

THE PLUMLINE

I was inundated with visions over the “holidays”. We were told by the Lord to leave immediately and go to Ontario. It was our choice. Susan and I could choose: go immediately and walk into the new direction for our ministry, or stay out of the winter’s fury, and not walk into the new direction. What a choice! Of course, we chose to walk into the new direction for our ministry.

So Susan drove for 12 hours to pick me up and off we went to Ontario. As we drove north through the increasingly difficult road conditions and oncoming winter, we got no direction as to what that next step would be that the Lord was leading us into.

The week before, it was like there was a leather collar tightly gripping around my neck. I was suffocating. It seemed to me that the blood had slowed down in my arteries, not realizing that there was an actual rope around my neck (spiritually speaking). Entering Pennsylvania I was assaulted with visions of two men hanging from a gallows. I saw them dragged by the officers to the tree and hung by their necks, left there on display until well after death. I could not get it out of my mind. And I kept hearing the word, “Injustice”.

I saw that vision all the way through Pennsylvania. At one point, my neck and shoulder blades grew very painful and felt like they were dislocating. All of sudden I became freezing cold from the inside, like the cold of death that could not be touched by exterior warmth. (I get very testy when I am cold).

I was shown that these two victims were men of God, but the town (and I believe it was in the area of Shawmut) branded them as men “against the faith”. Whatever the reason these town leaders had turned against these two men, the Lord told me it was “Injustice”. I saw that the whole territory was in attendance...men, women and children. These 2 men were hung and late the next day their bodies were thrown into the woods with no ceremony or respect. And as the scene continued, I kept hearing the word, “Injustice”.

Finally the cold broke within me as we crossed the state line heading north.

Once there, much to my despair, I was faced with an elderly woman in the hospital who had been close to death caused by dehydration because she refused water, which brought on a small heart attack. Instead of kind words of solace, the Lord gave me the words that He required of her only to repent for trying to kill herself. If she would repent of this, then He would allow her to die quietly in her sleep when the time came.

As I headed to her room with these words, it was as if I walked through an open doorway that seemed to appear in the hallway. As I walked through this doorway, there suddenly became blazoned on the top lintel the word, “REPENTANCE”.

This was the new direction of our ministry. I had learned about spirits and deliverance, now I was walking into the ministry of repentance, the ministry truly embedded in my heart for years.

The last 3 feasts to be filled by Yeshua, Son of God, at His second coming, are the Feast of Trumpets, Feast of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

1. The Feast of Trumpets is to call the people together, get their attention.

2. The Feast of Atonement is a 10-day feast of affliction of the soul, repentance.
3. The Feast of Tabernacles is the feast where the people of God, both rich and poor, tabernacle with the Lord.

We are in this pre- period of repentance right now. We have been in this period for several years. We have an OPPORTUNITY to get our life as right with God as possible BEFORE He blows the trumpet calling all peoples to attention for the Feast of Atonement.

This is still the period of Grace. But just what does that mean?

We have been dragged through the era of the confessional, through the era of “once saved always saved”, and through the era of “greasy grace” that taught you can sin all you want and still be forgiven and restored.

Matthew 5:17-48 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete. Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or a stroke will pass from the Torah -- not until everything that must happen has happened. So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot (commands) and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim (Pharisees), you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven! You have heard that our fathers were told, 'Do not murder,' and that anyone who commits murder will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who nurses anger against his brother will be subject to judgment; that whoever calls his brother, 'You good-for-nothing!' will be brought before the Sanhedrin; that whoever says, 'Fool!' incurs the penalty of burning in the fire of Gei-Hinnom! So if you are offering your gift at the Temple altar and you remember there that your brother has something against you, leave your gift where it is by the altar, and go, make peace with your brother. Then come back and offer your gift... (The Complete Jewish Bible)

Jesus did not come to do away with the Law and the Prophets; He came to complete them. How did He complete them? By being completely sinless. He carried no sin. He committed no sin. He was perfectly blameless and innocent.

Some think that there is no longer any law because Jesus completed it. But it is not logical that He came and completed “Thou shalt not kill”, for example, and that law no longer pertains to us.

The word *complete* is *Pieroo* which is Greek: to make full, to fill up, to fill to the full, to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally, I abound, I am liberally supplied, to render full, to complete, to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim, to consummate: a number, to make complete in every particular, to render perfect, to carry through to the end, to accomplish, carry out, (some undertaking), to carry into effect, bring to realization, realize, of matters of duty: to perform, execute, of sayings, promises, prophecies, to bring to pass, ratify, accomplish, to fulfill, to cause God's will (as made known in the law) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfillment.

Jesus certainly made the law full by defining the subtle shades of sin within the 10 commandments. They all boil down to love, which is the Father's heart. If we love God, ourselves and others we won't want to bring harm to anyone in the slightest degree.

What does this mean to us? It is possible to be innocent and blameless. How is this accomplished? Revelation 22:21 tells us that the GRACE of Yeshua be with us. By His blood we are cleansed of all past sins; by His grace we can live now and forever without sin.

Jesus took the 10 commandments and brought them to a higher level. Not only should one not commit murder, one should not even nurse anger against a brother.

He perceived that the law was hinged on 3 things: 1) Love God; 2) Love yourself; 3) Love others.

God sees sin quite differently than we do. Our courts are backed up with blatant gross sin...what would happen if they understood God's heart on sin? The attitudes that lead to breaking man's law like anger, hatred, taking offenceCan you imagine being brought before the judge for looking at a man or woman with lust in your heart and being charged with rape or adultery? Our prisons would have more people in them than on the outside, on the streets. Judges themselves would be thrown in prison along with law keepers, pastors, parishioners, and everyone. There would be no one left on the free side of the bars.

Paul tells us what a blameless life looks like in 1 Thessalonians.

1. To have no deceit of any kind in one's heart
2. To touch nothing unclean (sensual words, sexual innuendos, dirty jokes, roving eyes, fornication, physical passion, etc.)
3. To be without guile (no hidden agenda, totally honest and open)

A blameless life will gain favor with God. You will be repelled and rejected by those who are not blameless. And finally, you will have a proper focus on spiritual matters.

But we are a privileged people. We not only have the means by which we can remove all previous sin... if we avail ourselves of that provision...but we have the means by which to live a sinless life. We can avail ourselves of the provision of Christ's sacrifice through repentance and we can avail ourselves of the provision to eliminate involvement in any future sins through Christ's grace. It is possible to live a blameless life.

I was taking the garbage out today, not realizing the metaphor at the time, and asked the Lord just what do we need to repent of? And He said, "Everything that is not Me."

Amos 7:7-9 Then he showed me this: Adonai was standing by a wall made with a plumbline, and he had a plumbline in his hand. ADONAI asked me, "Amos, what do you see?" I answered, "A plumbline." Then Adonai said, "I am going to put a plumbline in among my people Isra'el; I will never again overlook their offenses. The high places of Yitz'chak will be desolate, Isra'el's sanctuaries will be destroyed, and I will attack the house of Yarov'am with the sword." (The Complete Jewish Bible)

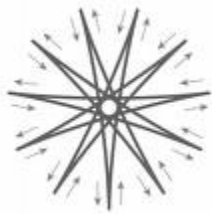
Think of God as a plum line.



He is the line by which all things are judged and measured. He alone is the line that causes the building to be constructed square or straight. He is working to construct HIS LIVING TEMPLE straight. He does this by lining everything up with the plumb line of God. However, after He gets our part of the building straight and then we sin, we are no longer “on the plumb”.

And what makes us no longer on the plumb? He showed me a vision of the plumb bob with a greasy smudge on one side and this caused the plumb bob to be off balance and swing further in the opposite direction. I saw that the weight of sin lies like a smudge on the plumb bob that is to be our lives.

The slightest weight on any side of the plum bob will move the plum bob in the opposite direction from the weight. The plum bob can swing 360° back and forth in whatever direction it is driven. Obviously, the more sin, the more swing, and the further from God we move.



Considering everything in our natural realm is basically to teach us spiritual principles, this too must teach us something. What if there are 360 areas of sin drawing us away from God? We think we are so clever, myself included, that we can come up with 7 kingdoms of spirits and all their associated spirits. But I suspect there are 10 kingdoms of spirits with their associated “friends” that work within that kingdom already pointed out and delineated for us in the Bible.

The Lord has given us 10 commandments, these have not been negated. Jesus summarized all the commandments into 3 areas:

1. Love God with all your heart
2. Love yourself
3. Love your neighbor

If we take 360 and divide that by 10 commandments, we have 10 groupings each with 36 different ways to accomplish that sin.

The 10 commandments are listed below (Exodus 20:2-17). If we were to break these down, and the list is by no means complete, it might look something like this:

Section 1: Love God with all your heart:

1. Have no other gods before God
 - 1.1. Know that God exists (Deut. 5:6)

- 1.2. Do not blaspheme God (Ex. 22:28)
- 1.3. Know that God is one (Deut. 6:4)
- 1.4. Fear God reverently (Deut. 6:13; 10:20)
- 1.5. Do not put God's word to the test (Deut. 6:16)
- 1.6. Do not imitate His good and upright ways (Deut. 28:9)
- 1.7. Have no heroes you worship
- 1.8. Do not put God second in any situation, relationship, activity, etc.
- 1.9. Do not put God second in your hopes, desires, dreams, or ambitions
- 1.10. Do not put God second to your country, laws, etc.
- 1.11. Do not complain
- 1.12. Do not detest your life
2. Make no idols
 - 2.1. Do not create idols of gold, silver, wood, stone or any material
 - 2.2. Do not create posters or images of heroes
 - 2.3. Do not emulate heroes (yourself, your children, your animals or possessions) for this is worship
 - 2.4. Do not burn incense to any idol
 - 2.5. Do not pray to any idol
 - 2.6. Do not lead someone astray into idolatry
 - 2.7. Do not swear by an idol
 - 2.8. Do not practice magic
 - 2.9. Do not tattoo the body (Lev. 19:28)
 - 2.10. Do not cut oneself in grief (Lev. 19:28)
 - 2.11. Do not show favor to idolaters (Deut. 7:2)
 - 2.12. Do not make use of property once used by idolaters (Deut. 13:18)
 - 2.13. Do not go to a fortune teller
3. Do not wrongfully use the name of the Lord
 - 3.1. Do not use the name of the Lord for cursing
 - 3.2. Do not use the name of the Lord as an explanative
 - 3.3. Do not use the name of the Lord as a joke
 - 3.4. Do not use the name of the Lord lightly
 - 3.5. Do not accuse the Lord
 - 3.6. Do not lie about the Lord
 - 3.7. Do not say the Lord sent you when He did not
 - 3.8. Do not be a wolf in sheep's clothing
4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy
 - 4.1. Sanctify the Sabbath
 - 4.2. Do not work on the Sabbath
 - 4.3. Do not cause others to work on the Sabbath
 - 4.4. Do not travel on the Sabbath

Section 2: Love yourself:

5. Honor your mother and father (respect your roots)
 - 5.1. Do not curse your mother or father
 - 5.2. Do not murder your mother or father
 - 5.3. Do not assault your mother or father
 - 5.4. Do not have sex with your mother or father
 - 5.5. Do not lie about your mother or father
 - 5.6. Do not steal from your mother or father

- 5.7. Do not cheat your mother or father
- 5.8. Do not shame your mother or father
- 5.9. Do not hate your mother or father
- 5.10. Do not nurse anger towards your mother or father
- 5.11. Do not harm your mother or father
- 5.12. Reverently fear your mother and father (Lev. 19:3)
- 5.13. Do not despise your roots

6. Do not murder (respect life)
 - 6.1. Do not nurse anger against someone else
 - 6.2. Do not murder the innocence of a child
 - 6.3. Do not murder or abort an unborn child
 - 6.4. Do not murder for revenge
 - 6.5. Do not murder when drunk or drugged (while driving, for ex)
 - 6.6. Do not murder the unborn future children of a woman through destroying her womb
 - 6.7. Do not murder through poisoning the people's food source or water (through toxins or chemicals)
 - 6.8. Do not murder through acts of war
 - 6.9. Do not murder yourself through suicide
 - 6.10. Do not murder through execution
 - 6.11. Do not murder through medical procedures
 - 6.12. Do not murder someone by holding hate or prejudice in your heart
 - 6.13. Do not murder someone by not offering them hospitality
 - 6.14. Do not murder someone by setting traps
 - 6.15. Do not murder someone by offending them
 - 6.16. Do not murder by giving someone the wrong, harmful advice
 - 6.17. Do not stand by idly when a human life is in danger (Lev. 19:16)
 - 6.18. Do not bear a grudge (Lev. 19:18)
 - 6.19. Do not put any Jew (Christian) to shame (Lev. 19:17)
 - 6.20. Do not curse any other Israelite/Christian (Lev. 19:14)
 - 6.21. Do not give occasion to the simple-minded to stumble on the road (Lev. 19:14)
 - 6.22. Do not leave a neighbor burdened (Ex. 23:5)
 - 6.23. Do not afflict an orphan or widow (Ex. 22:21)
 - 6.24. Do not hold back from giving a poor man what he needs (Deut. 15:7)
 - 6.25. Do not mistreat a stranger (Deut. 10:19)
 - 6.26. Do not press a poor man to repay a debt when he does not have the money (Ex. 22:24)
 - 6.27. Do not execute one guilty of a capital offence before he has stood trial (Num. 35:12)
 - 6.28. Do not leave something that might cause hurt (Deut. 22:8)
 - 6.29. Do not slay an innocent person (Ex. 20:13)
 - 6.30. Do not spill your seed
 - 6.31. Do not criticize

7. Do not commit adultery (respect your body and self-esteem)
 - 7.1. Do not commit adultery by looking at someone with lust in your heart
 - 7.2. Do not commit adultery by masturbating with a vision of someone in your mind
 - 7.3. Do not commit adultery by raping a married/divorced/separated person
 - 7.4. Do not commit adultery by having sex with your spouse while fanaticizing about someone else
 - 7.5. Do not commit adultery by pretending to be different people

- 7.6. Do not commit adultery with instruments and toys
- 7.7. Do not commit adultery through incest
- 7.8. Do not commit adultery with pornography
- 7.9. Do not commit adultery by masturbating
- 7.10. Do not have sex with a prostitute (Deut. 23:18)
- 7.11. Do not withhold food, clothing or conjugal rights from a wife (Ex. 21:10)
- 7.12. Do not indulge in “familiarities” with relatives (Lev. 18:6)
- 7.13. Do not marry two spouses
- 7.14. Do not have a mistress (male or female)

Section 3: Love others:

- 8. Do not steal
 - 8.1. Do not steal someone’s innocence
 - 8.2. Do not steal someone’s livelihood
 - 8.3. Do not steal someone’s identity
 - 8.4. Do not steal someone’s life
 - 8.5. Do not steal someone’s dignity
 - 8.6. Do not steal someone’s modesty
 - 8.7. Do not steal someone’s honesty
 - 8.8. Do not steal or crush someone’s hope
 - 8.9. Do not steal someone’s possessions
 - 8.10. Do not steal or crush someone’s trust
 - 8.11. Do not steal or crush someone’s love
 - 8.12. Do not steal or crush someone’s belief
 - 8.13. Do not steal God’s glory
 - 8.14. Do not steal someone’s future
 - 8.15. Do not steal someone’s honor
 - 8.16. Do not steal someone’s position
 - 8.17. Do not steal someone’s peace
 - 8.18. Do not cheat a stranger (Ex. 22:20)
 - 8.19. Do not commit fraud in measuring (Lev. 19:35)
 - 8.20. Do not delay payment of a hired man’s wages (Lev. 19:13)
 - 8.21. Do not remove property landmarks (Deut. 19:14)
 - 8.22. Return lost property (Deut. 22:1)
 - 8.23. Do not steal a person (Ex. 20:13)
 - 8.24. Pay your tithes – do not steal from God
- 9. Do not bear false witness
 - 9.1. Do not gossip about someone else
 - 9.2. Do not gossip in the name of asking for prayer about someone else
 - 9.3. Do not tell lies about someone else
 - 9.4. Do not judge someone else
 - 9.5. Fulfill whatever you have uttered (Deut. 23:24)
 - 9.6. Do not violate an oath (Lev. 19:12)
 - 9.7. Do not break a vow (Num. 30:3)
 - 9.8. Do not curse a judge (Ex. 22:27)
 - 9.9. Do not testify falsely (Ex. 20:13)
 - 9.10. Do not decide a case on a single witness (Deut. 19:15)
 - 9.11. Do not pervert the justice of widows or orphans (Deut. 24:17)
 - 9.12. Do not prophesy falsely

- 9.13. Do not slander
- 10. Do not covet
 - 10.1. Do not defraud
 - 10.2. Do not covet someone else's position
 - 10.3. Do not covet someone else's success
 - 10.4. Do not covet someone else's talent
 - 10.5. Do not covet someone else's property
 - 10.6. Do not crave something that belongs to someone else
 - 10.7. Do not be jealous
 - 10.8. Do not long for something you cannot have
 - 10.9. Do not be selfish
 - Do not stalk someone else
 - Do not rape or molest someone else

There are many more areas I have not even considered but you understand the point. From God's perspective there are many more shades of sin than we have ever imagined. And we are held accountable for every word we speak, every deed, as well as everything we do not do.

Whatever is not of God is sin.

Now, I hear a groan from everyone. Will this never end, this working out of our salvation? I suspect not for awhile. We have a wonderful and merciful privilege that God has bestowed upon us. We have the privilege of getting free of sin and becoming the image of our Creator. Every people group who has gone before us has failed in this area.

Adam and Eve had the full understanding of the truth but they failed as soon as they decided to follow the devil instead of God.

The Jews had the truth. They were to be the light of the world in their time before Jesus. They rejected their Messiah and did not walk into the freedom that they had prophesied about for thousands of years.

The Christians had the truth about the Messiah but they quickly brought in pagan customs and understanding creating a mixed religion.

As I was sitting in church last night, the Lord showed me once again the vision of Eve at the tree. And then He showed me something I had never seen before. We are called to be the sons and daughters of God, co-inheritors with Jesus. We are called to be the bride of Christ, co-inheritors with our husband. Eve was called to be these very same things, as was Adam. That is why we were created. The angels were created to be the friends of God while we were created to be the bride, the help-mate of Christ. The very thing that Eve was called to be was the very thing the serpent offered her. The difference was that he said she would immediately become as God instead of wait for God's timing.

Jesus likewise was tempted in the wilderness with these very same temptations.

1. Eve was tempted with food – the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - 1.1. Jesus was tempted with turning the stones into bread
2. Eve was tempted with becoming like God
 - 2.1. Jesus was tempted to pick up His authority as God by throwing Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple

3. Eve was tempted with the very thing she already had – she knew not to touch or eat of the fruit of the tree
 - 3.1. Jesus was tempted with everything that was already His – every kingdom of the world

But there is hope.

Enoch walked with God. He overcame his sinful nature and accomplished the privilege set before him. Elijah likewise was taken up in a fiery chariot. Now if I was to judge Elijah I would have to say he was full of fear. He was afraid for his life on more than one occasion. However, he also accomplished the privilege set before him, and like Enoch, he was taken up without seeing death. What does this tell us? Not only is it possible, but like Enoch, we don't have to start from birth because he did not start his walk with God until he was 65. Not only is it possible, but like Elijah, we too can accomplish this privilege within our shortened life span. And finally, Paul, the murderer of God's people, within a very short period of time lived a blameless life before God, himself and others.

We can do this.

I personally started late and have been in this particular phase of my walk for over 12 years. It has been arduous at times, but it has been so incredibly liberating. I cannot explain how liberating it has been and will continue to be, as I divest myself of the teachings that were put into me by 6,000 years of misguided instruction. I have decreed 3 times in my life, "Everything I have ever learned is wrong. I will replace it with truth. Lord teach me." That covers everything I learned in this world.

What I need to learn is the spiritual way of life that is God's way, the spiritual way that Adam and Eve threw away. Does anyone think this is ironic how we, as a people, are so desperately trying to recover exactly what they so desperately tried to unburden themselves of?

Adam and Eve were perfect, but fell into the sin of perceived lack. Why is this a sin? Because it is calling God a liar for He gives us everything we need. By perceiving lack in our own lives we are in effect accusing God.

We must begin to have the mind of God and see things through His understanding.

Anything that inflicts harm, to someone else or ourselves, is a sin. Be it ill feelings or negative thoughts, it does harm to either someone else or ourselves.

We do not seem to understand how much God loves us and how much it hurts Him when we do harm to ourselves or His other children. We are all called to be the children of God. We are all created with a purpose, with a calling, with a part to play in this creation. We are all called to walk into eternity. We are all called to be in relationship with God and others. We are all called. If we were not called we would not have been created. The Lord did not create us to perish but to live.

However, somewhere along the line, people lose their vision, their hope, their passion, their direction. Their walk is murdered by the way they were raised, or the way they were treated along the way, whether through ignorance or defiance. What would happen if we had all been brought up in the truth of God without the distraction of sin? Would our choices be better than they have been? We make our choices from the available information we possess...and too often that information is wrong and the motives askew.

I can only hope I would have made better choices with better instruction. But my parents did not have better instruction to give, nor did theirs or theirs or theirs. We have had wrong instruction from the time Adam and Eve fell away.

So how do we get to the place that Enoch, Elijah and Jesus were? Repentance. We have the privilege of repentance. Jesus was tempted in all facets as we are, but He stood strong. His strength will get us through and redeem us because we can appropriate His sacrifice and grace into our life.

Repentance is such a small requirement. How could we not? How could we not confess to God what He already knows to be the truth about us? How could we not confess to God the things that stand between Him and us?

Jeremiah 31:33 and Hebrews 10:16 tells us of the greatest promise of God. He will write His commandments on our hearts and in our minds. He doesn't erase them, but He will cause them to be so much a part of our lives that we will WANT to obey them. By His grace we can keep them. We will stop murdering God's people with criticism, slander, and gossip. We will stop stealing the lives and livelihood of God's people. We will stop despising our lives and our roots. We will become like Jesus, doing no harm to anyone through word, deed or even thought. For remember, God knows the thoughts of man and the Holy Spirit searches the heart of man.

Father God, I repent that I have not followed Your heart but I have gone my own way. Father, I do not want to continue on in my sinful ways. I do not want to grow continuously weak and powerless. I do not want to lose Your favor. I want to be pleasing to You. I want to get the focus You want to give me. I do not want to end up like Saul, full of envy and hate. I do not want to go into all eternity crying, "God is no longer with me!" Lord, I want to be completely honest before You. Lord, send Your word and heal and convict me. Show me how to walk away from all the depths of sin. Fill me with the grace of Christ so that I can consistently make the choice not to sin in any way. Lord, I want to give no offence in anything. Lord, I desire this deep within me...to be blameless before You and everyone. I want to be blameless today. I ask your forgiveness for breaking all your commandments from the time I was born to this very moment. And fill me with grace so I will sin no more. In Jesus' precious and most holy and righteous name, amen.

Love in Yeshua's name.
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