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MARRIAGE PART 5 - BREAKING COVENANT

Welcome to part 5 of the Marriage Covenant teaching. Part 5 is entitled 'Breaking Covenant'.

One thing we can be absolutely assured of is that God will never break this Love Covenant with us, but this doesn't mean we don't and aren't breaking it with Him, through the loving of others more than Him. We can be just like the Israelites who didn't continue in the Covenant God made with them.

Hebrews 8:8-11 For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, when I will effect a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;"

"Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not care for them," says the Lord.

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the Lord: "I will put my laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' For all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them."

The key to be able to keep the first condition of the covenant and not break the covenant is in the true "knowing" and ongoing "knowing" of the Lord through His spiritual word.

1 John 2:4-6 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

We too can find ourselves not able to keep or continue in the new covenant, because of our lack of knowing, which in turn has us lacking in our ability to love Him more than others, due to us knowing others more.

Matthew 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Luke 14:25-26 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple."

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Matthew 6:21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

God will not share His glory with another, as we have all been created to be His possession and not one another's. It's the Father who is searching for a bride for His Son and the bride the Father builds, will love the Son and not another, with ALL they are.

Jesus' bride will not have a person, possession, another passion, or in other words another lover, an idol at the centre of who they are. This inner most being place is reserved for one Person and one Person alone - Jesus Christ.

If we have anyone or anything residing in this first place position of our hearts, we are in fact breaking our marriage covenant with Christ, as we have another love residing in the place He is to be. This brings light and life to Matthew 10 and Luke 14 above where we are not worthy of Him.

We are not worthy to be His bride as we love others more than Him. We are in fact committing spiritual adultery through unbelief and unfaithfulness to which we desperately need to repent of and confess before Him.

We said in part 4 that the first condition of the Covenant relationship was to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. This is to be loving God with the love He loves us with. This is why Jesus asked Peter 3 times whether he loved Him.

Jesus knew Peter was only loving Him with a brotherly love and not with the love he so desperately needed to receive, if he was going to be able to love Jesus the way He was commanding.

The Father fully knows those who are His and the ones who love Him the way He has commanded, because they are known to Him.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His..."

1 Corinthians 8:3 but if anyone loves God he is known by God.

This is why many followers will hear "away from Me I never knew you", or "I don't know you".

This concept is extremely confronting and is to bring a living conviction to the heart of every follower, so that we find true biblical repentance that leads to life.

What God is saying is... "I know you never loved Me". God knows all people. He knows every hair on our

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heads, so it's not that He doesn't know us, but that He knows we didn't love Him. We only believed we did.

We may have done all these things in His name or we may not have, but what Jesus knows is that you never loved Him the way He commanded, and so broke the Covenant He made with you.

To not be able to keep the vertical covenant and love God like this has a two-fold consequence.

Firstly, we are breaking the marriage covenant with Him and committing spiritual adultery, because we are loving others and things more than Him.

Secondly, we are unable to keep the second condition of the marriage covenant of loving others with this same love.

We fail to be able to keep the horizontal covenant which the Father commands us to keep.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

'In Christ' we have been given everything we need for life and godliness, so there can be no excuses for not being able to keep the Great Commandments of God, proving to be faithful and obedient to the marriage Covenant He has made with us.

John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it essential we fully grasp the fact that we can be breaking the marriage covenant with God and not even realise we are doing this?
2. What are the consequences of breaking this covenant for us?
3. Why will God not share the inner most being of our heart with another?

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4. Spiritual adultery to the marriage covenant is a real thing. How real is it to you and why?
5. Why can we have no excuses when it comes to being faithful and obedient to this marriage covenant with God, being able to keep both the conditions of it?

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