

WILDERNESS LESSONS # 17

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Review Camp # 27 Bene-jaakan

My definition: Child of repentance

Bene = Son of; or Child; & jaakan = One who turns; or repentance;

Repentance is:

1. It is a change of mind; a change in heart (attitude), which results in a change of conduct.
2. We repent from sin and towards God
3. God grants repentance

Repentance is not:

1. Just a one-time experience. As God enlightens us, we need to repent. (Rev 2:1-7)
2. Conviction of sin. Conviction of sin will always precede genuine repentance, but not all who are convicted will truly repent (Ac 24:24-25)
3. Worldly sorrow. Worldly sorrow is simply being sorry for "getting caught", but not being sorry for the actual crime committed. (2 Cor 7:10)
3. Mere reformation. Reformation in this sense is simply trying to "turn over a new leaf" in the strength of the natural man. This will never be successful without a genuine heart change.
4. Being religious. It is possible to maintain a form of religion but never experience the genuine power of repentance. (2Tim 3:5)
5. Mental faith, or "only believism". Mental faith is merely the mental acceptance and assent to a set of creeds or doctrines, but without any real change of heart and life (Jas 2:19)
6. Trying harder. Making rules in an attempt to do better. (Col 2:20-23)

Real repentance is evidenced by some of the following:

1. Confession of sin (1 Jn 1:9; Lk 15:21; 18:13)
2. Renouncing sin (2Cor 4:1-2; 1Jn 1:7; Jas 5:16; Lk 15:18; Ps 32:5; 51:1; Isa 59:12; 64:6-7)
3. Turning from (forsaking) of sinful ways (Pro 28:13; Act 19:17-20)
4. Turning towards the ways of righteousness. (1Thes 1:9; Col 3:1-14)
5. Godly sorrow for sin. (2Cor 7:9-10)
6. Godly hatred for sin. (Pr 8:13; Ps 97:10; Ezk 36:31-33; Am 5:15)
7. Restitution for the wrongs done, wherever possible. (Lk 19:8)

Camp # 28 Hor-haggidgad

Nu 33:32 They journeyed from Bene-jaakan and camped at Hor-haggidgad.

Dt 10:6-7 (Now the sons of Israel set out from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place. 7 From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.

Definition: Hor-haggidgad & Gudgodah mean the same thing in Hebrew. (Strong's)

Hor-haggidgad = Cavern of thunder; the slashing place; (root - to gash; as if by pressing into)

Hor = is to used 8X in the OT as cave or hole

Haggidgad (root - to gash, in the sense of cutting)

1Ki 18:28 the priest of Baal cut themselves, in order to be heard by Baal

Application:

This name speaks of asceticism:

Self-mutilation was part of pagan worship, as an expression of mourning
(1Ki 18:28; Jer 16:6; 41:5; 47:5; 48:37);

Israel was forbidden to follow these practices
(Lev 19:28; 21:5; Dt 14:1-2).

Asceticism has no value against fleshly indulgence

Col 2:20-23 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" 22 (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? 23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

1Tim 4:3-4 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;

How do we overcome sinful desires?

Put on Jesus

Ro 13:13-14 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Gal 5:24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

Walk by the Spirit

Rom 8:3-4 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Rom 8:13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gal 5:16-17 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Camp # 29 Jotbathah

Nu 33:33 They journeyed from Hor-haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.

Dt 10:7 From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.

Definition:

Goodness; literally beautiful; pleasantness; (root = to make well, happy, successful, right)

Definitions (from Dictionary of Bible Themes)

satisfaction = A state of contentment or fulfillment.

happiness = A state of pleasure or joy

delight = A sense of joy and pleasure

pleasure = A gratifying emotion

joy = A quality or attitude of delight and happiness

What happens here:

Dt 10:6-9 (Now the sons of Israel set out from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place. 7 From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. 8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day. 9 Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)

1. Eleazar, the son of Aaron, is the high priest (Dt 10:6).
2. Jotbathah is a land of brooks [rivers] (Dt 10:7).
3. Tribe of Levi is set apart: (Dt 10:8)
 - to carry the ark of the covenant
 - to serve Him
 - to bless in His name.
4. The inheritance of Levi is the Lord [the presence of the Lord] (Dt 10:9)

Application:

Water, brooks rivers; speaks of sources of satisfaction; happiness; delight; pleasure & joy;

Ps 63:1-5 O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. 3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You. 4 So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. 5 My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. (Job 38:26-27; Ps 42:1-2; 63:1; 104:13; 143:6; Isa 41:17-18; Jn 4:10-14; 7:37-38; Rev 21:6; 22:1, 17)

Isa 55:1-2 "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. 2 "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. (Isa 58:11)

The Lord is the source for all fulfillment in life.

Ps 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

Ps 103:4-5 Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; 5 Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Ps 145:16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Isa 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

1Tim 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

We find fulfillment in His presence.

Ps 42:1-2 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God? (Ps 43:3-4)

Ps 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Ps 84:10-12; Ps 17:15; Isa 9:3; Jer 50:19; Jude 24; Rev 7:17)

Ac 2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence. (Ps 16:11; Ps 21:6)

Ac 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

What is your source of satisfaction (goodness, beauty, pleasantness) in life?