

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

The Law of Separation

The Gateway to God's Rest

Part 5

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Hebrews 4:9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. **10** For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. **11** Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest...

The word Rest – Menuchah – A quite place, a place of calm and stillness.

The Father say's, "Be still, and know that I am God".

Rest is far more than just ceasing from work:

You can have time off from work and still be a nervous wreck, still be bound with worry or fear, still be oppressed.

Still be craving forbidden things.

You can be at a place where you stopped taking drugs, stopped drinking, stopped fornicating; but if you still crave these things while ceasing them; this is not a place of rest.

Jesus say's, "Come unto Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Rest is a place of refreshing, a place of flowing in harmony with the Godhead, and having no Dischord.

Rest is flowing as one with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

It is a place of being at peace with God and not at enmity

Romans 8:7 KJV - Because the carnal mind [is] **enmity** against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Romans 8:6 KJV - For to be **carnally** minded [is] **death**; but to be **spiritually** minded [is] **life and peace**.

In These Two Verses We Clearly See a Distinguishing Contrast:

Carnal Mind- Spiritual Mind

Life- Death

Enmity with God- Peace with God

Enter: The Law of Separation, the Second Act of God in His Creation.

Genesis 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good; **and God separated** the light from the darkness.

Genesis 2:8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. **9** Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden (***Tree of Life, not Life & Death, but Life, and only life. This Tree participated in the law of Separation,*** and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (***This tree did not participate in the Law of separation. As a result it contained the fruit of Good & Evil, Good & Darkness, Good & Death, Good & Unrest.***).

- The world as we know it, and everything from the world, and of the world, is continually producing the fruit of the knowledge of Good & Evil.
- It is continually producing death
- Death is all around us.
- Everything living in this world will one day die, because of the fruit of the tree which Adam released into the world.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--

- Nothing good comes from the world
- Good only comes from God, He is the source of Good, because as Jesus said to the rich young ruler, only God is Good.

Life is a Matter of Sowing and Reaping, this is Inescapable:

- Sowing and reaping operates under the Law of Separation
- You sow good, you reap good
- You sow bad, you reap bad
- This is also inescapable

Enter: Grace and Peace

2 Peter 1:2 **Grace and peace** be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; **3** seeing that His divine power has granted to us ***everything pertaining to life and godliness***, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

- This is part of the law of sowing and reaping, which is also subject to the Law of Separation
- When we sow the knowledge of God, which comes only through the word of God, we reap grace and peace, life and godliness.
- These things can only come from God through the truth of God's word.
- They do not come from motivational messages or verbal Browbeating

His divine power has granted us these things for a distinct purpose:

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, ***so that by them*** you may become partakers of [the] divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

- Through the promises revealed within the word of God we are separated unto the divine nature- and separated from the corruption that is in the world
- The corruption that is in the world is produced by lust

Lust: *epithymia*- Craving, longing, a desire for what is forbidden

- This is exactly what caused Adam & Eve to Fall; the desire for what was forbidden
- This is exactly what has caused the modern-day church to fall
- The Modern Day Church suffers from a desire for the forbidden
- The bringing in of the world, and the things of the world, so as to make the church more attractive to the world is forbidden by almighty God

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Friendship With the World:

1. It is in our music
2. It is in our messages
3. It is in our doctrines and traditions
4. It is in our blind acceptance of alternative lifestyles
5. It is in our covering up of our sin through the fig leaf of abortion
6. It is in our carnally minded portrayal of another Jesus
7. It is found within our community outreaches, where we bring the things of the world into our church events, for the purpose of deceiving the world into the church

Think of It:

If you are attempting to win the world by using the things of the world, Are you Not deceiving them into the church?

- Instead of winning them to Christ by preaching the truth in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit
- Do you use the corruptible things of the world to deceive the lost into another gospel, and to another Christ?
- For the true Christ warns you to come out from the world and to not touch the things of the world

2 Corinthians 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

- Instead, you not only do not come out, you bring it in
- You not only Touch, You Use...

You Are Violating the order of God's Creation by Refusing to Obey the Law of Separation:

You have brought the corruption that is in the world right into the church

God say's, "Come out and be separate."

But you Bring in and comingle!

- Whereby God, through Peter, tells us He has given us everything pertaining to Life and Godliness
- We reject that, and choose instead to eat from the fruit of corruption
- We wonder why the church is a royal mess
- We wonder why church leaders are falling by the dozen

- We wonder why there is so much corruption in politics, when it is right here in the church
- We wonder why people we once trusted with our very souls are exposed as deceivers

- We wonder why the shepherds of our souls, who are supposed to love us and care for us, instead use us and control us
- We wonder why those who should be leading us and providing for our spiritual welfare, are more concerned with fulfilling their vision than advancing the kingdom of God
- We wonder why we are instructed by our church leaders, to shun our blood bought brothers and sisters in Christ simply because they moved on to another church

This is Cultish, not Christlike!

- We wonder why only 15 minutes of the service is dedicated to the word of God, and yet a whole hour is needed to take up the offering
- Then having added insult to the injury which they have inflicted upon us through the offering
- We are insulted from the pulpit
- Why aren't we as prosperous as they are?
- Why doesn't God favor us like He favors them?

This did not happen overnight!

This has been going on for years!

Something happened to the church way back in the 90's

Before then it was all about building the kingdom, now it is all about building our castles

Instead of sending out our anointed sons and daughters of God to further Gods kingdom

We hold on to them for our selfish gain

And we use their gifts to increase our vision

I believe that this practice was most responsible in stopping one the greatest revivals the world had ever seen

Down Here in the Bible Belt They are doing the same thing that stopped a world wide revival in a whole new way

Down here, instead of raising up pastors as the word of God instructs, and sending them out into the communities to start new churches

They now set up campuses with movie screens standing behind pulpits instead of anointed men and women of God

No more personal contact with the pastor, for he is like a movie star

You can only see him on the big screen that descends after the music is done playing,

He is **untouchable**

He cannot get the feel of the condition of the people in the room, or to know the spiritual condition of his sheep

Because he can't see you, he can't feel you, and you can't touch him

This practice is so ungodly, so unscriptural, it is terrifying!!!

Wake Up!!! And Come Out from Among Them and Be Ye Separate from this corrupted idea of Church!

Do this, so that you do not find yourself being shaken alongside them!

1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober [spirit] ...

1 Peter 4:17 For [it is] time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if [it] [begins] with us first, what [will be] the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Paul cries out:

2 Corinthians 6:12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.

Paul Goes on to tapping into the Law of Separation to exhort and instruct believers in proper conduct:

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or ...

light with darkness?

Christ with Belial, or

Believer with an unbeliever?

Or... the temple of God with idols?

For we are the temple of the living God;...

We are warned not to be Bound Together - that means to be mixed with- the very opposite of separated from

In order to Enter into the Rest of God, We must come out from the things that separate us from God

We cannot Enter into Gods rest holding onto the things of the world

We must separate from one - in order to be attached to the other

We cannot rewrite God's law of separation and replace it with our own

God has entered His rest - Now we must enter His rest!

Hebrews 4:1 NASB95 - 1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

When I was saved back in the late Seventies....

As a result Our roots go deep

Shallow roots cannot withstand the wind and the storms of life

COME OUT FROM Amongst Them AND BE SEPARATE

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie...

1 John 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.