

February 2017 Newsletter – Dealing With Emotions – Review

Deception

*“For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, **deceived**, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.” Titus 3:3 “For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived** me, and by it slew me.” Romans 7:11*

Intro:

The sin nature that resides in our flesh is the source of every sin that we have and one of the ways that it operates by is deceit – sin deceives us and the next thing we know is that we are caught up by different lusts, malice, hate, jealousy and all the rest. Some of the places we find sin mentioned in the NT are:

Matthew 13:22, “He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the **deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.” (Money)

Ephesians 4:22, “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the **deceitful lusts**,” (Lusts)

Ephesians 5:6, “Let no man **deceive** you with **vain words**: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” (Non-doctrinal communication from other people)

1 Timothy 2:14, “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being **deceived** was in the transgression.” (Satan appealed to her lusts)

Hebrews 3:13, “But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the **deceitfulness of sin**.” (Sin)

James 1:26, “If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but **deceiveth** his own heart, this man's religion is vain.” (Religion)

2 Peter 2:13, “And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own **deceivings** while they feast with you;” (False brothers)

Led Astray

Planao, or plane, is to be led astray from the path that one is on. It works in conjunction with deceit for when one is deceived, then they can be led from the path. There are many out there that deny that Jesus is the Savior leading many away from the salvation that is in Christ and lead believers away from the truth. “For many **deceivers** are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” 2 John 7

Satan is the Deceiver for he leads the entire world away from God the Father and his son Jesus Christ. “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth** the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:9

The **False Prophet** is going to use false signs, wonders and miracles to lead the world astray. “And **deceiveth** them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.” Revelation 13:14

To **lead someone astray** you first have to **deceive** them and to deceive them you have to **lie** to them, or at least tell them **some truths mixed in with lies**. A **lie** is: 1) a false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive, 2) an intentional untruth, 3) something intended or serving to convey a false impression. A lie can also contain some truths so as to give the **appearance** of being the truth, so long as it serves the purpose of giving a false impression so as to deceive the individual.

The **devil** is the epitome of this, so much so, that he is called the **father of lies**; lying is his native tongue. *“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**.”* John 8:44 The devil was the first one to ever lie; he lied to the angels in heaven and he lied to the woman in the Garden.

To Deceive

The words for **deceit** and **deceiving** are *apatē* and *apataō*. To **deceive** someone is to give them a false impression where one is led to think, feel, or believe that something is true when it is not, or that something will do something else for you when it won't. Deception first occurs in the mind, then it affects the volition, and then our actions follow.

Scar tissue in the soul deceives us because it affects our senses and our judgment convincing us that something is one thing, when it isn't. When it affects our senses we call that **illusion**. When goes so far that it affects our judgment we call it **delusion**. *“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the **vanity** (mataiotēs) of their mind,”* Ephesians 4:17

The lusts of the flesh, and there are at least 28 of them, do the same thing as well. We want something because we think that this thing will do this or that for us, when it won't. We, then, are deceived in our minds. We are led astray by our lusts when we follow after them. Lusts deceive that's all they can do! Ephesians 4:22, *“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the **deceitful lusts**;”*

It is sin working in our flesh nature that **deceives** us, whether in the area of our lusts, or our emotions, or our pleasures. It convinces us that one thing is true, when it isn't; it convinces us that what we want, what we need, what we are looking for, what will satisfy our inner longing or emptiness really won't. It is the constant itching of the soul like poison oak. Only Christ can satisfy our souls.

Deceit comes from within us, that is, from the contamination of the sin nature resident in these bodies of flesh and that will never change, at least as long as we live in these present flesh bodies. The only way Christians can operate apart from the influence of the sin nature is if we live under the power of the Holy Spirit in the new nature that was created in us at the moment of our faith in Jesus Christ.

But even in that our lives must line up with what the Bible teaches; we cannot even trust our own **judgment** because the flesh deceives us in that area as well. That's why all of our judgments and decisions must be doctrinally based. The only hope we have as Christians to not be overcome by deceit, whether from our own sin nature, or other people's sin natures, or by the devil, or the world system, or by the latest religious fads is to have a love for the truth and base our lives on it. *“And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish**; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”* 2 Thessalonians 2:10

Lusts easily deceive us. When one thinks about the lust for power, money, fun, material things, security, love, sex, ambition, stimulation, to being happy, to having kids, homes, cars, ease, travel and the rest, (see my Online study of the 28 Categories of Lust); we think by having these things and doing these things we think that they are going to do something for us and the reason why is because we have been deceived by the deceitfulness of sin inside us!

Billions of souls are in Hell right now because they thought: that they were good enough to get into heaven, that there was no Hell, that they simply died and that was that, that a good God wouldn't send anyone to Hell, that they went to some other galaxy at death, or that they reincarnated into something else. All these people thought these or similar other things about death and Hell – **but they were deceived!** They were deceived by the world system, by their own OSN's and by the devil.

Sin not only deceives us it totally deceives us! It deceives us so completely that we are totally **convinced!** And we will argue the point with anyone who says otherwise! This is why believers must not only love the truth, go for the doctrinal teaching of the truth and live in the truth; we must line up what's going on inside us with the truth, because we are all so easily deceived by sin. All this as we live in our new natures under the filling of the Holy Spirit.

We have to ask ourselves, “Am I being deceived?”, “Is what's coming over my TV deceiving me?” “Is my government deceiving me?” We have to ask ourselves this all the time because we all are so easily deceived! We have to realize that Satan is the god of this age and the ruler of this world and as such all governments are controlled by him as well as the different forms of the distribution of information, so everything he operates by is based upon deception, then we have to conclude that all media is designed to deceive the masses; we call this propaganda today.

Meditate, Meditation - *Hagah*

Joshua 1:8, "*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*" הָגָה Qal preterite "*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; **meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*" NIV

Psalm 1:2, "*But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.*" הָגָה Qal Future "*But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who **meditates** on his law day and night.*" NIV

Psalm 5:1, "*To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David. Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my **meditation**.*" הָגִיגַ Noun

Psalm 19:14, "*Let the words of my mouth, and the **meditation** of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*" הִגַּיִן Noun "*May these words of my mouth and this **meditation** of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*" NIV

Psalm 49:3, "*My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the **meditation** of my heart shall be of understanding.*" הָגִיטָה Noun "*My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the **meditation** of my heart will give you understanding.*" NIV

Psalm 63:6, "When I remember thee upon my bed, and **meditate** on thee in the night watches."
הגה Qal Future "On my bed I remember you; I **think** of you through the watches of the night."
NIV

Psalm 77:12, "I will **meditate** also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings." הגה Qal preterite "I will **consider** all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." NIV

Psalm 143:5, "I remember the days of old; I **meditate** on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands." הגה Qal preterite "I remember the days of long ago; I **meditate** on all your works and consider what your hands have done." NIV

Meditate, Meditation - *Suach*

Genesis 24:63, "And Isaac went out to **meditate** in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming." שׁוּחַ *suach* "He went out to the field one evening to **meditate**, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching." NIV

Psalm 104:34, "My **meditation** of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD." שִׁיחַ *siych* "May my **meditation** be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD." NIV

Psalm 119:15, "I will **meditate** in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways." שִׁיחַ qal future "I **meditate** on your precepts and consider your ways." NIV

Psalm 119:23, "Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did **meditate** in thy statutes." שִׁיחַ qal future "Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will **meditate** on your decrees." NIV

Psalm 119:48, "My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will **meditate** in thy statutes." שׁוּחַ qal future "I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may **meditate** on your decrees." NIV

Psalm 119:78, "Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will **meditate** in thy precepts." שׁוּחַ qal future "May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will **meditate** on your precepts." NIV

Psalm 119:97, "MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my **meditation** all the day." שִׁיחָה *siychah* "Oh, how I love your law! I **meditate** on it all day long." NIV

Psalm 119:99, "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my **meditation**." שִׁיחָה *siychah* "I have more insight than all my teachers, for I **meditate** on your statutes." NIV

Psalm 119:148, "Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might **meditate** in thy word." שִׁיחַ qal infinitive "My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may **meditate** on your promises." NIV

The concept of meditation, along with the word meditate itself, has gotten bad press in Christianity for over twenty years, because of the use of the term by the practices of eastern religions and the new age movement, with the result that churches avoid it all together. But it is a Biblical term, as we have just noted the references, being used seventeen times in the OT!

It is the English word that the translators of the Bible used to translate the two Hebrew words *hagah* and *siych*. It comes from the Latin word *meditationem* and means to reflect, to engage in thought or contemplation, to contemplate, to think deeply about something, to reflect deeply on spiritual matters, especially as a religious act.

Hagah spoke of the man who was lost in his religion. Sometimes it was used to denote uttering inarticulate sounds, or to mutter or whisper, but those ideas came from one who was so lost in what he was reading that his lips would move, or he would be saying things, but not really paying attention to what he was saying as he followed the passage. *Siych* has the same inner contemplation, the idea of deeply thinking about the Word, but the focus is not on any audible expressions of that, nor any emotion that may arise out of it or accompany it, but on the deep inner thought.

Both words refer to the idea of the believer in Christ so focused on the doctrine he is hearing, or the passage of the Word that he is reading, that everything else is blocked out from his stream of consciousness. So, in essence, **meditation** is to think deeply on a particular doctrine that you are interested in, or one that the Holy Spirit has led you to in living your own spiritual life.

One of the examples of **meditation** is found in Psalms 119:148, "Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word." - קמח קדמו עיני, אשמרות-- לשית, באמרתך. Here we have the word *siych* used for **mediation** and the word used for **thy word** is *'imrah*. The text has **thy word** as *beimratheka*.

We have seen that the **meditation** word *siych* meant to reflect, to engage in thought or contemplation, to contemplate, to think deeply about something, to reflect deeply on spiritual matters, especially as a religious act. *Siych* had the same inner contemplation, the idea of deeply thinking about the Word, but the focus is not on any audible expressions of that, nor any emotion that may arise out of it or accompany it, but on the deep inner thought on a particular doctrine that you are interested in.

There are many Hebrew words for the English word, **word**, but *'imrah* had its own special meaning. It would look at the many things **God does or intends to do for the believer depending on the context of the passage.** It's significance centers around the ideas of God's pledge, his promises to us, his protection, support and comfort.

So when it comes to us, our meditating on God's Word, and what parts of God's Word that we are to meditate on, and although we are to mediate on God's laws, God's doctrines, his character and integrity, his statutes, precepts, etc., *'imrah* tells us that we are to be meditating on those parts of God's Word that deal with God's promises to us of what he will do for us, those things that pertain to his protection of us, his provisions for us, etc.. In fact, *'imrah* would be where we are meditating on God's plan for our lives, his protection of us, his provisions for us, his promises to us, his power, and the process he uses to take us to maturity! The six P's once again! So what this tells us is that we have the green light to go after all the passages that deal with what God is going to do for us and then for for us to think deeply on all those things that God has promised to do for us!

That I might **meditate** in your word, or in what you have said, or in what you have promised. The word **meditate** is in the qal active infinitive, which tells us that the writer did something for a purpose. The word to **prevent** here is the piel stem of *qadam*, which meant to go before someone or something, to be in front of, to anticipate, to act ahead of time.

There were the evening and morning watches in those days and he's telling us that he either stayed up late at night, or got up early before the new day began for the purpose of meditating on the promises of God. What this tells us that sometimes we will have to inconvenience ourselves for the purpose of meditating on the Word of God and that we will need to and have a time of day set aside so we can. In Genesis 24:63, "*And Isaac went out to **meditate** in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.*" we see that Isaac went out into the field to meditate, which is the qal infinitive of *suach*. What this tells us that Isaac went out into the field for the purpose of meditating on God's Word! Now we notice the **time** in which he did this. He did this in the evening after all his chores were done and after he had dinner. We also want to notice that he **went out** into the **field** and the reason for this is that he had to **get away** from all the people back in the house, the kids, and all the commotion of daily living, not to mention any and all anger and strife that might be going on in the house. And there's a reason for all this.

The reason **why** is that meditation is a different dynamic than merely memorizing scripture, or calling to mind a passage in the Bible. It takes time to get into the dynamic of meditation and it also takes **solitude**. One cannot have a time of meditation if one is constantly being interrupted by people and their problems, nor can one enter into what is actual meditation, if one is constantly being interrupted by the detail, chores and responsibilities of life! One has got to set time aside for the purpose of meditating on God's Word; and one also has to set a place aside where you can go to get away from people and the interruptions of responsibilities of your life.

It takes **time** for us to get our minds back to concentrating on the Word of God; it takes time for us to think about our sins and name them to God; it takes time to get the chaotic thinking of the world system and the hectic pace of our lives to get our minds into that place of deep inner thought on God's Word and promises where all we are thinking about is the Lord and his promises to us; it takes time for us to pray to God for the things we need and express our gratitude for what he has done for us.

And it takes a **place** for us to do this in where we won't be interrupted. The reason why having a place where we can go for fellowship with God and meditating on his Word is so important is because we have to **separate** ourselves from people, the world and everything else that is going on in our lives. The negative thoughts, the negative words, the negative energy from other people have a negative impact on our souls, so we have to get away from it!

We have to **isolate** ourselves from the world system, other people and any and all carnal activity of the flesh nature, so we can turn our souls to the Lord and his Word and enter into that deep state of meditation where all we are thinking about is his Word and his promises! For it is there in that deep meditative state of concentrating on God's Word that our faith starts to become activated and get stronger and it is there that we become partakers of the divine nature!

Now when we talk about going off to some **place**, even if it's just another room in the house, we are talking about separating ourselves, isolating ourselves from anything and everything that would be connected to the world, the flesh and the devil. And this means that we will have to **turn off** our cell phones, or any other electronic device for they are our point of contact with the world system and the flesh natures of other people.