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Wednesday, June 24, 2020 - Group Study

Lesson Series: The Nature of Fear

Lesson Series Text: (2 Tim. 1:1-9)

Lesson 2: Faith Or Fear

Lesson 2 Text: (Rom. 8:1-2)

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. For every principle of truth and spiritual force there is a reciprocal.
 - A. Reciprocal – Something that corresponds to something else, but is reversed or inverted; inversely related or proportional; opposite, expressing mutual relationship.
 - B. Examples: north & south, up & down, right & wrong.
 - C. I don't care how far you go north, the moment you turn in the opposite direction, you are going south, because they are reciprocals. You will instantly get an opposite result.
 - D. The example of Peter walking on the water. (Mat. 14:25-31)
- II. The reciprocal of faith is fear.
 - A. Fear is not a feeling, nor is it an emotion.
 - a. It can be in effect even when you don't feel it.
 - B. Fear is spiritual and a force like faith.
- III. Satan twisted the truth of God's word into a lie, in order to bring about the reciprocal of the God-kind of life intended for mankind. (Gen. 3:1-8)
 - A. Adam and Eve, prior to the fall, operated by the Law of the Spirit of Life. (Rom. 8:2 - *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death*)
 - B. Satan questioned the Word of God and then called God a liar.
 - C. Eve being deceived and Adam fully aware, disobeyed the Word of the Lord.
 - D. The Law of Life, no longer being in effect, it's reciprocal, Sin and Death, began to operate in their lives.
- IV. Under the Law of Sin and Death, the blessings once enjoyed ceased and curses replaced them.
 - A. The earth withheld her fruit, prosperity was replaced with poverty, health was infused with sickness, success was replaced with failure, victory was lost in defeat, peace left and worry appeared, and faith disappeared and fear showed up.
- V. Jesus died and paid the penalty for our sins. Upon His resurrection, the Spirit of Life was restored in Christ Jesus.
 - A. Initially God used the tabernacle in the wilderness, its ceremonies and laws, to give a temporary solution to the curse.

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- B. But Jesus became a curse for us. (*Gal 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*)
- C. Now the reciprocal of the curse was initiated for those who believe on Jesus and accept Him as Lord and savior.
- VI. Let's look at some examples of operating in fear.
 - A. Underline poverty mentality.
 - B. Underline sickness mentality.
 - C. Underline failure mentality.
- VII. What's the answer; choose faith and not fear.
 - A. The term "fear not" is used 63 times in the King James.
 - a. God wouldn't tell us to do something that we can't do.
 - B. David said, "I will fear no evil". (*Psa. 23:4*)
 - C. Jesus said, "let not your heart trouble, neither let it be afraid". (*John 14:27*)
 - D. It's a choice of the will.
- VIII. Just like fear, faith is our conviction, or belief, in a reality that we can't yet see. The only difference is that faith assumes God will come through for you, and fear assumes that He won't.
 - A. Choosing faith or fear means choosing who you will believe.
 - B. As Christians, when we realize we are afraid, we must stop and ask ourselves an important question; do we believe God, or do we believe Satan?
 - C. That's when we have to make a conscious choice to believe God's Word over our own feeling. If we don't, these little lies of destruction will slowly erode our faith and fill our mind with fear.
 - D. When we choose faith or fear, in all reality, we are ultimately choosing who we will believe.
- IX. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (*Heb. 11:6*)
 - A. To God, "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (*Rom. 14:23*).
 - B. Remember the acronym for fear: **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal.

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