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LESSON 4

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD, HIMSELF ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE FATHER ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE SON ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

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I. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD HIMSELF.

A. The OVER-ALL attitude adjustment for the BELIEVER in Relationship to God Himself has to do with PRIORITIES.

<u>Colossians</u> 1:18, And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; *that in all things he might have the preeminence*.

Matthew 22:37, Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

- JESUS' EXAMPLE

<u>John</u> <u>4:34</u>, Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

<u>John 5:19</u>, Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

<u>John</u> <u>5:30</u>, I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

<u>Luke 2:49</u>, And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Psalms 40:8, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

-JOHN THE BAPTIST'S EXAMPLE

John 3:30, He must increase, but I must decrease.

B. Since God is a TRIUNE GOD, there are specific attitude adjustments in Relationship to each Person in the Godhead. These specific attitude adjustments when evidenced in the life of the Believer are expressions of the Priority of God in his life.

II. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE FATHER.

In Relationship to God the Father the **BELIEVER** is a **CHILD** and the **CHRISTIAN** is a **SON**.

Galatians 4:19, My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ beformed in you,

Romans 8:14, For as many as are <u>led</u> by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

A. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to God the Father is one of REST.

<u>Hebrews 4:10</u>, For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

B. THE **PRINCIPLE OF REST** IS SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF REST.

• Paul, Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

• Paul and Silas, Acts 16:25

And at midnight *Paul and Silas prayed*, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

• Jesus, Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

• The Early Church Martyrs, Hebrews 11:35

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, *not accepting deliverance*; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

• The Three Hebrew Children, Daniel 3:17-18

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

• The Shunamite Woman EXEMPLIFIES the Principle of Rest, 2 Kings 4:46

Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with the with the child? And she answered, *It is well*.

C. The PRINCIPLE of REST: "As the Believer rests in God the Father, that is to say, absolutely trusting in His absolute faithfulness, God the Father is at work; BUT, as the Believer works (in self-effort, anxiety, worry, fear, striving) the Father rests."

III. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE SON.

A. In Relations to God the Son the **BELIEVER** is **ONE OF THE MULTITUDE**, and the **CHRISTIAN** is **ONE OF THE LITTLE FLOCK**.

<u>Luke 8:45</u>, And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the *multitude* throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

<u>Luke 12:3</u>, Fear not, *little flock*; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

- B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to God the Son concerns the need to **REACH OUT AND TOUCH JESUS.**
 - Multitudes follow Jesus, but few (THE LITTLE FLOCK) TOUCH HIM. However, few enter into that close personal relationship with Him.
 - Reaching out and touching Jesus expresses the attitude of the disciples, John 6:68.

Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

• Reaching out and touching (pressing in as the woman with the issue blood did in spite of the multitudes) expresses the attitude:

"Jesus is the answer to every need/question I have."

 Reaching out and touching Jesus is to "drink of the wells of salvation" provided at Calvary.

<u>Isaiah 12: 2-4</u>, Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted

<u>Isaiah 53:5</u>, But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

• THESE WELLS OF SALVATION ARE SEEN IN THE SEVEN COVENANTS OF CALVARY AND EXPRESSED IN THE COMPOUND NAMES OF JEHOVAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

1. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF JUSTIFICATION

Psalms 103:3a, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities . . . "

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Acts 13:39, "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

<u>Romans 5:1</u>, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

Romans 8:1-5, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

The Calvary Covenant of JUSTIFICATION finds its expression in the compound name <u>Jehovah-Tsidkenu</u> "The Lord our Righteousness" Jeremiah 23:6, "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, [*Jehovah-Tsidkenu*] THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

2. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF SANCTIFICATION

Psalms 103:3a, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities . . . "

<u>Hebrews 10:10</u>, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*."

Romans 8:6-10, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

The Calvary Covenant of SANCTIFICATION finds its expression in the compound name <u>Jehovah-M'kaddesh</u> "The Lord Who Sanctifies"

<u>Leviticus 20:8</u>, "And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the [Jehovah-M'kaddesh] LORD which sanctify you."

3. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF DIVINE HEALING

Psalms 103:3b, "... who healeth all thy diseases;"

<u>Isaiah 53:5d</u>, "... and with his stripes we are healed."

<u>Matthew 8:17</u>, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses."

<u>1 Peter 2:24</u>, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

<u>Romans 8:11-12</u>, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

The Calvary Covenant of DIVINE HEALING finds its expression in the compound name <u>Jehovah-Rapha</u> "The Lord Our Healer"

Exodus 15:26, "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the [Jehovah-Rapha] LORD that healeth thee.

- 4. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF DIVINE HEALTH AND PROSPERITY Psalms 103:4a, "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; . . ."
- <u>3 John 1:2</u>, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
- <u>2 Corinthians 8:9</u>, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Romans 8:13-15, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

The Calvary Covenant of DIVINE HEALTH AN PROSPERITY finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Jireh "The Lord Who sees and provides"

Genesis 22:14, "And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-Jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

5. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF PEACE AND REST

Psalms 103:4b, "... who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;"

Zechariah 9:11, "As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water."

<u>Luke 8:24</u>, "And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."

<u>Romans 8:16</u>, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

The Calvary Covenant of PEACE AND REST finds its expression in the compound names <u>Jehovah-Rohi and Jehovah-Shalom</u> "The Lord My Shepherd and The Lord Our Peace"

Psalms 23:1, "The [Jehovah-Rohi] LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

<u>Judges 6:23</u>, "And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."

6. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF RESURRECTION LIFE

<u>Psalms 103:5</u> "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

<u>Hebrews 13:20</u>, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,"

<u>2 Corinthians 1:9</u>, "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:"

Romans 8:19, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*."

The Calvary Covenant of RESURRECTION LIFE finds its expression in the compound name <u>Jehovah-Nissi</u> "The Lord Our Banner/Victory"

<u>Exodus 17:15-16</u>, "And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: 16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation."

7. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF THE GLORY OF GOD [GLORIFICATION]

<u>Psalm 103:6</u>, "The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

<u>1 Peter 4:14</u>, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

Romans 8:26-30, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

The Calvary Covenant of THE GLORY OF GOD finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Shammah "The Lord is There

Ezekiel 48:35, "It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The [Jehovah-Shammah] LORD is there."

IV. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. In Relationship to God the Holy Spirit the **BELIEVER** is a **FOOLISH VIRGIN** and the **CHRISTIAN** a **WISE VIRGIN**.

<u>Matthew 25:1-4</u>, Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And *five of them were wise*, and *five were foolish*. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to God the Holy Spirit concerns being **CONTINUALLY FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Matthew 25:3, They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Ephesians 5:18, And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Acts 2:38, Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye *shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*.

<u>Luke 11:13</u>, If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Acts 2:4, And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<u>Acts 4:31</u>, And when they had pray-ed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were *all filled with the Holy Ghost*, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

C. The Holy Spirit is the **POWER DIMENSION; THE ENABLER** for Spiritual Maturity/Christian living which gives God the PRIORITY.

<u>Luke 24:49</u>, And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be *endued with power from on high*.

Acts 1:8, But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be wit-nessess unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

<u>2 Corinthians 13:4</u>, For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him *by the power of God toward you*.

<u>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</u>, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

<u>2 Corinthians 4:7</u>, But we have this treasure in *earthen vessels*, that the excellency of the *power may be of God, and not of us*.

<u>1 Corinthians 1:26-28</u>, For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the *foolish things* of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the *weak things* of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and *things which* are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and *things which* are not, to bring to nought things that are:

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