



MESSAGE NOTES

January 25, 2022

Prayer School

"Last Week's Focus :

1. Throughout our day we confessed "I am in Right Standing with God"

2. We took the time to see ourselves standing before God as if we've never done a thing wrong.

3. We allowed God's Declaration over us in Romans 5:9 (TPT) "You are now righteous in my sight," be bigger than the voice of sin or past mistakes.

Why is this important, that we develop within us a righteousness consciousness?

~ Having a righteousness mindset causes you to pray like a spiritual adult!

There is a quiet confidence that "adults" have - they stand tall in the face of difficulty and opposition because they "know in Whom they have believed." (2 Timothy 1:12) and they know who they are in Him (Acts 19:13-16)

Hebrews 5:11-14 (TPT)

11 We have much to say about this topic although it is difficult to explain, because you have become too dull and sluggish to understand.

12 For you should already be professors instructing others by now; but instead, you need to be taught from the beginning the basics of God's prophetic oracles! You're like children still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food.

13 For every spiritual infant who lives on milk is not yet pierced by the revelation of righteousness.

14 But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful.

Q : What's the difference between a 'spiritual infant' and a 'spiritual adult?'

A : Spiritual adults "know" (mindful of and live out) their right standing with God!

Righteousness

Righteousness Means :

~ Right Standing with God.

~ A standing before Him knowing, that because of Jesus I've done nothing wrong.

~ Righteousness comes ONLY as a gift. By believing in the finished works of Jesus.

~ Righteousness is not a result of anything we do or could do.

Romans 3:21-28 (TPT)

"21-22 But now, independently of the law, the righteousness of God is tangible and brought to light through Jesus, the Anointed One. This is the righteousness that the Scriptures prophesied would come. It is God's righteousness made visible through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. And now all who believe in him receive that gift. For there is really no difference between us,

23 for we all have sinned and are in need of the glory of God.

24 Yet through his powerful declaration of acquittal, God freely gives away his righteousness. His gift of love and favor now cascades over us, all because Jesus, the Anointed One, has liberated us from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin!

25 Jesus' God-given destiny was to be the sacrifice to take away sins, and now he is our mercy seat because of his death on the cross. We come to him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be

forgiven by faith in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God's justice, because until now, he had been so patient—holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So he covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus' sacrifice.

26 And when the season of tolerance came to an end, there was only one possible way for God to give away his righteousness and still be true to both his justice and his mercy—to offer up his own Son. So now, because we stand on the faithfulness of Jesus, God declares us righteous in his eyes!

27 Where, then, is there room for boasting? Do our works bring God's acceptance? Not at all! It was not our works of keeping the law but our faith in his finished work that makes us right with God.

28 So our conclusion is this: God's wonderful declaration that we are righteous in his eyes can only come when we put our faith in Christ, and not in keeping the law.

The Righteous Have God's full Attention when they Pray :

Psalms 34:17 (NKJV) "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles."

Proverbs 15:29 (NLT) "The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous."

1 Peter 3:12 (AMPC) "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them]."

James 5:16 (AMPC) "...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."

What makes the Righteous so special that they get this kind of treatment from the Almighty God?

~ They are the ones that have embraced the sacrifice of Jesus and have been washed in the Blood of Jesus!

Because of this Blood that was poured out for us, God imparted His gift of righteousness on us.

Through the Blood of Jesus, God Almighty sees us spotless, sinless and with no fault in our lives!

As a Blood bought people we can approach our Holy God with confidence that the Blood of Jesus is enough!

Hebrews 9:11-15 (TPT)

11 But now the Anointed One has become the King-Priest of every wonderful thing that has come. For he serves in a greater, more perfect heavenly tabernacle not made by men, that is to say, not a part of this creation.

12 And he has entered once and forever into the Holiest Sanctuary of All, not with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the sacred blood of his own sacrifice. And he alone has made our salvation secure forever!

13 Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities.

14 Yet how much more will the sacred blood of the Messiah thoroughly cleanse our consciences! For by the power of the eternal Spirit he has offered himself to God as the perfect Sacrifice that now frees us from our dead works to worship and serve the living God.

15 So Jesus is the One who has enacted a new covenant with a new relationship with God so that those who accept the invitation will receive the eternal inheritance he has promised to his heirs. For he died to release us from the guilt of the violations committed under the first covenant.

Effective Prayer :

John 15:1-8 (TPT)

1 I am a true sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is my Father.

2 He cares for the branches connected to me by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches and pruning every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest.

3 The words I have spoken over you have already cleansed you.

4 So you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine.
5 I am the sprouting vine and you're my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless.
6 If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned.
7 But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done.
8 When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father!"

Difference between Fruitfulness and Success

~ Don't get them mixed up

Fruitfulness requires me to stay connected to my Source - Jesus.

Fruitfulness is the result of allowing Him to direct my life and produce in me and through me.

The result of staying connected will be fruitfulness and success in every area of my life.

*Focusing on success will get me chasing after the wrong things.

The Christian life is laid out in John 15 as having a fruitful prayer life!

We're taking the time to properly connect with the Lord and His ways.

Approaching Our Father

Reverence

Hebrews 5:7 "While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God."

*Jesus was heard because of His attitude and approach to God = Deep Respect.

Fear of the Lord :

~ I have deep respect (honour) for God, His Word and His Ways.

~ I'm not afraid of Him - I'm afraid to be distant from Him.

Proverbs 1:7

(TPT) "We cross the threshold of true knowledge when we live in obedient devotion to God. Stubborn know-it-alls will never stop to do this, for they scorn true wisdom and knowledge."

NOTICE : there's a threshold that needs to be crossed in order to step into this new way of living - and it's in living in submission, awe, reverence and worship before God!

(MSG) "Start with God—the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning."

Our Attitude = (That crosses over the threshold of reason to Revelation)

"Bowing down to God"

~ Reveals my allegiance to Him

~ Reveals my submission to His will, His ways and His Word

*Bowing to God means I've centred my life on Him and I've rejected everything else.

Bowing Down to God is :

1. My Choice

~ I choose to who or what I bow down to.

There is a fight for my bow.

“What you bow to has authority over you”

Romans 6:16 (TPT)

“Don’t you realize that grace frees you to choose your own master? But choose carefully, for you surrender yourself to become a servant to the one you choose to obey...”

~ The enemy wants your bow.

-He wants my attention.

-He goes after your bow through external pressure, distractions, and pressure.

-He’s trying to get you to compromise and FORCE you to bow.

~ The Lord wants your bow.

-He wants my attention.

-The Lord doesn’t pressure you - Love doesn’t force Himself on you.

-His love and goodness will draw you in - and you’ll gladly lay down your life as an act of your will.

Because “WHO” I bow down to is a choice, experiencing or having revelation knowledge is a choice.

Q : Who does God share His insights with?

A : Those who choose to fear Him

Psalm 25:12-14 (NLT)

“12 Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose.

13 They will live in prosperity, and their children will inherit the land.

14 The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.”

I have to do my own bowing - you can’t bow for me.

REALITY : everyone is bowing to someone or something.

These are good locating questions to ask yourself :

-What/Who is speaking into your life?

-What voice have you allowed to be the loudest in your life?

-When you face a situation where do you go FIRST?

Bowing Down to God is :

To place God above me

~ God is smarter than me, therefore whatever He says is right regardless of what I think or anyone else.

-Come to this realization : God is smarter than me. (whatever He says is right regardless of what I think about it)

-My attitude is then : “Lord, my mindsets, my views, my beliefs, my opinions are open for correction. If there’s anything that needs correction, I’ll make the adjustments.”

Opening the Door to Revelation Knowledge

- ~ Abraham Chose God : Genesis 12
- ~ Abraham Believed God : Genesis 15:6
- ~ Abraham Obeyed God even when it didn't make sense : Genesis 22:1-14

RESULT = God revealed Himself to Abraham.

Abraham now experienced God as Jehovah Jireh to Him personally.

You cannot buy Revelation Knowledge.