



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace (God's unmerited divine favor) be to you and peace (an absolute end of all strife or trouble) be to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Father, thank you for your pure and perfect Word that shall never fail us when we take believing action. Father, we pray for more boldness to act on your Word. We pray that we may know what the exceeding greatness of your power to us is when we take believing action on your Word, which lives and abides forever. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

This month's teaching is on *Choosing to Act on God's Word*.

Note: The sources for all Greek to English words are from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek Word of God (Bullinger), Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, The Word Study Concordance by George V. Wigram and Ralph D. Winter, The Bible Hub, Topical Lexicon and Webster's Desk Dictionary of the English Language.

Note: **Bold added for highlighting.**

Let us first establish that God's Word is pure (see Psalm 12:6), perfect (see Psalm 19:7) and that God has magnified His Word above all His names (see Psalm 138:2).

Secondly, God cannot lie (see Titus 1:2). It is written in 2 Timothy 3:16:

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

In this verse, the phrase *all scripture* means that all scriptures in the Bible are composed with God's pure and perfect words. In today's world, people act based on the words they hear and/or read. People will either live by the words of people or God's Word! As a born-again Christian, we look for words that will bring us life and godliness. It is written in 2 Peter 1:3:

According as his [God's] divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

Let's understand more fully the words *life* and *godliness* in this verse. The word *life* is the Greek word *zóé*. In the Bible, *life* is consistently presented as the exclusive prerogative of God. Acts 17:25 tells us that God *gives to all life and breath and everything else*. The Greek word *zóé* is from the root Greek word *zaó* meaning to live or to be alive. The verb *zaó* frames life as originating in God's creative act and sustained moment-by-moment by His Will. Acts 17:28 tells us:

For in Him we live and move and have our being.

The word *godliness* is the Greek word *usebia* and relates to a real, true, vital, and spiritual relationship with God, our Father.

Going back to 2 Peter 1:3, we can ask how do we receive *all things that pertain unto life and godliness*? The verse contains the answer, as we do this *through the knowledge of him* (God - the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light). Where does the knowledge of God come from? His Word! Without the knowledge of God's Word, we cannot know *all things that pertain unto life and godliness*! This is the Word, people. When we receive God's Word and take believing action on it, we manifest the results! If we don't act on God's Word, we do not get results; we only get the consequences of not acting.

Let us read from Genesis 2, where God spoke to Adam and Eve and see what we can learn from this record in God's Word with regards to taking action on God's Word. Remember, Genesis is written for our learning that we *through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope* (see Romans 15:4). Genesis is to serve as a guide or foundation for our action. We will look at Genesis 2:15-18 and 21-25. Let's start with verse 15:

And the Lord God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

The word *Lord* is the Hebrew word *Jehovah*, which means God in relationship to that which He created. *God* is the Hebrew word *Elohim* and means Creator. You can see how this doubly established God as the Creator. Verses 16-17:

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

But [in contrast] ***of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die*** [Bold added for highlighting].

God commanded Adam *of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt* [absolutely] *surely die*. This is God's commandment which is made up of words to the man Adam. Now, Adam has free will to obey or disobey God's Word. He heard the words from God and could chose to act on them or chose to ignore them.

Let's continue with verse 18:

And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet [companion] *for him.*

Verses 21-25:

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Here, we see God as the Creator, *Elohim*, in relationship to that which He created, *Jehovah*. Based on our reading of the Bible, we know that Adam and Eve lived and prospered in the Garden. They were body, soul, and spirit. They were in the Garden of Eden to keep it as the Lord God had commanded them. They did not have any experience of the knowledge of good and evil. However, at some point in time, the serpent confronted Eve. We turn to Genesis 3:1 to see this encounter; we will read Genesis 3:1-17:

*Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. **And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***

The word *serpent* is a figure of speech. It is the Hebrew word *nachash*; it was translated to English as *snake*. However, it is another name of the devil which emphasized Satan's extraordinary craftiness. Returning to the verse, the first thing the serpent or devil said to the Eve was, ***Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*** But note the craftiness aspect here, as that was not what God said. Go back to Genesis 2:17 again for God's words were:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Can you see the difference? God did not say *every tree*; He said *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*.

After hearing these words from the serpent (devil), Eve could have talked to Adam and discussed God's commandment with him, but she did not. She made a choice to talk with the serpent alone. Let's continue with Genesis 3:2-3:

*And **the woman said** unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*

*But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, **neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.***

Here, we see how Eve changed and added words to what God said. She added ***neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die***. Going back to Genesis 2:17, we read that God never said that to the man and woman. The woman added and changed what God said, just like the serpent (devil). She no longer had the commandment which were the words of the Lord God! Let's re-read again what God said in Genesis 2:17:

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.***

These distinctions are important as it was the way the serpent was able to persuade Eve to eat the fruit. Let's lay it side-by-side:

What God's words were:

- *every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat*
- No mention of not touching. How can you keep a Garden if you don't touch it?
- *thou shalt surely die*
- *thou shalt surely die*

What the serpent's and Eve's words were:

- Serpent - *Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden*
- Eve - *neither shall ye touch it*
- Eve – *lest ye die*
- Serpent - *Ye shall not surely die*

Look at Genesis 3:4 because when the woman said to the serpent *lest ye die*:

*And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die.***

Here, the serpent was planting the seed of false benefit of disobeying the Lord God's words. The serpent played on sense knowledge rather than the knowledge God imparted through His commandment. The serpent (devil) told Eve in verses 5-6:

For God doth know that in the day ye [the woman] eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Once Eve and Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God said they would surely die. But what died in Adam and Eve? It was not their bodies. It was not their breath life or soul (see Genesis 2:7). Adam lived to be 930 years old (see Genesis 5:5). What died in Eve and Adam was their spirit; Adam and Eve's spiritual connection with God died. They no longer had the spirit of God upon them. They became what the Word calls "natural man" - body and soul; they had no spirit of God (see 1 Corinthians 2:14).

Adam and Eve acted on the serpent's words instead of God's words in Genesis 2:17. They were given a choice to believe God's words or the serpent's words. The serpent has not changed the methods used as we are continually tempted today to not believe God's Word. We can choose to act on God's words or the serpent's words. God has given us the choice; we decide how to act.

As it is written in 2 Corinthians 2:11:

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Why? because God's Word documents the serpent (Satan's) devices for us so that we have knowledge of them and know how to defeat them (see Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13).

We see in Genesis 3 the consequences of Eve and Adam's choice to disobey the Lord God's words in Genesis 2:17. Let's continue with Genesis 3:7-11:

And the eyes of them both [Adam and Eve] were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

*And he [God] said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? **Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?***

God knew the answer to that question before he asked Adam. He wanted to hear what Adam was going to say. Genesis 3:12:

And the man [Adam] said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Adam blamed the woman for his actions. This is so human. In the world today, we continue to blame others for our actions. Just as Adam knew God's commandments and had a free will choice to act on God's Word, so do we. Continuing with Genesis 3:13:

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.

In this verse, the word *beguiled* is the Hebrew word *nâshâ'* (pronounced naw-shaw). It comes from a primitive root word meaning to lead astray, i.e. (mentally) to delude or (morally) to seduce, beguile, deceive, greatly, utterly. The woman blamed the serpent for her free will choice to act on the serpent's (devil) words. Genesis 3:14:

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

Here, we read the consequences for disobeying God's commandments which was His words. Genesis 3:15-17:

And I [the Lord God] will put enmity between thee [serpent or devil] and the woman, and between thy [serpent or devil] seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

*Unto **the woman he said**, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow [labor] and thy conception; in sorrow [labor] thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

*And **unto Adam he said**, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow [labor] shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.*

The consequences laid out in these verses continue to hang over us today. These include:

Unto the serpent (devil, Satan) God said:

- *And I will put enmity between thee [serpent or devil] and the woman,*
- *between thy seed and her seed;*
- *her seed; it shall bruise thy head,*
- *thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Unto the woman God said:

- *in sorrow [labor] thou shalt bring forth children;*
- *Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

Unto Adam God said:

- *cursed is the ground for thy sake;*
- *in sorrow [labor] shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.*

God's words in Genesis 2:17 were clear. Adam and Eve chose to act differently based on the craftiness of the serpent (devil). Think about your own life and the choices and

actions you take. Are they based on God's Word? Or do you listen to the world and the serpent (devil) and act accordingly? It is written in John 8:44:

When he [the devil] speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Once Eve and Adam acted on the lying words of the serpent and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their spiritual connection with God died. They no longer had the spirit of God upon them. Today, in the Grace Administration, we are born-again of God's Spirit (see Romans 10:9); it is everlasting life (see John 3:16). We cannot lose God's Spirit. If we could, that spirit would not be everlasting. We are born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God which lives and abides forever (see 1 Peter 1:23).

However, when we disobey God's Word, we have broken fellowship with God (see 1 John 1:9-10). God will not hear our prayers and the spirit of God that is in us is put into bondage by the unconfessed sin in our hearts. What can we do with this unconfessed sin in our hearts? It is written in 1 John 1:9-10:

If we confess our sins [broken fellowship], he [God, our Father] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins [broken fellowship], and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned [broken fellowship], we make him [God our Father] a liar, and his word is not in us.

Once we confess our broken fellowship to God, our connection is reestablished. God will hear our prayers again. When I break fellowship with God, my Father, I confess the broken fellowship immediately. I don't need to go to a church to confess my broken fellowship; this can be a private conversation between myself and God. How do we know when we break fellowship with God? When we disobey His Word! When we chose to act contrary to God's Word.

The same process or method the serpent used on Eve and Adam is still used today on us! No matter who is telling us to disobey God's Word, we have a free will choice to act on God's Word or not to act on God's Word! The difference between Eve and Adam and us is that in the Grace Administration we are born-again of God's seed (see 1 Peter 1:23) and cannot lose God's Spirit. Therefore, we must confess our broken fellowship to God and He *is faithful and just to forgive us our sins [broken fellowship], and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9).

I choose to act on the words of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and my Father. What words will you choose to act on? God's Word stands above all else in this world! God's Word is His Will! The Will of God is the Word of God.

Our theme for this month of *Choosing to Act on God's Word* was to put you in remembrance of God's words and how they were written as a foundation of action. In this teaching, we learned:

- The Word of God is the Will of God.
- Changing God's Word will always lead to disobeying His Word.
- Disobeying God's Word has consequences.
- Today, in the Grace Administration, when we disobey God's Word, we cannot lose His spirit, but we have broken fellowship with God our Father.
- We also learned how to mend our broken fellowship with God our Father (see 1 John 1:9-10).

Father, thank you for the learning we received from your Word. We pray that we might be filled to capacity with the knowledge of your Will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. We pray that we might walk worthy as children, well pleasing and acceptable in our Father's sight. And we pray that we choose to act upon your Word in all we do and say.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the Lord,

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