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The Book of John
Lesson 29 - reprove

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Read: John 16: 1-33

How does the Holy Spirit reprove? Jesus said, He will reprove. Let us take a look according to the Bible at seven ways that God reproves men.

(1) God reproves by preaching. Second Samuel 12:1-14. *And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.*

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To reprove is to strongly convince. So Nathan comes in and he reproves David. He does not just preach at him. Many of us have preached and there has been no reproof. But David is convinced – see, he says, I have sinned. “I am guilty.” Nathan’s preaching could have just fallen to the ground and it still would have the truth but Nathan’s preaching resulted in reproof. See, David was convinced. That is encouraging because these verses in John – when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin that is everybody’s not going to get saved. Somebody out there in this world is going to be convinced or God would not have said reprove the world; He would have said remind the world or point to the world, but when He says reprove the world, somebody (like you and I will be saved.) We are proof that the Holy Spirit reproves. Were you not convinced? That is how you came to be a believer.

(2) Job 42:1-6. The second thing that reproves is God’s greatness. *Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.*

For about thirty-nine chapters, Job keeps saying, “if I just had God face to face... you know I would make God answer some questions... I would tell God what I am thinking...” Then God shows up in chapter 40 and 41, He declares to Job how great He is. In Job 42:1-6, what do we find out? Job was reprovved. Job says: “I am convinced... you are right... you are great, I am nothing. You are correct. I am incorrect. You are just. I am unjust. I hate myself... I abhor myself... I repent.” God could have said that and Job could have walked away. It would have been a declaration of truth but it would not have been reproof. Job was reprovved.

Noah was a preacher of righteousness, but the world was not reprovved. They did not get in the ark. To reprove means to convince. There has to be some results.

(3) The third thing is God’s glory. Isaiah 6:5 (Isaiah saw the Lord, high and lifted up and creatures around the throne praising Him.) *Then said I, Woe is me. for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.* The glory of the Lord reprovved Isaiah.

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(4) The fourth is God's word. Isaiah 55:11.. *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Include Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.* God said when His word goes out, it is going to accomplish something. When it comes back to Him, it will not be void, not empty but, will have succeeded in the mission of which it was sent; which includes in Romans 1 some people believing and being saved.

(5) The fifth is God's Power. Luke 5:8. *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.* There is the reproof again. God's power. Peter has just seen the Lord work in a mighty way, in a powerful way, filling the nets with fishes. And Peter is convinced and finds himself on his knees before the Lord.

(6) The sixth is human calamities. Luke 15:14, 18. This is that son that was prodigal. *And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. ...I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee.* Now, had he been sinning all along? Sure. But what convinced him of it? His calamity. The trouble that he fell into.

Now, in all of these cases, preaching with Nathan, God's greatness with Job, God's glory with Isaiah, God's word in Isaiah, God's power in Luke, human calamities there with that prodigal son, all of these point to the fact that something did result from these actions, these declarations. So when I come to John 16 and I see that word, *He will reprove the world of sin*, I say, "Praise God." By the very meaning of the word **reproof**, somebody is going to repent, be converted, to believe. The Holy Spirit will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.

(7) The seventh is The Holy Spirit is here in this passage. Verse 12 - *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.* What would you say that would be? He is going back to the Father. That would be the rest of the New Testament. The Lord speaking through Paul and James and Jude and Peter and John. *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, (One way you know Jesus is Almighty God is just the certainty with which He speaks of what He is going to do in the future.) ...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:* Now, He is not going to drive you, push you or force into the truth. But He will guide you. That is if you are willing to follow He knows the way and He can get you there. *...he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:*

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and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Don't you find it odd today that men who claim to be so full of the Spirit spend most of their time talking about the Holy Spirit? When the Holy Spirit

said He would talk about Jesus and not himself?

Verse 15. ***All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*** The Father entrusts to the Son and the Son entrusts to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit entrusts to the believers. Do you know what word there is for that? (To dispense) A dispensation. We just pass it on.

John 16:16-19: ***A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?***

Look at Hebrews 10:32-37. Do you remember what Jesus said at the start of chapter 16? Some of you are going to be persecuted. Some of you are going to be killed for my names sake. ***But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.*** So the coming of the Lord is said to be after a little while.

In John 16, verses 16 through 19, let us count up the number of time the Lord uses the two word phrase "little while".

Verse 16, ***little while***, (one)

Verse 16, ***little while***, (two)

Verse 17, ***little while***, (three)

Verse 17, ***little while***, (four)

Verse 18, ***little while***, (five)

Verse 19, ***little while***, (six)

Verse 19, ***little while***, (seven)

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How long is the great tribulation? Seven years. When is the Lord returning to Israel? After those seven years. So He says, "you see me now but I Am going away but I Am coming back."

Now think about something. According to Daniel 9, the time references to prophecy and future events are linked to a series of four hundred and

ninety years that have to do with the nation of Israel from the command to return to rebuild the temple to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up the kingdom. That is Daniel 9. We know from Bible chronology, four hundred and eighty three of those years ended when Messiah the prince was cut off. So there are seven years left on God's prophetic timetable with Israel. There is no timetable for the church; there is no timetable for the rapture of the church. This explains why. Whenever somebody gets saved and the Holy Spirit comes and lives inside them, they are always certain that Jesus is coming soon. Why? Because according to the biblical timetable, every since Jesus died on the cross, we have been seven years from the Second Coming. Obviously, we have been around more than seven years and the Second Coming has not happen. What we failed to understand is this thing called the church that comes in between the crucifixion of Christ to His Second Coming to the earth that is not accounted for in the biblical timetable in Daniel chapter 9. That church age, is now two thousand years old and may even be another two thousand years before the second coming will happen. Now I can see you all saying "*wait a minute, Don't you think the Lord is coming soon?*"

I absolutely do. As did Peter, Paul, Jude, and John. Why did all of them write about living in anticipation of the Lord's coming? Because according to scripture, it has never been more than seven years away since Messiah was cut off. We have no idea how long this mystery time period of the church age is going to run. But we know this. When Messiah was nailed to the cross and cut off that the clock stopped. When God is finished building His church and takes His church out and returns to dealing with Israel again, the clock will start once more; and when that clock starts, there will be seven years that will run their course before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Now, since we do not know when that clock is going to start again, we live each and every day as though it were going to start tomorrow because it could. Right now we could be seven years from the Second Coming of Jesus Christ coming back to this earth. The Holy Spirit told Paul right now, you could be seven years from the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to this earth. The Holy Spirit told our forefathers right now – meaning what? Meaning that the rapture of the church could take place anytime. There is no date for it.

I am well aware of the prophetic teachers of today using the newspaper to prove that earthquakes and the recent tsunami prove that

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Jesus has to be coming soon. I have four books in my library written by one of these teachers talking about how the Soviet Union is going to invade the nation of Israel. Who are they? There is no more Soviet Union. Since I was saved 40 years ago I have been hearing these teachers tell me the proof of the Lord's return is marked by Israel regaining their land in 1948, first they

said a generation was 40 years, and then when 1988 came and went they changed the number of years of that generation to 60 years, now that is past. What you need to understand is that God is in control of His timetable, not the newspaper, and not some prophetic teacher trying to sell more books.

John 16 verse 20. *Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice:* He is saying until I get back, the people who do right are going to have a hard time and the world who is not doing right is going to have a pretty good time. *and ye shall be sorrowful,* Jesus is being honest. He's laying out the future of the church age.

Verse 21. *A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow,* whenever you see the phrase *a woman in travail*, what are you reading about? (The remnant of Israel in the tribulation.) *A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.* The cross reference is Revelation 12. The woman in heaven gave birth to a man-child. The dragon tried to devour it. The Lord took and hid that man-child till He could get back and cast out that dragon and give that man-child the land.

Verse 22. What is Jesus saying? He is making it very clear, you will not see me again – He is speaking to His disciples on earth – He is saying, you are not going to see me again until after that woman has travailed and brought forth that man child. He has His Second Coming in view. This is not about the rapture here. He is talking about His Second Coming.

And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. Look again at. Verse 20, *ye shall weep...* verse 20, *ye shall lament...* verse 20, *ye shall be sorrowful...* verse 22, *your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.* Verse 22 is for when we see Him again; Yes, He is going away and there will be sorrow, but He is coming back and when He gets back, nobody will ever take your joy away from you again. There'll be nothing to cry about or lament about after He gets back.

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Name _____

Read: John 16: 1-33

1. Name the three ministries of the Holy Spirit in relation to the World.
2. Give the reason for each of these ministries.
3. What is the sin of the world since Calvary?
4. Why must we testify of God's righteousness?
5. Since the Holy Spirit is silent, how will question 2 be accomplished?
6. What does your answer to question 5 suggest about modern day preaching?
7. What does vs. 13 reveal about our study of the scriptures?
8. What does vs. 13 reveal about our understanding of prophecy?
9. In light of what we have learned in John about the glorification of Jesus, how will the Holy Spirit glorify Him?

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10. What is the present condition of Satan before God?

11. How does the Holy Spirit operate in a believers life concerning the past, present and future? (John 14:26; John 16:13; John 16:15.)

12. What does vs. 15 imply we may have revealed to us concerning the things of God?

13. How does Jesus' going to the Father make it possible for the disciples to see Him in a little while?

14. List and discuss the "ye shall" statements in Chapters 14-16.

True/false

- As a Christian we should never experience sorrow.
- According to Daniel 9 we are living in the Millennial Age.
- If we **really** want to learn the Bible, the Holy Spirit will teach us the deep things of God.
- A good prophetic teacher can tell us when the Lord will return.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) John 16:20-22; John 16:12-13

any questions?



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