

Is God Angry With Me?

Series: Inner Healing

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How do you perceive your relationship with God?

- Did you know that your faith depends on how you perceive your relationship with God?
- A person may have no trouble believing God's Word when it tells us that we have authority to lay hands on the sick, and see them recover, but where that person may have a struggle, is when they doubt their worthiness to walk in such manifestation of God's Spirit.
- If a person has a problem with feeling worthy, then they need to understand the power of the Blood of Jesus, and what difference it makes to their relationship with God.

1 John 1:7

- ***It is absolutely essential that you perceive your relationship as if it were washed clean with the Blood of Jesus.***
- God's Word tells us that if we walk in the light, then the Blood of Jesus continually cleanses us from all our failures along the way:
- **“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7**

Walking in the light

- ***Are you walking in the light and forgiving / loving one another as Christ has loved you?***
- If so, then you are under the constant protection of the Blood of Jesus, which washes away your failures.
- It is no ticket to continue living in sin, but it is an opportunity to grow in Christ.

Standing on the promises in His Word

- **Perceiving your relationship with God depends on how seriously you take what He says about your being made right with Him through faith in Christ Jesus.**
- If He says that the Blood of Christ has washed away your sins, but you still see yourself as guilty and shameful, then you're not really standing on that promise in His Word.
- You're not taking what God says seriously, and therefore it is causing you to see your relationship with Him in a way which is not true.
- Such perceptions greatly affect our faith.

Satan wants you to feel like God is somehow angry or less than satisfied with you.

- It is one of Satan's biggest lies that he tells the children of God that even if God isn't "angry" with them, he wants them to feel in some way, that they have failed God and now He isn't as thrilled about them as He once was.
- God's Word tells us how His heart is towards those who repent and turn back to Him.
- If you question God's heart towards the repentant backslider, then you need to read the entire chapter of Luke 15, where Jesus uses a parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son, to illustrate the heart of the Father towards those who return to Him.
- Although I highly recommend reading the entire chapter, here's a few verses I want to point out:

Luke 15:20-24

- 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.
- 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.
- 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: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Jeremiah 3:11-22

- That is just ONE passage in scripture that shows the heart of God towards those who are coming back to Him with a repentant heart - there are MANY other examples in scripture!
- Jeremiah 3:11-22 is another great passage. Some people feel that God is a cruel distant taskmaster, because He would allow His people (the Israelites) to come under heavy oppression and slavery.
- This is a perfect example of not considering God's side of the story - the Israelites were some of the most rebellious people we find in scripture. They were even slaughtering their own children for the sake of demons!
- If you study the Bible about the rebellion of the Israelites, you'll see WHY God allowed them to come under such heavy oppression.
- God's Word also tells us of His lovingkindness and mercy side towards those who turn to Him and who fear (respect & honor) Him.

Psalms 103:8,11

- “The LORD is **merciful and gracious, slow to anger**, and **plenteous in mercy**.... For as the heaven is high above the earth, **so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.**”

Psalms 145:8

- Psalms 145:8 tells us that, "**The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.**"

Satan uses discouragement as a weapon against you!

- Once a person feels distant from God, for some reason or another, their interests are often directed elsewhere because they are discouraged in their relationship with God.
- This often leads to depression, addictions, obsessions (crafts, movies, sex, sports, etc.), spending binges, and unbalanced priorities.
- After a while, the person loses more and more interest in their relationship with God, until they simply don't even bother to pick up their Bibles and spend time with Him. T
- his is how Satan will use discouragement to destroy a person's relationship with God.

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- The whole reason that Satan (who works through evil spirits) wants us to feel discouraged, is because he wants to get us to a place where we will give up.
- He wants our relationship with God to just seem "impossible" and too hard to maintain.
- This leads a person to Luke warmness, and deflates their faith in God, because they have no confidence in their relationship with God.
- The Bible tells us to draw near to God with assurance, having our heart's sprinkled clean from an evil conscience!

Hebrews 10:22

- Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
- *The reason that Satan tries to attack is with guilt and shame, is for the very purpose of destroying our confidence in our relationship with God.*

Satan uses past failures as "excuses"...

- Satan will also work diligently to convince a person that because of a certain failure(s) in their past, that they cannot be restored in right standing before God.
- This often involves one sin in particular, such as abortion or fornication. Even though the sin has been repented of (confessed as sin and turned from), the enemy will continue to badger the person with guilt and shame over what they have done, as if they never repented of it!
- This is known as false guilt, because once a sin is repented of, that failure is washed away by the Blood of Christ.
- In other words, Satan is pointing at something that is no longer on your account!
- God's Word tells us that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us. This is a promise!

1 John 1:9

- **If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- In ***1 John 1:9***, we also find that he won't just cleanse us of certain sins and not others, but we find that He is prepared to cleanse us of ALL unrighteousness!
- **It's those sins which we fail to confess, which are not covered by this promise.**

Jesus' attitude towards the woman caught in adultery...

- We know that Jesus is an exact representation of the Father (John 10:30 & John 14:9), that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), and also that God is not a respecter of persons (Romans 2:11).
- Therefore, the way that Jesus handled this woman caught in adultery, is the same way that He would handle you or I, if we were in that same situation.
- Just look at the compassion, love, and forgiveness that flowed out of Jesus' heart for this woman who was caught sleeping with other women's husbands!

- And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
- This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.
- John 8:3-11

Closing Prayer