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Conquering Truths Lesson 6 – Repentance/Reconciliation

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Repentance



Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

On beaded knees, replete with godly grief, See, where the mourner kneels to seek relief;
No, "God, I thank thee," freezes on his tongue, For works of merit that to him belong:
Deep in his soul conviction's plowshare rings, to the surface his corruption brings;
He loathes himself, in lowest, dust he lies, And all-abased, Unclean, unclean," he cries.
From his full heart pours forth the gushing plea "God of the lost, be merciful to me" The
light of life descends in heavenly rays, And angels shout, and sing, "Behold, he prays."

Related verses:

Job 42:6; Ezekial 14:6; Joel 2:12-13; Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Luke 24:47;
Luke 15:7

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Behold here an individual on his knees, weeping. He is in great distress of mind; he has retired from the busy walks of life, and come to this place of solitude, to give vent to his feelings. His groans break the surrounding silence; they return in soft but melancholy echoes to his ears. Above his head are seen descending particles of heavenly light; a little in the rear stands the plow, imbedded in the opening earth.

This is a picture of Repentance. The man bowed on his knees represents the true repentant whose soul is humbled under the mighty hand of God. He withdraws from the vanities of the world; he is sick of sin; he breaks the silence of solitude with his inquiries of, O that I knew where I might find him! He does not, in the pride of self-righteousness call God, saying "I thank thee that I am not as other men," (Luke 18:11). O no! Too deeply he feels the plague of his own heart. As the plow enters the hard soil, and lays bare furrow after furrow, even so has conviction penetrated the heart of the true repentant, laying bare its deceitful folds, and discovered its' once hidden depths of pollution and guilt. He abhors himself in dust and in ashes; he can only say, God be merciful to me a sinner (Luke 18:13).

The plowshare of God's convicting spirit has entered and broken up the fallow ground of his heart; hence he brings the sacrifice with which God is well pleased - that is, a broken and contrite heart. (Psalm 51:17)

Then the light of Jehovah's countenance falls full upon his soul, as an inward token of divine acceptance. Repentance consists in a change of mind or purpose, wherein the repentant ceases to do evil, and learns to do good. In Luke 15:11-32 the wayward son realized his destitute, deplorable condition, the scripture says in verse 17 *"he came to himself"* he repented then said, verses 18-19 *"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."* Humility – the repentant sinner must in his heart humble himself and swallow his pride. (Mark 10:15). The farmer's son, in (Matthew 21:29) who had refused to go and work in the vineyard, and afterward changed his mind and went, he repented.

Repentance is the key for Heaven's door, you repent and believe, on the Lord Jesus Christ, and He will forgive. Hence the ambassadors of heaven have invariably directed the attention of sinners to this as a first step toward obtaining the favor of God, and every promised blessing. Every soul in the universe gets to heaven the same way "repentance toward God" (Acts 20:21).

Repentance is a sacred duty; God "now commands all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30) Why? "Because all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23), " Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3, 5).

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Reconciliation



Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Between the bleeding victim, Cut in twain, two, once at variance, meet, at one again;
Gladly the hand of fellowship impart, pledge the honor of a faithful heart, And by the
God of life and death agree, The past to bury in oblivion's sea;
They vow each other's interest to befriend, and when in need, to succor and defend.

Related verses:

Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 1:20; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Hebrews 9:12; John 17:21;
Romans 5:10; Hebrews 2:11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Titus 1:2.

This picture represents two men standing between the two parts of a divided calf. They have been for a long time enemies to each other. Now they earnestly desire to become friends again; they wish to bury all past differences in the ocean of forgetfulness, and to enter into an agreement mutually to assist and defend each other in time to come. (Psalm 103:12). To accomplish this objective, they have met together. As a proof of their sincerity, they offer a sacrifice to the object of their religious adoration. The blood of the victim is poured out; the animal is divided into two equal parts.

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The parts are placed opposite to each other, space enough being left, for the parties to enter between. When this is done, they meet in the middle of the divided beast, where the contract is read or repeated, and by a solemn oath sanctioned and confirmed.

This was an ancient and almost universal mode of making contracts. It is referred to by Jeremiah the prophet in Jeremiah 34:18 *And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,*

The picture above is a significant emblem of that reconciliation which is proclaimed by the Gospel. A Holy God and sinful man constitute the parties. Man had, by his sins, separated himself from God, and had, become an enemy of God, (Romans 5:10) the offended party, proclaims a truce, and proposes a reconciliation. The place of meeting was Mount Calvary. There Mercy and Truth met together, Justice and Peace embraced each other; the victim, the Lord Jesus Christ, became the ultimate sacrifice for all men. Hebrews 9:22 *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*; 2 Corinthians 5:19 *To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.* Ephesians 2:14 *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;* The terms of the covenant are: Mark 16:16 *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.* On this ground, in Christ, God has sworn to receive all who come to Him. Here he opens his heart of love; here He bestows more than kingly dignities; here the kingdom of grace is exhibited, and the splendors of the kingdom of glory shadowed forth.

The reconciliation of a soul to God is perhaps the greatest event that can come to pass. Have you reconciled your difference between you and the Almighty God?

Oh my friend, why wait another day, you know that you are a sinner, facing the judgment of a just God? Would you come to this just God and be honest with Him? Be reconciled with Him, He already knows that you are a sinner but He is waiting for you to repent of this sin and trust Him. If you will cast your soul at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ, calling upon Him to save you, to forgive you. He will give you His righteousness, (Romans 3:25) the free gift of eternal life, a full and free pardon from sin. Would you do that today?

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Name _____

1. Why is repentance so important?
2. What happened to the wayward son that shows he was ready to repent?
3. What words did the thief of the cross say, signifying he was repenting?
4. Why would God want us to love our enemies?
5. Explain Romans 5:10
6. What verse will absolutely prove all that is written in both sections?
7. What are the terms of God's covenant?
8. Where does God put our sins and offences when we ask Him to forgive?
9. How is reconciliation a picture of what Jesus Christ has done for us?

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10. Name three other references in the Bible where people repented?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
11. Did Judas Iscariot repent the correct way?
12. In repentance picture what does the plow signify?

True/false

- Repentance is not just to stop sinning.
- Do good to them which hate you.
- Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Scripture memorization, write out these verses on the back on this page:
Psalm 51:17; Acts 20:21; Luke 6:27-28 (Must be in KJV)

Any questions?