. 1:24).

What did the apostle mean? Did not Christ fully pay mankind's debts once and for all? Did Paul imply that we now take Jesus' place? No, we will never take Jesus' place. It means that Jesus has come to take our place. The Son of God manifests all the aspects of His redemptive, sacrificial life through us. Indeed, "as He is, so also are we in this world" (1 John 4:17).

Paul not only identified with Christ in his personal salvation, but he was also consumed with Christ's purpose. He wrote, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" (Philippians 3:10).

What a wondrous reality is the "fellowship of His sufferings." Here, in choosing to yoke our existence with Christ's purpose, we find true friendship with Jesus. This is intimacy with Christ. The sufferings of Christ are not the sorrows typically endured by mankind. They are the afflictions of love. They bring us closer to Jesus. United with Him, we increase the pleasure of God.

Father, I see You have had no higher purpose for me but to manifest through my life the nature of Your Son. I surrender to Christ, rendering myself not merely as a judge or critic, but as an offering for those who have brought wounding to my soul. May the fragrance of my worship remind You of Jesus, and may You forgive and cleanse the world around me.

Part 5:
The root of
rebellion

God created man in His Image. He wanted man to have a Godly relationship with Him. As a result of sin, this Godly relationship was broken and rebellion became the nature of man. Rebellion is a self-destructive process that is rooted in the occult.



**“I am my
OWN boss!”**

**“I succeed
by MYSELF!”**

**“I look after
MYSELF!”**

This is one of the most difficult areas to be set free from – we truly need God’s GRACE! The Holy Spirit must convict you and you must make a definite decision to get rid of it – be motivated to FIGHT against every sign of rebellion in your life!

Deliverance starts at the place of man’s rebellion where he surrenders the right to lead his own life, and surrenders himself to the rulership of King Y’shua (Jesus Christ). Satan’s nature is rebellion.

In previous manuals, we have seen that WITCHCRAFT is making your own desires and own reasonings superior to God’s Will and Word.

*1 Samuel 15:23 “23 **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim (household good luck images). Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.**”*

Let’s look at the Hebrew understanding of the ACTION of rebellion ...

- M-(a)-R-(a)-D⁷ [Strong’s Hebrew 4775]

*Job 24:13 “13 These wrongdoers are of those who **rebel** against the light; they know not its ways nor stay in its paths.”*

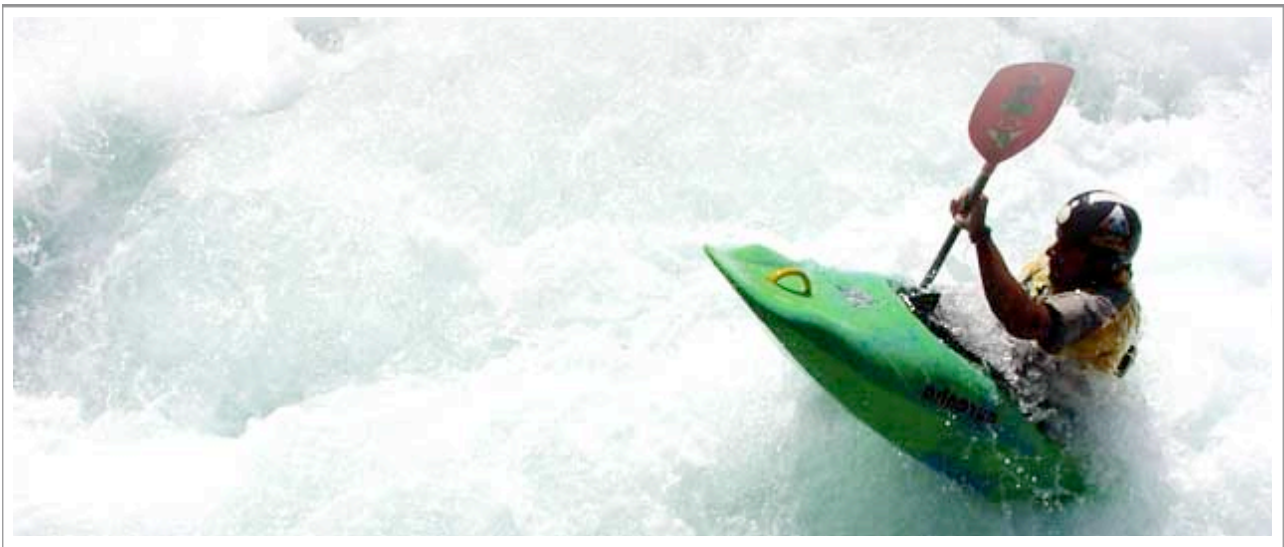
⁷ M-R-I-Y [Strong’s Hebrew 4805], meaning bitterness, is closely connected to this word.

Deuteronomy 1:26,43 “26 Yet you would not go up, but **rebelled** against the commandment of the Lord your God. 43 So I spoke to you, and you would not hear, but **rebelled** against the commandment of the Lord, and were presumptuous and went up into the hill country.”

Psalms 78:8 “8 And might not be as their fathers—a stubborn and **rebellious** generation, a generation that set not their hearts aright nor prepared their hearts to know God, and whose spirits were not steadfast and faithful to God.”

What picture—meaning do we get?

- **MEM:**
 - Living water,
 - A sheepfold,
 - To bend,
 - An outstretched arm.
 - We need to recognize that water is the “carrier of” something – it projects both energy and time.
 - Water flows in a given direction – therefore it will take you:
 - Towards something OR,
 - Away from something.



- **RESH:**
 - The back of a man's head,
 - Poverty that is the result of the reasoning of an unstable mind.
- **DALET:**
 - A door,
 - The heart of a matter.

The picture formed shows us that the water – life-giving potential – of man can be directed down the wrong paths when we listen to the unstable emotions of our hearts and allow our minds to become divided and unstable.

- **C-(a)-R-R** [Strong's Hebrew 5637], meaning:
 - To turn away,
 - Refractory,
 - Revolt.

*Psalm 66:7 “7 He rules by His might forever, His eyes observe and keep watch over the nations; let not the **rebellious** exalt themselves. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!”*

*Psalm 68:6,18 “6 God places the solitary in families and gives the desolate a home in which to dwell; He leads the prisoners out to prosperity; but the **rebellious** dwell in a parched land. 18 You have ascended on high. You have led away captive a train of vanquished foes; You have received gifts of men, yes, of the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell there with them.”*

*Isaiah 30:1 “**WOE TO the rebellious** children, says the Lord, who take counsel and carry out a plan, but not Mine, and who make a league and pour out a drink offering, but not of My Spirit, thus adding sin to sin;”*

- **P-(a)-SH** [Strong's Hebrew 6586/8], meaning:
 - Break away from authority,
 - To trespass,
 - Apostate,
 - Quarrel.



What picture-meaning do we get?

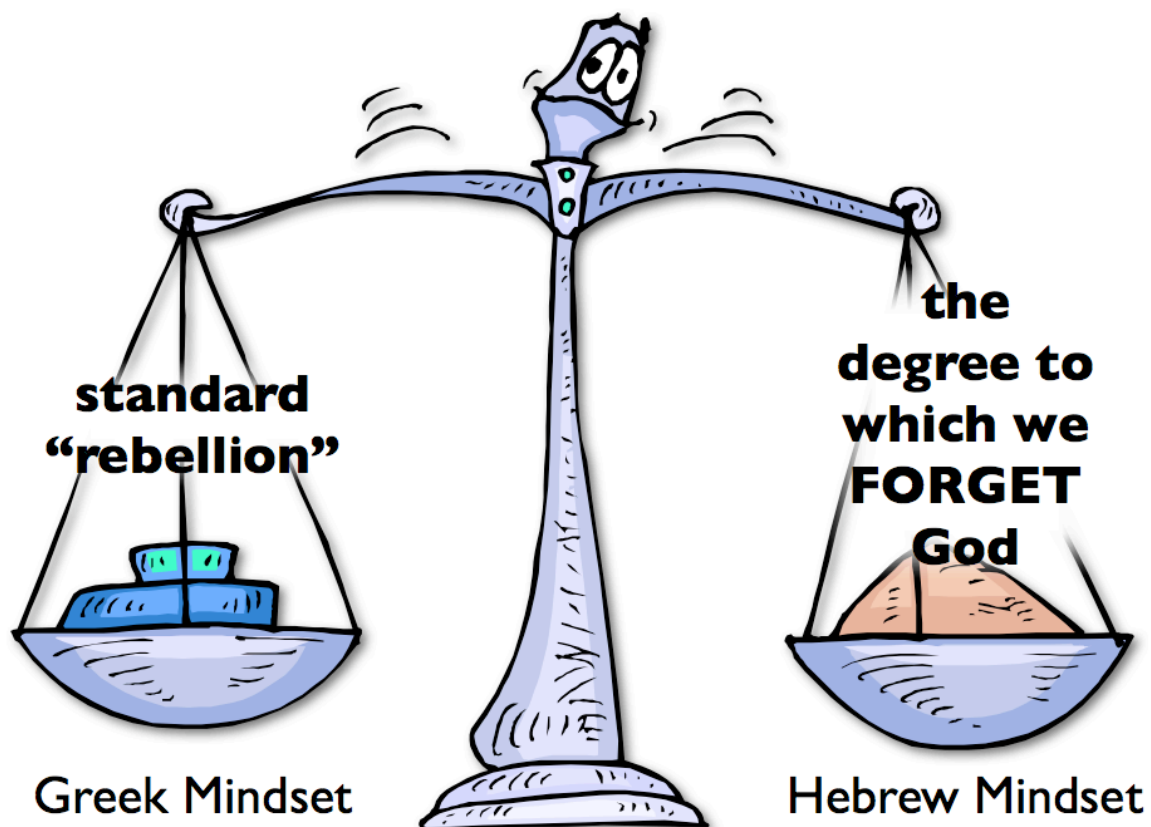
- **PEY:**
 - A mouth,
 - To speak.
 - Within this meaning we understand that speech is a “place” where significant things happen. In other words, by our speech we bring to fruition the internal spiritual “event” that is in your heart.
- **SHIN:**
 - To change,
 - To repeat,
 - To be different.

- Therefore what we do again and again (that which form the majority of our actions) serves to nourish the environment around us. Negative actions therefore go on to be repeated. We get the imagery in the winepress – our actions will have the same effect – we will:
 - Oppress,
 - Trample under foot,
 - And tread down.

The picture formed for the action of rebellion is one where our mouths form the foundation of our resulting actions of oppression/destruction, by giving voice to the inner man.

Understanding rebellion⁸ ...

Today rebellion is seen as acts of defiance to authority and inability to stay in step with the common, accepted norms, and the taking part in things such as the occult, and so forth. From the Greco-Roman perspective, it is the lack of conformity to the accepted norm that is the standard. However, the Hebraic [Biblical] understanding of rebellion is the degree that we “forget” God.



⁸ This Biblical understanding is very different to the Greek mindset!

What does this mean?

1. Firstly we need to have a relationship with God.

*Exodus 20:2 “2 I am the Lord your God, **Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**”*

Actually, the “Ten Commandments” are better translated as the “Ten Words”. There IS a command to recognize the fact that He is God our Father ... the Father who “brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.” This is the foundational principle that He is laying down for those who desire to enter into relationship with Him. Accept God as your Father to enable your redemption!

Relationship brings about an inner drive to perform to God’s Will and thus, a willingness to obey any commandment He may give. The Bible is only for those who have accepted the First Word. To insist that others follow the Word without first recognizing that He is GOD, our Father Who brought us out of Egypt, is the truest definition of legalism. But if you are saved, the normal response is to want to follow them because you LOVE Him. Following His Commandments because you LOVE Him is NEVER legalism.

2. We are blessed because-if-when we are literally living on the “heels” of being willing servants to His Commandments.

*Deuteronomy 7:12 “12 And if you hearken to these precepts and keep and do them, the Lord your **God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which He swore to your fathers.**”*

The KJV and NIV translate this differently:

*Deuteronomy 7:12 “12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, **that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers:**” KJV*

*Deuteronomy 7:12 “12 If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, **then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.**” NIV*

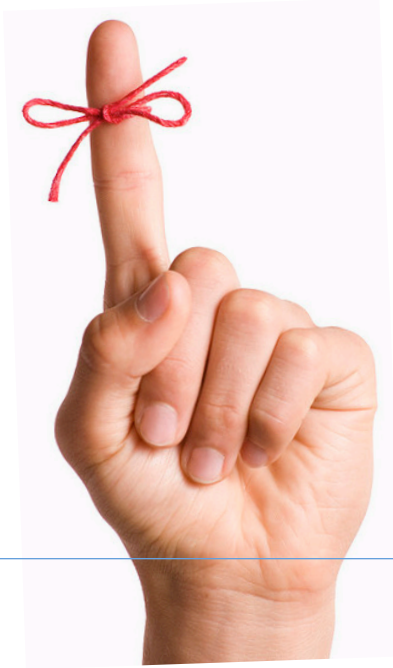
Ekev is still an unusual Hebrew word to use in this context, as the Bible uses other Hebrew words for both “because” and “if”. Quite literally, *ekev* means “heel”. Therefore you could say that the blessings of our God come on the “heels” of our listening and obedience – our SH’MA.

Jewish commentator James Stone Goodman points to the usage of *ekev* in Psalm 89:51, where it speaks of “on the heels (*ekev*) of the Messiah” as referring to the last generation before the Messiah. That “heel” generation contains the weight of every generation prior to it ... every word said, every commandment performed, contributes in some way to the coming of the Messiah. That generation is therefore pointed to in Deuteronomy 7:12 as the generation who will SH’MA the Instructions of our God.

3. We are in rebellion when we “forget” God.

Deuteronomy 9:5 “5 Not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your [minds and] hearts do you go to possess their land; **but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out before you**, and that He may fulfill the promise which the Lord swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

2 Corinthians 2:9 “9 For this was my purpose in writing you, **to test your attitude and see if you would stand the test, whether you are obedient and altogether agreeable [to following my orders] in everything.**”



In practical terms, to forget is something like this ... the etymology of **SH-(a)-K-(a)-CH** – Hebrew for forget – means to “forget due to distraction or inattention”. In Deuteronomy 8, we read that the things that distract us are our full stomachs, our beautiful homes, our jobs, and our money.

According to the *Theological Wordbook* of the Old Testament, “forgetting” is not simply a psychological act of having a thought pass from one’s consciousness – it is a temporary or permanent lapse of memory. This is indicated by the frequent identification of the verb with an action.

- To “forget” the LORD your God is to not keep His Commandments.

Deuteronomy 8:11 “11 **Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His precepts, and His statutes which I command you today,**”

- To “forget” the LORD your God is to follow other gods.

Deuteronomy 8:19 “19 **And if you forget the Lord your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.**”

- To “forget” the LORD your God is to live in fear of harm and danger, to live fretfully and timidly.

Isaiah 51:13 “13 **That you should forget the Lord your Maker, Who stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and fear continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he makes ready to destroy or even though he did so? And where is the fury of the oppressor?**”

- To “forget” the LORD your God is to live in rebellion.

Psalms 106:13 “13 **But they hastily forgot His works; they did not [earnestly] wait for His plans [to develop] regarding them,**”

- “Forgetting” is often associated specifically with turning away from the Word.

*Proverbs 3:1 “**MY SON, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,**”*

*Hosea 4:6 “**6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.**”*

- Moses was told to “remember” to keep the Commandments of the Word in order to live in the Promised Land.

*Deuteronomy 8:1 “**ALL THE commandments which I command you this day you shall be watchful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers.**”*

- “Forgetting” will bring about exile from the land, graphically portrayed in.

*Leviticus 18:24 “**24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these things the nations are defiled which I am casting out before you.**”*

What are some attitudes that come out of hurts and unfulfilled needs?

- Grudge/grievance,
- Bitterness,
- Refuse to communicate,
- Rebellion against authority,
- Double mindedness (feelings of love and hate at the same time),
- Distrustfulness.

NOTE! A major key to deliverance is that we must trust God.

What are the steps to rebellion (against God and man)?

- An unfulfilled need becomes,
- A grudge/grievance becomes,
- Bitterness becomes,
- Hatred becomes,
- Rebellion.

What are the sources of rebellion?

- Rejection,
- Unfulfilled needs,
- Hurts,
- Adam's nature,
- Occult, includes pop-music,
- Too little discipline in home.

What is the nature of rebellion?

- Refuses to be restricted – the person wants to rule his own life and refuses to be hindered.
- Rebellion refuses discipline – discipline sets limits and rebellion wants no boundaries.
- Rebellion refuses authority:
 - Rebellion is not a demon, but it is an attitude and state of the heart.
 - Problems with rebellion are manifested in our relationships with those who are in authority. There is an inability to submit to authority in school, parents, income tax, speed limits, smuggling, and so forth.
 - Until rebellion is dealt with, a person will experience many problems,
 - Lust, anger, hatred, inability to control the flesh, eating disorders like weight gain, anorexia, bulimia, and so forth.



What are the main areas of rebellion?

- Rebellion refuses parental authority. When a child is disciplined or punished without receiving love and acceptance, then a grudge/grievance, anger, bitterness and hatred will develop, that will end in rebellion. Parental discipline must go hand in hand with loving acceptance.

Ephesians 6:4 "4 Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord."

- Rebellion refuses governmental authority. Scripture refers to the end-times as the era of lawlessness. The antichrist is called the "lawless one" (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

- Rebellion refuses the Authority of God. Humanism is the refusal of man to submit to God's Authority. Occultism and fortune telling are born out of rebellion against God, where man manipulates supernatural powers for his own purposes. Un-Godliness is to live as if God does not exist.

Proverbs 28:9 "9 He who turns away his ear from hearing the law [of God and man], even his prayer is an abomination, hateful and revolting [to God]."

What are the results of rebellion?

1. The body rules the person (Romans 8:6-7; Galatians 5:9-21). The one who rebels against authority becomes a slave of his own body. Uncontrolled bodily appetites are the result of rebellion, this is the root of addictions – food, alcohol, sex, and so forth. This also applies to emotional appetites of jealousy, strife, envy, and so forth.
2. Homosexuality – two roots that need to be dealt with, are rejection and rebellion. The homosexual is not born like that. He usually has a very poor father image, no self-identification and very strong roots of rebellion. When you are given over to the lusts of the flesh, it is the judgment of God against rebellion (Romans 1:21, 24-28).
3. Witchcraft and/or fortune-telling has its root in rebellion. Rebellion causes you to refuse the Authority of God's Word, where your own reasonings are exalted above the Word of God (remember Saul?) Witchcraft takes over the role of God. It refers to man's desire to manipulate and control people – you take revenge by obtaining power and doing evil. Witchcraft is rebellion and disobedience, where you become your own authority.

*1 Samuel 15:22 "22 Samuel said, Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**"*

4. Schizophrenia – what is schizophrenia?

Schizophrenia is not split personality. It is a thought disorder where one loses the ability to tell what is real and what is imaginary. It causes one to hear voices and hallucinate. They often feel that they are being watched, followed or persecuted. This is not a mood disorder – it is caused by a different type of chemical imbalance. There is a family of medications to control schizophrenia. Anti-depressants are used only occasionally if there are many depressive type thoughts.

- **Schizein** means "to split".
- **Phen** means "mind".

The same two roots we see in homosexuality, namely rejection and rebellion. Schizophrenia (split personality) differs from one person to the other:

- Rejection will bring symptoms of fear, loneliness, shyness, fantasy, insecurity, negative self image, fear of rejection, jealousy, depression, and suicide.



• Rebellion will cause outbursts of hatred, violence, bitterness, possessiveness, fortune telling, control of others, cannot be convinced, pride, self will, self deception and perversion.

The schizophrenic loses his identity and swings from one extreme to the other where he hides between one or the other root.

5.Blocks the learning process – It causes a resistance to be taught. Rebellion is the way of the fool. Being unteachable – “who are you to tell me what to do?” ... “You aren’t going to tell me what to do!”

*Psalm 14:1 “1 **THE [empty-headed] fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable deeds; there is none that does good or right.**”*

6. Disorderliness – no self discipline.
7. Procrastination.
8. Passive aggressiveness (Ahab) and/or passive resistance – even if you don’t throw things around, or swear – still is still rebellion (what goes on in your heart?)

How do we recognize rebellion?

- Outrageous and/or disgraceful remarks to evoke reactions of shock.
- "Couldn't care" state of mind and language ... “So what if I’m going to hell!”
- Thoughts of rebellion (nobody will tell me what to do).
- Mocking of people in positions of authority (teachers, school leaders, pastors, cell leaders), unteachable.
- Contradiction in clothing, speech (punk hairstyles, and so forth).
- A willingness rather to suffer than to submit. Will never give in – for instance, refusing to cry, hunger strike, and so forth.
- Revengeful thoughts ... “I’ll get you back”.

Proverbs 14:6 “6 A scoffer seeks Wisdom in vain [for his very attitude blinds and deafens him to it], but knowledge is easy to him who [being teachable] understands.”

A word on ANOREXIA ...

Psalm 107:11, 17-18 “11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High. 17 Some are fools [made ill] because of the way of their transgressions and are afflicted because of their iniquities. 18 They loathe every kind of food, and they draw near to the gates of death.”

The Amplified Bible footnote states that the word “fool” in the Old Testament seldom, if ever, is used to describe the feeble-minded, imbecile, idiot, or moron. Rather it always has within it the meaning of a rebel, especially towards God and the laws of order, decency, and justice.

What are the steps out of rebellion?

There are two main keys to receive deliverance from rebellion ... to know that you CAN TRUST THE LORD and THAT GOD LOVES YOU!

- Deep repentance – confess your rebellion. See it as God sees it identical to witchcraft.
- Forgive your parents and authority figures.
- Choose to change your attitude of heart to submission to human authority and to God.
- Place your whole life in the Hands of God. Come to total submission to the Ruler ship of God.
- Renounce all occult activities and close the doors by an act of your will.
- Ask God to cut you loose from all bonds of rebellion.

Some problems sometimes experienced during deliverance from rebellion ...

- You think that it is your personality.
- It serves as a protection and defense for you – “Nobody will sit on my head!”
- You experience it as enjoyable. You feel strong by saying, “Go and jump!” To be meek, humble, gentle sounds too “soft”.
- When you refuse ministry – it clearly shows the root of rebellion!

Deliverance and restoration become yours when you deal with the problem of rebellion. Do not allow the slightest bit of enmity or rebellion to remain in your heart.

Prayer to dismantle the roots of rebellion ...

In the Name of the Messiah Y'shua [Jesus Christ], I repent for all generational idolatry.

I repent for all personal and generational rebellion, stubbornness, and disobedience that have contributed to witchcraft in my life and in my generational line.

I repent for all envy and jealousy of the mind, physical bodies, and personalities of others.

I repent for any worship of myself and any need of personal recognition.

I repent for all envy and jealousy of the spiritual giftings and capacities of others.

I repent for myself and for those in my generational line who did not guard the gates of the spiritual and physical senses.

I repent for choosing my will above the Will of the LORD.

I choose to owe no one anything, but to love one another.

I choose to cast off the work of darkness and to put on the armor of Light, the King, Messiah Y'shua [Jesus Christ], and to make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust.

I choose to walk only according to the grace and anointing God has given to me.

I choose to walk in unity with my brothers and sisters in the LORD.

I choose to follow Messiah, living a life of love, preferring others above myself.

I choose to yield and surrender my personal rights so that I might serve the LORD wholeheartedly.

I choose to be devoted to one another in brotherly love and to honor one another above myself. I will never be lacking in zeal, but will keep my spiritual fervor, serving the LORD. I will be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. I will share with God's people who are in need. I will practice hospitality. I will bless those who persecute. I will rejoice with those who rejoice and will mourn with those who mourn. I will live in harmony with other believers. I will not be proud, but I will associate with people of low position. I will not be conceited. I will not repay evil for evil. I will have regard for the good things in sight of all men. I will live at peace with everyone. I will not take revenge on others.

LORD, will you now remove all ungodly spiritual beings and devices that have been empowered by my idolatry, rebellion, and jealousy, and the idolatry, rebellion and jealousy of my ancestors.

LORD, will you disconnect me from any evil network and I break all un-Godly ties between the abode of the enemy and myself.

LORD, will you remove the generational tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

LORD, will you break the cords of death that entangle me, the torrents of destruction that overwhelm me, the cords of *sheol* that are coiled around me, and the snares of death that confront me.

LORD, I now take back any Godly anointing, energy, authority, finances, and health given away and perverted because of my sin and my ancestor's sin.

LORD, will You set me as a seal upon Your Heart, as a seal upon Your Arm, for Your Love is stronger than death.

I declare that the King Messiah Y'shua [Jesus Christ] is the Head and He is KING over all.



Scripture references:

- Ezekiel 8:1-6
- Romans 12:3
- 1 Samuel 15:23
- Deuteronomy 4:15-20
- Ephesians 4:12-13
- John 17
- Romans 12:10-19
- Romans 13
- Genesis 2
- Psalms 18
- Ephesians 1:22
- Song of Songs 8:6

Part 6:
The cords of
Jezebel and the
Babylonian
family order

Revelation 2:18-25 “18 **And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write:** These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze: [Dan. 10:6.] 19 **I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance,** and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones. 20 **But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel,** who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols. [I Kings 16:31; II Kings 9:22, 30.] 21 I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so. 22 Take note: **I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction,** unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings. 23 **And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead** [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves. [Ps. 62:12; Jer. 17:10.] 24 **But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say—I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:** 25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.”



Jezebel rides a beast, holding five cords:

- Controls occultic demons.
- Food offered to idols – compromise – waters down God’s Discipline.
- Immorality – controls lust and perversity.
- Teaches and misleads – manipulates, dominates, intimidates.
- Prophetess, controls religious demons.

The Abba-Father relationship⁹ ...

The hearts of the fathers have been turned from the children. When the role of the father is not fulfilled, the structure of the family is broken down. The sign of revival is when the father-child relationship is restored. We must come to the place where the Body of Messiah is built in the house and not the house in the Body.

Malachi 4:5-6 "5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 6 And he shall turn and reconcile the hearts of the [estranged] fathers to the [ungodly] children, and the hearts of the [rebellious] children to [the piety of] their fathers [a reconciliation produced by repentance of the ungodly], lest I come and smite the land with a curse and a ban of utter destruction."

There are two main starting points in relation to the Abba-Father relationship ...

- The child's own identity and self-worth come from the father relationship.
- The father image is the model on which the child builds his relationship with God.

Problems that develop as a result of a WEAK FATHER image ...

- Unfulfilled desires lead to rejection, rebellion, homosexuality, and so forth.
- Self-hatred – when there is proper communication between the father and his child, the child has a good self identity. Rejection grows when love and acceptance are not communicated. A weak self-image and sense of worthlessness develop. A negative self-image, plus a sense of worthlessness creates self-hatred.
- A “failure syndrome” that leads to very deep problems.
- Crime increases and moral standards are ignored. Young people refuse to accept the standards of society.

Factors involved where the FATHER role has failed ...

- **Time pressure** – just too busy, very full schedules, work demands, church activities, and so forth. REMEMBER! The family comes before your ministry, work, or entertainment.
- **Unbalanced priorities.**
- Routine – most planning involves work and recreation (newspapers, TV, sports, and so forth). Very little planning involves the family as a unity.
- **Selfishness:**

⁹ Recommended reading: “His Image, My Image” by Josh McDowell.

- Husbands expect submission and honour from their wives and children without fulfilling the requirements of the husband father role. For example, rather than accept the responsibility to initiate family activities, many fathers sit for hours in front of the TV, in spite of the fact that they spend no quality time with their family.
- **Passivity:**
 - Mothers are usually more active in the parent role than fathers. He assumes the attitude that that his role is merely that of breadwinner.
 - NOTE! The most important function is to be a father to your children.
- **Inability to communicate.**
- **Too little discipline.**
 - Child always gets his own way. Enjoys to manipulate the parents. Father always gives in. The result?
 - In a GIRL: Does not want to submit to her own husband manipulates him always gets her own way.
 - In a BOY: Wife and children must always give in to his demands, strong rebellion, refuses authority (of church work, and so forth).

God's Plan for the family ...

We have seen in previous manuals that in the Old Testament, the fathers – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – played very significant role in upbringing. The Scriptures tell us that "it is not good for man to be alone". Woman are the helpmeet, taken from Adam's side. Man and wife are one flesh.

Life before the Industrial Revolution was very much family-centered. Children worked with Mom and Dad on the farm, and most kids had a good sense of identity. After the Revolution, fathers started to work away from home, and men began to identify with their work, and not their family – "my job and I". The woman was then left to bring up the children. Do you know that a father can be a man after God, but a failure as a father? There are a few examples in the Scriptures ... David, Eli, and Samuel.



**Dad, what will you be able to say
about your family one day?!**

When a father does not see his family as a part of himself, then the following happens:

- ☑ The family is divided.
- ☑ The wife is forced to take the lead.
- ☑ The wife is forced to work (high standard of living, or the wrong priorities).

Self-image ... who am I?

Three areas of importance during the developmental years:

- Appearance. How do I look?
- Performance. How do I do?
- Importance. How important am I?

We receive this information from our parents. Then we form a picture of ourselves. You do not know who you are at birth. When your parents talk to you and tell you how they see you, you then build up a picture of yourself. A good, family unit is important for a good self image.

The importance of the parents at different stages of growth ...

0 - 3 Years



Both parents.

3 Years - Puberty



Parent of the opposite sex.

Puberty - Maturity



Parent of the same sex, who is now a role-model for maturity.

Results of a WEAK FATHER image . . .

- **Consequences for the woman:**
 - Distrust of men.
 - Aggression towards men.
 - Need for love.
 - Sexual problems in marriage.
- **Consequences for the man:**
 - Strive to prove macho image.
 - Aggression towards women.
 - Fear of being dominated by a woman.
 - Weak relationships with other men – or no friends – homosexuality.

Results in society due to FAILED/weak fathers ...

1. Sects.

- a. Young people are misled and drawn into sects, because there are certain characteristics that are peculiar to sects:
 - i. Strong authority/father figure,
 - ii. A “family” unity – nearness, followers,
- b. They seek a father, a family, love, acceptance, security, and authority. The sects fill the vacuum that is caused by the lack of true fathers in families.

2. Unisex concepts.

- a. Men and women who fulfill the same roles, dress the same, look the same and are treated the same. There is a breaking down of own identity and the sexual role of man.

3. Homosexuality.

- a. This problem is growing at an alarming rate right across the world. In every case there is a very strong root of rejection and no father figure.

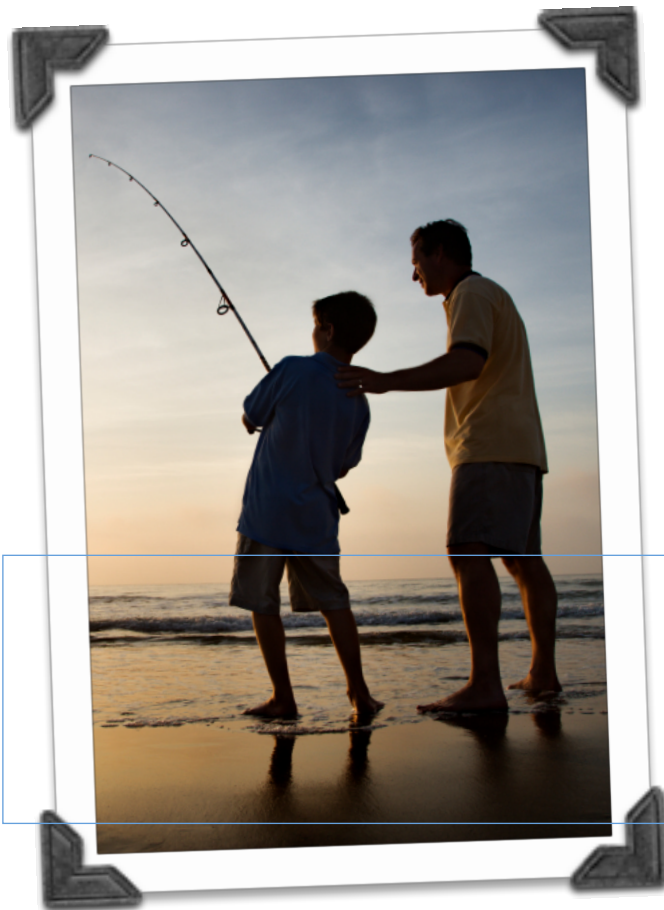
4. Instability in relationships.

- a. Between heterosexual roles there is promiscuity, divorce, an inability to keep up a stable relationship with another person.

Factors in building up a GOOD father-relationship ...

- Fathers must be AVAILABLE for their children, to listen, give answers, communicate, share comradeship and show interest.
- Love is communicated through:
- The EYES the way you look at someone.
- TIME – quality time spent with the person.

- The VOICE how you speak to someone, tone of voice.
- TOUCH – physical contact is important.
- Teenagers need just as much attention as toddlers. During adolescence, the father gives stability so that a feeling of well being is maintained.
- Acceptance must be based on RELATIONSHIP and not achievement.
- Fathers must take up their responsibility towards their children, instead of leaving the upbringing of the children to the mother.
- Worship as a family ... the family that prays together stays together.



It is never too late to start building good family unity. Stability will do much to combat insecurities and wrong foundations. REMEMBER FATHERS: Your example will determine if your children will be able to say ABBA FATHER one day.

The role of a FATHER.

The greatest revelation for any person is what a father really means.

John 17:26 "26 I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them."

We learn that from our Heavenly Father. The whole aim of the plan of salvation is to lead us BACK to our Heavenly Father. Y'shua [Jesus] is the Way, the Truth and the Life and nobody can come to the Father, but by Him. (John 14:6). Earthly fathers represent God the Father. Messiah represents God ... fathers represent Messiah in the family (1 Corinthians 11:3).

Ministries of Messiah that must be represented by the fathers ...

- The father as **PRIEST**, representing the family before God.
 - Sacrifice of intercession for his family (Job 1:5).
 - Every father must apply the blood (Exodus 12:3, 22-23).
 - Faith of father for children (Mark 9:23-24).
 - Fathers have the privilege of claiming salvation for their families – they have the AUTHORITY (Acts 16:3).

- The father as **PROPHET**, representing God to his family.
 - Fathers are responsible for spiritual guidance (Ephesians 6:4).
 - Discipline with grace (Colossians 3:21).
 - Live out Christ in everyday circumstances (Deuteronomy 11:18-21).
 - Pattern for last days – Noah (Hebrews 11:7).
- The father as **KING** [Ruler].
 - Must rule over his own house (1 Timothy 3:4-5).
 - Abraham was chosen because he could rule over his own household (Genesis 18:17-19). BEWARE! Lot lead his family to Sodom and Gomorrah – and then could not lead them all out again.

How do I fulfill God's CALLING to be a father?

- Recognize your responsibility and know that the authority rests upon your shoulders.
- Humble yourself before God (1 Peter 5:6).
- Trust God for grace.
- Be faithful and persevere in your calling.
- Make it the first priority of your time.

God's Order for marriage ...

● The MAN leads!

Ephesians 5:22-23 “22 Wives, be subject (be submissive and adapt yourselves) to your own husbands as [a service] to the Lord. 23 **For the husband is head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church, Himself the Savior of [His] body.**”

● The WOMAN follows!

Colossians 3:18-22 “18 **Wives, be subject to your husbands [subordinate and adapt yourselves to them], as is right and fitting and your proper duty in the Lord.** 19 Husbands, love your wives [be affectionate and sympathetic with them] and do not be harsh or bitter or resentful toward them. 20 **Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.** 21 Fathers, do not provoke or irritate or fret your children [do not be hard on them or harass them], lest they become discouraged and sullen and morose and feel inferior and frustrated. [Do not break their spirit.] 22 Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord and as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him.”

1 Peter 3:1-7 “1 **IN LIKE** manner, **you married women, be submissive to your own husbands** [subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them], so that even if any do not obey the Word [of God], they may be won over not by discussion but by the [godly] lives of their wives, 2 **When they observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourselves**, together with your reverence [for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him—to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband]. 3 Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] interweaving and knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewelry, or changes of clothes; 4 **But let it be the inward adorning and beauty of the hidden person of the heart**, with the incorruptible and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God. 5 **For it was thus that the pious women of old who hoped in God were [accustomed] to beautify themselves and were submissive to their husbands [adapting themselves to them as themselves secondary and dependent upon them].** 6 It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). **And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].** 7 In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honoring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God’s unmerited favor) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered and cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]”

LESSONS from the Scriptures:

- **ADAM** and Eve – the Instruction was given to Adam ... satan approaches Eve. She is deceived and Adam (1 Timothy 2:14; 2 Corinthians 11:3) is condemned, because he does not execute his leadership.
- He allowed her to stray from God's Word. The man has to protect his family, but when God confronted him, he blamed Eve. Adam did not accept responsibility!
- **ABRAHAM** and Sarah – Hagar was Sarah’s idea, which resulted in Ishmael. What lesson do we learn? The man must take a stand in order to serve God. If he fails, the order of satan begins to work.
- What is satan’s order? That a man be a tyrant, dominating through fear OR passive, allowing the woman to dominate, control, and manipulate.



REMEMBER: Satan thought he was better equipped to rule and lead than God. He then caused chaos. He influenced the woman to think she was more capable than her husband. She then came directly under the control of Satan. Eve was incited to rebel against submission and to grab hold of control (to dominate has nothing to do with a strong personality).

- **NIMROD** and Semiramis (Genesis 10:8-10) – Nimrod built the first empire on earth. He was a hunter and builder, a high priest of Satan/pagan worship, worshipped by the people. Nimrod built the Tower of Babel (focus of occult powers, “psychic receiver”) and worshipped the heavenly bodies. Nimrod married his mother-in-law, Semiramis.
- We have seen in previous manuals that Semiramis was the goddess of love and beauty (Aphrodite and Venus), the Queen of Heaven (Babel). She became pregnant through adultery, and lied about it, saying that Nimrod visited/impregnated her, after coming back to life from the dead, and was reincarnated as the child Tammuz¹⁰. Semiramis declared herself as “virgin” with the child-savior, a demonic counterfeit of the True Messiah (Genesis 3:15). This account is chock full of lessons to be learnt – one being that the man is rebellious against the LORD, and then being manipulated by a woman.
- **AHAB** and Jezebel (descendants of Semiramis) – after Solomon the Nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms:
 - Israel [Ephraim] – the ten northern Tribes, all successive kings being evil.
 - Judah – the two southern Tribes, some good kings, some evil.

*1 Kings 16:29-34 “29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, **Ahab son of Omri began his reign of twenty-two years over Israel in Samaria.** 30 And Ahab son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all before him. 31 As if it had been a light thing for Ahab to walk in the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, **he took for a wife Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and served Baal and worshiped him.** 32 He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria. 33 **And Ahab made an Asherah [idolatrous symbol of the goddess Asherah]. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel before him.** 34 In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of the life of Abiram his firstborn, **and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Joshua son of Nun.**”*

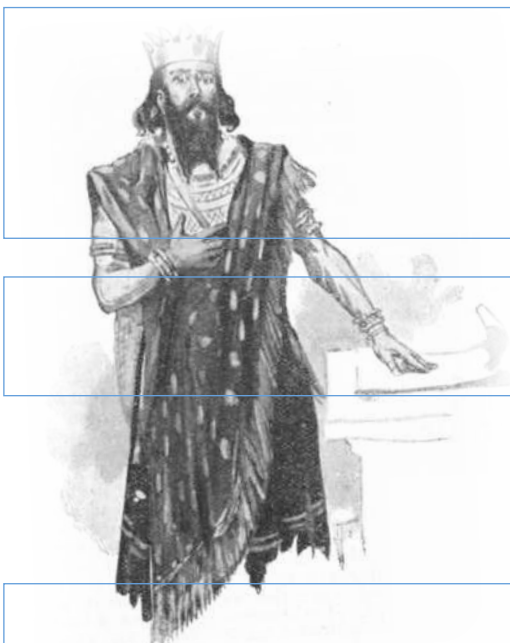
*1 Kings 21:4 “4 **And Ahab [already depressed by the Lord’s message to him] came into his house [more] resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him;** for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would eat no food.”*

¹⁰ Even today, “mother and child” are worshipped in every conceivable religion. For more information, see our book “How Fertility Cults Devour Our Blessings”, available from the website or for order from the office.

Let's have a look at Ahab and Jezebel's bloodline ... Ahab and Jezebel's son only rules for two years (1 Kings 22:51-53; 2 Kings 1), but he achieves nothing. Their daughter marries a good king, Jehoshaphat's son from the Tribe of Judah. She influences him to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD. What do we learn? The spirit of Jezebel undermines a good man – a wife can influence her husband for good, or for evil.

2 Chronicles 21:5-6, 20 “5 **Jehoram at thirty-two years of age began his eight-year reign in Jerusalem.** 6 He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab, **for he married the daughter of Ahab and did what was evil in the eyes of the Lord.** 20 Thirty-two years old was Jehoram when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being wanted. Yet they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.”

The reign of Jezebel's daughter Athaliah and grandson ...



2 Chronicles 22:3-4 “3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, **for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.** 4 So he did evil in the sight of the Lord like the house of **Ahab**, for they were his counselors after his father's death, to his destruction.”

2 Chronicles 22:10 “10 **But when Athaliah mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family of Judah.**”

NOTE! All men are wiped out. Satan hates the men. He wants to rule through the woman. Semiramis refuses to be a widow and to grieve.

Revelation 18:2, 7 “2 And he shouted with a mighty voice, **She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen!** She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird. 7 To the degree that she glorified herself and reveled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], to that measure impose on her torment and anguish and tears and mourning. **Since in her heart she boasts, I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering or experience sorrow—**”

Family relationships ...

- **MAN**, vulnerable in area of his ego.
 - Requires respect, admiration and esteem.
 - Must believe in himself.
 - Created in the image of God as leader, king and priest.
 - Deep need that family whom he leads must respect him.

- Self respect is confirmed if woman respects him.
- Woman is an extension of the man.
- If she undermines him, his self image is undermined.
- His needs must be respected and honoured.
- God protects the man through his command to the woman to honour the man, because of his position and not his person he is allowed to make mistakes. Respect based on his behaviour can fluctuate.
- His responsibility is to lead in LOVE.
- **WOMAN**, vulnerable in her emotions.
 - Wants love rather than admiration.
 - Focus is on her person and not her position.
 - Need of security, love, protection and comfort.
 - Vulnerable in relationships – open to rejection.

What is the MAN's responsibilities?

- To love his wife and lead his family.
- Leadership does not only imply that he makes decisions, but also expects him to be the spiritual authority. The husband's position as head of the home carries the anointing. Many men feel incompetent and inferior think they are not "spiritual" enough. The anointing for leadership comes with the position even unsaved men. If a husband's authority is undermined, he withdraws and/or holds back.
- The husband has to focus on his wife as person, notice her needs and love her as Messiah loves the Bride [Body] and gave Himself. It requires unselfishness – a father must place his family above his own needs.



What are the woman's responsibilities?

- Follows and encourages the man. She has more initiative and sees his potential. She must help him to recognize it in order to achieve it himself with the help of God. Do not break him down or try to manipulate him and force him to achieve things.
- It is easy for a woman to follow a good leader.
- Submission is an intelligent act of worship.
- Tranquil attitude – trust God's Order!

What is the enemy's strategy?

- Convinces the wife to focus on husband as a person, focusing on his feet of clay, weaknesses, and so forth.
- Convinces man to concentrate on his position and not on his wife as a person. He feels overloaded with responsibility.
- Wants to remove the man, and cut his head off.
- Power transferred to woman.

How is the man cut off?

- Divorce/death (physical).
- Too busy (materialism).
- Emotionally – when wife begins to take over, manipulate and control the man can be present physically, but emotionally be somewhere else.

The enemy's attack ...

1. The MAN begins to think his wife does not love him anymore, because she shows no respect. To him love means respect.
2. He thinks that he carries all responsibility and feels like a martyr – “she does not appreciate me, so why should I go to any trouble? Let her do her own thing.”
3. He now falls for the tactics of satan and walks away from his responsibility. He begins to wander around and seek someone who will respect him.
4. The WOMAN begins to think her husband is so childish, just like a little boy she has to look after him. She wants someone she can respect. She believes she is more capable of leading the family and begins to take over. She begins to attack and undermines his authority by breaking him down and manipulating him.
5. Man begins to withdraw when he is despised, hurt and broken down. He takes refuge in his work, sport, gambling, friends ... stays away from home longer.
6. Woman experiences a loss of protection and security. She tries everything to keep her basis of security. She keeps up a pretense that her husband is still in control.

The reactions ...

1. If the man decides at this stage to stay at home, he may physically try to regain what he has lost spiritually, namely:
 - a. Outbursts of anger (wife incites him till he storms away in anger – he in fact loses control).
 - b. Domination – physical abuse.
 - c. Threats – suicide, family murder, and so forth.

2. Man stays in the house physically, but withdraws from his position of leadership will not even attempt to win it back.
 - a. He allows the woman to rule.
 - i. This has its roots in Babylon where a woman is worshipped, the same spirit is found in woman of that religion (Queen of Heaven).
 - b. Woman tries to control the man and rules through feelings of guilt and emotional blackmail.
 - i. Rules through moral disapproval – hints, cynical remarks, nagging, controls his behaviour.
 - ii. Open criticism – “the problem with you is ...”
 - iii. Uses sex as weapon.
 - iv. Forces him to become angry. If he loses his temper, she has won. He then reacts like a child (Ahab).
 - v. Controlling, manipulating spirit, refuses all authority, open to demonic control.

HOW DOES THE ENEMY ESTABLISH THIS CONTROL?

- **Hurt.**

- The woman breaks man down in ways that she knows will hurt him. Makes him feel worthless, attacks his ego.
- The man walks in unloving ways – things he does, not necessarily says.
- Emotionally the woman becomes vulnerable – the husband leaves her alone. He stops spending time with her, does communicate his love to her, and so forth.
- The husband allows the wife to take spiritual authority and to make spiritual decisions.

- **Family roots.**

- Parents must guide their children to maturity so that they in turn can break away and start a family of their own. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh." God's order is that the man has to break away from his parents (the order of Babylon hinders this and binds a son to his mother).



<i>God's Family Order</i>	The Order of Babylon
As a growing little boy, the boy is near to his mother – the focus is on nurturing.	Father is away, and son grows up tied to mom's apron strings.
In the later years of childhood (definitely from age thirteen), father becomes the role-model. The boy associates with the father, and grows away from mom – the boy begins to be matured into a man.	The mother makes all the decisions and maintains discipline. The son associates with his mother, all the focus is on her. He is never weaned from being emotionally dependent on his mother. Babylon stops the son from maturing in order to be able to leave the home.

Many sons – especially eldest sons – find it very difficult to break emotional ties with their mother.

What are the results of Babylon's order?

- In a **SON**,
 - Boy is influenced towards homosexuality,
 - Struggles in marriage,
 - Tends to find a wife who will rule over him, who treats him like a child (picks up his clothes, who “mommys” him) – even speaks to him as if he is a child, not her husband.
- In a **DAUGHTER**,
 - Lesbianism,
 - Uses her mother's techniques to manipulate and control.
 - Poor adjustment to marriage – uses her womanhood as a weapon (witchcraft).

The reactions to Babylon's order?

- The father draws away,
- The mother climbs in,
- The children run away, bitter and insecure.

How do we get free of this un-Godly family order?

How did Y'shua [Jesus] get free?

- Below was His first breaking away from His mother, and identification with His FATHER, at the age of twelve.

*Luke 2:48-49 “48 And when they [Joseph and Mary] saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, Child, why have You treated us like this? Here Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You [distressed and tormented]. 49 And He said to them, **How is it that you had to look for Me? Did you not see and know that it is necessary [as a duty] for Me to be in My Father’s house and [occupied] about My Father’s business?**”*

- Below is the account of someone wanting to praise Mary for Messiah’s birth, however, what does Y’shua [Jesus] tell us to do instead?

*Luke 11:27-28 “27 Now it occurred that as He was saying these things, a certain woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, Blessed (happy and to be envied) is the womb that bore You and the breasts that You sucked! 28 **But He said, Blessed (happy and to be envied) rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey and practice it!**”*

- This last verse is taken from the account of Y’shua’s [Jesus]’ first miracle at the wedding feast. Remember, when the wine had run out, Mary came to Y’shua [Jesus], basically hinting/asking Him what He was going to do – it was subtle manipulation. Y’shua [Jesus] reminds Mary that He listens only to the Instructions of His Father.

*John 2:4 “4 Jesus said to her, [Dear] woman, what is that to you and to Me? [What do we have in common? Leave it to Me.] **My time (hour to act) has not yet come.**”*

Prayer ...

Father, we as Your children, recognize Your Sovereignty and Your Authority over our lives. We ask Your Power to free us and our families from this Babylonian order.

MEN ... Father, I come in the Name of Y’shua [Jesus], and I confess before You that I have not been the true leader of my house, where I have been slack with my responsibilities. I now stand in the Name and the Power of King Y’shua [Jesus Christ] and I take my rightful position as head of my home.

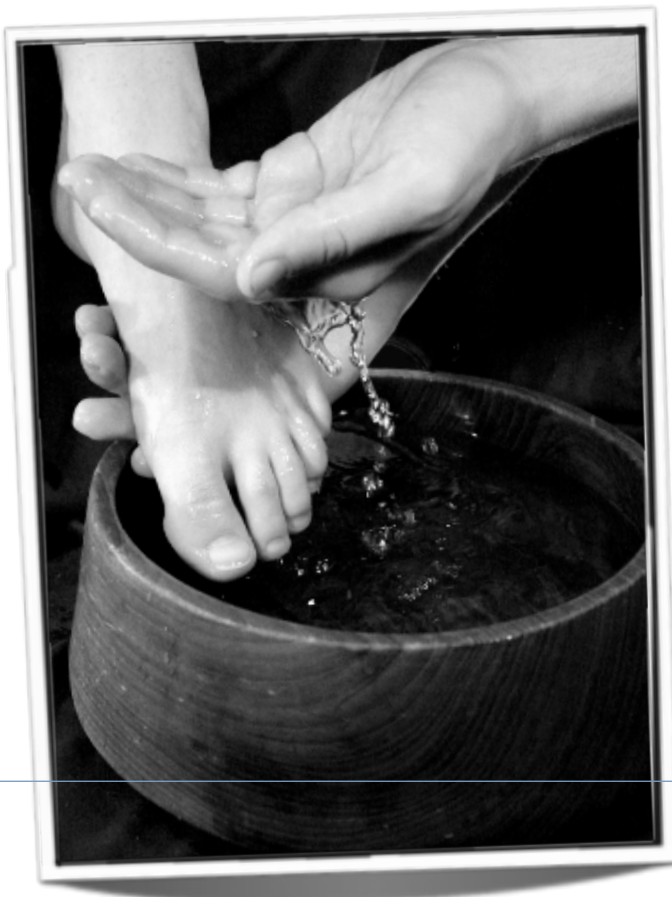
WOMEN ... Father, I come in the Name of Y’shua [Jesus Christ] and I confess that I have taken the control and leadership of my family, where I did not respect and honour my husband as You require. Father, forgive me and help me to learn what submission means according to Your Ways, so that I can live my life according to that.

TOGETHER ... Thank you, Father, that You have now forgiven us, cleansed and sanctified us so that we can start anew to bring our lives in line with Your Order and in doing so can experience Your full blessing in our homes and congregations. In Y’shua’s [Jesus]’ Name,

AMEN!

Part 7:

The root of pride



The Spirit that operates in God's Kingdom is that of HUMILITY. When the disciples argued about who is the greatest, Y'shua [Jesus] called a child. Pride is a very difficult area to deal with, because we all resist the truth of pride in our lives. We are brain-washed from childhood – the world has a high value on pride, focusing on talents, abilities, family pride, nation pride, spiritual pride, and so forth.

Arrogance/pride is not a demon. It is an attitude of the heart that gives place to the enemy. Pride is an image that has been erected to hide inner feelings of worthlessness just as a tombstone is erected on a grave with rotting flesh and bones. Pride cannot be separated from rejection.

1 John 2:15-16 "15 Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. 16 For

all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself]."

*Jeremiah 9:23 "23 Thus says the Lord: **Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches;"***

*Galatians 6:14 "14 **But far be it from me to glory [in anything or anyone] except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ** (the Messiah) through Whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!"*

*Philippians 3:4-8 "4 Though for myself I have [at least grounds] to rely on the flesh. **If any other man considers that he has or seems to have reason to rely on the flesh and his physical and outward advantages, I have still more!** 5 Circumcised when I was eight days old, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew [and the son] of Hebrews; as to the observance of the Law I was of [the party of] the Pharisees, 6 As to my zeal, I was a persecutor of the church, and by the Law's standard of righteousness (supposed justice, uprightness, and right standing with God) I was proven to be blameless and no fault was found with me. 7 **But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake.***

“8 Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One),”

Isaiah 14:12-14 “12 How have you fallen from heaven, O light-bringer and daystar, son of the morning! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened and laid low the nations [O blasphemous, satanic king of Babylon!] **13 And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north. 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”**

Habakkuk 2:4-5 “4 Look at the proud; his soul is not straight or right within him, but the [rigidly] just and the [uncompromisingly] righteous man shall live by his faith and in his faithfulness. 5 Moreover, wine and wealth are treacherous; the proud man [the Chaldean invader] is restless and cannot stay at home. His appetite is large like that of Sheol and [his greed] is like death and cannot be satisfied; he gathers to himself all nations and collects all people as if he owned them.”

Let’s have a look at the Hebrew understanding of pride ...

- **Z-(a)-D-o)-N-(e)** [Strong’s Hebrew 2087], meaning:
 - Arrogance,
 - It is used within the context of “badness and/or wickedness”.

1 Samuel 17:28 “28 Now Eliab his eldest brother heard what he said to the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David and he said, Why did you come here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your **presumption** and evilness of heart; for you came down that you might see the battle.”

Proverbs 11:2 “2 When swelling and **pride** come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness.”

Proverbs 13:10 “10 By **pride** and insolence comes only contention, but with the well-advised is skillful and godly Wisdom.”

- **G-(a)-(a)-V-(a)-H** [Strong’s Hebrew 1346/47, from the root word G-A-A-H], meaning:
 - Arrogance, haughtiness,
 - Swelling.

Job 35:12 “12 [The people] cry out because of the **pride** of evil men, but He does not answer.”

*Psalm 10:2, 4 “2 The wicked in **pride** and arrogance hotly pursue and persecute the poor; let them be taken in the schemes which they have devised. 4 The wicked one in the **pride** of his countenance will not seek, inquire for, and yearn for God; all his thoughts are that there is no God [so He never punishes].”*

*Psalm 36:11 “11 Let not the foot of **pride** overtake me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.”*

*Isaiah 28:1, 3 “**WOE TO** [Samaria] the crown of **pride** of the drunkards of Ephraim [the ten tribes], and to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is on the head of the rich valley of those overcome and smitten down with wine! 3 With [alien] feet [Samaria] the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden down.”*

*Proverbs 14:3 “3 In the fool’s own mouth is a rod [to shame] his **pride**, but the wise men’s lips preserve them.”*

- **R-(o)-K-(o)-S** [Strong’s Hebrew 7407] meaning “snare”.



*Psalm 31:20 “20 In the secret place of Your presence You hide them from the **plots** of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues.”*

What picture-meanings do we get?

- **Z-D-N** [Strong’s Hebrew 2087]
 - **ZAYIN**:
 - Represents a weapon which we can use:
 - To create or build peace, OR,
 - Go to war – this is almost always based on hurt or greed.
 - Movement – the thrust backwards/forwards, the movement of the weapon reflects this concept of movement.
 - The hidden meaning of the letter reveals the act of fornication with a woman.
 - This gives us a clearer picture of the meaning of the movement – it reveals actions without love, action based on self-interest.

- **DALET:**
 - Represents a door, a portal, an entrance.
 - The imagery is to look past the door – what is the function of a door? It is to reveal or bring forth that which is hidden or placed behind the door.
- **NUN:**
 - Represents the concept of:
 - A fish,
 - The action of sprouting or blossoming.
 - This latter action is only a part of the cycle of life – consequently every season will have a time to flourish and degenerate.

The picture formed is therefore something like this ... “pride is really a weapon used for self, an action without love where we ruthlessly push forward to take whatever we can find even if it means death”.

Another Hebrew word associated with pride is ...

- **G-H** [Strong’s Hebrew 1346/7]
 - **GIMMEL:**
 - A man dressed up as a camel.
 - **HEY:**
 - The Image of God in the house, however if we have not invited the Holy Spirit into our lives we have an empty container.

The picture formed here is this ... “without the Holy Spirit in our lives, man as the basic element of a household will strive to present himself for what he is not, by dressing up or putting on a mask”.

- **R-Q-S** [Strong’s Hebrew 7407]
 - **RESH:**
 - The head which without the Spirit of God will focus on:
 - To be in charge of,
 - To be in control.
 - And which will result in man becoming a task master (Egyptian) OR,
 - It can represent “poverty” which is represented by the pursuit of vain things – the action of doing things without success, AND,
 - Which leads to shame.
 - **QOF:**
 - Can be either a monkey or ape, OR,
 - Growth or holiness.

○ **SAMEKH:**

- Support, trust, fullness – however, if we are always unsuccessful this will lead to poverty and/or depression.

The picture formed by these letters reveal the following ... “a man whose life is focused on his ability to be a dictator/controller will react like the wild nature of a monkey, taking only for himself and because he fails to sow for the next generation, he leaves a legacy of poverty and depression”.

The image of pride ...

Remember the love vacuum? Rejection is closely tied to a strong root of pride/arrogance. Pride grows in the vacuum caused by rejection in order to compensate out of the pain, and thus builds its own self-image.

Very few of us really show who we are (rejected). Many build an image of who we would like to be – acceptable by us and others.



- The image of pride is erected to hide worthlessness. When a person has no self worth, then he believes in the image he himself has built.
- The image is two dimensional, built like a stage scene out of Hollywood. It is not real, but the person begins to believe in it. All his worth comes from that which he has built. Make-up, hair, fashion ... perfect?! Our value is in how we look! The image becomes like God. It is very important for the proud person to keep his eyes on the image – if he looks at his worthlessness, it can destroy him.
- The image of pride is a god that has to be satisfied, we are forced into giving in to the demands of the image instead of the Word of God. It then becomes idol worship.
- The image now becomes an idol, because all the person's energy is needed to maintain it ... I, my achievement, my successes, and so forth. He can support the props by WINNING (which makes him feel good); by oppressing others to exalt himself; by boasting about what he owns ... you are never relaxed and “normal”, but always false.
- Pride wants the image to be infallible. It is because the image occupies place of God and therefore it has to carry the image of God. Pride never wants to be wrong – this causes an unteachable spirit, which never says “I’m sorry” and also struggles to forgive yourself.

REMEMBER! Allow yourself a measure of fallibility. You can be wrong, but still have meaning and self worth!

Factors of pride ...

1. **ACHIEVEMENT** and **PERFORMANCE**:

- a. Definition? A person who is driven to accomplish things must maintain a high level of achievement – must excel.
- b. Description? High achiever, works harder, stays at work longer than anyone else, driven to achieve (workaholic). Pride is something you can't see in yourself. You are focused on outward appearances: stockings, hat, suit ... even spirituality, we judge according to our own standards.
- c. What is the **FRUIT**?
 - i. The result of achievement is that even though his work is a great success, he, in fact, has a problem with relationships.
 - ii. He will try to achieve for God and will build a relationship with God on the basis of his achievements. Sets very high standards for himself. God's Acceptance is received on the basis of his works.
 - iii. Pride makes him believe that he can please God. You do not receive from God what you deserve – but much, much more than you deserve! Y'shua [Jesus] paid for it all!
- d. **REMEMBER!** Our relationship with God is never built on the basis of our works, but always on the basis of His Grace. He accepts us just as we are. You cannot grow to be more acceptable for God. You are totally accepted.

2. **PERFECTIONISM** (intolerance).

- a. Definition? A person who sets himself standards higher than normal. By achieving these standards, he places himself above others and is critical of those who do not accept the same standards. He/she is proud of his/her perfectionism!
- b. Description? Lack of love, is indifferent to needs of others, insensitive, quick to judge, sharp tongue, critical and impatient. Puts high standards and possessions (cars, furniture, carpets, and so forth) above people.
- c. What is the **FRUIT**?
 - i. A critical spirit, harsh attitude towards yourself and others, that has a strictness of character as a result.
 - ii. Self-righteousness and spiritual pride. Tries to bargain with God – fasting, prayer, works, and so forth.
 - iii. Transfers rejection to children and spouse, because acceptance is based on achievement. Nothing is good enough! Rejects people if they do not perform or look like you want them to.
 - iv. Poor relationship with God. Sees God as a perfectionist and tries to achieve for Him. It is a high standard you set for yourself.
 - v. A life filled with works, but no relationship with God.

3. COMPETITION.

- a. Definition? Continual striving to be better than others – to be first, to be better, to gain recognition.
- b. Description? Selfish, self-willed, elevation of self, ambitious, jealous, focused on status – cars, house, clothes, titles, and so forth.

2 Corinthians 10:12 “12 Not that we [have the audacity to] venture to class or [even to] compare ourselves with some who exalt and furnish testimonials for themselves! However, when they measure themselves with themselves and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding and behave unwisely.”



c. What is the **FRUIT**?

i. Enmity amongst people. In marriage or ministry, competition will destroy relationships.

*Galatians 5:26; 6:3 “26 Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, **competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another.** 3 For if any person thinks himself to be somebody [too important to condescend to shoulder another’s load] when he is nobody [of superiority except in his own estimation], **he deceives and deludes and cheats himself.**”*

ii. Compare ourselves with others continually ... size of church, home group, income, and so forth. Always want to be the best! Never promote yourself in ministry. God opens doors!

iii. Jealousy and envy. Discontent. Never break other ministries down. Build one another up!

4. UNFORGIVENESS (especially yourself).

- a. Description? Unforgiving, bitter, disapproving, alienated, hypersensitive, harsh.
- b. What is the **FRUIT**?
 - i. Guilt and condemnation. Basic problem is that he cannot forgive himself for the past and therefore he cannot accept God's Forgiveness. Condemnation stems from a sense of failure.
- c. REMEMBER! Pride will prevent him from forgiving himself, because he has destroyed the image that pride has built.
 - i. Bitterness and hatred, blames others.
 - ii. Blindness and deception. He fails to see himself and others as they really are.
- d. REMEMBER! Pride requires revenge not forgiveness. Pride will keep up a false sense of justice, against which man must defend himself.

5. **CRITICAL** and **SELF**-centered.

- a. Definition? Pride requires that a person centers only around himself and his own needs, and then demands the central role. He then becomes very critical of others.
- b. Description? Critical, judgmental, insensitive to the needs of others, demanding, and self-righteous.
- c. What is the **FRUIT**?
 - i. Will destroy a relationship by constantly correcting or judging the other person (Break one another down in company).
 - ii. Will focus on the bad points in every other person but only on his own good ones. Is blind to his own faults.
 - iii. Unteachable, finds it difficult to receive reproof.

6. **UNBELIEF**.

- a. Definition? Pride is independent and self-sufficient. To believe, one has to recognize a need, a limitation. Unbelief endeavours to establish his independence so that no one else is needed. Pride is the root of unbelief.
- b. Description? Independent spirit, self-sufficient, finds it difficult to receive, untouchable. To receive from God, you must realize and acknowledge you have a need. You must be able to receive from God and man.
- c. What is the **FRUIT**?
 - i. Strives with God for results. Seeks His blessings. Faith grows out of humility. Humility and faith seek after the goodness of God.
 - ii. Desires honour from people rather than honour from God. **PRIDE KILLS PRAISE** (kneeling, raising hands)! You are more worried about what people think than what God thinks!

What is the **FRUIT**¹¹ of pride?

- You feel very special and unique.
- Concentrate more on your rights and not your responsibilities.
- You hear about the problems of others and begin to criticize and attack – your heart is closed to receive ministry from these people.
- All forms of evil speaking and gossip.
- You feel you have the right to carry a grudge – bitterness.
- Self-pity, which is a bottomless pit – practice thankfulness to get out of it.
- Stingy with our possessions, money, and so forth.
- Sarcastic sense of humour.
- Impatience.
- False humility – wants to be begged.

¹¹ See the Scriptures ... Proverbs 6:16-17; Proverbs 16:5, 18, 19; Proverbs 26:12; Proverbs 15:25.

- You feel very special and unique.
- Expect to be consulted, feel hurt when someone else is chosen above you to give direction. Humility says, "if God wants to, then I will be involved".
- Others must go through what you've been through. "In my days I walked by foot, now you will walk!"
- Jealous if others are blessed or used of God.
- Pride touches the honour of God.

Malachi 2:2 "2 If you will not hear and if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to My name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I have already turned them to curses because you do not lay it to heart."

- Accepts no weakness.
- Requires selective submission on any terrain – the doctrines of certain churches.
- Causes disloyalty, undermines authority.
- Unthankful – nothing is really good enough.
- Builds unity through doctrine, gifts, ministry ... and not on Cross.
- Concentrates on what has not been done.



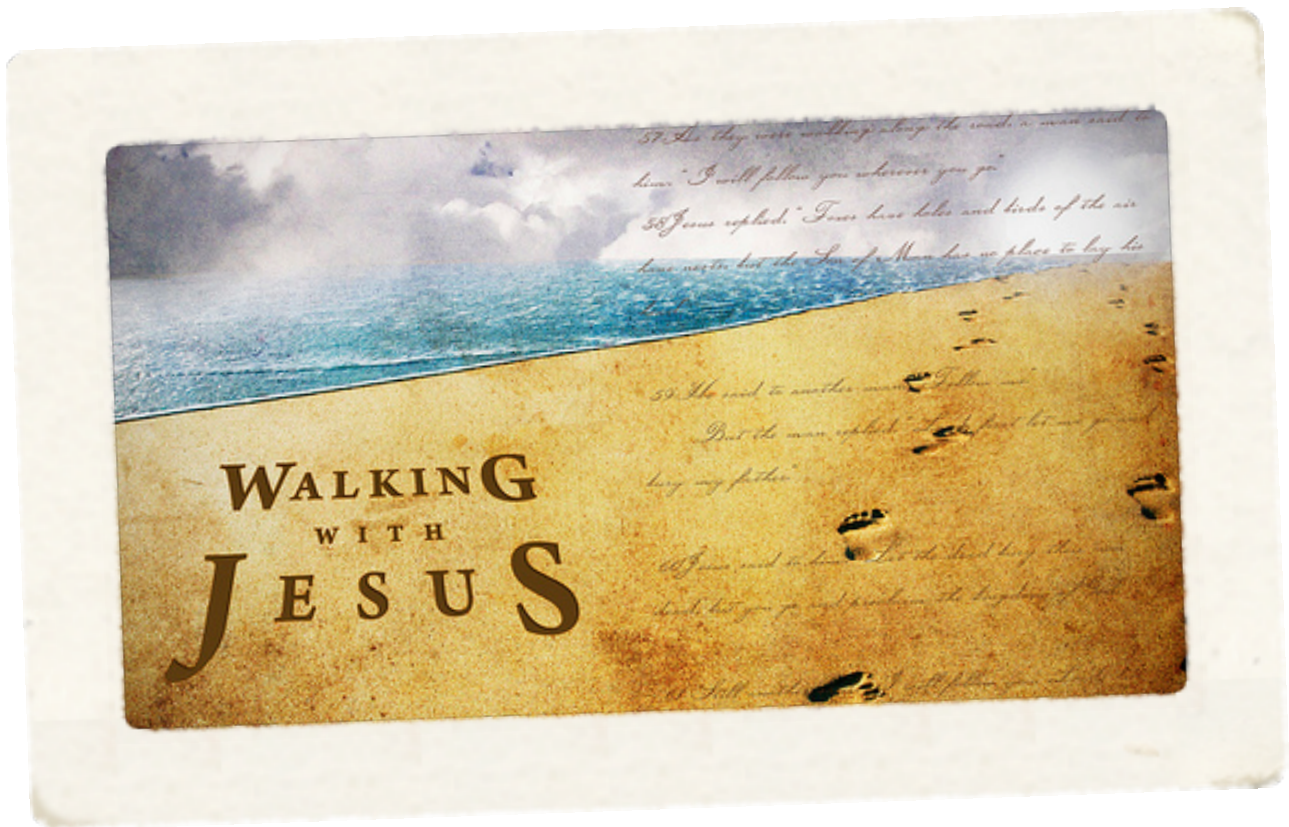
Proverbs 11:2 "2 When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and Godly Wisdom and soundness."

How do we cut down the ROOT of pride?

- Ask God to show you the deception of pride.
- Receive the truth that your self-worth and meaning come from God and not from who you are or what you have achieved.
- Repent of the sin of pride (deep repentance of your actions).
- Loose the image of pride – allow God to break the image, so that he can bring the true person that you really are, to the fore.

- REMEMBER! Change the motivation of your heart from pride to LOVE. Ask yourself ... why are you doing what you're doing? Do not do it for people – do it for God only.

The root of every sin and evil is pride. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Humility¹² frees you to be yourself but pride binds you. Pride comes out of the heart and is mainly dealt with through true repentance. When you say ... “praise God, I’m free of pride!” then you really have a problem!



Characteristics of humility ...

- Self-control, not easily hurt.
- An unruffled temperament – not obsessed with self.
- Teachable spirit. He realizes he is dependent on God, but nevertheless he is secure, because he realizes that he has all the power of God available to him.

Psalm 25:9 “9 He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.”

Matthew 20:26-27 “26 Not so shall it be among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, 27 And whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave—“

¹² Additional Scriptures ... Isaiah 29:19; Proverbs 15:33; Psalm 10:17; Psalm 9:12.

Part 8:
The spirit of
sonship vs. the
spirit of slavery

It takes time for believers to come out from under the spirit of slavery [Egypt] into the place of rest that can be found in Messiah. When we really begin to walk in the Spirit of Sonship, where we step into all the fullness of a mature son ... then every spirit of striving is set aside and we can build a proper relationship with God as Father.



*Romans 8:15 "15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, **but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!**"*

Comparison between a slave and a son in a Roman household ...

Slave	Son
Manager – Jezebel	Leader
Existed only to meet needs – eat, sleep, work.	Is part of the family, enjoys freedom in the household.
Value was determined by what he could do.	Emphasizes what he can become as a person.
Position of profit or loss in household.	Purpose of person as he prepares himself for responsibilities.
Lives under rule.	Position depends upon his reaction to instructions. Love of family was the key. Love and acceptance kept him as part of the family unit.
Lived under fear – when asked to “jump”, answers “how high?”	Total right of existence is based on relationship, value was determined by who his father was.

INWARD sources of a spirit of slavery ...

Satan has succeeded in placing things within us which naturally bring forth a spirit of slavery. A slave only obeys commands – performs.

- Rejection (what people thinks of you motivates you).
- Causes a sense of worthlessness.
- Tends to live under legalism.
- His worth is determined by how well he achieves.
- Submits to the needs of others (co-dependent) so that he can win the love and acceptance of others. Bases relationship with God on service. Wants to feel needed. Cannot say “no”. You are then abused and become a slave of people.
- Pride.
- Legalism, perfectionism.
- Builds relationship with God on achievement and works. For example, the Pharisees were proud, rigid, religious – nevertheless, they had no relationship with God. Proud of what they did – fasted, prayed ... now you “feel” worthy. What you think about yourself is what motivates you – LIE!
- Condemnation.
- Always feel guilty.
- Live under the laws of man – lists of “do’s and don’t’s”.
- Nothing is ever good enough.
- Critical. Driven to pray, striving.
- To live under these produces a spirit of slavery.

OUTWARDLY sources of a spirit of slavery ...

- Fear of man.

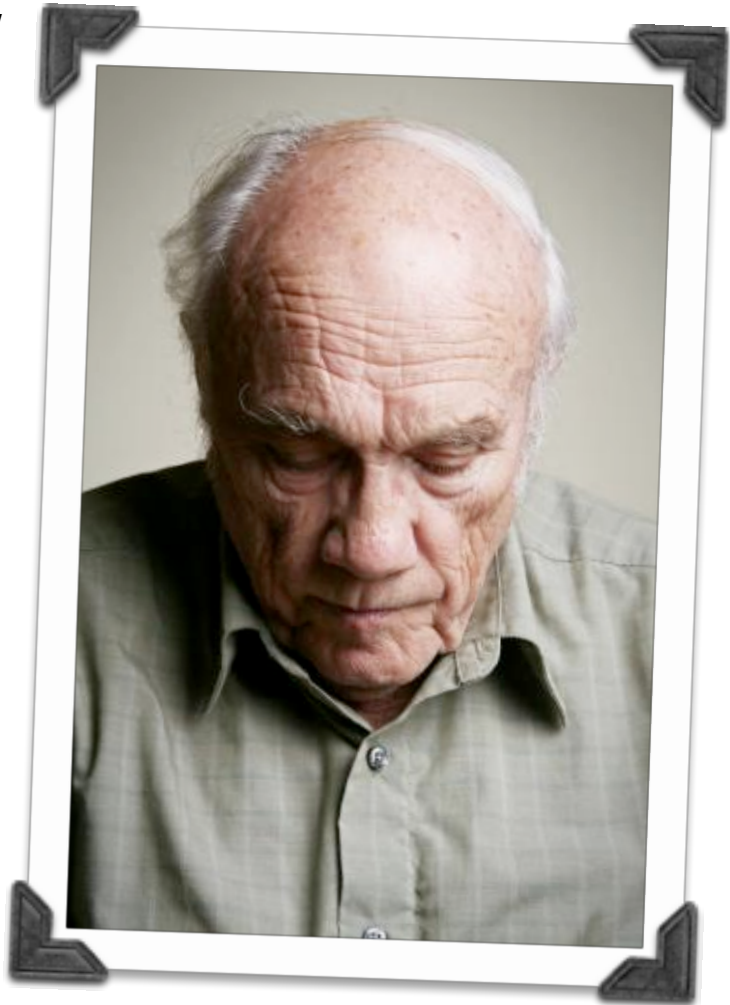
1 Corinthians 7:23 “23 You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for by Christ]; then do not yield yourselves up to become [in your own estimation] slaves to men [but consider yourselves slaves to Christ].”

Galatians 1:10 “10 Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).”

Ephesians 6:6 “6 Not in the way of eye-service [as if they were watching you] and only to please men, but as servants (slaves) of Christ, doing the will of God heartily and with your whole soul;”

- Live in such a way as to measure up to others' expectations.
- Endeavors to adapt to what others require, because self worth is determined by their opinions.

- Always try to keep up an acceptable front to gain worth from others' good opinions.
- **VERY IMPORTANT!** Devil will use people to intimidate, to bring bondage (can't pray).
 - Fear no person so that you don't make an idol of him in your heart – everything your life evolves around.
 - Fear of man removes fear of God (and vice versa). We've all been made of clay/dust. There is no “red carpet” in God's Kingdom.
- Church structures – extremist teaching about authority, where the spirit of the person is subject to the other person instead of to God (cults/sects¹³).
- Marriage – authority of the man is overemphasized, where a woman loses her identity and only lives to fulfill the needs of her husband.
- Family:
 - Father lives only to fulfill the needs of his family.
 - Father is strict on obedience, legalism, perfectionism will project a spirit of slavery on his wife and children. Manager – “do as I say!”



What is the **FRUIT** of a spirit of slavery?

1. Fear and anxiety.
 - a. Where there is fear, there is NO RELATIONSHIP. Fear is the principle in operation, the motivation, the spirit that operates here:
 - i. Fear of rejection, failure, people, and so forth.
 - ii. Fear fills a person with INSECURITY, PARALYSIS, ANXIETY.
2. No rest – no SHALOM.
 - a. A constant striving.
 - b. An inability to relax in the LORD.
 - c. An inability to live by grace.

¹³ Recommended reading: “*Authority Abusers*” by George Bloomer.

The spirit of sonship ...

- Gives value and recognition:
 - To whom the person is.
 - Their potential.
 - Unconditional acceptance.
- Freedom from the yoke of people.
- Correct value of yourself – coming from the Father relationship.
- REST.

*Psalm 131:1-2 “**LORD, MY heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in matters too great or in things too wonderful for me.** 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me [ceased from fretting].”*



*Hebrews 4:9 “9 So then, there is still awaiting a **full and complete Sabbath-rest reserved for the [true] people of God;**”*

*Isaiah 30:15 “15 **For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning [to Me] and resting [in Me] you shall be saved;** in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength. But you would not,”*

We have seen that the Roman empires and the world has:

- Defined the slave standard,
- Decided how a slave can be treated,
- When a slave can be set free.

Whilst on the one hand we see physical enslavement as the bondage to serve others by hard work, on the other, we should also see the slavery to other things like drugs, sex, pleasures, and so forth – as well as the slavery to leaders through abuse.

However, the Hebrew language does not use the word slave in the same light.

The story of Noah sets the pattern for this principle. When Noah succumbs to alcohol, one of the sons (HAM) dishonours his father. The ensuing judgment is pronounced over the third generation of grandson, namely Canaan.

*Genesis 9:25-27 “25 He exclaimed, Cursed be Canaan! **He shall be the servant of servants** to his brethren! [Deut. 27:16.] 26 He also said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! And blessed by the Lord my God be Shem! And let Canaan be his servant. 27 May God enlarge Japheth; and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.*

We are told that Canaan would be a **servant of servants** in the tents of Shem and Japheth.

The Hebrew word used here is (e)-**A-B**-(e)-**D** [Strong’s Hebrew 5650], meaning:

- Bondage,
- Bondman,
- Servant.

The pictorial-meaning of the letters reveals the following ...

- **AYIN:**
 - Eye, insight.
 - Well or spring.
 - The hidden meaning however spells out the concept of bondage namely:
 - To oppress,
 - To tread down,
 - To trample.
- **BET:**
 - A house or dwelling,
 - A home,
 - The attribute of God.
 - We need to understand that the house is a container. The question that needs to be answered is this – what is it that fills the house, the Spirit of God or the spirit of the world?
- **DALET:**
 - A door, gate, or entrance.
 - A portal.

- The combination of the **D-L** reflects on man's nature before the Spirit of God fills his life. This reveals therefore our sinful nature (Galatians 5: 17) and means that we live as paupers within the context if spirituality.
 - The door reveals what is behind it – what will we find when we go through onto the inside?
 - Only if we have been connected with God do we find peace. The completion of the word – the **D-L-T** reflects the following:
 - The **TAV** points to the cross. When we add the cross to our sinful self we become redeemed by the Messiah. The door then becomes the path through which a humble man will enter into the realization of God's Presence.

If we put all three the letters together we find the following word picture of a servant and/or slave ... the eyes of a man who is bound in slavery will reveal the pain, oppression, and despair that fills the inner-man/house, and his action will demonstrate the poverty of his lifestyle.

The Hebraic understanding of a son is radically different ...

The Hebrew word **B-(e)-N** [Strong's Hebrew 1121] means "a son, as a builder of the family name". This understanding is in the literal/physical, as well as in the spiritual sense. It speaks to the context of:

- Subject,
- Nation,
- Quality,
- A branch,
- A brother, resemblance.

When we analyze the meaning of the individual letters that make up the word we find the following:

The letter **BET** has the picture-meaning of a house or dwelling. However, in the context of the word and the understanding of the definition of son we need to go further in our study.

We find that the **BET** is also connected to the first use of this letter in the word "baar", which has two meanings: [1] to engrave, [2] to be a well or cistern.



The BET is also the **shape of the sheep pen**. The shepherd would sleep across the opening to protect the sheep. Sheep who follow the Great Shepherd are **safe inside the house**.

The Hebrew letter **NUN** has the picture meaning of a fish or humility (James 4:10).

So, what picture-meaning do we get for the Hebrew word **B-(e)-N**? A son is a “house” that is well of life, filled with God’s Word and Spirit, so that those who live “inside” of him will be engraved with the Image of His Father.

This picture is revealed to us in another interesting way ...

Hebrew for “FATHER”	אב
Hebrew for “SON”	בן
Hebrew for “STONE”	אבן

We are told that Y’shua [Jesus] is the Cornerstone, and the Stumbling Block, and that the “stones” will cry out when He returns.

*Romans 9:33 “33 As it is written, Behold I am laying in Zion a **Stone** that will make men **stumble**, a **Rock** that will make them fall; but he who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall not be put to shame nor be disappointed in his expectations.”*

A son is a living stone that will yearn for Messiah’s return ...

*Romans 9:24-26 “24 Even including ourselves whom He has called, not only from among the Jews but also from among the Gentiles (heathen)? 25 Just as He says in Hosea, **Those who were not My people I will call My people, and her who was not beloved [I will call] My beloved. [Hos. 2:23.]** 26 And it shall be that in the very place where it was said to them, You are not My people, they shall be called **sons of the living God.**”*

*1 Peter 2:5 “5 [Come] and, like **living stones**, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.”*

ARE YOU A SON IN THE HOUSE ... “GROWING UP” AND MATURING, AS YOU FOLLOW AFTER MESSIAH?

Religion vs. relationship ...

Religion	Relationship
Spirit of slavery – always striving for acceptance.	Spirit of sonship.
Fear of God's judgment and His rejection.	Worth is in knowing he is a child of God – knowing his Father accepts him.
Afraid to be cast away as worthless.	Knows that God is for him and not against him (Hebrews 10:19).

We must remember ... a person can know the Word, but not the Spirit. Having a spirit of slavery – having wounds and bruises – the person will tend rather to receive God's judgment than His Grace and Love. The most important thing for a follower of Messiah is to learn to have fellowship with God. Ask the Father to reveal His Heart and Love to you ... get to know him in an intimate relationship!

*Jeremiah 9:23-24 "23 Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches; 24 **But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.**"*

Become like a child.

*Matthew 18:1-6, 10 "1 AT THAT time the disciples came up and asked Jesus, Who then is [really] the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 **And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them,** 3 And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all]. 4 **Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.** 5 And whoever receives and accepts and welcomes one little child like this for My sake and in My name receives and accepts and welcomes Me. 6 **But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in and acknowledge and cleave to Me to stumble and sin [that is, who entices him or hinders him in right conduct or thought], it would be better (more expedient and profitable or advantageous) for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be sunk in the depth of the sea. 10 Beware that you do not despise or feel scornful toward or think little of one of these little ones,** for I tell you that in heaven their angels always are in the presence of and look upon the face of My Father Who is in heaven."*

What are the characteristics of a child of God?

- Humility as an attitude of the heart and decision of the will (Philippians 2:1-11).
- Loving unconditionally with faith and trust – “love your neighbour as yourself”.
- Can forgive easily. Self must be laid down.
- Naturally teachable and hungry – “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word”.
- God created us with emotions ... joy, tears, clap hands, jump, dance, skip!



*Matthew 21:15-16 “16 And they said to Him, Do You hear what these are saying? And Jesus replied to them, Yes; have you never read, **Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants You have made (provided) perfect praise?**”*

Luke 10:17-21 “17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name! 18 And He said to them, I saw Satan falling like a lightning [flash] from heaven. 19 Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and

nothing shall in any way harm you. 20

Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven. 21 In that same hour He rejoiced and gloried in the Holy Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things [relating to salvation] from the wise and understanding and learned, and revealed them to babes (the childish, unskilled, and untaught). Yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will and choice and good pleasure.”*

In verse twenty-one, the Greek word for ***REJOICE** is “agalliao” meaning to leap with **JOY!**

Where does God live?

Isaiah 57:15 “15 For thus says the high and lofty One—He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: **I dwell in the high and holy place, but with him also who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the thoroughly penitent [bruised with sorrow for sin].”

The POWER of God is for the childlike ones ...

Hebrews 10:19 “19 Therefore, brethren, **since we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the [Holy of] Holies [by the power and virtue] in the Blood of Jesus,**”

How is LOVE¹⁴ desired in the Scriptures?

- Long suffering,
- Friendly,
- Does not envy,
- Does not boast,
- Is not puffed up,
- Does not behave rudely,
- Does not seek its own,
- Is not provoked,
- Thinks no evil,
- Rejoices in the truth,
- Bears all things,
- Believes all things,
- Hopes all things,
- Endures all things,
- AGAPE – God’s Unconditional Love – NEVER FAILS!

We FIRST have to be recipients of the LOVE of God **BEFORE** we can give it away to others!



¹⁴ The Greek word used for LOVE in 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 is “agape”. For additional study, see our series “*The Agape Journey*”, available off the website or for order from the office.

Part 9: The victim spirit

What is the "victim spirit"?¹⁵



The devil never plays fair, but he does play for keeps. Where he gains a toe-hold in our lives through fear, falsehood, trauma, injustice, betrayal, or generational iniquity, he will develop a foothold, which will ultimately become a demonic stronghold unless we do something about it.

God has given us unique personalities with a specific purpose to fulfill our Kingdom assignment on this earth.

*Psalms 16:5-8 "5 The Lord is my chosen and assigned portion, my cup; You hold and maintain my lot. 6 **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good heritage.** 7 I will bless the Lord, Who has given me counsel; yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons. 8 **I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**"*

*Psalms 22:9-11 "9 Yet You are He Who took me out of the womb; You made me hope and trust when I was on my mother's breasts. 10 **I was cast upon You from my very birth; from my mother's womb You have been my God.** 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help."*

¹⁵ Extracts taken from "The Victim Spirit" by Plumblin Ministries, as well as <http://www.bringinghealing.com/alicesmith.htm>

Psalms 139:17-18 "How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I could count them, they would be more in number than the sand. When I awoke, [could I count to the end] I would still be with You."

The devil wants to kill, steal and destroy our belief in the truth (John 10:10) ... to **remain** a **victim** puts a person at risk of losing sight of God's Purpose.

If after being traumatically victimized our thinking becomes polluted, and we develop false conclusions and convictions. These can manifest in illicit behaviors like overeating, lying, violence, chemical abuse, various sexual perversions, phobias, excessive spending, or sloth. There are two different levels to the "victim spirit".

First, the "victim spirit" refers to the (human) spirit of a person who's been violated in some way and, whether intentionally or unintentionally, has failed to process the experience properly.

A person who embraces the victim mindset keeps the victimization pattern reoccurring, unless or until it's broken. This does not refer to everyone who's been abused; only those who continue believing lies and thereby allow predators to shape their lives.

A victim, for instance, can explain why it's right for things to be wrong, continuing to allow access to an abuser, such as a woman who excuses physical abuse by her husband; in her mind she thinks she is the problem, and deserves beating.

Or a boy who continues to accept bullying or harassment at school, without standing his ground and speaking out for his intrinsic worth ... in his mind, he's worthless and he doesn't merit anything else.

Second, a "victim spirit" can refer to any one of a host of unseen demonic spirits who are attracted to and desire to attach themselves to a person who will embrace their lies and behaviors, accepting a "victim identity." An unseen world of darkness filled with spirit beings is looking for opportunity to harass and torment you.

*Judges 19:25 "25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man took his concubine and forced her forth to them, and they had intercourse with her and **abused her all the night until morning. And when the dawn began to break, they let her go.**"*

*2 Samuel 13:11-14 "11 And when she brought them to him, he took hold of her and said, Come lie with me, my sister. 12 She replied, No, my brother! **Do not force and humble me, for no such thing should be done in Israel! Do not do this foolhardy, scandalous thing!** [Gen. 34:7.] 13 And I, how could I rid myself of my shame? And you, you will be [considered] one of the stupid fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray you, speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you. 14 **But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.**"*

*John 10:10 "10 **The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).**"*

what ways does the victim spirit pervade your life? Here are some worse case scenarios:

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- Curses
 - You're cursed from birth by the family you're born into ... your sex, your appearance, your personality. Everything about you is cursed and you feel you have no future.

In what ways does the victim spirit manifest itself?

A victim spirit can be seen in finances, relationships, vocations, ministry – in every area of life. A victim spirit always settles for less, has little or no joy, dishonors and disrespects a person, and never walks in the honour that God calls one to walk. Here are a few examples:

- Destruction
 - Unconscious self-destruction and being accident-prone.
- Injustice
 - Consistently finding yourself in situations where the rules are being violated at your expense and there's nothing you can do about it.
- Malpractice
 - Always picking the doctor that's the most incompetent.
- Devouring
 - Constantly having people take advantage of you financially, not being able to get a grip on your finances, having constant emergencies that drain your bank account or put you in debt.
- Defilement
 - Being a target for sexual advances or innuendo no matter how modestly you act or dress.
- Abuse
 - Habitual attraction to the "wrong" kind of relationships.

Defining the victim spirit ...

Webster's dictionary defines *victim* as:

- A living being offered as a living sacrifice;
- An individual injured or killed by disease or accident;
- A person cheated, fooled or injured (a victim of circumstances or "accident prone").

Matthew 7:6 talks about a victim spirit, and how you can be devoured and torn to pieces by a predator.

Matthew 7:6 "6 Do not give that which is holy (the sacred thing) to the dogs, and do not throw your pearls before hogs, lest they trample upon them with their feet and turn and tear you in pieces."

The “holy” is the honour and dignity of a human being which God warns not to “touch My anointed” by physical or verbal abuse. A victim spirit is a way of looking at life that unknowingly attracts abuse.

How does the victim spirit work?

The following are some of the faces of the victim spirit.

- You attract dishonour from others, and then dishonour yourself or you criticize yourself with an “inner correcting” voice.
- You apologize for and own people’s pain, when someone around you is unhappy, even though it is usually not your fault.



Remember the woman who kept going to the unrighteous judge and kept demanding justice (Luke 18:6)? She wanted legal protection from her opponent. She evidently was being harassed or victimized by her opponent or predator. Perhaps she was trying to get a restraining order or police protection from a stalker? Or maybe she just wanted the honour, love, and respect that comes with being a human being? She is a Biblical example of a face of a victim spirit.

Those living under the victim spirit will:

- Suppress the pain with endless work.
- Reject all abuse but you tolerate neglect.
- People offer you nurture, comfort or compliments, but you can’t receive them because you feel unworthy.
- Your total mind set revolves around enabling your predator ... you simply don’t even think in terms of your being an independent entity with value apart from being an enabler.
- You visualize the possibility of being in less pain if you become a better enabler.

What about Yshua [Jesus]?

Was He a victim?

John 10:17-18 “17 For this [reason] the Father loves Me, because I lay down My [own] life—to take it back again. 18 No one takes it away from Me. On the contrary, I lay it down voluntarily. [I put it from Myself.] I am authorized and have power to lay it down (to resign it) and I am authorized and have power to take it back again. These are the instructions (orders) which I have received [as My charge] from My Father.”

The difference in this is no one is allowed to take my life or to “suck the live out of me” but I can *voluntarily* lay my life down. In the abuse and victim spirit they are taking my life, my dignity, my respect, and my honour from me.

A good illustration of the danger of the victim spirit is ... in a bowling alley we all know there are two gutters that prevent us from knocking down the pins. On the right is the one known as the spirit of pride. We are very familiar with this one and try to stay clear of this spirit. The gutter on the left side is just as bad and it is the opposite spirit, which is “false humility” – in reality this is the victim spirit. It is just as damaging as the spirit of pride, but is not recognized as readily.



Some tell-tale emotions that are prevalent in a victim spirit:

- ☒ You feel cheated or taken advantage of.
- ☐ You feel lied to or violated in some sense.
- ☐ You feel powerless or trapped to change the outcome.
- ☐ You also feel anger, some at the predator but most toward yourself for being a victim.
- ☐ Most of all you feel helpless that change can come about.

What are the results of a victim spirit?

You settle for much less than what God has promised you. You will never walk in the dominion – possessing the land – that God said you would walk in. You settle for mediocrity. You can end up angry, bitter and full of resentment.

Men are just as susceptible as women to this spirit, and maybe more so. When men have a victim spirit, they can invite disrespect and dishonour from their wives. They can find it almost impossible to love their wives as encouraged by Ephesians 5:33.

The victim spirit and the demonic . . .

Now the steps of recovery are bound into the root of these problems. While everyone hits a pothole in the road now and then, victims seem to hit them much more often than others.

Some have asked, “Do I have a sign hanging around my neck saying, ‘Come abuse me’?” Probably you do. It is not a visible one in the natural but one part of the victim spirit’s job is to be a flashing beacon in the spirit realm, attracting the attention of all predator demons.

Once a predator demon has made connections with a victim demon, the two demons facilitate bringing their human hosts together in a damaging way. So this could explain why women will escape from an abusive relationship only to attract another one.

The other half of the victim spirit’s job is to persuade the human victim that there is nothing that can be done to change the situation. They arrive at the conclusion that the problem is their fault, and that they just need to lower their expectations in life and endure what comes.

“Friends” of the “victim spirit” ...

The Predator Spirit

It thrives on inflicting physical and emotional pain on others for the pleasure of the predator. The predator gets his greatest fulfillment out of the emotional pain he is causing by humiliating his victim.

It is important to note that a person can be a victim and a predator at the same time. It is quite common for a man to be victimized at work, then come home and abuse his family. Likewise, the child who is a bully on the playground, is most likely a victim at home.

The Poverty Spirit

This demon works primarily with a person’s mindset to keep them from possessing their birthright.



- A person cannot accept and keep for themselves the good things that come to them.
- They feel uncomfortable surpassing their peers.
- They are typically unwilling to pay a price to achieve.
- They are satisfied with less than God's best for them.

The Spirit of Jealousy

Many times it is small people who have not been willing to pay the price to excel who are jealous of those who have paid the price. Their defense mechanism is to tear down the other person in their mind rather than growing up to the spiritual stature necessary for the job in question.

The BAD news?

A very large number of people who love the LORD and are being greatly used by Him are in actuality hampered by a victim demon.

The GOOD news?

Living with a victim spirit is optional ... they can be identified and evicted!

Obtaining freedom from victimization requires us to appropriate God's Power. God delights to make His Power available to us but only for Kingdom objectives. He is not primarily interested in helping us just to survive. He wants to partner with us in releasing His Power into our world in such a way that we become life-givers to others around us. The dominion mandate is about building up and expanding, not just survival.

It is vital that anyone aspiring to be free must, as an act of their will, choose to walk out truth even when it does not feel right. These deliberate choices to override their feelings and embrace Truth – embodied in Y'shua (Jesus) Himself – will bring progressive healing to the victim on their way to dominion.

Walking in freedom from the victim spirit¹⁶ ...

- ☒ Find out what opened the door for victimization. It could have been a rape, war, slavery, abandonment, business fraud, political betrayal, or a host of other things. Most likely it will be *generational* and one or more of the ancestors will have the same problem.
- ☐ The mind-stronghold is generally stronger than the demons. The demonic is easily evicted with the power and authority of the Holy Spirit, the mindset must be replaced with the TRUTH of who you are in Messiah.

¹⁶ For additional study, please see our books "Godly Boundaries In Relationships" and "Godly Limits With Children", available for order from the office, or for download from the website.

- This mind-renewal is accomplished through inner-healing, a process of having the Holy Spirit expose the lie you believe and speak the TRUTH which sets you free. Look at the promise in Ezekiel, this is a New Testament prophecy:

*Ezekiel 34:28-29 "28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the earth devour them, **but they shall dwell safely and none shall make them afraid [in the day of the Messiah's reign].** 29 And I will raise up for them a planting of crops for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land nor bear the reproach of the nations any longer."*

How does walking in freedom and FULLNESS change your life?

- Boundaries
 - Predators pull back from you and everyone around you, people are safer when they're around you.
- Respect
 - Others protect and nurture you because you're worth it and you know it.
- Honor
 - Honor naturally flows toward you in formal and informal ways.
- Reality
 - You recognize that God, your Father, loves you for who you are and blesses you with gifts throughout the day.
- Ministry
 - You deeply desire greater power and anointing to make a difference in the lives of those around you.
- Values
 - You embrace God's Values and not the world's, and because of this, you have the power to change the entire culture.
- Joy
 - Your anointing is so infectious that it infects the land, the surroundings, and the people you're around ... joy remains after you're gone.
- Potential
 - You seek God to find out from Him His Design of your nature and His Call on your life.
- Blessing
 - There is life-giving virtue in your words.



What does “freedom” from a victim spirit look like?

Freedom from the victim spirit changes you from being dominated to having dominion.

- ☑ You can enjoy “being” in the Presence of God without “doing” anything.
- ☑ You leave a trail of “essence of joy” everywhere you go.
- ☑ Your anointing of joy is so great, it infects the land and buildings where you have been.
- ☑ Blessings begin to pursue you and attack you even when you feel your cup is already full.
- ☑ Honor naturally flows toward you in formal or informal settings.
- ☑ You realize that the debt of love is un-payable.
- ☑ You finally take responsibility to nurture your own soul.

Prayer ...

FATHER, I ask You to please hold my hand and walk back with me throughout my life ... standing still at the time, place and situation of every place where I was victimized.



Show me where my forefathers had opened up to this victim spirit and where I entered into the same trap.

I ask for Your Holy Spirit to reveal the lie, stronghold, and root of this victim spirit in my life.

I ask Holy Spirit, would You show me the Truth, and shine Your Light upon me, establishing me in the Truth, God's Word, about me.

Help me to rise up with my God-given authority of taking dominion as You have ordained from the beginning of time.

I stand upon the complete work of the cross and take up my authority in the Almighty Name of Y'shua (Jesus). I take authority over every victim spirit (as well

as every other demon that has been working in agreement with this spirit) against me and my family in the Name of Y'shua (Jesus). I bind you and send you to the Footstool of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus)!

Y'shua [Jesus], would You break every chain of the victim spirit (as well as every other spirit working in agreement with this spirit) that has chained me to places of despair and hopelessness.

Help me to get out of these demonic pits never to return again! Please destroy these places of torment and torture that have been used in my own and my family's lives for so many years!

FATHER, please remove all the labels that were placed on me, marking me in the spirit to be a victim wherever I go. These labels drew victim and predator spirits to harass me in so many areas of my life.

I ask You LORD to please destroy these labels now with Your Holy Fire.

Help me to stand and walk as Your son/daughter. Please help me to re-establish Godly boundaries around my life where my boundaries have been violated for so many years.

Please help me to no longer live as a victim, but to walk in the Fullness You have purchased for me through the power of the cross!

Amen!

Part 10:
The role of
blessing in
marriage

God's Promise to Abraham:

Genesis 12:2-3 "2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]. 3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]."

Since this promise was given to Abraham, God has been in the "business" of doing just that – namely to bless all the families of the earth.

Rest for your souls:

*Jeremiah 6:16 "16 Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; then walk in it, **and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it!**"*

So many peoples' soul – mind, will, and emotions – are not in rest. Now the flesh gets very busy with all kinds of solutions to bring to peace/rest that which is in turmoil on the inside. The solutions of the flesh can include:

- Go and get drunk.
- Maybe you need some good sex.
- Maybe you need FOOD.
- Go and watch TV for hours – you'll feel better.
- Play computer games – it will help you forget.



You are trying to get a false comfort for that unhappiness in the inside! God's Word teaches us that finding the Ancient Paths and walking in them will give us rest for our souls.

*Genesis 2:24 "24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, **and they shall become one flesh.**"*

Husband and wife becomes ONE spirit, soul, and body. Why then is there so much strife in marriages? Why does the heart of the husband not cleave to his wife and the heart of the wife not cleaving to her husband?

ANSWER: Something did not LEAVE father and mother!

If you do not leave a father and mother, it is not POSSIBLE to cleave to your spouse! What does it mean to LEAVE father and mother?

It is obviously not geographic relocation! Something has gone wrong on the inside if we do not leave our father and mother in God's Way. What is God's Way to leave your father and mother? Leaving is directly tied to blessing! In every area of your life where you were blessed by parents, it makes it easy for your heart to leave.

If every area where you were not blessed [instead cursed] by parents, it makes it very difficult for the heart to leave. The heart has a tendency NOT to leave from a father and mother where there is a lack of blessing and to be bound.

- BLESSING: God's Method of imparting identity and destiny through parents to a heart of a son or daughter. Imparting the Truth of who God says you are and why you are here – what is your purpose and destiny?
- CURSING: Satan's impartation of his identity and destiny.

When parents bless their children, it releases the hearts of the children to be free from the parents and to be able to cleave to a wife or husband.

There are two ways a child can be still bound to parents and cannot leave at marriage ...

Reason ONE

An external hardness and judgment towards that parent/s – a cutting off of that parent – "You hurt me, you didn't care about me, you didn't bless me so I don't need you!"

A bitter root of judgment gets on the inside – it is like a seed which will then produces fruit. It will reproduce in your own life the very qualities that you hated in a parent. What is still sadder – it will reproduce in the life of your spouse! Judgment is a SEED – no matter what your parents did to you – you still have to forgive and let go!

God separates identity from behaviour. We are called to hate sin and to hate wrong behaviour but never to hate people! You need to honour the person but not accept or condone their sinful behaviour.

When we connect the sin with the person – and hate our father/mother because of the sin – now we have created this seed of judgment in our hearts which reproduces fruit for years and sometimes for many generations to come!



In my heart there is a focus on what my father/mother DID – unfortunately your soul (mind, will and emotions) works like a camera and will produce on the inside an image of whatever it is focused on. That image will then produce fruit according to its own kind on the inside of me ... “you’re just like your dad/mother!”

Reason TWO

An internal longing in the inside to hear the words of blessing – I will work so hard to “one day” finally hear those words from my dad/mom: “I am so proud of you! I love you! You are success!”

The husband has had both a mother and a father and he can respond in his heart in one of these two ways by either cutting that parent off or striving after blessing

from that parent. Therefore there will be four potential patterns reproduced in his life – two from his father and two from his mother.

The same goes for the wife – she will also have four potential patterns: two towards her father and two towards her mother. The lack of blessing causes a person to form a shell around their heart – a hardened heart – which causes them to not let other people into their hearts.

PART ONE of patterns of the flesh if NOT blessed ... the role of the FATHER.



First MALE pattern regarding the father-role.

We have a son who has not been blessed by his father – his father wounded him and the son has formed a shell around his heart – he will not allow other people into his heart – he has chosen to cut his father off. He has judged his father and has established a root of bitterness in his heart towards his dad. He is now predisposed to not receive love and acceptance from other men – he keeps his heart closed. He expects to be rejected and not approved of by men and his identity is very likely to be established in himself.

He cuts off his dad and says: “I don’t need you – and basically, I don’t need anybody, I’ll be fine by myself!”

The types of things he carries a lot of identity in could be the following:

- His career ... Perhaps he pours all his energy into climbing a corporate ladder?
- Or establishing a career – like becoming a workaholic and striving for achievement.
- He may put a lot of identity in his money – may have a need to accumulate – be stingy – he may have a fear of lack.
- He may put a lot of his identity in power and status.
- If he is a Christian, he may go into ministry and has a need to become a ministry-superstar.
- Or any role in which he feels he can prove himself to be a real man and establish identity and value.

The potential results in the life of this man:

- In adulthood he will tend to have conflict with male authority figures – he will have difficulty working for people – he doesn't like to be told what to do. He will do everything he can to work himself into a position where he doesn't have a boss – he will start his own business – he will be the senior pastor, and so forth.
- He feels he doesn't need other people – he doesn't trust other people – he tends to be insensitive to the needs of other people – hard and harsh in relationships – he will for certain reproduce in his own life the very qualities that he hated in his dad. "I don't care what other people think! I am my own person, self sufficient, independent – I am fine by myself!"
- Maybe not the same flesh patterns but he same root basic attitudes.
- ***In his marriage:***
 - His relationship with his wife will be that her primary purpose will be to complete his masculine identity. He doesn't think naturally a lot about her – he tends to think how she can please him!
 - By-enlarge as a husband, he doesn't enter her world – he doesn't spend time thinking how she thinks – or how he can enter her world.
 - He doesn't grant her access to his heart either – he doesn't easily share his feelings or what is going on in his heart.
 - He will come across as insensitive, discourteous, selfish.
 - He may be a strong leader – that could have attracted her to him in the beginning but he shell around his heart keeps her out of his world.
 - She then feels not loved, not needed, very low priority, and often feels used sexually.

The problem here is not between husband and wife – the problem is that he is still bound to his father and until forgiveness can take place towards his father and his heart can be opened to the LORD so he can receive blessings from God that he never received from his earthly father, this relationship will not change in the marriage.



Second MALE pattern regarding the father-role.

We now have a son who was not blessed by his father – his father wounded him and the son now has decided to strive after his father's blessing. In his heart he has decided: "If I keep working and working so hard, maybe one day I'll finally hear those words, I am proud of you! I love you, you've made it in my book."

This man is predisposed to strive after love and acceptance from other men – he sends out a signal: "I desperately need the approval of other people and I'll do whatever it takes to get it." He will do whatever it takes to be approved of, loved – particularly by male authority figures.



His identity is not established in self but in others – he cares very deeply what other people think of him – it is very important to him that others think well of him – his wife, children, boss, pastor, friends, and so forth.

He makes a great employee – he will put in extra hours, come to work early, help with practical arrangements, etc. In his heart he is longing to please the authority figures in his life – he will do whatever it takes to receive that kind of approval.

The potential results in his life:

- He will tend to be highly sensitive to the needs of other people – that could be the characteristic that attracted his wife to him in the first place.
- He will tend to be compassionate and caring for others.
- In his growing-up years, others could have perceived him as weak or sissy.
- He will tend to be highly self-critical – lots of striving to be accepted by other men.
- There is a potential that he can despise his own masculinity or feel very inadequate as a man and he will look to other men to bring that sense of belonging, that sense of value as a man.

- There is also a potential open door here for homosexuality – this man has been wounded, rejected, hurt by his own father – never been blessed – there is a deep inadequacy in his heart as a man and deep longing to be blessed and loved and honoured by other men. He can then begin to emotionally draw from other men and be potentially drawn into a homosexual relationship in search of that love and attention, affirmation and blessing that didn't come from his dad. This man may become somewhat effeminate.
- This man hates confrontation – it is very difficult for him to say “No” to anybody – it makes him feel terribly guilty to say “No” because he desperately wants the approval of people. He often gets himself in “shame traps” – when someone asks him to do something and he says “no” – he feels terribly guilty. On the other hand, if he says “yes” he can feel very resentful because he doesn't have time to do it – so it becomes a trap.
- ***In his marriage, his relationship to his wife is this:***
 - He will tend to abdicate his role as the head of the house - he will tend to prefer to let his wife make all the decisions.
 - He will be attentive and sensitive towards her.
 - With all the striving to attain blessing, perfectionism can strain that marriage – it will be difficult to live with him because he is always busy running himself down – no matter what he does – its never enough – he is always unhappy towards himself, and so forth.
 - If there is any homosexuality involved – either in fantasies or actual relationships – that will put a terrible strain on the marriage.
 - Depression and self-criticism will drain the wife – this man will tend to be highly self-critical and keep breaking himself down.
 - The wife will tend to feel ignored – her husband is more interested in receiving the approval of other people – other male authority figures – she will tend to feel low-priority and not loved.

In adulthood, these men usually struggle in two major areas of their lives:

1. Obesity – they have difficulty with over-eating, flesh-comfort mechanism to deal with the depression and the pain inside.
2. Masturbation and pornography – can tend to be another problem – this is a flesh comfort mechanism – an emotional problem on the inside of striving after blessing.

This man's heart is still tied to his dad and he is busy pursuing blessing – longing to be approved of and affirmed by his dad (specifically) – and men in general – and this will take his attention away from his wife and his ability to give to her.



First FEMALE pattern regarding the father-role.

We now have a girl who was not blessed by her dad and she chooses in her heart to cut her father off – “I don't need him! Forget him!” She puts a shell around her heart – and the message coming from her is: “I don't need you! I don't need anybody!”

This woman is predisposed not to receive love from a man. She expects to be rejected and not approved of by men because that is what happened with her dad.

Her identity is likely to be established in herself – she has no needs, independent, self-sufficient, “I can take care of myself” – possibly a strong personality.

She may put a lot of identity in her:

- Femininity – her beauty. She may be promiscuous – especially in her early adult life – attempting to establish her identity as a woman.
- Career – putting a lot of her identity of who she is in her workplace.
- Money.
- Power in status – climbing a corporate structure.
- Ministry – super-spiritual!
- Super-mom!
- Any role where she feels she can excel and become valuable in her own sight.
- She can become a strong leader but for the wrong reason!



The potential results in this woman's life:

- She will tend to have a lot of conflict with male authorities in her life – it is much easier for her to work for a woman. She will struggle with being told what to do by a man.
- She doesn't need or trust other people.
- She will tend to be insensitive to the needs of others – maybe hard and harsh in relationships and will tend to reproduce in her own life the very qualities she hated in her father.
- She has a seed of a root of bitterness on the inside through judgment toward her dad that will reproduce in her life or many times in the life of her husband the very qualities that she hated in her father.
- She may potentially not act very feminine – and this can become a potential door to lesbian fantasies or experiences.
- I have been so wounded and hurt by my dad specifically, and by men in general, that I want nothing more to do with men – but I do need love – I do need comfort and acceptance.

- ***Her marriage:***

- She is oftentimes overtly not very submissive to her husband – she finds it very difficult to open herself to men and to come under their authority because she was deeply wounded by her dad and she judged him in her heart.
- She will crave love but she won't open and let her husband into her heart.
- She sends him a signal: Please love me! – but when he comes near to do so it's as though he bumps into a glass wall that is around her and she won't let him in. This is very confusing to him! She rejects him and this is very disheartening for a husband. He will continue to try to press through that for a while but then he will eventually give up and quit trying to enter his wife's life.
- When he quits trying and goes his own way, that confirms to her exactly what she believes! You see, nobody will really love me! No man will really care about me!
- This husband will find an inability to ever please his wife – no matter what he does – she will not allow it to be pleasing in her sight. She will shut him out and not let him in.
- She will tend to be highly critical of her husband – because she is viewing him through the eyes of this judgment in her heart towards her dad. She is seeing all the wrong negative patterns in her dad projected onto her husband.
- In their sexual relationship she tends to be very unresponsive – she will not allow herself to be open and vulnerable and to be a receiver – she is going to keep a shell around her heart and protect herself – she keeps herself closed and unresponsive.
- The husband will feel unjustly accused – unable to ever please his wife and dishonoured.

Again, this problem can not be solved between husband and wife – this is an issue of her heart being bound to her father – that needs to be released – her heart needs to have an ability to forgive her dad – to separate what he did from who he is so she can honour him even though he deeply wounded her, or abused her – she can then open her heart to the LORD and receive blessings from God that should have come through her dad but didn't.



Second FEMALE pattern regarding the father-role.

The daughter has not been blessed by her dad and as a result of that she is striving after her father's blessing. She is desperately longing to be blessed, accepted and affirmed by men. She will be predisposed to strive after love and acceptance from a man – she will do whatever is necessary to be accepted, to be approved of, and to be loved.

Her identity will be established NOT in herself but in others. She cares very deeply what other people think of her. Her identity may be established in:

- Her husband.
- Her children.

- Her hero.
- Her boss.
- Her pastor.
- Her friends.

The potential results in her life:

- This woman carries inside of her an emotional “black hole” – no matter how much you pour into it, it’s never enough and she is still craving love and acceptance.
- She is projecting a message towards her husband and towards many others: I desperately need your love and acceptance – I’ll do whatever is necessary to get it.
- She will tend to be highly sensitive to the needs of other people – compassionate and caring but there will be a lot of undue striving to get acceptance from men.
- She may be flirtatious or promiscuous – particularly in early adult years using again her femininity to try to somehow draw love and acceptance from men.



- Often times this woman has her feelings far more highly developed than her logic – she may be what the world calls a “dumb blonde!”
- On the inside of every one of us we all carry male and female characteristics that are meant to be developed. Obviously in a man, the male characteristics are far more highly developed than the feminine. This is also true visa versa for a woman.
- What has happened in a woman who is striving after a blessing from a father is that she often times has rejected in her own heart the masculine characteristics that remind her of her dad who wounded her.
- As a result she has not allowed those things to develop. So often times she cannot read a map, she can’t balance a chequebook, she has difficulty doing the things that pertain to those masculine characteristics that remind her of her dad. As a result, sometimes people think she is stupid! Frequently these women are highly intelligent – the problem is they have been emotionally wounded and hurt through lack of blessing.
- This woman also tends to be highly self-critical and may lack inner confidence.

- ***In her marriage:***

- She is usually very submissive to her husband – she is longing after his blessing – she will want to please him and be constantly striving to please him.
- The problem that could arise is that she will smother her husband – clambering after his love. She could call him a few times a day to check if he still loves her!
- She places him on a pedestal and makes an idol out of him. She will look to her husband to do things for her that only the Lord Jesus Christ can do.
- Again, the problem is not between husband and wife – the problem is this emotional “black hole” in the heart of this wife and is looking to her husband to fill it up.
- Because of that, she may be very possessive and jealous of her husband.
- She may struggle with depression and a lot of self-criticism which will really drain her husband – it is so difficult to live with someone who is constantly running themselves down because you are constantly trying to build them up again.
- No matter how hard her husband tries to love her it's never enough. She is also always displeased with her husband – no matter what he does, its never enough – she will always still feel hungry for his love and dissatisfied. She will smother him many times in attempting to receive his love.
- She will present her husband all her unpaid bills from her father on her wedding day – all the times that he should have loved her and blessed her and he did not – she now has an expectation that her husband is going to meet all that and fill that up and of course, that is impossible!
- Her heart is tied to her dad and she is continually striving after blessing and acceptance from a man. Her husband will tend to feel unjustly accused, unable to ever please her.
- Her husband as a result will be frustrated – he will feel inadequate and many times smothered.

PART TWO of patterns of the flesh if NOT blessed ... the role of the MOTHER.



First MALE pattern regarding the mother-role.

Here we have a son who was never blessed by his mother or even actively cursed by her. He has decided in his heart to cut her off and totally reject her and walk away. He is predisposed to not receive love from a woman. He expects to be rejected and not approved of by women. This man has judged his mother in his heart.

He has a propensity to view his wife through the very image of his mother and not know that he is doing it. His identity is primarily going to be established in self – he will put his identity and create value for himself in whatever area he perceives he is good at:

- It could be in his own masculinity, his own physique, his sexuality.
- It could be his career – striving to accomplish.
- It could be his money – stingy, greedy, has a need to accumulate.
- It could be in achieving and acquiring status.
- It could be that he goes into ministry – striving after ministry stardom.

The potential results in his life:



- In his adult life this man will have a lot of conflict with female authorities. If he works with a woman in authority over him, he feels all the time controlled, manipulated, no matter how gentle that woman is, or how kindly she tries to give him an instruction, correction or a direction, he feels manipulated and controlled because of the judgment in his heart towards his mother.

- He doesn't really need or trust other people – especially women.

- He projects onto his wife: I don't need you! I don't trust you!

- This man will tend to be insensitive to the needs of other people.

- Many times he has very little awareness of his own emotions – he doesn't know what he is feeling himself.

- He can become very angry – and not even realize they are angry – the veins in his neck are pulsating but he is not in touch with his emotions!

- When a man has judged his mother he will reject the feminine qualities in his

own personality that remind him of his mother – he becomes oblivious to beautiful things, the feelings of people, how to mix and match colours and clothes, a neat appearance, and so forth.

- He is very project-orientated and oblivious of what is going on with people.
- He will tend to reproduce in his own life, or many times in the life of his wife, the very qualities he hated in his mother – he doesn't realize it is seed and he is the seed-carrier. He can divorce his wife and marry another woman – but the same thing will happen with the new marriage – he is carrying the seed!
- He can tend to reproduce in his wife the very qualities he hated in himself.
- Sometimes he can be very hard and harsh in relationships.
- He may turn to homosexuality because of his rejection of women – “I have been so wounded by my mom, but I do need love. But I refuse to receive it from a woman!”

- ***In his marriage:***
 - o He is often insensitive or oblivious of his wife.
 - o He can be sexually unresponsive to his wife and rarely romantic.
 - o He may become overtly angry – this a potential door to physical abuse – his heart is full of anger and judgment and bitterness towards his mom and his wife triggers that all the time – and then he vents his anger all on her!
 - o He may unwittingly push his wife into the role of his mother.
 - o The wife will feel rejected, mistreated, frustrated, manipulated. She will feel more like his mother than his wife. She will then become angry and bitter about that. Imagine if that feeds into judgments, anger and bitterness she has in her heart towards her dad!
 - o This cannot be fixed between the two of them – you have to deal with it in the spirit and in the emotions between each of them towards the parents.

A practical example of how this pattern works:

- Many times men procrastinate and don't carry out their responsibilities like paying the bills, mowing the lawn, etc. Many times we have judged them thinking they are weak and irresponsible. We have bound all the demons we know to bind, but still no breakthrough! We try to help by teaching time-management at doing the tasks he has to do. Still no breakthrough!
- Looking deeper you will find that his relationship with his mother was a disaster! He was a loser in his mother's eyes; no matter what he did, it was never good enough for her. No matter how hard he tried, it was never right in her eyes. This made him feel worthless, irrelevant, stupid.
- It could also be that the grandmother is exactly the same – she preferred girls.
- As time goes on, he just quits doing the things his mother asked him to do.
- She then does the tasks he was supposed to do and he is off the hook!
- The pain of not doing the task and the following consequences were far less than the pain of doing things and hearing it was all wrong and that he was a failure, stupid, worthless!
- He judges his mother in his heart and is controlled by fear – he marries a woman who is NOT like his mother – a woman who loves him, accepts him and conveys value to him.
- In his heart he feels stupid, incompetent, irrelevant, worthless; there is a fear in his heart that this wife he has married will find out that he is not what she thinks he is; she thinks he is a valuable, competent person.

What will happen if she should find out who he really is? This is the fear that drives him; she will reject him and leave him. That fear torments the soul and the flesh comes up with a plan:

“Don't let her ever find out how incompetent you are – make sure that you never make a mistake! So, just don't do anything! If you don't do anything, you can't do anything wrong!” He does acknowledge it is his responsibility but he never acts on it.

The wife has one of three choices:

1. Do nothing and let all the things fall to pieces ... this is actually the correct response. She can trust God to cover for her where her husband is not fulfilling his responsibilities.
2. She begins to nag: "You said you would take up your responsibility – when are you going to do it?" Does that overcome his fear in his heart, bring him to a place of rest, and let him do what he has to do? NO! It just begins to confirm to him she is rejecting him and then he backs off even more!
3. She steps in and does it herself. What happens to him? It lets him off the hook! He has pushed his wife into being his mom! He is happy and says he has a great marriage! She is angry and loses respect for this man.

You cannot fix this problem between husband and wife. The problem needs to be addressed in his heart with his mother so he can receive blessing from God that he never received from his mom, and his heart can be filled of the love and blessing and affirmation from God. Only now can he break through the fear and begin to do the things that he has been so afraid that his wife is going to criticise him over.



What was the biggest fear in his heart? His wife would judge him, criticise him, and emotionally abandon him.

What has he produced in a wife who had no such characteristics to start with?

He has produced exactly judgment, criticism and emotional abandonment in the heart of his wife and it wasn't there before. It came through the judgment in his own heart that he in the flesh reproduced in his wife and did not know it!

He needed to repent of the judgment towards his mom, renounce that, break the power of that curse; go to the Lord, forgive his mom and receive from Jesus what he could not receive from his mom; receive affirmation and blessing. That will bring the heart into peace – he can face the fear of actually doing his part of his responsibilities.

The wife will then be so blessed – she will respect him, honour him, receive him as she had when they got married.

Second MALE pattern regarding the mother-role.

Here we have a son who was never blessed by his mother or even actively cursed by her. He makes a choice in his heart to strive after her blessing come what may! He believes that if he works hard enough he will receive her mother's blessing one-day!

This man is predisposed of to strive after love and acceptance from a woman – he is going to do whatever is needed to be accepted and approved of – he will use whatever he has to be accepted and blessed, particularly by women.

His identity is not established in self – his identity is established in what do the people think of him. It is very important to him what other people think of him. He will look to his wife, his children, his hero, his boss, his pastor, other women; he will be greatly concerned at how he LOOKS – he needs the affirmation and blessing of other women around him to affirm that he really is a man and that he really is valuable.

The potential results in this man's life:

- He will be very sensitive and caring – maybe highly self-critical.
- He will be striving to be accepted by women and may have a very strong focus on physical appearance – there is a deep insecurity in his heart – the feeling of not being loved and valued – particularly by women.
- This man has an emotional “black hole” on the inside. When he marries, everything his wife pours into his life, disappears. He keeps on saying: “I need more love! I need more attention!”
- This man tends to smother his wife and overwhelm her. He can write up to five love notes a day! He is pursuing her all the time: “Do you love me? I love you...” many times per day – she has to affirm that he is okay, that he is valuable, and so forth. He does all they teach men at a marriage seminar and more!
- In his heart he has made an idol out of her. He is looking to her to what only God can do. In reality, she has become God in his heart.
- She gets overwhelmed because she cannot do what he is asking.
- This man will also force his wife into the role of being his mother – he is looking for the nurture, the love and blessing that never came from his mom – he keeps on drawing and pulling from his wife and makes her to become like a mommy to him – to give to him what his own mother never did.
- In his adulthood, he will look to his wife sexually to stimulate him – to give to him in his primary way of perceiving love is in a physical sense – he tends to overwhelm her in that way. “Don't you love me??”

- We tend to judge him as a “sex-maniac” but in actual fact he has a deep nurture need on the inside – a lack of blessing from a mother that he has now projected onto his wife – and he is trying to draw from her what she cannot give.
- In his marriage:
- At the wedding he hands over to his wife all the unpaid bills his mother never paid him for all the years he was never blessed.
- No matter how hard she tries, its never enough – he is never pleased and he is still clambering after her love.
- The wife feels smothered, frustrated, drained, and inadequate.

 First FEMALE pattern regarding the mother-role.

Here we have a daughter who was never blessed by her mother or even actively cursed by her. She has decided in her heart to cut her mom off and totally reject her and walk away.

She is predisposed to not receive love from a woman. She has a shell around her heart – she will not let anybody in her heart because she has been wounded and hurt. She has cut herself off. She expects to be disapproved and rejected by women.

Her identity will tend to be established by SELF:

- Her own career.
- Her money.
- Her power and status.
- Ministry.
- Motherhood.
- Any role where she feels she can excel and be a real woman.



Potential results in the life of this woman:

- She has many conflicts with female authorities.
- She doesn't need or trust other people – “I can do it myself! I don't need anybody!”
- Insensitive to the needs of others.
- May reproduce in her own life the very qualities she hated in her mother. Years later she will be told by people around her: “You're just like your mother!”

- ***In Marriage:***

- o She perceives that her husband's primary purpose is to complete her feminine identity – she sees him primarily just to affirm her.
- o She tends to be very critical of her husband – demand that he love her – but won't allow him! She is calling out: "Please love me!" When he draws near she's got a shell around her heart and won't let him in.
- o If she has cut off both mom and dad in her life, she will have a harder shell around her heart.
- o Not letting him in is confusing to her husband. He tries for a while but then quits trying. This confirms to her the lies she already believes that nobody loves her or cares about her – not even her husband!
- o She tends to have difficulty in submitting to her husband's authority.
- o She tends to have difficulty in communicating real feelings in her heart with him because of that fear of being hurt and wounded by her mom.
- o Her husband will tend to feel dishonoured, unable to ever please her, unjustly accused and frustrated.



Second FEMALE pattern regarding the mother-role.

Here we have a daughter who was never blessed by her mother or even actively cursed by her. She makes a choice in her heart to strive after her blessing come what may! She believes that if she works hard enough she will receive her mother's blessing one-day! She is predisposed to strive after love and acceptance, especially other women. She will do whatever is needed to be accepted and approved of. Her identity is likely to be established in what other people think about her:

- Her husband.
- Her children.
- Friends.
- Particularly other women.

Wherever she goes she will be seeking approval all the time from women.

In marriage:

- Her husband will have difficulty in ever attracting her attention – she is so busy and engaged to get the affirmation attention, love and blessing from other women that she has no time to allocate to a relationship with her husband.
- Who are our most active people in the church? Women who have been hurt in this way!
- They are so busy with so many church activities – trying to get the affirmation and blessing from the other sisters in the church – they have no time for their husbands.
- She will tend to be sensitive to the needs of others – compassionate and caring.
- She usually is highly self-critical
- Many times she does not have much confidence

- Undue striving to be accepted by other women
- She may despise her own femininity
- There is a potential open door to lesbianism – she has such a strong need for love, attention and affection from a woman. The enemy will send a woman into her life who is already bound in this sin of lesbianism who will lead her into this lifestyle – it will start with an emotional bond and later it will develop into a sexual relationship.
- Perfectionism will strain the marriage – her mother told her her whole life she never did anything right – so now whatever she does has to be perfect.
- Depression and self-criticism will emotionally drain the husband
- She may tend to put more energy in her friendships than she does in her marriage.
- Her husband cannot satisfy her needs for love and acceptance so he is frustrated.
- He feels ignored, not needed, unable to capture her attention, and dishonoured.

Conclusion ...

All the patterns we have discussed are FLESH patterns – the way the soul works when the soul is out of peace on the inside as a result of being cursed or not blessed by a father or a mother.

These problems will never be solved between a husband and wife – these patterns create strife between couples causing an inability to cleave to one another because the heart is still bound to the parent who did not bless them.

The only solution is going to the LORD and receiving ministry – getting filled up with His love – receiving His Blessing that should have come from mom and dad but didn't – and allowing the heart to be released and freed, the judgement to be broken, the root of bitterness to be eliminated if it there – the longing and striving after blessing to be filled up by blessing from God – that brings that soul to REST!

Now there is an ability to honour, bless and love and to cleave to one another as God's Word commands.



The mixture of the patterns ...

Every one of us has a mixture of two of these patterns in our lives. When you get married, it means that you potentially have a mixture of FOUR of these patterns that are operative in your marriage – LORD HELP US!

How do we deal with this MESS?! What is the correct response to lack of blessing?

When we are being judged and criticised, broken down and/or even cursed, turn to THE FATHER and ask THE question: WHO AM I?

In the past you allowed your mother and father to answer this question and that is what created the judgement.

What does God say?

Son/daughter, you are NOT foolish, incompetent, stupid, clumsy, unworthy, unwanted, and _____ *(fill in the words your parents spoke over you).*

You were just a child and did not know what to do. Your brain was not developed to handle what they expected from you. You were supposed to make many mistakes along the journey to growing up but that's okay! That's the way you learn and grow!

I LOVE you and you ARE valuable!

Receive this TRUTH in your heart! When someone comes again to tell you how worthless you are, it stings for a moment, but it does not cling!

Those negative words spoken over you were just your father/mother's opinion. It's only coming out of their own frustration, their own perfectionism, it's coming out of their lack of blessing by their parents. But those words are not the proof about you! The TRUTH about you is what I say about YOU!

What is our response?

Now my heart is free to respond and be motivated by the Holy Spirit. When I get married, I am not carrying a judgement that was imparted into my heart by me making my mother/father God and believing the lie that she/he was imparting to me.

Instead I have gone to God to receive THE TRUTH and now I am free to look at my spouse and to see him/her for what he/she is instead of seeing him/her through the image and judgement in my heart, or this longing after blessing.

I am also free to see other people in the Body of Messiah, the workplace, and so forth, the way GOD sees them instead of seeing them through this neediness and this image on the inside that has come from lack of blessing that I responded to by either:

1. By judging my mom/dad and the people around me triggering that judgement all the time – “The pastor is just like my dad!”
2. Longing after and trying to receive the blessing, because of the deep insecurity in my heart.

This is not a conscious thought – it happens emotionally – somebody says something or does something that reminds you of the way your mom/dad treated you – you get triggered and then you respond emotionally – “I don’t like that person, I don’t know why!” When you are married, this happens all the time!

How do we deal with the triggers inside our hearts?



We come to the Father and pray something like this (allow the Holy Spirit to lead you, this is only a guideline) ...

LORD, there is still a lie somewhere inside of me that has triggered me. It looks like my heart is still bound to my mom/dad in a way that I am not even consciously aware. Please reveal to me what is going on so that I can renounce it, forgive and get it broken to be able to re-relate to my spouse in the way he/she really is. I want to cleave to my spouse instead of being triggered by him/her because of the lies that are still in my heart from my dad/mom.

LORD, what is still in my heart? Is it judgements there or longings after blessings from my dad/mom?

Father, speak to us right now! Holy Spirit, we invite Your Presence, Your Power, Your Anointing ... touch our hearts!

Show us where we are still bound to our moms/dads – expose where those things came from – what did mom/dad do or say – what is the ROOT – where does it come from?

Identify the lie, LORD and set us FREE with the TRUTH of what happened and of what YOU say about us!

Thank You Father! We love You!

AMEN!

Letting it
all go ...

In the previous manual, we dealt with the giants and strongholds in the land – the curses and open doors that block and hinder us from the FULLNESS Messiah Y'shua [Jesus] has purchased for us in Him.

The emotional wounds and bruises we have looked at in this manual are some times the “silent” killers – they are those things that are under the surface, hidden. Whereas a giant or stronghold is more readily detected – and often times more easily uprooted – emotional wounds and inner healing is a slower process, one that must be handled and led by the Father, our Abba.

The enemy's strategy of wounding and bruising us – especially during our childhood – is probably one of the most sadistic of all his warfare against us. If the kingdom of darkness can wound us when young – and these bruises shape our very lives, thoughts, experiences, actions, and so forth – he has almost won the war. Emotional wounds are some of the MOST painful ... sometimes the bruising is so painful we have even suppressed the memories, and live in denial.

However ...

There is such wonderful HOPE!



If you can relate at all to the bruises described in this manual ... know that there is not only hope, but complete RESTORATION for your heart. No matter the bruising and wounds of the enemy, Y'shua [Jesus] can heal! Hold on to the TRUTH, that HE binds up the broken-hearted, gives shalom [peace] to the weary, places the lonely in families, and heals every wound.



One of the greatest lessons to be learned from this manual is to SURRENDER everything – all the pain, all the hurt, all the unforgiveness, all that is stuffed down in your heart – give it to Y'shua [Jesus] and TRUST Him to take you to the Father, the Greatest and most LOVING Abba, Who knows exactly how to so gently and kindly heal the wounds, layer by layer.

May you allow Y'shua [Jesus] to “touch” those bruises, to clean the wounds, and place His Healing Balm on your heart ... may you experience Abba's Embrace and mature as a son/daughter in the House!

Many blessings and shalom!

An “emotional” checklist ...

As you read through these six types of emotions, place a check mark by the feeling or feelings that might be holding you captive.

☒ Anger

Other emotions that fall under anger are feeling: aggressive, annoyed, argumentative, defiant, demanding, disgusted, frustrated, furious, hateful, impatient, jealous, mad, mean, outraged, resentful, spiteful, stubborn, sullen, vengeful, vicious, and violent.

☐ Apathy

Many other emotions fall under the category of apathy, which includes being: bored, careless, defeated, depressed, discouraged, disillusioned, drained, futile, hopeless, overwhelmed, powerless, resigned, wasted, and worthless.

☐ Fear

Feelings sub-typed under fear include being: anxious, apprehensive, cautious, cowardly, doubtful, foreboding, inhibited, insecure, nervous, panicky, scared, shaky, trapped, and worried.

☐ Grief

Some types of grief are feeling: abandoned, abused, accused, anguished, ashamed, betrayed, cheated, embarrassed, helpless, hurt, ignored, left-out, misunderstood, neglected, rejected, and sad.

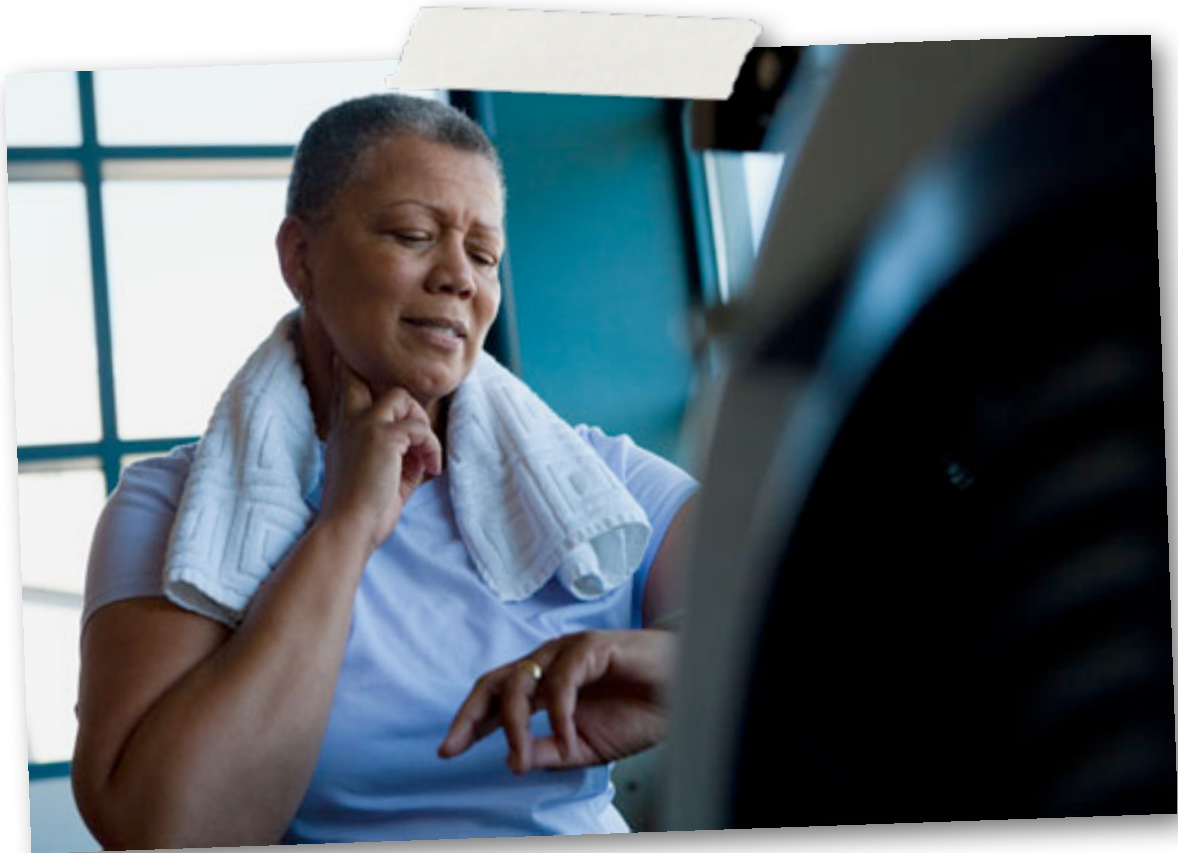
☐ Lust

This emotion yells, "I want." Offshoot emotions are: anticipation, craving, demanding, desiring; feeling devious, driven, envious, frustrated, greedy, manipulating, obsessive, ruthless, selfish, and wicked.

☐ Pride

Some other associated emotions are feeling: aloof, arrogant, boastful, clever, contemptuous, cool, critical, judgmental, righteous, rigid, self-satisfied, snobbish, spoiled, superior, selfish, unforgiving, and vain.

Focus on what you are feeling as you think about what has caused you hurt, fear, loss, rejection, or any other harmful response.



Watch your body¹⁷ and see what it is doing:

- Is your heart beating rapidly?
- Are your eyes tearing?
- Is there a nauseous feeling in your gut?
- Tension in your muscles?

Whatever is happening in your body is a clue to the strength of that particular emotion.

¹⁷ For additional study, see the book “A More Excellent Way” by Henry Wright

Prayers¹⁸ for un-Godly heart attitudes ...

Please note, we have added these prayers as *samples* of how you can pray for your own spirit ... as well as how you can minister to someone's else's spirit, who has been wounded by generational un-Godly heart attitudes. We encourage you to write you *own* prayers, *specific* to your own personal story.

Remember, prayer is all about the HEART – it is not a recipe or formula.

1. *Prayer for generational healing.*

Spiritman, hear God's Word for you in Hebrews 4:15-16: *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses ... Let us then approach the Throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."*

Spiritman, step forward to receive emotional generational healing. Be blessed with healing in every area of damage in your family line. Be blessed to see the Light and Truth of the Healer shining on the sins and the issues that have been passed down generation to generation. Because of His full cleansing, they have no more power. Be blessed with order and alignment in all generational warping that was passed down. When the Son makes you free, you are progressively made free indeed.

You are blessed that Y'shua [Jesus] feels and understands what you have inherited from your generations, and He is present as your Healer. He honors your yearning for His Healing Presence. Be blessed to receive His Love into your wound. Carry your concerns to the Foot of the cross that you may be healed. As you approach Him, receive His Grace and Mercy for His Help now. Be blessed with the abundant strength of Messiah who strengthens you with His Holy Presence. Receive His release from everything that is negative and tying you to the past.

Receive His gift of forgiveness to flow down your family line as you repent of transgressing His Commands. Be blessed with strength to give Him your concerns and leave them with Him. Be blessed to take them from your shoulders and leave them in His Hands.

Be blessed with His Light shining into issues of weakness and concern. What His Light exposes loses its power to bind you. Be blessed with feeling His loving Eyes looking into yours. Be blessed with the Light of Messiah being very evident in your healing, as He brings everything to His Light. In His Light you have life. Be blessed to rise from death, darkness, and disease as the Light of Messiah infuses you.

Y'shua [Jesus] said, *"Do not be afraid. I am the Light of the world, and I am with you always."* He said, *"Fear not, little flock. It is my Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* Be blessed with being set free to enjoy your life to the fullest in God's love and greatness.

¹⁸ For a complete study on how to bless your spirit with healing prayers, we encourage you to get the book *"You Are Blessed"* by Silvia Gunter, available from <http://www.thefathersbusiness.com/>.

Spiritman, be blessed to see and experience the generational deposits of blessings and legacies He has placed in your bloodline. God said that although iniquity is visited upon the third and fourth generation, He shows His love and blessings to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His Commandments.

Be blessed with God's peace, grace, favor, justice, righteousness and much fruitfulness, as you reap hundred-fold to a thousand generations. Be blessed to believe your Father God for spiritual generational breakthroughs. He is your faithful God, who keeps His covenant of love with you.

You are fully alive in the generational blessings of His Covenantal Kingdom, through Y'shua [Jesus] your peace, your healing, your love, and your authority. Thanks be to God! Be blessed in the Name of your High Priest and Mediator (Hebrews 6:20).

2. Prayer for healing hurts from parents.

Spiritman, hear God's Word for you in Psalm 22:9. *"You brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast."* And in Psalm 71 :6. *"From birth I have relied on You ... I will ever praise You."*

Spiritman, God has been present with you from the womb. Before your mother or father knew they were expecting, your Abba Father knew you were there, and He rejoiced as your Abba.

God has blessed you with eternal life because of the Sin Offering of His Son Y'shua [Jesus] that transcends the life you had from your parents. You are a son/daughter of God, on the authority of His Word. He ordained you and brought you forth.

Spiritman, you legitimately needed a mother and a father's blessing, but your earthly parents did not know your full need for it or how to give it. They didn't have it to give because they themselves were wounded. So step forward to receive healing for wounds you received at the hands of your parents and other caregivers.

There are two types of history stored in everyone. There is the remembered history of events and experiences. There are also a subconscious history of emotions and feelings. Receive God's work as He cleanses deep wounds that you received from words and actions in your family of origin.

Receive the ministry of Yahweh-Rapha, the healing Covenant Name of Eternal God, as He works in the core of your being. As you meet with Him Face to face, receive His healing and blessing and deep release, where no other prayer ministry has touched.

The soul (mind and will) has repented of the judgments and vows over and over, but under the judgments and vows, there were emotions of fear, rejection, abandonment, anger, disappointment, shame, unforgiveness, self-hatred, etc., that sprang from specific wounds. Those remain imprinted in the organic brain and stored in you, the spirit.

Spiritman, listen to God's Word in Psalm 46:4-5. *"There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day."*

You are that holy place, that temple where God dwells. The Spirit of Y'shua [Jesus] lives in you to heal and make you whole. The Spirit of Truth and the God of all mercy is ready to do a thorough work to bring new life.

Receive His River of Cleansing from all feelings that God didn't author - that you were of no value, a nuisance, or you were not wanted or were conceived and born at an inconvenient time.

Receive God's River of Cleansing from the feeling that you were a burden to be born, or an object to be used, a fixture in someone's world instead of a precious little one to be loved, valued, protected, honored, and nurtured.

Receive cleansing in that core sense of being that you were a disappointment; that you could never measure up or be good enough.

Receive cleansing from comparison, competition, evaluation, and displacement. Be clean and be free of that deposit of blame, shame, guilt, confusion, and self-hatred.

Be free of the feeling that you had to be responsible to hold the family together, to make momma and/or daddy happy.

Be free and be cleansed of false responsibility that you had to make peace in their irresponsibility, or absence, or emotional absence, or strife in the family.

Be free and be washed clean of false responsibility for the conflict and pain, that everything that went wrong was your fault.

Spiritman, hear this: *It wasn't your fault. Your mother/father failed to be present because of their own problems.* Be free and receive the River of Healing for the denial of your legitimate needs because they were never met.

Be healed of the hope deferred that made your heart sick.

You have forgiven many times from your head, but your heart still hurts and brings old garbage to the table in current situations and relationships. Receive the healing to you, spiritman, that needed parenting, so you can truly release your parents for failing to be the person/persons you cried out for him/her to be.

Spiritman, you have received a new filter of the Blood¹⁹ of Y'shua [Jesus] and your Heavenly Father's Love and the Seal of the Holy Spirit. Let your toxins and impurities go through the Holy Filter System of the Blood of Y'shua [Jesus] to filter out:

- Anxieties, fears, dreads, worry,
- Rejection, abandonment, emotional absenteeism, isolation,
- Worthlessness, inadequacy, inferiority, insecurity,
- Anger, hatred, revenge, murder in your heart,
- Bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness,
- Perfectionism, performance, self-protection,

¹⁹ This is like dialysis when blood is put through a filter, and all the impurities are filtered out.

- Control, manipulation,
- Role reversal, care-taking, being a substitute mate,
- Abuse of all kinds: physical, emotional, sexual, spiritual, verbal,
- Put down, shame, being ill-used,
- Infirmities of all kinds.

Be blessed as God fills up the hole in your heart, those empty spaces, that bottomless pit that craves nearness, intimacy, affirmation, connection, and significance, and yet fears it, is unable to receive it, and runs away from it.

Receive healing from the wound caused by lack of bonding with your parent.
Receive cleansing from attachment wounds, as Father-God binds you to Himself with cords that cannot be broken, as He promised.

Be free and be whole, be healed of broken trust that resulted when you could not settle down and feel secure, safe, and trusting in your parent to be there for you.

Receive nurturing TRUST from your Heavenly Father who never lets you down, so that you can trust authority figures.

Spiritman, choose to replace the lies that you have agreed with and thus made agreements with the father of lies. Some of the lies are that you were not important enough or worthy to be given time, priority, focused attention, communication; that you were a mistake, you're a victim, just a survivor, and so forth.

Choose to crucify your unreliable feelings on the cross of Y'shua [Jesus]. Take captive the thoughts, emotions, and will of your soul, in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus]. You can do it. You must do it for full victory, and nobody can do it for you.

God is at work in you to will and to do His good pleasure. Receive His enabling grace. Be blessed with His strength to embrace His work as good and perfect and in perfect timing.

Spiritman, give the Holy Spirit of Truth permission to clean out all the poison of woundedness that the soul has known for years and receive His ministry to do it.

Be courageous to seek the truth, to feel the pain, to lay the axe to all bitter roots for a thorough work at their deepest source, that they may be completely removed and not defile you and trouble many.

You have authority in Messiah to bind up and cast out all the enemy's strongholds coming from your family relationships. Put the cross of Y'shua (Jesus) and the empty tomb between you and the works and workers of darkness to get release from the familiar games they have played: anger, guilt, shame, blame, judgment, bitterness, non-feeling, control, uproar, victim-mentality, performance, secrets, compulsions, addictions, and so forth.

Spiritman, be strong to embrace life as God intends for you and not run away, withdraw, build walls, or be self-protecting any longer.

Drink deeply of the understanding that you are loved, cared for, significant, and the apple of your Father's Eye. He delights in you. He is happy you are alive. You give Him joy. Receive this reality and let your broken love-receiver be healed, as your brokenness is displaced by a higher truth of your place in Abba's house.

From the Light of the Eyes of Abba Father, receive blessing in your inner being. Let it trickle down to soul, and heart, and emotions, and will, and identity, and legitimacy.

God will rebuild what has been desolate and oppressed. He will restore the years the locusts have eaten. Be blessed to continue to receive the ministry of Abba supernaturally in those places where the little boy/girl within still cries out for mothering or fathering. He ALWAYS finishes what He begins.

Spiritman, settle down at the Feet of El Shaddai in full security, acceptance, and blessing. He is always there for you. He invites you to connect deeply and intimately with Him.

Be blessed with new freedom from Him, unhindered and holy. Awake to life as the joyful son/ daughter of the King that He created you to be. Be blessed as He satisfies the Birthright that He has placed within you. Be blessed in the Name of El Shaddai (Psalm 91:1).

A Bride that is
preparing
Herself for the
Groom ...

This is the last manual of our “Journey2Freedom” series ... so then, besides all the principles, teachings, counseling, and so forth ...

What really is this journey about?

It is about us – the Body of Messiah – preparing ourselves, to present to our Bridegroom a pure and set-apart Bride, without spot or wrinkle!

You see, the Scriptures and our entire existence is all about COVENANT²⁰!



How do we prepare ourselves as Bride?

This is a very important point – WE prepare ourselves, it is our OWN responsibility. We see this very clearly pictured in the Hebrew understanding of a wedding²¹. The Bride was to keep herself, to prepare herself, and be waiting, watching for her Groom with her lamp burning and full of oil.

1. The father chooses the bride.

A trusted friend is sent to offer the terms of marriage. We see this exemplified in the Old Testament in the life of Moses, who wrote down the Covenant [the Torah] at Mount Sinai.

In the New Testament, Y’shua [Jesus] as the “final Adam”, comes to confirm the Covenant at Calvary, and write the Covenant upon our hearts. The Holy Spirit is a constant reminder of the Covenant, and is our seal.

²⁰ For additional study, see Jim Staley’s teaching “Case For The Covenant”, available as a free podcast, or for order from <http://www.passionfortruth.org/>.

²¹ For additional study, see our book “A Living Stone Becomes The Bride Of Messiah”, available for free download, or for order from the office.

1 Peter 1:8 “8 Without having seen Him, **you love Him**; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.”

2. The groom proposes by offering the cup of covenant.

The Hebrew letter *Gimmel* means “to lift up”. Just as Y’shua [Jesus] role-modeled this for us at the last supper, so every time we share the Covenant Meal [Communion], we “remember” that we are engaged.

Matthew 26:27-29 “27 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. [Exod. 24:6-8.] 29 I say to you, I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it with you new and of superior quality in My Father’s kingdom.”

If the woman accepts the cup, she is opening the door/window to her life/heart. As such, she declares that she will reveal her heart to her groom.

3. The groom goes to prepare a home for his bride.

On earth, we have a responsibility to find a place where the Bride will be safe and protected.

John 14:1-3 “DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me. 2 In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you. 3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.”

4. The bride remains pure, ready, and prepared for the wedding.

This time of waiting is difficult – the bride must trust in her groom. She must also take courage and drive away all fear.

Matthew 25:1-5 “THEN THE kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish (thoughtless, without forethought) and five were wise (sensible, intelligent, and prudent). 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them; 4 But the wise took flasks of oil along with them [also] with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom lingered and was slow in coming, they all began nodding their heads, and they fell asleep.”

He will return!

We need to keep ourselves pure and righteous, walking in the Instructions of the Covenant.

Isaiah 61:10 “10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; **for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**”

Ephesians 5:25-27 “25 **Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her,** 26 So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, 27 That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, **without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless].**”

5. The groom comes to fetch the Bride.

In the Hebrew wedding, the bride did not know when the groom would come to fetch her – not even the groom knows! It was up to the groom’s father as to when the time is right, when the place is prepared.

When the groom’s father gives the permission, the groom would go to fetch his bride at midnight. He and the friends of the bridegroom – who would be shouting and rejoicing, to wake the bride – would come to the bride’s home. If her lamp was burning, the wedding celebration would begin. If however, the lamp was not burning ... the groom would pass by accepting the wedding is off. This meant that the bride was not prepared, and her love had grown cold.



Is your lamp burning?

Is your love still “hot” ... are you waiting, expecting, and watching for the Groom?

Matthew 25:6 “6 But at **midnight** there was a shout, Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him!”

6. The bride has a mikvah [baptism].

Part of the ritual of purification is the mikvah [baptism], which we studied in book four of this series. The mikvah represents a change of authority and a decision to be without spot or wrinkle.

The Hebrew letter Zayin is a picture of this process. It represents a weapon. In mikvah, we are choosing to be cut off from all other lovers.

Joshua 4:12 “12 And the sons of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh **passed over armed before the [other] Israelites, as Moses had bidden them;**”

Romans 6:3-6 “3 Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have **been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** 4 We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [power] of the Father, so we too might [habitually] live and behave in newness of life. 5 For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God]. 6 **We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin.**”



7.The marriage takes place under a chuppah [marriage canopy].

We have seen that the Hebrew letter *Bet* represents a house or tent. Being married under a *chuppah* signifies that we are filling our house with our love for our Husband, and with the Spirit of God.

1 Peter 1:18-19 “18 You must know (recognize) that **you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold,** 19 But [you were purchased] with the precious **blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.**”

8.The bride shares the cup with her husband.

This is reflected in the Hebrew letter *Tav*, which is the picture of a peg or nail. When both parties have shared the cup, the act stands in the spiritual realm as a seal, peg, or marker of the Covenant.

9. The ketubah is signed.

At Mount Sinai, God presented His Ketubah [Marriage Covenant] to the people of Israel. This is represented by the Hebrew letter *Yod*, which is the picture of a deed, to present the hand, or handshake. This is the handshake of the agreement!

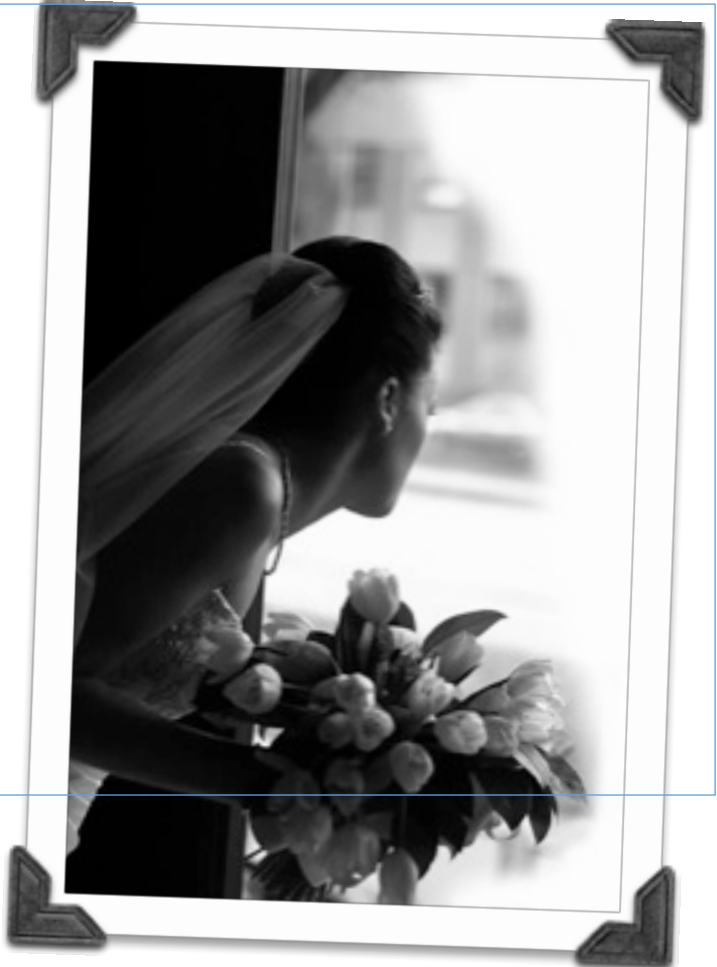
Matthew 25:6 “6 But at **midnight** there was a **shout**, Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him!”

The Ketubah is not only a promise of the future, but a bridal price for today.

10. The marriage is blessed.

We have seen how important the act of blessing is. After the ceremony, the couple consummates the marriage and becomes ONE flesh. This is represented by the letter Kaf, mean pictures “to cover”, and is symbolized by the *talit* [prayer shawl]. God has clothed us in His Righteousness and waits for us to become totally immersed in Him.

Revelations 19:7-9 “7 Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself. [Ps. 118:24.] 8 She has been permitted to dress in fine (radiant) linen, dazzling and white—for the fine linen is (signifies, represents) the righteousness (the upright, just, and godly living, deeds, and conduct, and right standing with God) of the saints (God’s holy people). 9 Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down: **Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God.”**



We pray the Father has blessed you through this series, and that working through these materials, this has been a “Journey2Freedom”.

We pray that you have come to know Y’shua [Jesus] more intimately, and seen a glimpse of all that He has purchased us for – how great, how wide, how high, how absolutely all-encompassing is His Love!

Finally, we pray that you have come to know your Abba ... that you are welcome and accepted in His Arms, and that is where you belong. May you continue to seek His Father, and may He shine upon you ... may you grow up in His Ways, and come into maturity and fullness, to reveal Him to others.

As the Bride, May your love grow and deepen ... may you be blessed as you watch and wait, knowing that our Bridegrooms comes quickly!

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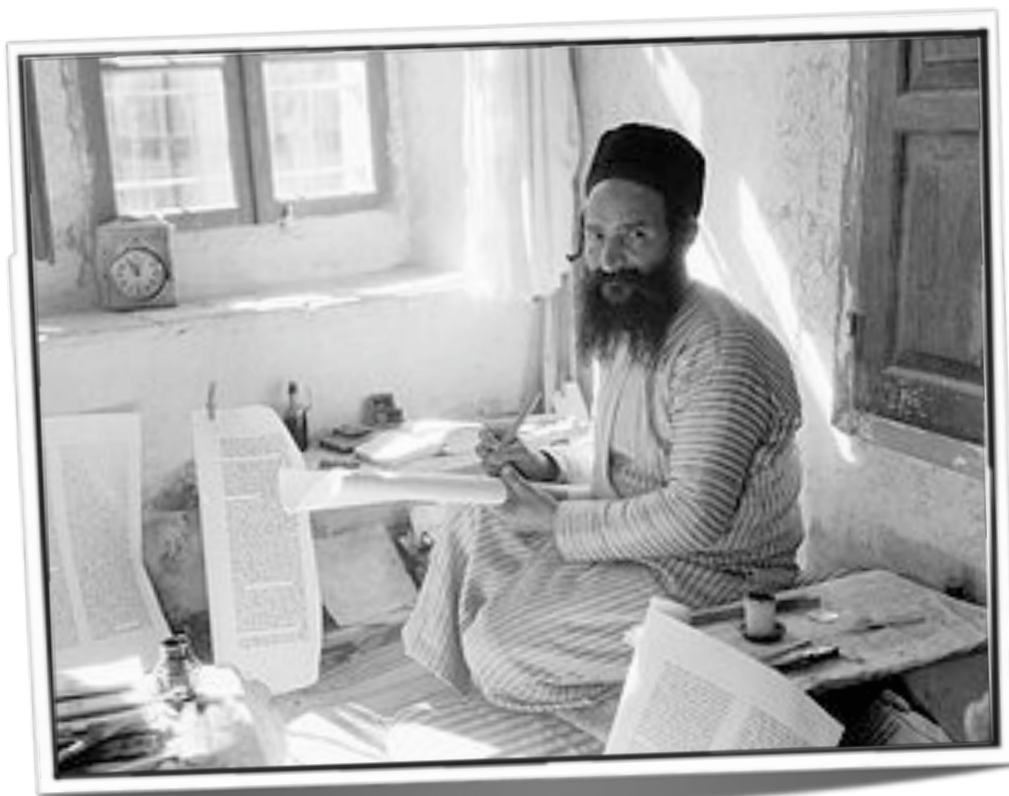
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The Hebrew Language

The Hebrew Language ...

What's the context? It is so important to ask – and answer – this question, particularly when studying the Scriptures. We need to know what the meaning, understanding, culture, and value system of the text was in the language and time the text was written. Our modern-day mindsets cause us to define words within today's meanings, understanding, culture, and value systems ... however, this is often quite a way off from what was the original – and intended – understanding.

The Scriptures were written thousands of years ago in HEBREW, and in an Eastern-Semitic culture. If this is truth, then can we come to a different interpretation of any given passage?



In order to expand our study and understanding of the Word, we need to have a “crash course” in the original language the text was written, ancient Hebrew.

Ancient Hebrew has an alphabet of TWENTY-TWO letters. Obviously, words are written using a combination of these letters [note, there are no vowels]. However, what makes this language even more of an “adventure” is that each individual letter of the alphabet has a unique meaning, picture [symbolism], and number. This means, you can study and understand the plain text as is ... and you can study further by delving into the individual symbolism of the letters. Often, doing this kind of study brings out further meaning and richness to the passage. You will find that we have used this type of study – examining the picture-meaning of the Hebrew words – throughout our materials. We have found this such a blessing in our own understanding of the Scriptures, and trust you will enjoy it just as much! Truly, God's Word is ALIVE!

Ancient Hebrew²²

Ancient Hebrew						
Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound
			El	Ox head	Strong, Power, Leader	ah, eh
			Bet	Tent floorplan	Family, House, In	b, bh(v)
			Gam	Foot	Gather, Walk	g
			Dal	Door	Move, Hang, Entrance	d
			Hey	Man with arms raised	Look, Reveal, Breath	h, ah
			Waw	Tent peg	Add, Secure, Hook	w, o, u
			Zan	Mattock	Food, Cut, Nourish	z
			Hhet	Tent wall	Outside, Divide, Half	hh
			Tet	Basket	Surround, Contain, Mud	t
			Yad	Arm and closed hand	Work, Throw, Worship	y, ee
			Kaph	Open palm	Bend, Open, Allow, Tame	k, kh
			Lam	Shepherd Staff	Teach, Yoke, To, Bind	l
			Mem	Water	Chaos, Mighty, Blood	m
			Nun	Seed	Continue, Heir, Son	n
			Sin	Thorn	Grab, Hate, Protect	s
			Ghah	Eye	Watch, Know, Shade	gh(ng)
			Pey	Mouth	Blow, Scatter, Edge	p, ph(f)
			Tsad	Man on his side	Wait, Chase, Snare, Hunt	ts
			Quph	Sun on the horizon	Condense, Circle, Time	q
			Resh	Head of a man	First, Top, Beginning	r
			Shin	Two front teeth	Sharp, Press, Eat, Two	sh
			Taw	Crossed sticks	Mark, Sign, Signal, Monument	t

²² http://elshaddaiministries.us/hebrewalphabet_old.html

Modern Hebrew²³ ...

MARK	NAME	PRONOUNCED	TRANSLITERATION
א	Aleph	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
ב/בּ	Bet / Vet	b as in boy (no dot: v as in vine)	b / v
ג/גּ	Gimmel	g as in girl	g
ד/דּ	Dalet	d as in door	d
ה	Hey	h as in hay	h
ו	Vav	v as in vine; “consonantal vowel”	v
ז	Zayin	z as in zebra	z
ח	Chet	ch as in Bach	ch (or h)
ט	Tet	t as in time	t
י	Yod	y as in yes; “consonantal vowel”	y
כ/כּ	Kaf/Khaf *	k as in kite (no dot: ch as in bach)	k / kh
ל	Lamed	l as in look	l
מ/מּ	Mem *	m as in mom (sofit form)	m
נ/נּ	Nun *	n as in now (sofit form)	n
ס	Samekh	s as in son	s
ע	Ayin	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
פ/פּ	Pey/Fey *	p as in park (no dot: ph as in phone)	p / ph
צ/צּ	Tzade *	ts as in nuts (sofit form)	ts / tz
ק	Qof	q as in queen	k (or q)
ר	Resh	r as in rain	r
ש/שׁ	Shin/Sin	sh as in shy (s as in sun)	sh / s
ת/תּ	Tav	t as in tall	t

* Has a different form when it occurs at the end of a word (sofit).

²³ www.hebrew4christians.com

Additional Resources

Please be sure to work through all the books in the “**Journey2Freedom**” series:

- J2F1 Man’s Purpose And The Gifts Of The Spirit
- J2F2 Generational Blessings
- J2F3 Blessings And Curses Over Motherhood
- J2F4 Water/Spirit Baptism
- J2F5 Spying Out The Land
- J2F6 Dealing With The Giants
- J2F7 Uprooting Generational Heart-Attitudes And Roots
- J2F8 Childhood Pain, The Brain, And Arrested Development ... How Do We HEAL And Come To MATURITY?
- J2F9 Mother-Bonds, Deception, And The False Prophetic

As well as our follow-on series to J2F — “**Journey2Wholeness**”:

- J2W1 Breaking The Curse Of Illegitimacy And Shame
- J2W2 Emotional Pain And Building Healthy Relationships
- J2W3 Emotional Pain And Restoring Relationships

In closing, after these curses have been dealt with and broken, it is very important to restore BLESSINGS ... we want to encourage fathers to take this calling seriously, and to begin BLESSING their families according to the Commandment of the LORD that the priests bless with the following blessing ...

Priestly Blessing

Numbers 6:24-27

“Y’varekh’kha YHVVH v’yishmerekha.

May YHVVH bless you and keep you.

Ya’er YHVVH panav eleikha vichunekka.

May YHVVH make His Face shine on you and show you His favour.

Yissa YHVVH panav eleikha v’yasem l’kha shalom.

May YHVVH lift up His Face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:27 *“In this way they are to put **My Name** on the people of Isra’el, so that I will **Bless** them.”*

