

Module 05 – 24 Responsibility - New vs. Old – Sacrifice

Session 24

Isa 42:9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”

God has never changed but if we engage Him intimately how we know Him will be continually new

- **The Joshua Generation are called to experience the precepts, character and nature of God Himself personally**
- **Face to face engagement reveals the reality of who God truly is: LOVE**
- **As sons we need to experience a loving Father if we are to love each other and love the world as He does**

As we experienced the true reality of who God is Father, Son and Spirit, false doctrines and theologies will get exposed as lies, distortions and misrepresentations when compared with the truth who is Jesus.

Jesus is the exact representation of the Father, if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.

Some of the doctrines we are going to re-examine in the light of new experiential truth:

- Appeasement by sacrifice
- Punishment Eternal Conscious Torment, Wrath, Anger, Eternal Judgement and Hell!
- Separation or Inclusion?
- Is death the end?

James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
Mal 3:6 6 “For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Heb 13:8 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

- The God we see in the OT or old covenant is the same God we see in the NT or covenant
 - **Jesus is the lens through which we see God and the Old Covenant**
 - **God is love and good all the time**
 - God who is Father, Son and Spirit is always smiling at us and is always in a good mood with us
- ➔ The reason we often struggle to trust God is because the god we were taught to trust is not God at all
- ➔ “GOD” is an imaginary construct of DIY religion that presents a distant angry disciplinarian deity

Dualistic two faced God who has a dark side in the OT and is to be feared
P.S.A. doctrine has distorted and perverted the very character and nature of God who is love.

This doctrine is presenting God as some kind of a cosmic child abuser.

If this is what our heavenly Father is like to His son, how can we really trust Him with our lives?

We often try avoid God's discipline because of fear of punishment

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness

Discipline Greek: *paidian* - discipline; training and education of children, hence: instruction; chastisement, correction.

Instruction that trains someone to reach full development (maturity).

- There is no punishment here from an angry parent taking out their frustration

Heb 12:5 My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects. God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. He's treating you as dear children. This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's training, the normal experience of children.

Heb 12:5 ...“My son do not undervalue the loving instruction of the Lord; neither become despondent when you are corrected.”⁶ For every instruction is inspired by his love, even as a father would discipline his sons with affection, though it might seem harsh at the time

Heb 12:7 Embrace correction. His instruction confirms your true sonship, just as a father would take natural responsibility for the education of his children.

Discipline is not punishment but loving instruction and correction to bring out the best in us

God as revealed in Hebrews 12, disciplines us through parental love in action. Nothing else.

Nothing that harms and nothing that maims, shames or blames.

- **Only a love that empowers God's children and strengthens us to know our true identity and potential as sons**
 - An angry punishing retributive “GOD” is reflected in our society
 - Angry punishing parenting styles
 - Corporal punishment
 - Educational public school abuse
 - Capital punishment
 - Religious Wars, Jihads and Crusades

Violence and retaliation tactics will never solve the problems the world faces

Spare the rod spoil the child!

Prov 13:24 He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

- Beat our children to discipline them?

Psa 23:4 Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Rod guides corrects the path it does not beat

- Religion sees the Father forsaking his own Son on the cross.
- Relationship sees the death of Jesus as the communion, oneness and togetherness of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit breaking into our separation.
- It sees the love of God breaking into our alienation and darkness with light.

- **The cross is not about abandonment, but its opposite, union and reconciliation.**
- **The purpose of Jesus' death is to find us, to establish his relationship with us in our sin, death and bondage, and to recreate us or make us alive through the resurrection in the Holy Spirit!**

St. Irenaeus "our Lord Jesus Christ, who did, through his transcendent love, become what we are, that he might bring us to be even what he is himself."

The early Church Fathers who were disciplined by those that Jesus disciplined in love did not believe that God punished Jesus.

What about the Old Testament law and sacrificial system, does not that prove an angry God needing appeasement?

Did God actually ask for sacrifices to appease His anger and wrath?

Where did the idea of sacrifices come from?

Gen 4:3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions.

- Who told them God required offerings or sacrifices?
- The same satanic DIY religion whose lies inspired Adam and Eve to make coverings in the bushes
- Throughout mankind's history DIY god's represented as idols have been integral to religion.
- Those idols were appeased by sacrifices including even child sacrifices.
- This was satan misrepresenting God as angry and needing appeasement
- Sacrifices were made for fertility, crops, security, victory etc.

- **Abraham was born into a family of idol makers so idolatry was an integral part of their lives**
- Jacob's wife Rachel stole family idols

Gen 31:19 When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the household idols that were her father's.

Ex 32:1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; 4 ... made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

- During the exile in Egypt Israel continued to sacrifice to idols and took them with them into the wilderness

Ex 32:16 The tablets were God's work, and the writing was God's writing engraved on the tablets.

- Moses destroyed the sapphire cubes of heavenly revelation given to Him by God

Ex 33:1 Now the Lord said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself two stone tablets like the former ones,

Ex 33:28 And he (Moses) wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

John 1:17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

- Moses wrote the law from His own interpretation on the tablets he cut out of stone.
- The gentiles were never under the law.
- God allowed Moses to introduce the law to limit sacrifices that could be made, not to endorse them.
- God never wanted the sacrifice of animals to appease wrath.
- Moses gave the sacrificial law to stop Israel sacrificing (including child sacrifice) to the idols of Baal, Molech etc.
- God allowed it but did not choose it.

Acts 7:41 At that time they made a calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. 42 ... as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'It was not to Me that you offered victims and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, was it, O house of Israel? 43 You also took along the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of the god Rompha, the images which you made to worship.

Jer 7:22 For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Heb 10:5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says "Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure.

Psa 51:16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Murder and adultery appeasement or recognition of need for forgiveness?

Isa 1:11 "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" Says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. 16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.

Amos 5:21 "I hate, I reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 "Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. 24 "But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Mark 12:33 and to love one's neighbour as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- The law only showed them they could not have a relationship with God through their own DIY efforts
- God did not require Jesus to be a sacrifice we did to meet our DIY justice requirements

Rom 6:23 for the wages of the sin [is] death, and the gift of God [is] life age-during in Christ Jesus our Lord. (YLT)

- **Jesus gave His life to deal with the wages of sin death by dying for and dying as us.**
- Jesus was not a sacrifice or a ransom to God but to man to free man from death.
- The result or payment for sin is spiritual death not punishment.
- The sin did not need to be punished but forgiven and not counted against us
- This is what Jesus did for us willingly on the cross.
- Sacrifice of Jesus was where He laid down His life for us who were dead and so could not choose God for ourselves.

Matt 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (all)

- The cross was not about punishment for the sin but justice where Jesus died our death.
- Mankind punished Jesus on the cross both the religious and political DIY control systems tortured Jesus.
- But we did not kill Jesus He willingly gave up His life for us.

Eph 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship

Mark 8:15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

- **Jesus warned of the infiltration of the religious and political spirit that would pollute and pervert the truth with DIY religion and control**

Are we still living a DIY religious lifestyle?

Are we still listening to the lies of the enemy and trying to appease an angry "GOD"?

Many examples of our own form of DIY religious sacrifices:

- Praying and reading our bibles more out of fear
- Doing good works to earn forgiveness and brownie points
- Paying our tithes and offerings out of obligation
- Sacrificing our children on the idol of ministry

RELIGION FOCUSES ON SIN NOT GOD

Jesus put away sin. Religion talks constantly about sin.

Jesus declared sin forgiven. Religion makes you feel guilty.

Jesus took away Adam's sin. Religion focuses on individual transgressions.

Jesus declared humanity righteous. Religion says you are righteous if you don't sin.

Jesus raised everyone together with him. Religion says you are still a sinner.

Jesus seated everyone in the Father's presence. Religion threatens with hell in order to get people to heaven.

Jesus reconciled the world to himself, and doesn't count sins against humanity.

Religion says sin separates us from God

Jesus told the paralyzed man he was forgiven even though he didn't ask, confess, or repent.

Religion makes us qualify for forgiveness by being sorry enough.

Jesus reveals the Father's love. Religion and Law are a revelation of sin.

– Chuck Crisco

2016/17 was my Emmaus road encounter with God who is Father, Son and Spirit

Luke 24:15 Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; 32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road,

As I began engaging God face to face it challenged who I thought God was.

I saw a beautiful tapestry of GOD that represented how I saw Him.

Father showed me a thread that I started to pull as I have been continuing engaging Him.

Pulling the thread has begun to unravel the tapestry and a leave a pile of thread

- I discovered that even my encounters with God were framed by my mind's image of what I thought I knew.
- The tapestry was an image of GOD in my mind created by religion not God Himself
- Any image of God is an idol.
- That image unravelled as my mind was renewed.

Prov 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean (rely) on your own understanding.

Prov 3:5 Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Prov 3:5 Place your trust in the Eternal; rely on Him completely; never depend upon your own ideas and inventions.

I had been leaning on my own understanding of the image that I had been viewing.

Cognitive dissonance became a phrase that defined many of my encounters.

➔ **I never want to lean to my own understanding of God again I just want a personal relationship with Him.**

I am not trying to make a new theology or belief system but I am encouraging you all to meet God face to face and find out what He is really like.

Don't believe Me about these things - ask God for personal revelation.

Let God reveal Himself as the Truth.

The idol of GOD as the distant punishing deity is being demolished

- What if God was ACTUALLY good?
- What if God was ONLY good?
- What if God was ALWAYS good?
- What if there was NO dark side to God-- at all?
- What if God was FOR us, not against us?
- What if God doesn't allow evil, but rather seeks to DISALLOW it by applying His curative energies to both victim and offender?
- What if God cares deeply, tenderly, and intensely for ALL our well beings at all times and places?

This image of God is entirely and internally consistent and coherent — a non-dualistic God of light who only wants to grow children of light. His nature has no darkness — at all.

A.W. Tozer famously said that by a "secret law of the soul, we grow to resemble our image of God."

We need to know the true God if we are to be like Him and represent Him on the earth.

We become like who we behold - who are we beholding and resembling?

Who are we lifting up for the world to see?

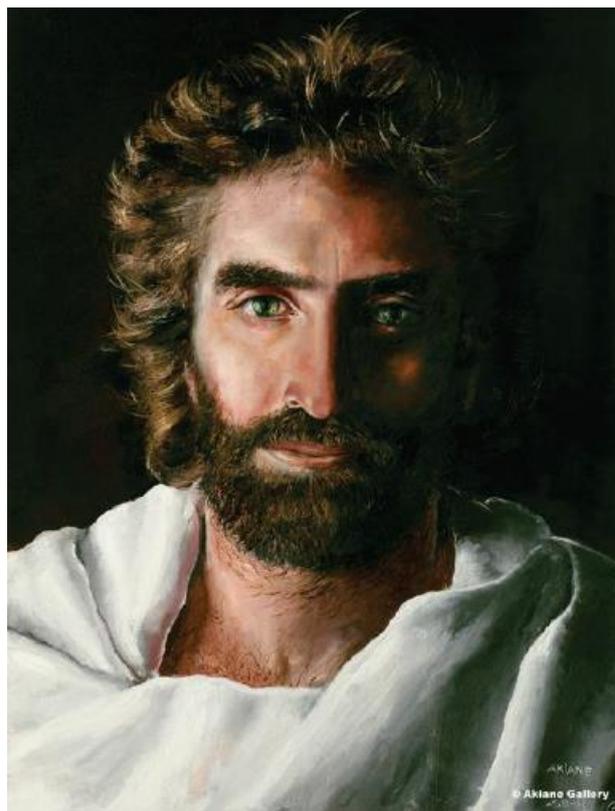
The world is answering with their feet.

- God wants us all to experience the reality of the very essence of who God truly is: LOVE PEACE JOY
- Live Loved as sons
- Love Living as sons
- Live loving as sons

Let's engage God who is Father, Son and Spirit and allow Him to reveal the truth about His love peace and joy.

Let Him reveal the truth about His character and nature.

Let God unravel your tapestry of Him, so you can see Him face to face as He truly is.





Close your eyes picture the Father waiting for you to come to Him
 Let Him embrace you with His arms of love
 Let Him reveal His true character and nature to you
 Feel His deep love for you
 Let Him heal and restore you

Let Jesus Him embrace you with His arms of love
 Let the Prince of Peace surround you and fill you with real peace
 Let Him reveal His true character and nature to you
 Feel His peace deeply filling you
 Let Him heal and restore you

Let Holy Spirit Him embrace you with the joy of life
 Let Him reveal His true character and nature to you
 Feel His deep joy filling you
 Let Him heal and restore you

You can meet the Father Son and Spirit in heaven
 Step through the veil they are waiting for you
 Feel their welcome and embrace
 Embrace your destiny as a son

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