

Spiritual Laws in Kingdom Living

The Law of Confession Part II

A Caleb's Promise Ministry Teaching

But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for
doctrines the commandments of men.
Matthew 15:9

WHAT TREE GROWS IN YOUR HEART

As we studied several lessons ago, our hearts are amoral, meaning it is neither good nor bad. It is, however, full of very fertile ground. Our heart will grow whatever seed we plant there and grow it in abundance. God makes it very clear to guard our hearts.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Matthew 12:34-35

³⁴O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

What we are feeding our hearts is what will come from our mouths. It is easy, on many occasions, to speak good things when things are going well. **But, when we are under pressure, when the trial comes, what comes from our mouth? This is when you truly know what is in your heart.**

Can a Believer be an “evil man” according to Matthew 12:35? Yes. If the wisdom of the world comes from your heart, and doesn't line up with God's Word, this is considered “evil.” You are “carnal” as Paul would describe it. It doesn't affect your eternal life, but it does affect the flow of the Promise and Blessing in your life. How? Because your faith is affected by the tree growing in your heart – a tree of good or a tree of evil.

Look at the Children of Israel. They left Egypt under the most wondrous of situations, protected from the ten plagues, bodies completely made whole, given the riches of the Egyptians, protected by the Angel of the LORD from Pharaoh and his army, walking in a protective cloud cover keeping them from the desert heat and desert cold, fed and watered by the LORD, and so much more. Yet, because Moses took longer than they liked on Mount Sinai, the Children became restless and begin to speak and act on what was in their hearts – centuries of idolatry and selfishness they had learned in Egypt [the world]. A golden calf was formed and a festival of idol worship and fornication took place.

These were God's chosen people, the Believers of today. However, the fruit of their hearts led them to destruction just as many of today's Believers are destroyed for a lack of knowledge of God's Word. Yes, they are going to end up in Heaven for an eternity with Christ; however, they totally miss out on “pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” In other words, they totally miss out on the assignment God has for them in bringing His Kingdom to the earth. This doesn't

have to be you. God is constantly reaching out to us with His desires for us. We just have to listen through His Word.

We Are What We Read and Hear

I don't want to complicate something that truly is very straightforward. We have the secular saying, "You are what you eat." If we eat poorly, we can expect our bodies to perform poorly, to be unhealthy, and to suffer death and decay even faster. It is no different for our heart in the spiritual context. What we read, what we hear, what we believe, and what we say is our destiny – both spiritually and physically.

So, if words control our destiny, and the words we speak come from our heart, we need to watch what we are putting into our heart. We should be putting the Word of God into our heart and rejecting the wisdom of the world. We have to guard our tongue and train ourselves not to repeat idle words that don't line up with God's Word for us. When we speak wrong words over ourselves or others, we need to repent and cancel the words in the name and blood of Jesus Christ so they have no effect.

Truly, only we, with our tongue, can prevent ourselves from prospering as God wants us to prosper in this life. We will eat the fruit of our lips; therefore, we want to be speaking good things! And, what we speak will come from our hearts. We must ensure that we are guarded about what we watch, what we listen to, where we hang out, whom we associate with, and what we read. All of these stimuli reach the heart with a message – either good or bad.

God warns us through hundreds of scriptures to guard our hearts because He doesn't want us to live as the unsaved live. The unsaved don't have a choice how they live, other than accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. Short of this, they have no control over their lives. It may appear they do, but they don't. Only we as Believers have control through God's Word – if we choose to read it, believe it, and speak it.

satan's goal is to get you to make decisions from your soul, from your mind, emotions, and senses – not from the leading of the Holy Spirit and the Word in your spirit. satan will work to fill your mind with worldly reasoning and sense knowledge. He wants your carnal reasoning to decide what is right and acceptable. Before long, your heart thinks this way, and you are going totally against the Word of God.

We defeat satan by resisting him in the name and blood of Jesus Christ.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

We don't have to yell and scream at him. We don't have to have prayer groups. We don't have to beg God to remove satan from us. We just rebuke satan in the name and by the blood of Jesus Christ and move on. We reject what our senses and carnal reasoning are telling us. We repent of all of this and turn to God's Word and the Holy Spirit for truth and wisdom.

As we read and hear the Word of God and meditate on it, we'll get a completely different perspective of our life and the situations facing us. The Holy Spirit will give us revelation of things we have never seen before in God's Word. The Word will illuminate our mind and spirit, and how we see everything will change for the better.

John 8:31-32

³¹Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed;

³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

When we are abiding in God's Word, we can become deception-proof. Nothing of satan or this world can fool us or prosper against us.

What Should Be Your Response To Idle Words

Idle words are anything that doesn't line up with the Word of God – even if given to you by a preacher, an evangelist, a missionary, a teacher, or the like. What should you do when you hear these words?

Tune out, turn off, put down, and throw away – OPEN YOUR BIBLE. Fill your heart and mind with God's truth and begin confessing it OUT LOUD to yourself. When you hear the Word of God from your own lips, it is easy to receive because we were created to believe what you say. It can only produce good fruit in your life.

Right Reaction

Not only can satan sneak up and present us with something unexpected, but God can do it, too. God never presents anything harmful to us – unlike satan – but He can surprise us with a vision, a word from His Word, a situation designed to benefit us and advance His Kingdom on earth. In both cases, we need to ensure we have the right reaction.

Luke 1 – Study of two different reactions to a truth of God: Zacharias, Father of John the Baptist, and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Zacharias, when approached by Gabriel, didn't believe the “glad tidings” that Elizabeth's and his old age and her barren womb were no challenge for God Almighty. Zacharias had more faith in his natural state than the Word of God.

Why did God have Zacharias struck dumb? What have we been studying? Yes, the Law of Confession. God didn't want Zacharias making a mess of things with his big mouth preventing the pregnancy or birth of John.

What was different about Mary's confession? Mary never doubted it could happen, but she didn't understand how it could happen. Gabriel answered her question because she asked in faith. Mary then responded the way we should always respond in every situation: “be it unto me according to Thy Word.” Mary had more faith in the Word of God than her natural state.

What are you going to do if God presents you with a vision, a plan, and/or a truth from His Word to advance His Kingdom on this earth? Are you going to receive it according to the world's wisdom or will you receive it according to God's wisdom? Look, there will be times you respond correctly, and there will be times you respond incorrectly – in faith or with no faith. But don't allow an incorrect response, or a lack of faith, to put you into bondage [Romans 8:15]. Just repent, get back into the Word, and move ahead with God. Likewise, if you get it right in faith and experience great results, remain humble. Don't allow pride to creep in. We have to remember it is an honor and privilege to be a vessel God is able to use to bring God's Kingdom to this earth. God gets all the glory and honor. Believe me, God will give you great abundance physically, materially, and spiritually if you remain an obedient, humble son or daughter who walks according to ALL of God's Word.

WHY GOD GAVE US THE LAW OF CONFESSION

Our precious, loving, caring, compassionate Father gave us every law for our benefit, for our promotion, for our supply, for our protection, for our health, for every good thing and perfect thing (James 1:17). The Law of Confession was given to us to have us SEE what God has for us, to BELIEVE His Word is true, and to RECEIVE the blessings God gave us before the foundation of the world. However, we can

only do this if we enter into God's rest. If you confess something and still fret, worry, doubt, or are anxious over it, you are acting fear which is the opposite of faith. If this is true, what you've confessed will not come to pass. Your lack of faith negates it.

**REVELATION – GOD'S WORD TELLS US “NOT TO FEAR, DON'T BE AFRAID”
THROUGHOUT HIS WORD – EXCEPT FOR ONE PLACE**

Hebrews 4:1

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His [Christ's] rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

REVELATION - ISN'T IT AMAZING THAT ALL OF THE THINGS GOD TELL US NOT TO BE AFRAID OF, WE'RE AFRAID OF! AND THE ONE THING HE TELLS US TO BE AFRAID OF, WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF IT.

Hebrews 4:3

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said, As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 4:10

For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.

Hebrews 4:11

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

WE HAVE TO SEE THE FINISHED WORK OF THE LORD IN OUR HEARTS AND BELIEVE

The following are four examples of Jesus speaking a “finished spiritual work” into existence in the physical work.

John 17:4

I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

HOW COULD JESUS SAY “HE HAD FINISHED THE WORK, WHEN HE CLEARLY HAD NOT GONE TO THE CROSS YET?”

→BECAUSE HE WALKED IN THE REALM OF THE FINISHED WORK – THE SPIRITUAL REALM. THIS IS WHY JESUS WAS SO PEACEFUL. ALL THINGS WERE FINISHED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

Luke 9:16-17

¹⁶Then He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.”

¹⁷And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets. (John 10:10 – Abundant life)

Luke 5:4

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

John 5:5

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

John 5:8

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

WE ARE TO CALL THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE – NOT DOUBT!

Romans 4:17

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him [God] whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Be careful [anxious, worrisome, stressed] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I Peter 5:6-8

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time:

⁷Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you.

⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

“**Exalt**” is the root word (from the Webster’s 1828 Dictionary)

1. To raise high; to elevate.
2. To elevate in power, wealth, rank or dignity; as, to *exalt* one to a throne, to the chief magistracy, to a bishopric.
3. To elevate with joy or confidence; as, to be exalted with success or victory. [We now use elate.]

What about the word “**due**?” What does it mean? Let’s examine:

1. Owed; that ought to be paid or done to another. That is *due* from me to another which contract, justice or propriety requires me to pay, and which he may justly claim as his right. Reverence is *due* to the creator; civility is *due* from one man to another. Money is *due* at the expiration of the credit given, or at the period promised.
2. Proper; fit; appropriate; suitable; becoming; required by the circumstances; as, the event was celebrated with *due* solemnities. Men seldom have a *due* sense of their depravity.
3. Seasonable; as, he will come in *due* time.
4. Exact; proper; as, the musicians keep *due* time.
5. Owing to; occasioned by. [Little used.]

Peter, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus in us, tells us to humble ourselves. Humble to God means to “have complete trust in Him.” It’s that simple. Complete trust in Him is what we know as “faith.” When you have complete faith in God and His Word, He will exalt you in due time.

Looking at the definitions above, the Holy Spirit is telling us that when we humble ourselves before God, He will elevate us in all areas of our lives, and this is owed to us. Why is it owed to us? Because God has made a contract [covenant] with us, through Jesus Christ and Abraham, the Promise (Genesis 12:2-3; Galatians 3:29). Contracts or covenants are a two-way legal document. Both parties have a responsibility

to uphold in order for the other party to carry out its legal requirement. The Believer's responsibility is to "BELIEVE." God's responsibility is to exalt us in due time.

Verse 7 tells us to cast all our care upon Him. Notice the colon at the end of verse six. This means what follows is part of what was previously written, a more detailed explanation. Only when you completely trust in God, believe, have complete faith, will you cast your cares upon Him. So, our Father is saying if you in complete faith, cast ALL your cares upon Him, completely trust in Him, He will exalt you in due time.

Lastly, verse 8 is very important. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is warning you that your adversary, the devil, is going to attack you when you put complete trust in the Father. Yes, because the devil knows when you get to the point you put complete trust in the Father, you become VERY POWERFUL - more powerful than Christ was when He walked this earth (John 14:12). And, you can read the Gospels to see what Christ did to the devil's kingdom.

Also, note this. Verse 8 says, "seeking whom he MAY devour:". The devil has NO right to you. Unfortunately, much of the church has attributed greater powers and authority to the devil than he actually possesses. The devil was completely made toothless at the cross and resurrection. He can only do to you that which you allow. Yes, you allow. He has no legal authority to you. That's why the Holy Spirit states, "MAY." If you are not living in faith, then you open yourself to the devil and give him permission to attack you and all that is yours.

LESSON FROM CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ON FIGHTING TO REST

The children of Israel were under pure grace from Egypt to Sinai. NOTE: THIS IS THE ONLY TIME ISRAEL HAS BEEN UNDER PURE GRACE, CORPORATELY. They've been under the Law from Sinai to today.

During this time, the children of Israel only fought one battle – against the Amalekites. This was their one and only battle fought while under Grace.

Exodus 17:8

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

“Amalek” is from the root word “Amal” = Hebrew word for “wearisome labor, painful toil.”

“Rephidim” = Hebrew word for “RESTING PLACE.”

Amalek is the opposite of “REST.”

The Amalekites came because the children of Israel were in their resting place under Grace.

What is of great note about this resting place and this battle is it is a picture of the only battle we, as Believers, have to fight in our walk with Christ under Grace.

The battle is to keep from slipping into laborious, wearisome toil and works [Law].

This battle is the “labor” of Hebrews 4:11.

We have to resist the tendency to “fight” for our children, “fight” for our business, “fight” for our spouse, “fight” for our healing, etc.

Why? Because if we are fighting in our own strength – in the natural – we are not at rest, we are not in faith, and we are susceptible to Satan, our enemy.

I Peter 5:8

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satan cannot come close to us when we are in “RESTING” in Christ and His finished work.