Mat 113

Rebound, Repent & Recover!

When I touch on subjects that strike a nerve with people I would hope they have enough humility and integrity to at least go over what I taught….follow up on your own to see if that is what the Bible is saying concerning the subject matter that bothers them.

When a pastor teaches or even just touches on a subject like marriage, divorce, maybe a sinful lifestyle or abortion…. or calling out certain denominations on false doctrine I would ask that before you send anger emails and comments or even quit my channel all together you would research the historic context…the theology and original language of whatever scriptures or doctrines that upset you.

I will do my best to answer emails within the first two or three days I receive them but I ask that you give me a full hearing and then follow thru on your own to make sure what I say lines up with scripture…I ask only that you do what a noble church member would do…

/Act 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for **they received the message with great eagerness** and **examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.\**

That is all I ask…in the day and age we live in we have a mix of feelings and facts and that is why we have emotional people and uninformed people….facts are important….truth is the key….emotions can not think!

Mat 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

The Unrepenting Cities are now being called out by TLJC!

/[Mat 11:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/20/s_940020) Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because **they did not repent** *(metanoeō)***.**

Turn from and change your mind, agree with a new or differing viewpoint and adjust to that.\

[Mat 11:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/21/s_940021) “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. CHAR-A-ZEEN

[Mat 11:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/22/s_940022) “Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in *the* day of judgment than for you.

[Mat 11:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/23/s_940023) “And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

[Mat 11:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/24/s_940024) “Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in *the* day of judgment, than for you.”

Now MET-TA-NOY-AH in verse 20 you see on the board is not emotional nonsense it is a definitive decision made to turn in a different direction.

This is the second step of walking in that new nature that many Bels never fully grasp. They ask forgiveness of sin when they fail and yet they do not begin a turning motion in their mind and action to remove that sin or lust pattern from their path.

REPEAT

Now the reference to Tyre & Sidon is important because these two cities located in modern day Lebanon were considered sister cities… both were very popular.

We know about Sodom and Gomora which were a set of cities and towns filled with lustful activities and false gods.

Sidon being a fishing capital in fact that is the meaning of Sidon and Tyre was known for its dyes for clothing and they specialized in royal colors such as purple and crimson….. so kings and queens requested work that city.

Both of these areas worshiped under the BAAL gods….in fact the OT wicked queen, Jezebel’s father had been the king of Sidon at one point and they were involved with sexual orgies and the worship under BAAL. (PHALLIC CULT)

Tyre had a popular god named MEL-KARTH also believed to be a descendent under BAAL.

These two pagan cities along with Sodom were being held up as examples that if TLJC had preached and taught, then performed miracles there…. the majority would have responded better than these Jewish cities and towns.

/The myth many Unbels live in is simply the lie that - *if only I witness a miracle up close and personal….then I would believe in Christ!*\

That is the biggest cop out and lie perpetuated by Unbels since the dawn of time…history proves different.

In fact let’s look at something…turn to Luke chapter 17 with me.

No generation witnessed more miracles and signs up close and personal than OT Bels and Unbels.

The Exodus generation and the Egyptian people saw things that would astonish any humble person yet they rebelled many did not come to believe.

The OT is riddled with stories of miracles, signs and wonders, healings and sightings of God yet they did not all come to believe and in fact many of the Bels fell away and worshipped other gods after they witnessed miracles up close and personal.

Think about Jacob…he wrestled with TLJC and met angels face to face and yet he still manipulated, lied and fell into fear and anxiety over meeting his brother Essua in the desert.

Look at TLJC in a great example of how quickly people walk away and forget what God has just done for them.

Luk 17:11 While (Jesus) He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.

[Luk 17:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/12/s_990012) As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;

[Luk 17:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/13/s_990013) and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

/[Luk 17:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/14/s_990014) When He saw them, **He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.”** And as they were going, they were cleansed.

With a word they are healed and Jesus tells them to follow protocol and report to the priests.\ ELABORATE miracle!!!!

[Luk 17:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/15/s_990015) Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,

/[Luk 17:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/16/s_990016) and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And **he was a Samaritan.**

Half-Jewish blood and scorned by the Jewish scholars and full blooded Jews.\

[Luk 17:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/17/s_990017) Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?

Not many mighty…. not many wise….remember what we just learned last lesson. The most unlikely one returns!

[Luk 17:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/18/s_990018) “Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?”

/[Luk 17:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/17/19/s_990019) And He said to him, “Stand up and go; **your faith has made you well.**”

This one man from the ten became born again…all were healed only one believed!\

*Faith has made you well* - was a reference to his spiritual state not his physical state because our physical state is temporary, maybe 90 or 100 years.

Eternity is forever my friends.

There are some Bels who suffer weakness and illness of the body in time for ten or twenty years…maybe longer yet in eternity they will rule ten cities and have great power and authority above many other Bels.

The myth that if only God would show us more miracles & healings then we would have more Bels is a lie.

Because a myth often times has a hint or sprinkle of truth in it…it’s a lie Royal Family…if they will not cling to the Lord with everything already presented to them concerning Biblical history and the words of the Bible and all that God already has done…they will never believe.

I want to note the three principles God the HS has pushed me toward in this lesson…. Rebound, Repent & Recover.

/Without Rebound, Repent and Recovery the Unbel never gets saved and the Bel never grows up.\

If your spiritual growth is stunted you may want to examine what I teach today.

When someone gets born again and saved it is God the HS knocking or presenting a gospel opportunity for the Unbel…it will be efficacious grace that does the work…one of the ministries of God the HS.

/Even with the work of God the Holy Spirit in efficacious grace working the miracle of salvation for the spiritually dead Unbel. That Unbel most have a moment in time of recognizing they are a sinner in need of a savior (rebound & repentance). Their recovery is confirming in their soul they truly believe in Christ after they accept their fallen state.\ REPEAT ELABORATE

This is a different set of circumstances for the Bel…but it is a very similar set of the same standards.

/The Unbel has that moment of full acknowledgement of sin in their life (similar to Rebound). They are now turning in their heart (similar to Repentance) toward God for help. They accept the truth of the gospel unequivocally (similar to Recovery) and God the Holy Spirit in His power has guided them and then set up a tabernacle in that soul structure.\

Take a moment to jot this down!

It is very important and this is why I often say we have a lot of people claiming to be Christians but are they really born again?

Those nine lepers are great examples…I can venture a guess to say many shouted out I just got healed by the Messiah!

I believe He is the chosen one…all kinds of emotional statements.

But I can also venture a guess that a week later they were calling some other fake healer or magician the Messiah as well.

Rebound looks like this for the Bel.

/1Jo 1:9 If we (Bels) confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.\

Washing our sins clean when we fail and fall and we get ourselves back into fellowship and re-connected to the new nature.

That is the easy one that many Bels use as their license to sin…falling in and out of the same habitual lifestyle choices repeating the same sins over and over…no big deal…I got 1Jo 1:9.

That is the guaranteed attitude for a wasted life and one of misery….and I am talking about born again Bels. REPEAT

/Repentance is a turning away from worldly viewpoint and sins that have entangled you in the first place. This means positive volition toward Bible Doctrine making a concerted effort to turn back toward the plan of God for and having better communication with God in your daily life.\

There was an old saying in some meetings I use to go to a long time ago….actually two good sayings I use when I teach:

/Nothing changes if nothing changes.

If you hang around a barbershop long enough you will get a haircut.\

Both have really great meaning if you sit and ponder them for a few minutes.

ELABORATE alcoholic going to bar

A great scripture to see the three R’s in action is:

/Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have **so** great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also **lay aside** (*Rebound*) every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **let us run** (*Repent*) with **endurance the race that is set before us**,(*Recover*)\ REPEAT

There are a handful of scripture that show this principle but the HS led me to this one because to me it is so obvious.

You see recovery means you are going to move forward in the plan of God.

/Jhn 5:38 You do not have His word **abiding** (*menō* ) in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

1Jhn 3:15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life **abiding** (*menō* ) in him. \

MENO means endurance…to continue on in something, not turning back, it is a condition of permanency. You do not continue forward in something unless you have a commitment or a belief in it.

REPEAT

Other than addiction which is different because you will continue in a negative status if you are addicted to something, that is not what I am talking about. Addicts will keep abiding and dwelling in a bad behavior because they are physically and mentally drawn to it in a negative sense….that is different.

This abiding is noted in a spiritual sense of a relationship and a belief system that sustains you.

Honestly even if we talk about addiction in the fleshly realm or our own spiritual walk and failures within it…. the problem begins in the mind first.

Look what the Apostle Paul taught to the church at Corinth;

/2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh**, 4 for the weapons of our warfare **are not of the flesh**, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.\

ELABORATE spiritual warfare in mind.

Mankind is so occupied with the exterior what things look like on the outside. Even the Bel with some doctrinal knowledge often spends time looking at outside forces seeking where satanic attacks will hit next…yet within their own body is a nature that is opposed to God.

/[2Co 10:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2co/10/5/s_1088005) *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and ***we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ**, 6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.\

That word captive is- Greek verb ACK-MO-TEEZE-MO it means a prisoner being led into captivity to bring under control to place in a lock down. REPEAT

Ask yourself do you do that with negative thoughts and lust patterns in your life?

/Whether it is in the human realm (addiction/deviant behaviors) or spiritual realm (Bel living outside plan of God) what you think matters! Thoughts that are contradictory to truth & a positive lifestyle will breed more thoughts in the same vein that will turn into action at some point.\

REPEAT ELABORATE addiction

FRIENDS WHEN I LEFT FLA

For the Bel this is the double minded man taught by James in James chapter one.

When the Bel continues to seek their answers in the cosmic system they are bringing up a dividing wall between themselves and God.

/ Jam 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.\

This is not my doctrine …this is God’s doctrine.

When the Bel acts like the Unbel and begins to rely on Satan’s cosmic system they are setting themselves up in opposition to the plan of God.

As we close it really becomes important to know what REBOUND, REPENT & RECOVER means.

/Rebound- wash yourself clean from sin and contact with cosmic system.

Jhn 13:10 Jesus said to him, “He who has **bathed** (*salvation*) needs only to **wash** (confess sin) his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you.*”\ BATH - LOU-OW

WASH - NIP-TOE feet touch world

That is step one… acknowledge the sins and wash yourself clean, get back into fellowship and in that new nature.

/Turning from the sin and cosmic influence is step two; The Bel needs to look to God for their answers and make choices and actions toward Bible Doctrine. This may include drastic changes or subtle changes in lifestyle or friendships- this is begins with how and what we think & believe.\

It takes prayer and meditation in the word of God to start to make changes.

I never tell people to run out and change all their family and friends or personal contacts but you should begin to evaluate who & what is leading you astray from God. REPEAT

If the places you go and people you have intimate contact with drag you away from God…what is the profit in that?

/Mat 16:26 For **what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul**? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Luk 9:25 “For what is a man profited if **he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself**?\

The last step is recovery which no matter if it is rehab….a medical recovery or a Bel coming back to God…it needs to be something we take serious and we need to go through all the steps…there is no fast track in recovery.

/Recovery- is when we have continually made steps forward in God’s plan because our viewpoint and ideology lines up with the mind of Christ. If the Bel is not fully vested and operating in his/her calling, recovery will backfire at some point…relapse is what the medical term is called.\