

Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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MOR-Bible, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, may Grace be to you and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you. We thank God our Father always without ceasing because, when you received the Word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13). We pray that you would walk worthy of God who has called us to His kingdom and glory. We pray you will let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs; singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16). In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the [August 2021 teaching](#), we reviewed some of the scriptures for the Latin word *Pater* which means "Father, ancestor, spoken of God, creator." Based on our search, (the Greek word *anakrino*) we have decided that there is one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Father, who is above all and through all and in all born-again believers in the body of Christ!

In this month's teaching, we will discuss the two spiritual Fathers and their seeds. Our unity is with the one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Father!

Part 1:

- There are two Spiritual Fathers.
- There are two spiritual seeds in this world.
- How to be born-again of the seed of the true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Understand those born of the devil's seed.

Part 2 (next month):

- Review some of the scriptures documented in John 8 where Jesus Christ confronts the men born of the devil's seed.

Let's begin this month's teaching (Part 1) by understanding there are two Spiritual Fathers in this world. The first being the God and the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ as presented in Romans 15: 6:

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And the second Spiritual Father of this world being the god of this world Satan as stated in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4:

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Please re-read the [February 2016 teaching](#) for how the devil became the god of this world. Both Gods are Spirit and as such create spiritual seeds in this world. Genesis 3: 15 identifies the two seeds:

And I [God] will put enmity between thee [the serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed [the serpent] and her seed [Christ Galatians 3:16]; it [her seed Christ] shall bruise thy head, and thou [the serpent's seed] shalt bruise his heel.

How many seeds are there? Two! So, there are only two ways to have a spiritual seed! The serpent is one of the names for the Devil. How can we be born-again of the seed of the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? The person of body and soul hears the Word of God taught and sees miracles, wonders, and signs performed by them who are born-again of the true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This individual of body and soul decides to confess by their free will what Romans 10:9: says:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Now the one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ creates His spiritual seed in that person of body and soul. This seed is the gift of holy spirit! This spiritual seed which is the gift of holy spirit is incorruptible and remains forever! 1 Peter 1:23 tells us:

Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

God's Word says this spiritual seed, the gift of holy spirit, is incorruptible and lives and abides forever! The word forever means what? Forever! This spiritual seed, the gift of holy spirit, is eternal unity with God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father! I am born-again of God's incorruptible seed and nothing I or anyone else can do will change His seed in me!

Some of the characteristics of this incorruptible seed are:

- Eternal life (Romans 6:23)
- The seed of Christ (Galatians 3:16)
- Love of God (Romans 5:5)
- Children of light and the day (1 Thessalonians 5:5)
- Children of God (Galatians 3:26)
- Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)
- The devil cannot take away that gift of holy spirit in the one who is born-again of the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is eternal life! (Romans 6:23)
- Incorruptible seed (1 Peter 1:23).

We must remember that the Devil is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). The Devil can influence people, circumstances, the environment, situations, and man-made religion. The born-again believer still has body and soul and lives in this world. The born-again believer eats in this world, sleeps in this world, breathes in this world, travels in this world, and fellowships with other people in this world. If the born-again believer is not taught God's Word rightly divided, or if he/she does not believe it, or walks by their five senses, the serpent (adversary/Satan/devil) will get an advantage of the born-again believers and corrupt their mind from the simplicity that is in Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3 states:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

The battlefield between the two Spiritual Fathers is for the mind of the believer! The god of this world uses situations and conditions to corrupt people's minds. How does he do this? He organizes the world, situations, and circumstances so that as people walk day-by-day they are unaware of his works. After a while, their minds become corrupted! The minds of the

believers have been corrupted by what they hear, see, smell, taste, and touch in the world that is around them. They are corrupted through people or situations that the devil has arranged. As it is written in 2 Corinthians 5:7:

For we walk by faith [believing], not by sight.

When a believer does not rightly divide the Word of God, the Devil gains a foothold in their lives. They cannot walk in God's Word if they do not practice it daily and let the Word interpret itself in the verse and in the context. We do this by reading God's Word and checking the meaning against what is written in the Bible. As it is written in Romans 10:17:

So, then faith [believing] cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 12:1-2 reminds us:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable [religion] service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

I beg and entreat you, my brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, well-pleasing to God our Father which is your religious service. I implore you not to be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what is that good, acceptable, well-pleasing, and perfect Will of God by studying to show yourself approved to God as a worker that needs not to be ashamed by rightly dividing the Word of truth (see 2 Timothy 2:15).

My brothers and sisters, your mind controls your body. Your mind also controls Christ in you the hope of glory which is the gift of holy spirit! The gift of holy spirit in us is inherent power. God gives us spiritual ability to walk daily in His Word! If we do not renew our minds to God's Word daily so that our physical bodies are holy, acceptable and well pleasing to God, we will break the fellowship with our Father and bind the Christ in us! Remember in our physical bodies we have Christ in us the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)! As it is written in Colossians 2:6:

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.

When our Lord Jesus was tempted, he said "It is written" (see Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4)! We must know the rightly divided Word of God, our Father, to back down the Devil's attacks on our minds! The Word of God is the Will of God our Father!

When the Devil tempted Jesus, he showed Jesus the kingdoms of the world and the power and glory of this world. The Devil said that he would give Jesus the power and glory of this world if he would worship him (Luke 4: 5-7). The devil also quoted the scriptures (Psalms 91:11-12) out of context to Jesus in Matthew 4:6. Psalms 91:11-12 tells us:

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

The context of Psalms 91 is documented in verses 9-10. David made the Lord (Jehovah) his refuge and the highest (Elyon), a habitation, a place of residence, a place of safety. As such, David believed that no evil would befall him or that no plague would come to his dwelling, his place of residence, a place of safety. Psalms 91: 9-10:

Because thou hast made the Lord [Jehovah], which is my refuge, even the most High [Elyon], thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Because of the information documented in verses 9-10, we can see the context of verses 11-12 of Psalms 91:

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psalms 91:11-12 has nothing do with the holy city or the temptation documented in Matthew 4:6. These verses refers to David who made the Lord (Jehovah) his refuge and the most highest (Elyon), his habitation, a place of residence, a place of safety. The devil quoted these verses out of context! But Jesus rightly divided the context of God's Word and was not tricked by the devil! Jesus said to him:

It is written again, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God (Matthew 4:7).

So, to tempt the Lord our God is to take His Word out of context and ask people to do it! The Devil knows the scriptures! But he will never quote the scriptures in the right context! He will add or delete a word in the scriptures. The Devil will change it for his purposes which is to gain control of our minds and our lives. The Devil will lie, cheat, steal, and destroy in order to get the attention of people born-again of God's spirit and those which are not born-again. The Devil is constantly tempting the born-again believers by taking God's Word out of context and asking people to do it. Just like he did when he tempted Jesus, the Devil shows people the kingdoms, power, and glory of this world. He offers these "riches" if they will fall down and worship him. For some people, it may be a block in the neighborhood or a town or a state or a country. For others, it may be fame or money or power. And for still others, it may be shoes, clothes, a car, or drugs. To obtain this, all the person must do is fall down and worship the Devil! And we all know that quite a few do!

A man or woman who hears the opposite of the Word of God and the Word of God quoted out context and believes what he or she hears and starts living it in his or her life. Once the devil sees this, he will then show him or her the kingdoms, power, and glory of this world (e.g., fame, fortune, glory, etc.). The only catch is that the Devil will give this to them if they fall down and worship him. Once tempted, the individual who believes these words of the Devil must then confess with his or her mouth that the Devil is lord. This individual is then born of the Devil's seed which is eternal death. Once you are born of the seed of the devil you cannot ever change it! It is called in God's Word "blasphemy" against the Holy Ghost!

Some of the characteristics of this corruptible seed are:

- Seed of devil (Genesis 3:15)
- Eternal death (Matthew 12:31)
- Children of night and darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5)
- Children of the devil (1 John 3:10)
- Child of devil (Acts 13:10)
- Hate (1 John 3:15)

The Bible tells us that the children of the devil are enemies of all righteousness and do their best to pervert the right ways of the Lord! Acts 13:6-10:

And when they [Barnabas and Saul] had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew [Judean], whose name was Barjesus:

Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Remember this corruption of the mind, the confessing the Devil as lord, is subtle. The Devil just doesn't walk up to us and say, "I will give you these awesome shoes worth \$600 if you confess me as lord." It is not as up-front as that. For most people, it is a slow corruption of the mind. It starts with one little lie, one little turning of God's Word, one little misinterpretation of the Word of Truth. It then builds over time until a person forgets God's Word and accepts the Spiritual seed of the Devil. We have all known sincere people who are born-again believers who slowly move further and further away from God's Word and begin to walk in the ways of the god of this world the Devil. There only two ways we can walk, by the word of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ or by the god of this world's doctrine. The key is to practice what is taught in 2 Timothy 2:15:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, brightly dividing the word of truth.

The Bible teaches and instructs us to receive the Word with all readiness of mind and search the scriptures daily to show ourselves approved unto God! Ephesians 6:16 reminds us:

Above all, taking the shield of believing, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Let's review some of the Greek words for the English words used in Acts 13: 6-10 to learn more about the characteristics of a child of the Devil. The original text for Acts was written in Greek. By understanding the Greek meaning associated with the English translation, we come to be a much richer appreciation of the instruction of the text in Acts. This is the way we rightly divide the Word of God by learning and understanding the context and depth of the meaning of the original text. Review these meanings and then go back to Acts 13: 6-10 and

substitute the Greek word's meaning for each English word. Now see how rich God's Word is!

In our word study, the Greek word for:

- Full is *pleerees* - full of, filled with, genitive, full, complete, sufficient.
- Subtily is *dolos* - unscrupulous conduct, knavery, villainy. The plural form means knavish tricks, deceit, fraud, guile.
- Mischief is *radiourgia* - ease or lightness of doing, levity in doing, recklessness.
- Devil is *diabolos* - chief of the demons, who are his angels, slanderous, calumnious, accuser.
- Righteousness is *dikaiousunee* - justice, the doing or being what is just and right; the character and acts of a man commanded by and approved of God, in virtue of which the man corresponds with Him and His will as His ideal standard; it signifies the sum total of all that God commands and approves. As such it is only what God demands, but what He gives to man and which is appropriated by faith; and hence is a state called forth by God's act of justification, by judicial deliverance from all that stands in the way of being righteous.
- Pervert is *diastrepho* - to turn about; to turn into something else; to change.
- Lord is *Kurios* - sir, master or supremacy (see [December 2020 teaching](#)). Note: In the Epistles, Lord generally refers to Christ and denotes his position of master in relation to his people, as he who has ownership and authority over them. Hence, all the social and natural relationships of life are to be regarded and performed as subject to his authority (source: Bullinger (1975) Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament).

In the Bible, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit God are those individuals born of the seed of the Devil. We read that these men and women born of the seed of the Devil were filled with deceit, fraud, and guile. We see this in our daily walk those born of the seed of the Devil act with unscrupulous conduct and with ease and lightness of doing evil. They are enemies of all righteousness! Their goal is always to turn you from the one true God and His Word!

Matthew 12:31 states:

Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost [God] shall not be forgiven unto men.

Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is to be born of devil's seed! It's eternal death! It can never be forgiven to men and women! That's why God's Word declared there is a sin unto death, and we shall not pray for those born of the devil's seed. 1 John 5:16 reminds us:

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death [born of the seed of the devil]: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

In this month's teaching, we learned there are two Spiritual Fathers. We also learned there are two spiritual seeds in this world. We learned how to be born-again of the seed of the one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's Word gave us an understanding of how people are born of the devil's seed. We read in Matthew 12:31 that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit refers to those born of the seed of the devil. We also reviewed the Greek meaning for the English translation of Acts 13: 6-10 to learn more about the characteristics of a child of the devil. Through our walk-in life, we recognize that men and women born of the seed of the devil will always be filled with deceit, fraud, and guile. They will act with unscrupulous conduct and with ease and lightness of doing evil. They are enemies of all righteousness! Their goal is to turn you away from the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word!

Father, I am so grateful and thankful for your Word which declares we are born-again of your incorruptible seed which lives and abides forever and there is nothing anyone can do to change your seed in us. Father, I am so grateful and thankful for your Word which tells your children your Will. Father, I am so grateful and thankful for your Word which provides instructions to your children about the character of these men and women born of the seed of the devil, lest Satan should get an advantage of us. Father, I am so grateful and thankful for each believer that daily searches your Word, receives it with meekness, retains it with conviction and speaks it forth with boldness. Father, thank you for your Word which is quick, powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. Your Word pierces even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In next month's teaching (Part 2), we will read in John 8 to see how Jesus Christ confronted men born of the seed of the devil.

In the Lord,

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