

Bait of Satan Lesson 3

Hiding From Reality

- Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.”
- *Teknon* – biological son (birth) [John 1:12]
- *Huios* – father-child relationship based on character or appearance (mature son) [Romans 8:14, Matthew 5:44-45]
- 1 Peter is a book that tells you how to handle difficult situations, unfair treatment, etc.
- 1 Peter 2:20 “What credit is it if you are beaten for your fault, take it patiently.” Don’t start binding the devil when you see blue lights flashing and you were going 80!
- Two kinds of persecution: self-inflicted and persecuted for righteousness sake. Self-inflicted persecution is when we do wrong and God sets up authorities to punish us for it, or discipline, or correct us, or train us. Easy to get rid of: change your behavior. God will handle the other type of persecution – it is not our battle.
- 1 Peter 2:2-23 “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ‘Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth’; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.”
- You don’t have to answer to anyone but your judge and the authority that God puts over you. When you defend yourself and give in to quarrel and strife with someone, your heart becomes a prime candidate for offense.
- We find that Jesus, Peter, and Paul all said, “Do not repay evil for evil.” So that we can be mature sons/daughters of God and inherit a blessing! **IF** we handle it correctly.
- Spiritual growth is measured not through time or learning, but through suffering. [1 Peter 4:1 “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind.”] Most believers are not armed to suffer. That’s why they get so easily offended. So because they are not armed they REACT instead of RESPOND.
- Spiritual growth is this: When we encounter unfair treatment, when we encounter offensive behavior we choose to obey God’s Word in the midst of it rather than react and defend ourselves or return evil for evil that’s done to us. God says when we do that, that is when we grow.
- Weight lifting scenario. By this time you ought to be teachers. There are some 185 level blessings I have for you, but you can’t get through a 155 temptation – you’re not mature enough to handle it.
- When offenses come at you, rejoice because God is setting you up for a blessing & setting you up to grow.

The Sure Foundation

- WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? (Matthew 16:13-17)
- We must arrive at certain settled conclusions about God and His relationship with us. They cannot rely on feelings or the opinions of others. The sure foundation does not even depend on our attitude toward scripture or our head knowledge of the word.
- Our sure foundation is a divine revelation revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. It's when we know that we know that we know. It is the Word coming alive in our hearts, not our heads. It is more than mere intellect. It is truth! That's what Christ build His church on – the revealed Word of God (Matthew 16:18). [Peter/Petros = small stone, Petra = rock]
- God will remain a solid rock and on this we can build our faith.
- God can and will speak hundreds of ways to hundreds of people using the same sermon. It is this revealed knowledge that explodes on the inside of us that we can build our faith upon.
- Revealed knowledge is more powerful and enduring than the senses!
- Eve in the garden fell because she based her decision on communicated knowledge rather than revelation knowledge. Because the enemy pointed it out, she only saw rules & regulations like some people do that come to church. She didn't seek God for revelatory knowledge; therefore, when she was confronted with the enemy, she fell.
- Revelation knowledge comes to those who are extremely hungry. God is drawn to hunger. Revelation knowledge abounds in hungry atmospheres. The first sign of sickness is loss of appetite.
- NO ONE CAN EVER TAKE REVELATION KNOWLEDGE AWAY FROM YOU!!
- Jesus did not say that man shall live by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God. Jesus said Man shall live by every word that PROCEEDS... PRESENT TENSE! God speaks now.
- God desires to communicate with us. If prayer is a two way street and we are to pray without ceasing, they God wants to communicate with us without ceasing.
- Those without a sure foundation are easily offended. (Parable of house on sand vs house on rock).