Mat #83

Washing sin from our lives

We noted last lesson that God had established the innocent blood for the guilty when He clothed the man and woman in the garden.

The reality of who and what God is… is so far beyond what we think of holiness and purity that the standard for righteousness and the divine justice is only achieved by God Himself.

In essence what TLJC did upon that Cross was put us in union with Him…therefore creating a new creature in us and this new creature has the righteousness of Christ and purity that only God has.

We need to understand these principles as we look at the OSN and forgiveness.

Because what we are called to do is be ambassadors for Christ….soldiers in God’s army and Bel priests who reach out to a lost and dying world.

We must first be on solid ground as Bel’s before we can influence others.

We should have a good grasp of core Biblical principles and we better get our minds washed clean from the cosmic viewpoint.

/We need to be in the world and not **OF THE WORLD**, being an ambassador and soldier for The Lord Jesus Christ means we have to have a sense of readiness to discern truth and deliver truth.\

You do not get that without two things…first is being available to be taught the truth and second having a commitment to go forward no matter what the distraction are.

So we are going to learn about washing ourselves clean and walking in the PPOG.

We will start with an OT principle that carries right over into the CA….The OT shadow of what the NT brought to light.

/Consecrate; to set apart, dedicate, sanctify or bless. Also a term for the purification (washing) of something or someone.\

Often times the version of that Hebrew word Consecration we see in OT writings is a description of the process of cleaning something or someone and setting them apart from the rest.

In the original language / writings of the OT there are about 5 versions of this word consecrate or consecration. Some are variations of the root word but the one most often used is Qadash….(KA –DASH), this is the one we are looking at concerning what we call REBOUND.

/Consecrate –QADASH, Qal denominative verb, often used to describe Levitical / Temple cleanliness that means prepared for presentation to God. Sanctified, dedicated & prepared to be holy or in the presence of holiness.\

Definition from Theological Wordbook of the OT, from Moody Bible Institute.

Please turn to 2Chron chapter 6

We can look at some other scriptures from the OT using this version of the word consecrated …here are a few now so you can see how it is used.

/Exo 19:10 The LORD also said to Moses, “Go to the people and **consecrate** them today and tomorrow, and let them **wash their garments**;\

It’s important to understand that this was the established way following the sacrifice of innocent animals in the garden.

In fact in Gen chapter 4 when Cain brought the offering from the fruit of the field and the work he performed in the ground…. God rejected it, because it was not part of the divine protocol established in the garden and Cain knew this.

Abel brought the animal sacrifice which was how they were taught to offer a sacrifice to God. Cain was never a Bel and he wanted his own hard work from his hand to be recognized.

The principle in all this will speak to us as CA Bel’s and how important it is to cleanse ourselves before we have proper fellowship with God.

The right thing done in the right way.

The shadow of the OT rituals and principles, have great meaning for us in the CA lessons we learn from the pulpit today.

We are going to 2Chron 6:18

/Exo 28:3 You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to **consecrate** him, that he may minister as priest to Me.\

Going before a perfect God who can-not have contact with sin was a serious ritual in ancient times because they had to be a set of certain guidelines…chosen men and a cleansing process to enter into the Temple where God dwells.

Where does God dwell today?

I started to think about if we CA Bels today, had to enter a temple or tent where we could see the image of God in a cloud or pillar of fire….how serious would we take that visit to God??

/Lev 11:44 ‘For I am the LORD your God. **Consecrate** yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.\

As we look into 2Chron chapter 6 we are seeing King Solomon building the permanent structure for the Temple of God… a place to set the Ark of the Covenant and have the presence of the Lord available.

2Chron 6:18 “But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built. 19 “Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You;

2Chron 6:20 that Your eye may be open toward this house day and night, toward the place of which You have said that *You would* put Your name there, to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place.

21 “Listen to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place; hear from Your dwelling place, from heaven; hear and forgive.

2Chron 6:22 “If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath, and he comes *and* takes an oath before Your altar in this house, 23 then hear from heaven and act and judge Your servants, punishing the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness. 24 If Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and they return *to You* and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this house,

2Chron 6:25 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, and they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them;27 then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants and Your people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

2Chron 6:28 If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, if there is locust or grasshopper, if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities, whatever plague or whatever sickness there is,

29 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Your people Israel, each knowing his own affliction and his own pain, and spreading his hands toward this house,

2Chron 6:30 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men, 31 that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You have given to our fathers.

/2Chron 6:18 “But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built.

No structure or person is capable of having contact or a dwelling for God until it is fully cleansed, completely sanctified by a divine standard.\

As we study this principle…see how apparently clear it is, that there are dispensations set up by God in eternity past that have similar guidelines yet are so vastly different in how He interacts and with His people and how we as Bels have different expectations and protocol plans for the time we live in.

I don’t want the serious nature of coming before God with a lifestyle of sin or any unconfessed sin to become less important to us because we live in a different dispensation.

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The structure we have as CA Bel’s is our own soul structure where the Trinity indwells us after salvation.

/No temple (We are the Temple), no priest outside of your own priesthood is involved between you & God. But the importance of sanctifying our flawed condition before God is still important for fellowship.\

When we see the word supplication in the OT…certainly here in 2 Chron chapter 6 it is a calling out seeking God’s favor.

The Hebrew word supplication is

TEK-HE-NAH

/Supplication- *TECHINNAH,* to entreat or cry out seeking favor. This is a serious request to be forgiven or given mercy when one is obviously in the wrong.\

This is a clear recognition of our own weakened or flawed condition. You ever seen a child or even adult who is caught red-handed…no doubt they are wrong.

There is a washing away of pride and human stubbornness when you know you have come to the end of yourself.

/The same way you are born again and saved is the same basic principle in how the Bel walks in the Spirit. Recognition that you need God, divine intervention is a grace gift that you give yourself over too regularly, putting pride and human effort aside.\

2Chron 6:25 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers.

It is only through the right channel do we gain forgiveness…no man, no merit in the human realm… it is only one way to forgiveness….same as salvation. ONE WAY!

Look at 2Chron 6:26… When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, and they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them;27 then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants and Your people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

/There is always a washing away of sin when we honestly lay it all before God, then follows a restoration and walking back with God in fellowship that is highlighted in OT & NT scripture.\

Turn to James chapter 4

Notice you have to turn away from the sin itself. You seek forgiveness and acknowledge you failed but if you continue in the same sin it is nearly impossible to get a full restoration.

It’s that yo-yo affect back and forth in and out of the plan of God. Being double minded….swaying back and forth.

This is why many Bels have no lasting victory in their lives.

/Double minded Bel’s often struggle for years never coming to a point of real spiritual maturity and the PPOG is frustrated in their lives.\

We are our own worst enemies most of the time. We make our own misery by falling in and out of love with God.

Look at James 4 v 3

/Jam 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. \

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.

Jam 4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”? 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

Jam 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands, you sinners**; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Cleanse your hands purify your heart!

Jam 4:9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Psa 119:113 tells us that God hates the double minded individual.

/Psa 119:113, Jam 1:8, Jam 4:8 all speak to Bels who bounce in and out of PPOG, double minded; meaning having little to no doctrinal stability to sustain them. This is a direct result of the OSN occupying more time in a Bel’s life than the HS (New Man).\

James is addressed to born again Bels!