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FREEDOM

REBELLION

LECTURE 9

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REBELLION | INTRODUCTION

- God created man in his own image
- He wanted man to enjoy a divine relationship with Him
- Through transgression the divine fellowship was broken and rebellion became the nature of man

KING SAUL'S REBELLION

- 1 Samuel 13 – Saul's impatience
- 1 Samuel 15 – Saul's partial obedience
- 1 Samuel 18 – Saul's growing fear of David
- 1 Samuel 22 – Saul's insanity / obsession
- 1 Samuel 28 – Saul's rebellion
- 1 Samuel 31 – Saul's end

1 Samuel 15:23 (NIV)

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

RECOGNISING REBELLION

- Outrageous comments
- Couldn't-care-less thinking and speech
- Rebellious thoughts
- Provoking those in authority and others
- Willingness to suffer rather than submit
- Vengeful thinking
- Unwillingness to be corrected - 'nobody is going to tell me what to do!'



ATTITUDES FROM HURTS & UNMET NEEDS

- Resentment
- Bitterness
- Refusal to communicate
- Rebellion against authority
- Ambivalence (simultaneous feelings of love and hatred)
- Distrust

SOURCES OF REBELLION

- Rejection
- Unmet Needs
- Hurts
- Adam Nature
- Occult
- Lack of discipline in the home
- Extreme discipline in the home

THE NATURE OF REBELLION

- Rebellion refuses to be limited
 - The person seeks to run his own life and refuses to be restrained.
- Rebellion refuses discipline
 - Discipline sets limits and rebellion wants no boundaries.
- Rebellion refuses authority
 - Rebellion is not a demon, but is the nature and condition of the heart.
 - Until rebellion is dealt with, a person will have various problems. E.g. lust, anger, hatred, inability to subject the flesh, etc.



MAIN AREAS OF REBELLION

- Rebellion refuses parental authority
 - When a child is disciplined or chastised without receiving love and acceptance, a journey of resentment, anger, bitterness and hatred will result, ending in rebellion.
 - Eph 6:4 “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger.”
 - Parental authority must go hand in hand with loving acceptance.
- Rebellion refuse governmental authority
 - The end time is referred to in scripture as “the age of lawlessness”. The Antichrist is called “the lawless one” (2 Thess 2:8).
- Rebellion refuses the authority of God
 - Humanism is the refusal of man to submit to the authority of God. Occultism and witchcraft are born out of rebellion against God, where man manipulates supernatural forces to serve his own purposes. Godlessness is living as if God did not exist.

RESULTS OF REBELLION

- The body rules over the person.
 - One who rebels against authority will become slave to his own body. Uncontrolled fleshly appetites are a result of rebellion.
- Witchcraft
 - Rebellion causes one to refuse to accept the authority of God’s Word, where one’s own reasoning becomes superior to God’s Word. E.g. Saul (1 Sam 15:2). Witchcraft is assuming the role of God. It shows a desire to manipulate and control people, revenge oneself by doing evil and obtain power. Witchcraft is insubordination where one becomes his own authority.



- Insanity (King Saul)
 - Rejection – will bring symptoms of fear, loneliness, timidity, fantasy, insecurity, negative self-image, fear of rejection, jealousy, depression, suicide.
 - Rebellion – will bring outbursts of hatred, violence, bitterness, possessiveness, witchcraft, control of others, unteachable, proud, self-willed, self-deception, perversion.
- Blocks the learning process
 - It creates a resistance to being taught. Rebellion is the way of the fool.
- Disorder
 - No self-discipline.
- Procrastination
- Passive aggressiveness
- Passive resistance



STEPS OUT OF REBELLION

- Two major keys in receiving deliverance from rebellion are:
 - Know that you can trust God.
 - Know that you are loved by God.
- Repent of your rebellion
 - See it as God does – as identical to witchcraft.
- Forgive your parents and authority figures
- Choose to adopt a heart attitude of submission to God
- Place your entire life in God's hands
 - Come into total submission to the Lordship of Jesus.
- Renounce all occult activities and close those doors as an act of your will
- Ask God to break the oppression of rebellion off you