

Sunday, April 2, 2023

From Enemies to Friends

ALIENATED AND ENEMIES IN YOUR MIND BY WICKED WORKS

- if what defiles a man comes forth from the heart, that's where the washing has to take place, to address the defilement.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NKJV)
- 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. **But** you were washed, **But** you were sanctified, **But** you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
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- Luke 19:1–10 (NKJV)
- 1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named **Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.** 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. **7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."** 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." **9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST."**

Luke 15:1–7 (NKJV)

1 **Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.** 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 **"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.**

Luke 13:14–17 (NKJV)

14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

16 So ought not this woman, **being a daughter of Abraham**, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Matthew 15:21–28 (NKJV)

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, **a woman of Canaan** came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” 26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” 27 And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Ezekiel 18:30–31 (NKJV)

30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord God. **“Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.** 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

Ephesians 4:22–24 (NKJV)

22 that **you put off**, concerning your former conduct, **the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts**, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and **that you put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

1 Peter 2:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 **as newborn babes**, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our **old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with**, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Luke 7:33–35 (NKJV)

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ 34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, **a friend of tax collectors and sinners!**’ 35 But wisdom is justified by all her children.”

John 15:12–15 (NKJV)

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another **as I have loved you**. 13 Greater love has no one than this, **than to lay down one’s life for his friends**. 14 **You are My friends if you do whatever I command you**. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; **but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you**.

Colossians 1:21–23 (NKJV)

21 And you, who once were ~~ALIENATED AND ENEMIES IN YOUR MIND BY WICKED WORKS~~, **yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—**

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.