Rebuke and Repentance

GOD'S SOLUTION TO SIN

Ecclesiastes 7:5

"It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise Than for a man to hear the song of fools."

Psalm 141:5 | Proverbs 9:8; 13:13; 15:31, 32 | Revelation 3:19

Parable of the ewe lamb (2 Sam. 12:1-4)

- "Then the LORD sent Nathan to David" (v. 1)
- ". . .Two men in one city. . ." (v. 1)
- "The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds" (v. 2)
- "And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock..." (v. 4)

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 - David's anger aroused against the rich man
 - Death sentenced
 - Restitution for the loss property

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 - "You are the man!" (v. 7)
 - "Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight?" (v. 9)

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 - adversity will arise from house
 - wives given to neighbor

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- The injury to God (2 Sam. 12:14, 15)

Psalm 23:3, 4

- 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Lacking Conscience & Reflection?

The tremendous benefit of feeling guilt:

- Required for the Holy Spirit to "convict"
 - John 16:18
- Enables one to hear
 - Exod. 7:13
- Enables one to see his error
 - 2 Samuel 24:10
- Enables one to repent and be forgiven
 - 2 Cor. 7:10; Acts 2:37, 38; 1 John 1:9

Living in Self-Condemnation?

The tremendous danger of false guilt:

 The feeling of condemnation and failure after receiving forgiveness

2 Corinthians 2:7, "so that, on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with **too much sorrow**."

Real Guilt And Release

- Psalm 40:12, "For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me."
- **Real Release:** "So David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' And Nathan said to David, 'The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die" (2 Sam. 12:13)

Real Guilt

• Ezra 9:6, "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than *our* heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens" (Ezra 9:6)

Released From Guilt

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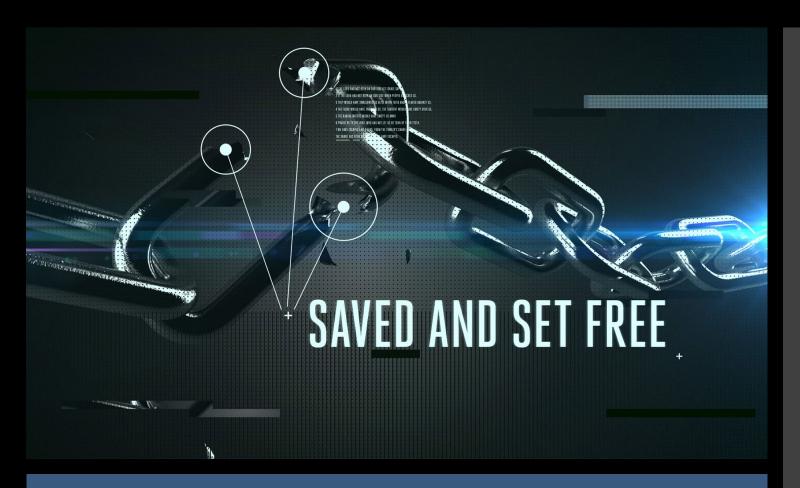
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- 1. Rebuke
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Free Indeed AND Life
Abundant?

John 8:34-36,
"...Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

John 10:10,
"...I have come that
they may have life, and
that they may have *it*more abundantly."

Psalm 103

- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *So* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *So* far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father pities *his* children, *So* the LORD pities those who fear Him.