



Lesson 138 Righteousness

Righteousness, this is what you are to walk in, the righteousness of the Saints. Be holy and be pure, so that when My day of wrath comes you will be protected. Deliver this message My faithful daughter. Teach those I bring (in the physical, via email and phone). Answer their questions and lead them back to Me. That is all for now, go in peace.

Introduction

In this lesson we will be studying about righteousness, or in other words, we will be studying the quality or state of being morally upright, virtuous, and/or justifiable. It is a state that has been associated with a few noteworthy humans like Noah, Daniel, and Job. And Abraham, of course, must be included on any list that involves righteousness.

Romans 4:3 *For what does the Tanakh say? "Abraham put his trust in God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness."*

Therefore, Abraham's trust was counted as righteousness. Consequently, we can gather from this that the Bible includes many stories in it about righteousness. But we can't speak on righteousness without acknowledging the impact that Jesus has had on this subject. For example when speaking on righteousness Jesus said this,

Matthew 3:13-17 *Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

Matthew 5:17-20 *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 6:33 *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

Matthew 21:28-32 *"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he*

regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

John 16:5-15 *"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

Therefore, from Jesus we have learned much regarding righteousness. For example, He taught us that believing is essential but He also taught us to be obedient. Basically, what He taught us is that it is fitting for us to behave righteously.

And of Jesus' righteousness this has been said,

Romans 3:21-26 *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made this sinless man be a sin offering on our behalf, so that in union with him we might fully share in God's righteousness.*

Thus we share in God's righteousness through our faith in Jesus Christ not unlike Abraham. What we have discovered then about righteousness is that all this happens because of the fact that righteousness is actually about purity of heart. It's about integrity and principle. And it is about what you as a human being are to walk in as well.

06/01/13 DP - I am the Light, walk in Me. Let My light shine on you.

06/01/13 CT - Be ever faithful. Walk out your faith through your acts. Be holy, be pure but most of all be loving.

06/01/13 MVA - Each must walk step by step with your God Jesus.

06/05/13 FJ - Honing you to my ways. Walk ye in them.

06/06/13 CT - Be ever mindful of your walk with Your God Jesus.

06/07/13 MVA - Walk in all the fullness of your God Jesus.

At this point I think it is important to share the fact that when the Lord delivered the topic of righteousness for this lesson He also instructed us to **Read Ezekiel 14**, therefore as we move forward we will breakdown **Ezekiel 14** in order to examine the message the Lord is delivering today.

Stumbling Blocks

Ezekiel 14: 1-5 *Then certain of Isra'el's leaders came to me; and while they were sitting with me, the word of ADONAI came to me: "Human being, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, thus setting in front of themselves the stumbling block that leads to sin. Should I let them consult me at all? Therefore speak to them, and tell them that Adonai ELOHIM says, 'Everyone in the house of Isra'el who takes his idols into his heart, thus setting in front of himself the stumbling block that leads to sin, and then comes to the prophet, I myself, ADONAI, will answer him in a manner suited to his many idols, in order to grab hold of the house of Isra'el in their hearts; since, through their idols, they have all fallen away from me.'*

In this first section of **Ezekiel 14** the Lord begins by speaking of stumbling blocks or obstacles that block our relationship or our walk with Him. Essentially He describes this behavior as allowing someone or something to take precedence over your God Jesus and He acknowledges that this path will lead to sin and to a falling away as well. In recent times, the Lord has said this:

March 16th God Calling - My children, I am here beside you. Draw near in spirit to Me. Shut out the distractions of the world. I am your Life, the very breath of your soul. Learn what it is to shut yourself in the secret place of your being, which is My secret place too.

December 27th God Calling Eventide - Remember that the forces of evil are always ranged against you. They know the power you can become as a channel for God-Power. I had to conquer them in the wilderness before My Life of Healing and Helpfulness could be all-powerful.

Not by great falls but by little stumbles does evil seek the downfall of My friends. Your Mountain of Transfiguration can only come after your conquest in the wilderness. Temptations at which your whole nature would shudder are no temptations for you. Beware the smiling face of evil, it's seeming innocence, its hand of friendliness. Fail Me not. Will you not walk the path I trod?

And the Lord added this as well:

04/07/13 MVA - **Keep pushing. Forward always forward. I AM guiding and directing you. Follow all guidance and instruction precisely. Enemy rages. Listen and hear the guidance of your God Jesus. I AM bringing all to fulfillment. Each must see and obey. Stumbling blocks must be avoided. Focus must be clear single. Priorities keep order. The world is busy and distracts. Keep single focus on your God Jesus.**

05/06/13 DP - **Stay focused, no distractions, absorb Me take in My presence, walk hand in hand.**

05/07/13 BN - **Fight through the distractions and always come back to Me.**

05/26/13 DP - **Stay focused, avoid distractions.**

This path of **distractions** and **stumbling blocks must be avoided** because it leads to wickedness. It leads to a life separate from the Lord as opposed to a life of righteousness and relationship.

Proverbs 10:16 *The labor of the righteous leads to life, the wages of the wicked to sin.*

And this is why the Lord is against distractions and stumbling blocks. It is because they lead us away from Him. Remember it was the Lord who said, **Righteousness, this is what you are to walk in, the righteousness of the Saints.** For righteousness leads to life.

Repent

In the previous section we reviewed the pitfalls of distractions and stumbling blocks. What we grew to discover is that the Lord is teaching us that they pull us away from a life of righteousness in Him. And it is at this point that He brings us to the idea of repentance.

Repentance is defined as:

- deep sorrow, compunction (a feeling of uneasiness or anxiety caused by regret for wrong doing) or contrition (sincere remorse, sorrow) for a past sin or wrong doing
- regret for any past action
- biblically, it's about turning around, making an about face

In **Matthew 9:13** Jesus said, *"But go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

So as we read this next section from **Ezekiel 14** let's be mindful of what Jesus said and of the definition of Repentance. And let's see how these affect the message that the Lord is delivering today.

Ezekiel 14: 6-11 *"Therefore say to the house of Isra'el that Adonai ELOHIM says, 'Repent! Turn yourselves away from your idols, turn your faces away from all your disgusting practices! For everyone, whether from the house of Isra'el or a foreigner living in Isra'el, who separates himself from me and takes his idols into his heart, thus setting in front of himself the stumbling block that leads to sin, and then comes to the prophet, asking him to consult me for him, I myself, ADONAI, will answer him. I will set my face against that person, make him a warning sign and an example, and cut him off from my people. Then you will know that I am ADONAI.*

"Now, whenever a prophet is enticed into speaking a word, it will be I, ADONAI, who will have enticed that prophet. I will stretch out my hand over him and destroy him from among my people Isra'el. The prophets will bear the guilt for their sins - the sin of the prophet will be the same as the sin of the inquirer - so that the house of Isra'el will no longer wander away from me or defile themselves with all their crimes; rather, they will be my people and I will be their God,' says Adonai ELOHIM."

Thus the Lord is admonishing sinners' to turn from sin and walk with Him in righteousness. You could say that He is encouraging us to move closer to Him.

11/13/12 JC - In My presence, you will learn all you need to know. The goal and purpose for every person is to love Me and live for Me. The path to Me is the same, and yet different according to what each needs to learn. You must learn trust. Give up caring about how earthly things will work out. Rely on Me. Do-overs are allowed as much as needed. Don't ignore the small experiences of unrighteousness for they are the daily lessons that teach, then repent and seek My guidance before all acts- eventually it becomes automatic.

03/13/13 CT - Repent from old ways as repentance is yours, freely given. Have a heart to be pleasing to Me. Don't be on display with examples that I would not approve of. Be a person of interest, a person whose focus is their God Jesus.

05/01/13 DP - Stay focused, major distractions being set up around you. Look to Me in all things.

05/08/13 BN - Turn it down (distractions) so you may focus in.

05/20/13 DP - You must repent, walk in My ways. Come into covenant to escape the danger that is looming.

06/02/13 DP - Hear clearly what I speak, all is being revealed step by step. Miss nothing, pay close attention to the flow chart, much illuminated for your learning. This is the time to be faithful, focused, obedient; much is on the cusp. I have spoken it will come to pass. Believe Me, anger is about to be unleashed on the ungodly of the world. The time is now to repent. Turn to Me now with your whole heart. I long to heal, fix the brokenhearted. Render to Me an offering in righteousness. Do not deny Me what is Mine. Yes Lord. This is the time to be prepared.

You can see that the message has not changed. We are still being encouraged to **repent**, and **walk in My ways**. He is calling us to make an about face and follow Him. Hence we must look at our lives, examine them and know that:

September 27th God Calling Eventide - There is never a time when a man cannot turn repentant to Me and, craving My pardon, receive it.

What we learned then is that **Righteousness** is important. The Lord said, **this is what you are to walk in, the righteousness of the Saints**. In His words, we are to **be holy and be pure**.

Consequently, when the Lord said, **repent**, He was identifying the need for change. In essence He is saying that we need to make an about face and remember:

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 *Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*

In the end, repentance in Christ, leads us to fullness of life in Him while the sorrows of the world lead to death.

Judgment

Thus far in the lesson we have talked about distractions, stumbling blocks, and the repentance that leads to change. You could say we have discussed the “what” of the lesson and now we will get into the “why”. For example, “Why do we need to be righteous?” “Why do we need to repent?” “Why do we need to be holy and pure?” “Why?”

Some of the “why’s” have already been discussed. Like, this path will lead to sin and wickedness, it will lead to a falling away, to a life separate from the Lord. But let’s keep going, and discover the “why”, that the Lord has revealed for this lesson, when He said,

Be holy and be pure, so that when My day of wrath comes you will be protected.

Therefore, we want to make an about face, so that we will be protected in the day of His wrath. And what we will discover from the book of **Ezekiel** is that ultimately it's about righteousness. But for now, let's see what the Lord has had to say about judgment.

Ezekiel 14:12-14 *The word of ADONAI came to me: "Human being, when a land sins against me by dealing treacherously with me, so that I stretch out my hand over it and break off its food supply, sending it famine and eliminating both its humans and its animals; even if these three men were in it - Noach, Dani'el and Iyov - they would by their righteousness save only themselves," says Adonai ELOHIM.*

Ezekiel 14:15-16 *"If I unleash wild beasts on the land, and they kill its children and desolate it, so that no one can pass through because of the animals; even if these three men were in it, as I live," says Adonai ELOHIM, "they would save neither sons nor daughters; only they themselves would be saved, and the land would remain barren."*

Ezekiel 14:17-18 *Or if I bring the sword down on that land, saying, 'Let the sword pass through the land,' so that I eliminate both its humans and its animals; even if these three men were in it, as I live," says Adonai ELOHIM, "they would save neither sons nor daughters; only they themselves would be saved.*

Ezekiel 14:19-20 *"Or if I bring a plague into that land and pour out my fury on it in bloodshed, so that I eliminate both its humans and its animals; even if Noach (Noah), Daniel and Iyov (Job) were in it, as I live," says Adonai ELOHIM, "they would save neither a son nor a daughter; they would save only themselves by their righteousness."*

Consequently, from the Book of **Ezekiel** we discovered that Noah, Daniel and Job were saved by their righteousness. And if you look in the Book of **The Acts of the Apostles** then I believe we could even say that in the end Cornelius was saved by his righteousness as well. This is because He was described in **Acts 10:2** as "a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always." Therefore, Cornelius was spared the ultimate judgment because of his righteousness. But this does not mean that "man" as a whole has come to the end of judgment.

Jeremiah 22:8-9 *"And many nations will pass by this city: and everyone will say to his neighbor, 'Why has the LORD done so to this great city?' Then they will answer, 'Because they have forsaken their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'"*

No, indeed for the Lord still speaks of this judgment even in this day, when He says:

09/25/12 BT - Teach them, My ways, that they may be spared this impending judgment.

03/04/13 KE - Go in sanctification (purify) and be made ready. Ready for what? Ready for the day of doom. Is there more? Devastation, judgment to My people who sought lesser ways than their King.

04/16/13 BN - Go forth quietly...meekly...humbly, Gentle spirit...loving spirit...but always speaking truth. My forgiveness is available for all. My wrath is spared for the wicked. The righteous will not drink of it.

04/19/13 BN - Profound judgments coming.

04/30/13 KE - Judgment is coming to your nation and the church's of men. The harlot is soon to be stripped from her goods and clothing I have blessed her with. Many will see My Spirit lieth not. That what I say goes. Pray for her My son. Many will be destroyed. My judgment does not slumber.

05/09/13 BN - I sit in the judgment seat. It is reserved for Me.

05/18/13 KE - All nations that forget God shall be turned into hell. She refuses to repent and seek My ways. Her time draws near of judgment because her iniquities have filled the measure of her cup. Know I have warned you.

06/12/13 DP - Time of change, the world is shifting downward. It doesn't notice it's own destruction draweth nigh. It is too focused on itself to see it's true condition. It will be jerked awake when I began to pour out My wrath. There needs to be a great awakening, too many are comfortable in their sins/ways. They must begin to seek Me before it's too late.

Therefore, Day of Judgment is at hand, now is the time for righteousness. Now is the time to move forward into change.

Malachi 3:1-3 *“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the Lord of hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.”*

Remember the Lord said, Righteousness, this is what you are to walk in, the righteousness of the Saints. Be holy and be pure, **so that when My day of wrath comes you will be protected.** And this, we discovered, this is the “why” of the lesson, the “why’s” of walking in righteousness.

A Remnant

In the section above we read several verses from Malachi that spoke of “sons” being purified and purged, that they may offer an offering in righteousness. Verse 4 goes on to say:

Malachi 3:4 *“Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD as in the days of old, as in former years.”*

And these purified ones are also spoken of in **Ezekiel 14:**

Ezekiel 14: 21-23 *For here is what Adonai ELOHIM says: "Even if I inflict my four dreadful judgments on Yerushalayim - sword, famine, wild animals and plagues - to eliminate both its humans and its animals; there will still be left a remnant in it to be brought out, including both sons and daughters.*

When they come out to you, and you see their way of life and how they act, then you will be consoled over the calamity I have brought upon Yerushalayim, over everything I have done to it. Yes, they will console you when you see their way of life and how they act; and you will understand that it was not without good reason that I did what I did in [Yerushalayim]," says Adonai ELOHIM.

And so the Lord said,

Deliver this message My faithful daughter. Teach those I bring (in the physical, via email and phone). Answer their questions and lead them back to Me.

Consequently, we can gather from these words that we are to be there for them. We are to be a help in leading them **back to** the Lord. And those who listen and obey, those who pursue righteousness, then they will become the remnant of whom this was said:

Malachi 3:16-18 *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. "They shall be Mine." Says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked between the one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.*

The righteous, then, are those who walk in righteousness. They are ones who serve the Lord. On THH it is explained like this: <http://www.takehisheart.com/harlotharlotrybride.htm#Righteousness>

Years ago when God started dealing with me about righteousness, one of the things that happened was that He gave me a Word through another person. **I was told I had missed it; that what I had missed, my son could understand!** He was around 6 at the time. I was told that He (God) was going to change my theology. I was also told that I was going to see what I had missed.

What was it I had missed? The simple fact that righteousness is an act, and it produces life and is not a state of being for humans at this point.

Righteousness is an act!

1 John 3:7

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

1 John 2:29

If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

Proverbs 10:16

The labor of the righteous leads to life, the wages of the wicked to sin.

Hence, righteousness is an act and isn't that exactly what was said in the verses we read above from:

Ezekiel 14:21-23 *...When they come out to you, and you see their way of life and how they act, then you will be consoled over the calamity I have brought upon Yerushalayim, over everything I have done to it. Yes, they will console you when you see their way of life and how they act ...*

And in these verses from Ezekiel we come around full circle for what we discover is that we console when we deliver, **Deliver this message**. We console when we teach, **Teach those I bring**. We console when we, **Answer their questions and lead them back to Me**. Consequently, we act.

Summation

In this lesson we studied righteousness, or in other words, we studied the quality or state of being morally upright, virtuous, and/or justifiable. It is a state that has been associated with a few noteworthy humans like Noah, Daniel, Job and Abraham. But what we ultimately discovered is that righteousness is an act and this is why it should be walked in.

06/11/13 CT - Walking in righteousness, seeking Me and My answers, submitting to Your God Jesus in this I am well pleased. Acting out your faith, moving forward and following My will, this is what I desire for you, a life filled with your God Jesus, step by step in Me. Follow this path and all will be well for you.

Romans 8:3-4 *For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

Therefore, walking in righteousness means operating our lives according to the leading of the Lord. It is about obedience and following after His will.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 *But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

06/10/13 CT – Grab a hold of the truth. I AM truth. Follow Me. Prepare, prepare, prepare. It's a must. Be the person I made. Pursue holiness, purity, justice, and mercy. Be righteous, morally upright. Be honest. Be worthy. Model My teachings. No negative just positives. Use the brain I gave you, use discernment. Move forward, eclipse what was, to become, what you should be and then study. You can't get enough of it. Move forward and think of Me.

06/10/13 DP - Remember Me. Always think of Me constantly. I am ever with you. Blessings abound, righteousness flows from My people, blessings be to all. You are able, Yes Lord.

Continue to focus. Be diligent, be obedient in all things. In this you will be well pleasing.

06/11/13 BT – Hear Me. I speak plainly. Now is the time to get prepared. Do not delay. There is no time. Change is upon you. Work on the details. Everything is important. Serve Me. Walk in My ways. Work the law of righteousness. Know what this means, it will save you.

And we must also remember that when speaking of righteousness Jesus said this, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Therefore, permit it to be so, go forth and fulfill all righteousness in and through Him. And finally, I think it is fitting for us to close this lesson out by remembering the words from which it was built:

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May the Lord Bless and Keep You as you walk in His righteousness,
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