Victory Over Sin Sermon Series Lesson 6 – Purgement Day Bible Sermon Notes by Pastor O. Cary Rodgers, Jr

"God calls upon all who will to come and drink of the waters of life freely. The power of God is the one element of efficiency in the grand work of obtaining the victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is in accordance with the divine plan that we follow every ray of light given of God. Man can accomplish nothing without God, and God has arranged His plans so as to accomplish nothing in the restoration of the human race without the cooperation of the human with the divine. The part man is required to sustain is immeasurably small, yet in the plan of God it is just that part that is needed to make the work a success. - Ellen White, Manuscript Releases Number 822, ("Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice," September 8, 1898.)

Continuation of Lesson 5.... More ways...

Review: How to defeat your sinful flesh and have victory over sin?

- 1 Christ had victory over sin so we can have victory
- 2 You must come to Christ in humility and faith with a sincere desire for transformation and allow Him to come into your heart.
- 3 After you come to God in humility, He will give you the spirit of repentance and confession
- 4 You are nothing without Christ
- 5 Crucify the flesh daily with Christ
- 6 Renew body, mind, and spirit be a living sacrifice
- 7 Study God's Word Daily

Today, we are going to list the eighth step to defeat your sinful flesh and have a decisive victory over sin.

8 - Stop the deeds of the flesh - Cut it off!!!

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds** of the body, ye shall live.

Mortify (Greek): thanatoo [than-at-o'-o]: to kill (literally or figuratively): - become dead, (cause to be) put to death, kill. - Strong's Greek Dictionary

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members [of your sinful flesh] which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence [kuhn·kyoo·puh·sns], and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Inordinate affection (Greek) pathos =

From the alternate of <u>G3958</u>; properly **suffering** ("pathos"), that is, (subjectively) **a passion** (especially *concupiscence*): - lust. - Strong's Greek Dictionary

Inordinate affection is a passion of emotions that is generated by evil thinking to lust after unrighteous behavior.

Evil concupiscence [kuhn·kyoo·puh·sns] (Greek) = epithumia [*ep-ee-thoo-mee'-a*] 1) desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust. – Thayer's Greek Definition

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

[Though we have a physical body, we do not war with physical tanks, weapons, bombs, or guns]
4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [God's people use weapons that are of a spiritual nature: The Word and prayer.]
5 **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing [elevated or popular] that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**.

Casting down (Greek) = demolish or destroy

Imaginations (Greek) = thoughts

Remember character development begins with your thoughts. On the line of a circle, your thoughts influence your feelings (emotions), your feelings influence your actions (behavior). Your actions develop your habits. Your habits develop your character. In a full circle your character influences your thoughts. God wants to transform our thoughts that will transform our characters in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

We are to literally destroy any thought and popular philosophies or opinions of men that exalts itself against the knowledge and truth of God's Word. We must arrest any thought that opposes the will and law of God. All our thoughts must be in obedience of Christ, the Ten Commandments and His Everlasting Covenant.

For example: Evolution and the "big bang" is a false science that lifts itself up against God and is popular among men and the majority of educational schools and universities around the world. Evolution rejects our Creator God and His law. God's people should not only totally reject evolution but should not promote it in any way regardless of its popularity. It is a boldfaced lie.

Sadly, there are many professed Christian school systems and universities that are teaching both Creation and evolution. They are teaching the truth mixed with a lie. This is total confusion, a Babylonian doctrine.

New SDA Biology book that teaches creation and evolution? Confusion, confusion, confusion

Long-Anticipated Secondary School Biology Textbook, Described as "Powerful Tool," Newly Published by the NAD Office of Education The book, "By Design Biology: The Scientific Study of Life," represents years of effort by Christian scientists and educators to provide a text that investigates the origins of life from a biblical worldview and also explores the theory of evolution – Press Release, July 22, 2020 Loma Linda Calif., and Columbia, Md. Geoscience Research Institute and NAD Office of Education

"The North American Division Office of Education (NADOE) is pleased to announce the publication of its By Design Biology: The Scientific Study of Life textbook for secondary school students."

"Arne Nielsen, NAD vice president for Education states that, 'This long-anticipated textbook will provide parents and teachers peace of mind, as students investigate the origins of life from a biblical worldview."

"The textbook also explores the Darwinian theory of evolution, providing students the opportunity to be 'thinkers and not mere reflectors of other [persons] thoughts,' adds Nielsen."

" 'At the end of the day,' says Standish, 'the NGSS actually helped us as we sought to give students the clearest possible understanding of evolutionary theory. Our aim is not to indoctrinate students with a one-sided presentation of information that only favors our view, it is to provide students with a clear and informed choice between a materialistic and a theistic view of life." "

Why does the book have to "explore" details of evolution? Why teach lies while at the sometime teach truth? This is confusion. The technique of confusion will case a shadow of doubt in the minds of the students about the truth of God creation. Books like these pleases the flesh and should be destroyed.

Romans 13:12

12 The night is far spent [lies], the day is at hand [light of Truth]: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

In order to have a decisive victory over sin and the flesh we MUST cast off or cut off ALL works of the devil and his demons and let us put on the light of God's truth in the last days. Any device, temptation, entertainment, attractions, and lies that come from the prince of darkness must be totally cut off.

Romans 13:13

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Let's look at some of the meanings of some of the words that may be unfamiliar.

Rioting (Greek) = "Carousal" – Strong's.

Carousal is a "wild drunken party or celebration." - merriam-webster.com Not only are we not to promote or partake in the literal drunken parties of the world, but we are not to be intoxicated with the lies and doctrines of the wine of Babylon.

Chambering (Greek) = co-habitation of unmarried couples, committing fornication. AKA, "shackin up." Shackin up is totally forbidden by God and is the works of the flesh.

Wantoness (Greek) = 1) **unbridled lust**, excess, **licentiousness**, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, **shamelessness**, insolence – Thayer's Greek Dictionary

Unbridled lust or licentiousness is referring to sexual sins that are unchecked without any moral restraint.

Not only do the shows and movies of the world promote rebellion and sin but they display unbridled sexual lust. A great majority of the popular movies are full of sex scenes. All who allow their eyes to feast on these things are also just as guilty as those on the screen.

We must cut of ALL Hollywood, Netflix etc... This includes all the entertainment, amusements, music of the world. All these devices of Satan make an easy avenue to temptation and sin. All God's people must cut them off and make "not provision for the flesh."

Romans 13:14

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make **not provision for the flesh**, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*

Provision of the flesh are things that feed the fleshly lusts. We must cut all food to the fleshly lust and starve it. We are to feed the spirit with the Truth of God's word in our lives. Are there any devices of Satan that are allowed to operate in your life? Are there movies that still sit on the shelves as archives of temptation and curses? Is your computer or phone streaming content that promotes sin, pride, and sexual sin? God is telling you to cut them off and get rid of them today. It is time to destroy these things. Throw them away. Today, Today!

At one of our revivals that we were invited to do, we were inspired to challenge everyone to get rid of their Hollywood DVDs or worldly music CD's and bring them to the front of the church to be trashed near or on the last day of the revival. The time had come and the call was made during prayer. While in prayer we heard a crash of dvds and cds hitting the floor. When we opened our eyes we saw a great heaping pile of DVDs and CDs of the world. When prayer was over one to the deacons of the church spoke up and said that all those were his personal DVDs and CDs. He was convicted and heeded the call to purge all these things from his life. We filled the trash can and dumped all of it in a big trash bin behind the church. This is a major problem in many of the professed people of God especially among the pastors and church leadership.

Many years ago we visited a pastor's house in which his entire wall was filled with Hollywood VHS tapes of popular movies. This was hypocritical to his words that he said on many Sabbaths, "You can't just talk the talk, but you must walk the walk." He was talking the talk but not walking the walk.

We must be like the Ephesians who totally destroyed the books of rebellion and false worship. They did not archive them, or sell them; but destroyed them. We must do the same.

Acts 19:17 - 19

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

- 18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.
- 19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Fifty thousand pieces of silver in today's money equal to be at least six million dollars or more! The Ephesians were no longer going to feed on the lies from these books. They did not care how much they were worth to the world. Regardless of the monetary value to the world, they had NO more value to them. They were truly converted to the Truth in Christ Jesus.

What is worth more Jesus Christ, His Truth, Salvation OR the junk and garbage of Satan? Now is time to purge Satan's devices out of your homes. Are you still holding to that rock n roll, hip hop, and worldly music collection? Is your station still tuned in to the local jazz station? What about the supposed worldly gospel music that plays the same rhythm of rebellion of the world?

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It is purgement day! Make not provision of the flesh. Delete all provisions of Satan from your devices, cancel his streaming subscriptions, cable tv, and Dish network. Do you have the faith to act?

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

What are more ways to defeat your sinful flesh and have a decisive victory over sin?

To be continued...