

REPENTANCE

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Luke 13:1-5 KJV

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2] And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? [3] I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. [4] Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? [5] I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

What Is Sin?

1 John 3:4 KJV Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. This verse of the scriptures tells us what it is. It says

- Sin is the transgression of the law, in a more understandable way,
- It is lawlessness (The breaking, violating of God's law by transgression or neglect. Being unrestrained and unregulated by His commandments and will) AMP.

It was because no man could live righteously the way God wants and the laws of God could not be kept in God's own ways, in fact, the laws could not save, that is why Jesus Christ came.

Romans 8:3 KJV 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: and now that The Lord came to destroy the grip of sin over us. **1 John 3:8 KJV** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose

the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

The works of the devil are the ways of sin, breaking the commandments of God, having no regard for His commands, will and His personality, The Lord came to help us live to please Him, giving us grace which is the enabling power to keep God's commandments and not to keep breaking it anymore. But many has taken that grace to mean that they do not have to keep God laws anymore, thereby they keep living in sin (that is, breaking His commandments), not accepting that the law is Holy, that the commandment is Holy, just, good and that it is spiritual. **Romans 7:12,14 KJV** Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. [14] For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Those who have genuinely repented would have delights in God's law right from their inward parts. **Romans 7:22 KJV** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: Therefore

true repentance changes one's mind from sinning, which is breaking of God laws to embrace The Grace of God which comes through The Lord Jesus Christ Inother to live in Holiness and righteousness without being slaves to the law but at Liberty to obey the laws of God to His satisfaction without struggle through His enabling power (the Holy Spirit). Reading from our Bible texts, **Luke 13:1-5**, The Lord makes it known that repentance is compulsory for anyone who would escape destruction. **Luke 13:1 KJV** There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Some people came to Him and told Him about the Galileans who were killed by Pilate when they went to offer sacrifices. It might have been that this set of people came for atonement as the law of Moses required but met their Waterloo, it is also possible that they recognised their sins which made them come, or that they just came to offer such a sacrifice as a means of

Thanksgiving or consecration. But in all, we could see that they were sinners just as The Lord pointed out. **Luke 13:2 KJV** And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? For the fact that they were killed does not make them the worst sinners but from this, The Lord makes it clear that there is an urgent need for every sinner to repent. **Luke 13:3 KJV** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Except you repent you will likewise perish!

These set of people did not know that they would die in the process of making sacrifice, if any of them had postponed his repentance, it would have been too late for him, they were killed right in the temple. It is the same way today, many go to church and have been killed right inside the church, if such people had not made use of the opportunity they had to repent, they would lost their souls to hell. The Lord further states that those eighteen people whom

the tower of Siloam fell on and killed were not also worse than those alive in Jerusalem. So He said unless they repent, they will likewise perish. The fall of the tower on these people was so sudden that they got trapped in it. In the same way, death might trap anyone who do not repent quickly and such will lose his soul. Hence, the wise makes urgent use of the privilege he has to repent because even tomorrow is not guaranteed for him that he will be alive.

1 Peter 1:24 KJV For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: Repentance is a common word used in the scripture, both in the Old and New testament. All the prophets of old and ministers of the New testament talked about it and spurred the hearts of men towards it. John the Baptist did it in preparation of the way of The Lord Jesus Christ. In a simple term, it simply means "**a change of mind**". Although some say it is also "**a change of action**", it is also right in

the sense that once a person changes his mind, then change of action follows since the change of one's action is the endpoint of one's change of mind, so we can also say it is repentance. This is simply the use of metonymy. Repentance is one changing one's mind about sin, and accepting Jesus Christ who is the sacrifice for its cleansing. It is one changing one's mind about his sinful ways, seeing reasons to begin to walk with The Lord Jesus Christ.

It is also changing one's thought about whom The Lord is, no longer seeing Him as someone who is not necessary, One who is the most important of all and as well flee from blaspheming against Him but adore and cherish Him. Of a truth, repentance changes one's ways and thoughts concerning God, as such, He commands that all repent and come to Him. **Ezekiel 18:30 KJV** Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. In many occasions such as

this, The Lord commanded the Israelites to repent from their sins, mostly the sin of idolatry. Sin makes us God's enemies, sin came into the world through Adam and Eve, until now. All those that are born are living in sin, until they confess and accept Christ, therefore everyone is commanded to repent. The Word of God says for all have sinned. **Romans 3:23 KJV** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

1 John 1:10 KJV if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. The question some might ask themselves is "Have I sinned before?" or "Am I a sinner?" Certainly! Everyone has sinned according to what we have just read. No one can claim not to have ever sinned. Anyone who claims such is simply saying he does not need a Savior and such makes God a liar. The major reason why The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world is to save us from our sins. **Matthew 1:21 KJV** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people

from their sins. Saying we have not sinned means we deceive ourselves. **1 John 1:8 KJV** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Please read this popular story once again.

Luke 15:11-24 KJV

And he said, A certain man had two sons: [12] And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. [13] And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. [14] And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. [15] And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. [17] And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of

my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! **[18]** I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, **[19]** And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. **[20]** And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. **[21]** And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. **[22]** But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: **[23]** And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry: **[24]** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

The Lord told us the story of the prodigal son in previous verses, He had been talking about Heaven's delights concerning every soul that

repents. Let us consider what He said about the prodigal son. This is a familiar story to all asundry. In this story, you can see the kind of life this son lived, he went away with his own portion of inheritance and squandered. The pangs of his sinful life increased when famine came upon the land where he went to and he had nothing left to eat. He must have had many friends when he was rich, he must have had many girlfriends too, partying and doing all kinds of things but it came to a point when he had nothing, he was left with the reality of life, and since the poor does not have many friends and is hated by his neighbour, he had to suffer for his wrongdoings alone. **Proverbs 14:20 KJV**
**The poor is hated even of his own neighbour:
but the rich hath many friends.**

He is now left to work with his own hands. In the same way, all those who live their lives in sinfulness and lavish the grace of God given to them, squandering time in merriments of sinful pleasures until they are left in the wants of the soul and they begin to feed their souls with the

food of swines, that is, filthiness of this world in their high level of perverseness. Those who should be under the care of God, being fed with nourishing food and palatable meals of the Spirit as princes, yet outside the home, feeding on the food meant for dogs and pigs and no one gave him anything. **Luke 15:16 KJV** And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. anything. No one could have given him anything since there was famine and everyone was also in want. Famine of the word of God in the land makes all lives in want and none can help another because they also need help. But something striking happened to the son. **Luke 15:17 KJV** And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! "He came to himself" which means he was beside himself before, but now, he came to his senses.

Those who are living in sin are out of their senses too, not knowing what they have been

doing. This prodigal son, after coming to his senses began to compare and contrast. "How many of my father's hired servants have enough to eat and spare and I perish here with hunger". He recognised his current state, comparing it with where he should be. That is repentance. Those who are beside themselves in their sins needs to first of all come to their senses, considering their current state as a state they should not be in, seeing themselves as those who need a Savior. Those who would not come to realise this cannot have genuine repentance.

Then the next thing he said was, **Luke 15:18 KJV** *I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,* "I will arise and go to my father", and then he arose to complete the circle of repentance. A sinner, after recognising his sinful state needs to take action towards the cure. This son recognised the cure to his current sorry state , as his father took a step. **Luke 15:20 KJV** *And he arose, and came to his father.*

But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. In the same way all sinners needs to arise and go towards the cure to their sinfulness, who is Jesus Christ. This is why the salvation of a father and a mother cannot save the children because coming to God requires personal reflection on one's life and seeing a need coupled with a firm decision taken to receiving God's offer of salvation. The son repented, going back to his father with a sorrowful heart confessing to him. For godly sorrow leads to repentance. **2 Corinthians 7:10 KJV** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. Being sorrowful does not equate repentance because a man can be sorrowful for his sins, yet not have a change of mind.

Although, being sorrowful because of one's sins is a good step towards having a change of mind. When one becomes sorrowful without taking a step to come to Jesus it brings no salvation. In

the same way, have you truly repented from your sins? Remember it starts with the change of mind. Have you changed your mind about that sin of drunkenness, fornication, adultery, masturbation, lies, pride, unforgiveness, anger, disobedience, cross-dressing, painting the face and fingers, and using of all kinds of abominable materials, even seductive dresses, backbiting, slander, hatred, anger and many others. You need to forsake them to embrace the free offer of salvation by taking a step to your Father.

The prodigal son's father welcomed him happily and rejoiced at his coming, not minding what he had done. In the same way, God is happy and rejoices over every sinner that repents. The Father is saying come! **Isaiah 1:18 KJV Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.** Stop the exorbitant lifestyle of sin. The Father loves you and is ready to save you,

though you dress, think, act, speak and behave like those in the world, yet He is waiting for you, won't you change your mind concerning how you think about sin and Christ? Jesus Christ is waiting for you.

Will Thou Be Made Whole? - William J. Kirkpatrick

1. Hear the footsteps of Jesus,
He is now passing by,
Bearing balm for the wounded,
Healing all who apply;
As He spake to the suff'rer
Who lay at the pool,
He is saying this moment,
Wilt thou be made whole?

Refrain

Wilt thou be made whole?

Wilt thou be made whole?

O come, weary suff'rer,

O come, sin-sick soul;

See the life-stream is flowing,

See the cleansing waves roll,

Step into the current and thou shalt be whole.

2. 'Tis the voice of that Savior,

Whose merciful call

Freely offers salvation

To one and to all;

He is now beck'ning to Him

Each sin-tainted soul,

And lovingly asking,

Wilt thou be made whole? [Refrain]

3. Are you halting and struggling,
Overpowr'd by your sin,
While the waters are troubled
Can you not enter in?
Lo, the Savior stands waiting
To strengthen your soul;
He is earnestly pleading,
Wilt thou be made whole? [Refrain]

4. Blessèd Savior, assist us
To rest on Thy Word;
Let the soul healing power
On us now be outpoured;
Wash away every sin-spot,
Take perfect control,

Say to each trusting spirit,

Thy faith makes thee whole. [Refrain]

He does not want you to perish. Do not forget that He said if you do not repent, you will likewise perish. Don't perish, beloved, come to the cure now before it will be too late, come to Jesus Christ, He is the cure. **Proverbs 28:13 KJV**
He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

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