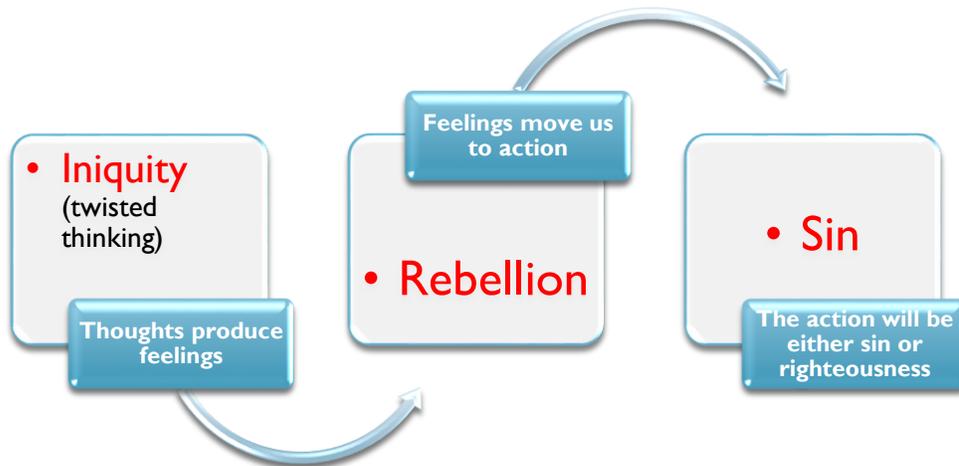


WANTING TO KNOW

The Basics



Exodus 34:7

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving (h5375-lifting up) **iniquity** and **transgression** (h6588-rebellion) and **sin**...

John 1

5 **This then is the message which we have heard of (from) him**, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Why would Christ give us this message?

- If God is light and we do not know Him, then we are in darkness.
- If in darkness, we are blind.
- If blind, we do not have sin.

John 9

39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, *If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remains.*

Proverbs 4

18 *But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day.*

19 *The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.*

This is equivalent to Christ's statement, while on the cross, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

When we hear truth and believe the natural result is Holy Spirit. The reception of the truth concerning "God is love", is ground zero. This concept sets us apart from the natural way humanity has reasoned. Owning God's love is the most powerful blessing one could receive into the heart.

State of Mind

Matthew 5

The Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes

(Luke 6:20- 26)

1 *And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:*

2 *And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,*

3 *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Poor in spirit refers to a person who is teachable. They are aware they do not have all the answers. The kingdom of heaven = the understanding of God.

4 *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

To mourn is to be aware of your shortcomings desiring to possess a character more pleasing to God.

5 *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

One definition of meekness that really stuck with me: To be more willing to receive an injury than to give one.

Numbers 12

And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Has the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? has he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the Lord spoke suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently (h4758-by appearance), and not in dark speeches; and the similitude (h8544-form) of the Lord shall he behold:

wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed.

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

To hunger and thirst after righteousness is to desire to possess God's understanding.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Psalms 123

1 Unto thee lift I up – mine eyes, O thou that dwells in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

God has mercy on us when He reveals truth.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: or they shall see God.

To be pure in heart to is have a pure motive.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers (g1518-One who exudes peace): for they shall be called the children of God.

The one who, having received the peace of God in his own heart, brings peace to others (only in Matt. 5:9). He is not simply one who makes peace between two parties, but one who spreads the good news of the peace of God which he has experienced.¹

¹ Cited from CWS Dictionaries

Hebrews 7

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

*2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also **King of Salem**, which is, **King of peace**;*

Jerusalem is the city of peace. A city = a mindset. New Jerusalem is the city of God; a symbol of our Father's holy spirit.

The beatitudes describe the spirit desired to lead a person in the kingdom of God.

The name means "height or foundation of peace." An appropriate meaning for God's goal with and for His people is "shalom," "peace, well-being." The traditional meaning of the name is "city of peace."²

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