



A Matter of Family Natures

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Matt 10:18-20 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER

John 5:19-30 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. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. 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.

All these words can only be understood if we look at the thought of a FATHER'S SON having His Father's characteristics.

- Jesus said that HIS FATHER had given Him authority.
- The SON can do nothing of Himself.
- The Son raiseth and gives life to the dead because the FATHER does so.
- All men will honour the SON because they HONOUR the Father.
- Son cannot seek His own self, but seek the Father who SENT HIM.

This is speaking about the SEED of the FATHER that is in the SON.

- The reason the SON can do nothing of himself is because He is a SON.
- A son really is an extension of his father.
- We were created to be containers of God's Nature.
- As an apple seed holds within itself the nature of the apple tree, it will bear forth an apple tree.

Satan had Eve eat the fruit of the tree of death instead of the tree of life.

- It is the tree of death since God said the day you eat of it you will die.
- But after man ate that fruit and sinned, God said he must get out of the Garden lest He take of the Tree of life and eat and live forever.
- Talk about a HYBRID!

- What would Adam become with seeds from two opposite trees in him?
- Seed from tree of death with seed from tree of life in him?
- He would be so strange and awful and not be able to multiply and replenish the earth.
- Hybrids cannot multiply.

Adam and eve ate the forbidden fruit.

- Look what happened to them.
- Watch how they reacted to one another.
- Somehow they got Satan's nature in them.

Gene 3:11-13 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

- They became self centered.
- Sounds a lot like the devil.
- Notice what the devil said in his heart:

Isaiah 14:12-14 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

- Satan has a fire burning in him that will destroy him in the end.
- It is a NATURE in Him that God will not allow to exist forever.

Ezek 28:17-18 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

- Mankind has that same nature in him.

1 John 4:4-6 Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. $\frac{1}{2}$ They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Spirits - natures

- Truth and error.
- Jesus said he is the truth.
- Opposite of truth is error or LIAR.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- The people of the world, Jesus said, were of their father the devil.
- What did He mean?
- They had the nature of the devil in them.
- Not that they were demon possessed, but that they had his nature.
- They would do HIS LUSTS.
- Jesus did not say they would do their own lusts, but that they would do the devil's lusts.
- Self centred.

John 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

- Jesus could do nothing of Himself.
- He knew who he was.

- He was SON OF GOD.
- And he knew that SONS have their father's natures.
- The people thought they were doing their own thing, but they were doing the lusts of the devil.

We are containers.

- We are vessels.
- You CONTAIN something even now.
- The reason sinners do things they wish they did not do is because they have the enemy's nature in them since the Garden of Eden when Adam ate the fruit of death.
- Our problem is that we were BORN OF ADAM'S RACE.
- There is only one way to be free of that race and family.
- There is only one way to be free of that nature.
- You must die and BE BORN AGAIN.
- God must become your Father.
- You need to get out of the family of the devil.
- You need to receive God's nature.
- You were created to have His nature since you were created in His image.
- We must die and be born again.

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.

- Death and New Birth
- Repent and be baptized is the DEATH.
- Receive the Holy Ghost is the NEW BIRTH.

It is not good enough to simply die.

- We will have a whole bunch of people who are nothings.
- Empty.
- It is no good to simply clean out the house and drive out the bad spirits and leave it at that.
- If you leave it there, the spirits come back and find it empty and bring seven more worse than themselves.
- YOU NEED TO FILL THE HOUSE WITH A NEW SPIRIT.
- YOU NEED A NEW NATURE.
- You need to be born of the SPIRIT after you die.

You need to be able to say "Our Father who art in Heaven."

- Many say that but are not telling the truth because they are not children of God but of the devil.
- They have never been born again.

From the heart of Adam and Eve did these two SPEAK FORTH.

Matt 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

- Jesus called them a generation of vipers.
- The serpent was their father.
- They were a GENERATION FROM (OF) VIPERS.
- They could not speak forth good things because they had the nature of the enemy.

Matt 7:17-21 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- You are either a good tree or a bad tree.
- Mankind is a container of one of two seed-natures.
- Those of us who were born again have God's GOOD nature in us.

- The remainder of us who were never born again have the enemy's nature in them.
- Some will say, "But that person who is not saved is good".
- The bad seed was from the tree of the knowledge of BOTH GOOD AND EVIL.
- It is just the GOOD part of the good and evil.
- Still not the right seed.
- It is not that you must be good to be saved, but YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.
- Jesus said you MUST BE BORN AGAIN
- All of us must repent and be buried and receive God's Spirit.
- All of us were born in Adam's family and have that bad seed nature in us.

The seed will grow and more and more of Jesus likeness will come out.

JESUS:

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

STEPHEN:

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost,

The seed was growing well in Stephen, so they chose him to help in ministry

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

Acts 7:60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Like JESUS.

Out of His mouth came a seed.

When God's word goes forth it is a seed.

- If you let it into your heart, it will start to work.
- You will want IT'S NATURE.
- You will feel the need to die and be buried and to receive God's Spirit.
- You will not want this "alien" nature from the devil in you anymore, and you will realize it never did belong there.
- You will choose to repent.

Paul was standing there that day.

Acts 7:58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death.

Paul never forgot that scene.

- I believe the seed of Stephen's words stuck in his stony heart.
- It took time, but it must have made Paul deep within want something.
- Paul never realized it, but inside he was beginning to react and want God.
- He was hungry for God.
- Truly hungry.
- He misunderstood God's ways and thought killing Christians were removing God's enemies.
- But that desire along with the seed of Stephen's words must have done something within him.
- Because GOD CHOSE TO CALL HIM

NOTICE THAT AFTER HE HEARD STEPHEN SPEAK WORDS LIKE JESUS, DID SAUL MEET JESUS

- God's word no matter where it is spoken, will seek out the desirous heart and draw it to salvation.

On the road to Damascus in Acts 9, God's Spirit, JESUS, called him.

- Paul did not realize it but that seed from Stephen was working with his true desire for God.
- God knew that a reaction was working with Paul and the seed.
- People who truly have a desire for God will get a seed one day and that will begin working with their desire and God will move with His Spirit.

In Genesis, God's Spirit hovered over the world and God spoke.

- God's Word is right now going to all the world.
- And whenever the SPIRIT notices a heart that receives the seed due to some desire inside, THE SPIRIT JUMPS INTO ACTION.

1Tim 1:12-13 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

- How many times have you heard people say they always had a desire for God, though they knew not the truth?
 - God saw that, and in the midst of thousands of religions, led them to the truth.
 - His Spirit jumped into action.
 - His Spirit led them to a place where SPIRIT BIRTH was being taught and promoted.
 - As long as their desire to do His will remained and kept working, He continued to lead and to lead and to lead TO ALL TRUTH.
 - A person may be in a cult now, fooled by the self-seeking liars who teach them, but if they truly have a desire, God will lead them out and into the truth.
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