James #34

Temporal death

We will do the LORD’s Supper at the end of the message, please be prepared.

Let us open in Luke chapter 15 today RF.

I am grateful for all the thoughtful and compassionate comments, emails and text messages I received from the Royal Family recently. I am also grateful that I had my time off, to mourn the death of a special family member named Tiger.

Our current study has us looking into the doctrine of death in scriptures. We have noted spiritual death, positional death, physical death as well as the second death.

I mentioned operational death or dead works briefly, because as we get back into our anchor study of the book of James we will dive much deeper into that study.

Today we will look into Temporal Death which every Christian can easily fall into, if they are not staying alert in their daily life.

The doctrine of Temporal death — is a study in the falling away from the truth after you have been born again and saved. It has the result of walking away from the plan of GOD for longer periods of time.

/Rom 8:6 For **the mind set on the flesh is death**, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the **mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so,* 8 and those **who are in the flesh cannot please God**.\

Your OSN is not getting better by the day, it is and always will be vehemently, opposed to the things of GOD.

Your OSN is your private tour guide into Temporal Death. It is even beyond that…it is a dictator, who is purposely driving you away from God.

/Eph 5:14; For this reason it says, **“Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead**, And Christ will shine on you.” 15 So then, **be careful how you walk**, not as unwise people but as wise,

The Apostle Paul is speaking to Bels and in some cases, these were Bels who were walking in a form of Temporal Death.\

The Christian can never lose their salvation because we are rescued from the final judgement…we do not see the second death. Yet we can walk in our flesh for periods of time which is a form of temporary death.

/[Eph 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/16/s_1102016) **making the most of your time**, because **the days are evil**.

This should be a key principle all Christians should have in the forefront of their mind. This world is lost and dying, it is corrupt and your time is limited on this earth.\

The Cosmic System and the OSN can have deep intimacy with one another, only when you allow that relationship to flourish.

/Rev 3:1 “To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘**I know your deeds**, that you have **a name that you are alive,** and ***yet* you are dead**.

 (1Tim 5:6) \

All of these scriptures refer to the Believer out of fellowship through sin.

It is simply carnality or the perpetuation of carnality in reversionism.It speaks to a lifestyle choice not an occasional sin.

/Temporal death just means that death is used to show that when sin enters the picture, we are out of fellowship. We are dead to God in our communication, separated in a temporary fashion. in the sense of being out of fellowship for longer periods of time, it is walking in the flesh – Temporal Death.\

The parable of the prodigal son is one of the greatest examples of exactly what Temporal Death is all about.

In Luke 15- our LORD is seen teaching so many wonderful parables and this one clearly solidifies your eternal security and teaches us about walking in a form of temporary, spiritual death.

We never lose the indwelling power of the Trinity, yet we can become hostile toward and removed from, intimacy with GOD.

/Luke 15:11 And He said, **“A man had two sons.**

The spiritual analogy is born of the same FATHER, the same family – pointing us to Believers.\

Now we also see a powerful teaching tool in relation to crowns, blessings and rewards - as well as free will.

/[Luk 15:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/15/12/s_988012) “The younger of them said to his father, ‘**Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me**.’ And so he divided his wealth between them.

Everyone has blessing and rewards as well as a specific plan laid out for us in eternity past, graciously given by our generous FATHER. \

Understanding the historical context here is very valuable.

/At this historic point within middle eastern cultures, especially among the wealthier Jews, the inheritance did not pass to the heirs until the death of the father. To request it prematurely was extreme boldness, it may have even been an equivalent to expressing a wish that the father would die. One spiritual analogy is the impatience Bel who wants all blessings, rewards and fulfillments of God’s plan in short order.\

Most Christians refuse to grow into their sanctification. They refuse the habitual, lifestyle washing of the WORD into the soul structure.

If everything is not related to emotional love, blessings and consistent spiritual evidence of GOD working in their life, they eventually peel away back into the cosmic system.

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/Luk 15:12 – *he divided his wealth between them;*

This is unheard of in the ancient world. The younger son would have been given a portion, not half. There is no hesitation with the FATHER, it is immediately given, from abundant grace and respect for HIS child’s free will.\

Many Bels do not even recognize the very air they breath…the clothing they are wearing. The meal they ate today is all from God’s logistical, grace abundance.

This is why we are never to take our free will and our daily blessings for granted.

It is easy and arrogant to lose patience with God’s plan or God’s timing. This is why we must be vigilant to not fall for that satanic trap.

[Luk 15:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/15/13/s_988013) “And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living.

/Luk 15:13 – *went on a journey to a distant country* ;

Our citizenship has forever changed at salvation. We hold dual citizenship with the earthly expiring. Our real eternal citizenship is in heaven;

Phl 3:20 For **our citizenship**(*politeuma*) **is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;\

POLEE-TOMA, to be a valid citizen, to hold legal status of commonwealth citizenship. It is also a Greek term, sometimes used for a wealthy family or high government title.

Not simply a common citizen.

/The truth of our life after salvation points us toward our aristocracy existing in heaven. The OSN (flesh) may be a legal citizen or functioning member of a society but that part of your life is considered over and even dead. Legally, going forward you are now Royal family, heavenly ambassadors and graphed into the family of GOD. There are NO DUAL citizenships in heaven.\

This is why Jesus referenced going into a foreign land – what we call the devil’s world or the cosmic system.

/Every time any Christian walks deeper into a lifestyle of sin, they actually are rejecting their royal family ties. They are walking into a foreign land, that they hold no more legal status in or connection with. Any problems a Bel stumbles into during a walk in the OSN, can have temporary repercussions. In the worst-case scenario, a loss of certain blessings or rewards, not salvation. It is also a rejection of your calling as an ambassador.\

Jesus tells us - this young man wandered off into a foreign, far-away land. On his own initiative, he went far from HIS Father’s property.

With blessings in hand, nothing he truly earned or deserved but it was a grace gift and he used it all up in the cosmic system.

/Luk 15:13 - *he squandered his estate in wild living;*

He scattered the grace gift across various environments and desires – *asōtōs,* meaningriotous and careless behaviors across many boundaries. The Bels time, talent and treasure among other grace gifts are viewed in the spiritual sense as scattered abroad in the cosmic system.\

The Greek adverb- US-SO-TOES, comes from root words meaning, excess and wanton behavior or misconduct and foolishness. To insight a riot.

Here is how the NEW TESTAMENT American Bible scholar, Professor Bailey put it in the 1970’s;

*/"He shall discover … that the only true freedom is freedom in God; that to depart from Him is not to throw off the yoke, but to exchange a light yoke for a heavy one, and one gracious master for a thousand imperious tyrants and lords."*

 *Prof. Kenneth E. Bailey (1930-2016) \*

[Luk 15:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/15/14/s_988014) “Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without.

There is nothing permanent in the cosmic system – everything mankind and Satan have tried to manipulate and create is flawed.

/There is always a point in the walk of a reversionistic Bel that it becomes painfully obvious, that the devil’s world is a cruel and deceptive master. Yet many will still push forward into a deeper yoke of slavery and lies, under the trickery of the OSN and Satan’s system whispering more lies and empty promises. It is either willful arrogance or blatant foolishness – either way the Believer is responsible.\

[Luk 15:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/15/15/s_988015) “So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

No greater insult then a young Jewish man working and living among swine. A forbidden animal in the early Jewish commands, such as is written in Leviticus chapter 11.

Jesus used this very graphic definition to speak to the Jewish followers and the Pharisees as well.

/Following the ways of the world and the lust patterns of the OSN brings us into environments, relationships and even behaviors completely opposed to who GOD made us to be. This is one of the main definitions of walking in temporal death – sin brings death in many shapes and forms. Sin brings death - mentally, physically, financially and emotionally.\

[Luk 15:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/15/16/s_988016) “And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him *anything.*

There was an old Jewish saying in reference to these carob pods: *"When Israel is reduced to the carob-tree, they become repentant."*

This evergreen tree has these pods with hard brown seeds inside them, that have very little taste or nutritional value.

Only if they are prepared in the right fashion are they truly useful for cooking purposes.

Like everything in the devil’s world, it is all trickery…smoke and mirrors.

[Luk 15:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/15/17/s_988017) “But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger!

The place of weakness and realization that we need our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ in everything we do is a powerful place to be in. It is the place of turning toward the justice system of GOD.

/2Cor 12:10 Therefore **I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in distresses**, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for **when I am weak, then I am strong**.

When the Christian finally pushes away from the flesh and acknowledges the power and plan of GOD is the only truth, that brings forth spiritual strength.\

This is the surrender I spoke of in recent lessons.

This is the time to recognize our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we prepare to take in the Lord’s Supper let us keep some principles in mind.

Just as we surrendered ourself to the truth of the person and work of Jesus Christ at salvation.

We do this same type of surrender during our temporal walk, when we fail and sin. TLJC has given us the incredible victory upon victories.

Always forgiven, eternal secure, viewed in the most intimate position as the very Bride of Jesus Christ.

On your worse day, in your most negative position against GOD… Jesus died for you.

HE looked at us as the JOY set before HIM and HE endured all the betrayal, the physical and mental pain, the humiliation, the everlasting scars for us.

If you were the only Believer HE still would have gone to the cross for just you – HE will leave the 99 to get that one lost sheep.

That is how much HE loves you.

The Apostle Paul gave us the example for the Lord’s Supper…

1Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread;

[1Co 11:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/24/s_1073024) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ let us eat the bread.

[1Co 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/25/s_1073025) In the same way HE also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it,* in remembrance of Me.”

1Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

In remembrance of our LORD let us drink the cup.

Let us pray….amen