



Topic Stewardship - Reconciliation, Adoption and Healing

Introduction

In this session I want to further explain all the things that Jesus Christ has done for you on the cross of Calvary and for which you are and have become a steward for His mercy and blessing.

In the past few sessions I have shown you that Stewardship is more than just our money, it is more than what we possess or have, it is anything that has been entrusted to you for which you have the power to manage or use. It is being over things which have been put in your hands to manage by God Himself and for which as a steward you will have to give an account before God.

We must never forget that whatever God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit entrusted to us or has given to us, we must manage and have authority over because we will each give an account before God of our stewardship of the resources, gifts, abilities and blessings we have received.

Can I spend the money on myself?

Maybe you are saying but Pastor Martin, if I must be a faithful steward of everything I have received from God, how can I benefit from what God has given me to administer. How can I spend money on myself and my family?

I have never said you cannot spend the resources or use the resources for yourself, Isaiah clearly gives us the order:

Isaiah 55:9-11 ⁹ *'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'*

Here God is telling us that there is order in our stewardship.

Firstly God is saying do not try to understand the ways of God, because they are just so much higher and more complex than our thoughts. We think of the here and now but God is contemplating your future a 100 years from now! God is not selfish as we are, He is totally just and fair in everything He does

So first we must recognize a few things:

- God is our source. He is the source of everything we have and everything we receive. He alone is our source. Our boss might pay us but it all comes from



God and belongs to God!

- Next we must recognize that God's thoughts are on a higher level than ours. He knows what is best for us because He knows our future. He created us, He knows us and understands us, and He is doing things in our life to ultimately bless us.

Next this text says as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, as the blessings of God come down from heaven, and do not return to it (the heavens) until it has water the earth and making it bud and flourish.

God's blessings are being pour out on the earth. That means God is blessing you right now, he is giving you the raw material to make money.

You see that God's blessings do not return to heaven until it has caused a change on the earth and that blessing yields food and fruit, in other words provision and income.

You might say but Pastor where do you get all this, this scripture is talking about bread and seed, not money, wealth, prosperity or anything like that.

I am so glad you asked that question because there is a parallel to Isaiah 55, which is a direct quote of Isaiah by the Apostle Paul, this scripture found in the New Testament in **1 Corinthians 9:9-11** and it says, *⁹ As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'* ¹⁰ *Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.* ¹¹ *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*

Same passage but here maybe Pauls says that He who supplies the seed for the sower and bread for food – who is this person? God!!!

What will He do? He will also supply and increase your store (bank account) of seed and will enlarge your harvest. Who here would like an enlarged harvest?

Why is an enlarge harvest good? A large harvest is good because it will increase your wealth and you will be rich in every way!

Why does God want to make you rich? So that you can be a steward of God generosity, so that you took, like God can be generous!

Do you think if God gives you money to be generous and you squander it, do you think God is going to be happy? Do you think you were a good steward of what He



has given you?

So say this. God is blessing me, God is making me a steward of His resources so that I am blessed and I can be a blessing to others!

What more has Jesus purchased for us?

I am going to use the rest of this session by discussing three more things that Jesus has done for us and thus made us stewards over.

Reconciliation

You will recall from the past sessions that Jesus Christ came to earth to be a curse on our behalf. When He became the curse, when He died for our sins on the cross of Calvary, He through His blood reconcile us to God.

Before Jesus Christ's death on the cross, we were God's enemy but since Jesus Christ has died for our sins we are reconciled – made right before God.

Jesus Christ paid the price so that God and man can have fellowship again. We are going to read **2 Corinthians 5:18-21** but please tonight read the whole passage from verse 11 to 21. ***18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

So the idea of being reconciled, made right before God, was God's idea in the first place. God knew that He could not have a relationship with us because of the gulf of sin that separated us from God. It was our sin that made us God's enemy and it is our sin that cause a gulf between us. But praise God, He had a plan and that plan was Jesus Christ.

So God has already, even if you are not a born Christian, even if you are not saved – God has already reconciled you to Himself in and through Jesus Christ, all you must do is come through Jesus Christ to Him and be reconciled.

The next fact is that God is not counting your sins against you!!! That is amazing – even if you are not saved, Jesus Christ has already reconciled you to God all you must do is come to Him for that reconciliation to have effect in your life.

And why did God reconcile you through Jesus to Himself? So that you can be an Ambassador for God.



So what is an Ambassador, he/she is a representative of the government of a country. He / she does not speak what they want, they can only speak and do, on behalf of the government what they are permitted to speak and do.

So the reason why God sent Jesus Christ to earth was to die for your sins and to reconcile you to Him so that He can make you His representative, His steward to the World.

Adoption

Next thing that happened to you is that you were adopted into the family of God. I have next for you, if you are a born again son/daughter of God, then were are in the presence of royalty!

According to **Romans 8:14-16** which says *¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

You and I are son and daughter of the King of all kings. We have the right to call God, FATHER - And as sons /daughters of the King we are joint heirs with God with Jesus Christ, and that most importantly is why we are stewards. Heavenly stewards of God grace, love, mercy, favour, peace and blessing.

We have all of God blessings because we are God's children and joint heirs with Christ in the heavenly fortune.

Do you know what the difference is between a biological son / daughter and an adopted son/daughter? You can disinherit a biological son/daughter but you cannot disinherit an adopted son / or daughter.

Amen! We are adopted son/daughters of God and therefore we cannot not be disinherited! Ever!!!

Healing

The next part of what Jesus Christ did for us at the cross of Calvary was that He paid the full price for our healing!

Malachi 4:2 says it like this *² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,' says the LORD Almighty.*



For you who fear my Name, who is that? That is us born again son / daughters of the King. The Son of righteousness will rise, who is the Son of righteousness or the Son of right standing before God – None other than Jesus Christ.

It is saying when God's Son, Jesus Christ is raised up on the cross and dies and rises again, there will be healing in His wings – the wings talked about here are the fringes of His tallit or prayer shawl.

This is exactly where the women with the issue of blood touched Jesus because she believed this, she said if only I can touch the wings of the garment, the Tallit or prayer shawl, I will be healed.

So Jesus Christ death on a cross and His resurrection bought or paid for our sins and our sickness.

I do not know if you have seen this, so pay very careful attention I am going to show you that Jesus paid for all your healing and sin, past present and future.

In **Isaiah 53:4-5** *"⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him unished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, **and by his wounds we are healed.**"*

I do not know if you know this but every sickness, disease including HIV / AIDS, malaria and cancer, were paid for on the cross of Calvary by Jesus Christ.

The medical world has discovered that every sickness and disease can be classified into 39 specific categories. Does anyone know how many lashes Jesus Christ received before going to the cross? 39 – One for every category of sickness and disease. Amazing – that is why this passage says that BY HIS STRIPES – the lashes He received, we are healed.

Notice something here is says we are healed, that is pointing to a future event, when the Son of God would come to earth and be pierced for our transgressions or crucified for our sins to pay the ultimate price for our sins and by His wounds – we are healed – future tense.

Now let me show you the parallel text in the New Testament, which is found in **1 Peter 2:24**, get ready to be amazed!

"²⁴ 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' "



Now you are saying, no Pastor I am not amazed, it says the same thing that Isaiah 53:4-5 says, and you are correct – in fact 1 Peter 2 quotes the old testament 5 times, of which 4 times he is quoting Isaiah, but there is a subtle difference between the Isaiah passage and the 1 Peter 2 passages and that is.

The Isaiah passage says by His strips were are healed – future tense, but the Peter passage says By His stripes we WERE or have been healed past tense.

You see in Isaiah times Jesus Christ's birth, ministry, death and resurrection were future tense thus the Statement, by His stripes we are healed but in Peters time Jesus Christ was already crucified and thus this healing spoken for was already bought for us and was in the past tense.

So you HAVE already been healed when Jesus Christ died on the cross. Amen!

Closing

So as we close this session, I want us to address two issues here that Jesus Christ has already paid the price on the cross of Calvary for you to have, namely Salvation and Healing. There are many there things Jesus Christ paid for and some I have address in earlier sessions but now I want to address these two areas.

So let's bow our heads, if you can pray in tongues, then start to pray, otherwise pray in Chewe or English but pray right now for the Salvation and healing of the people here today.

While we are praying I want to talk to those who are here that need to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. You know that if you die right now you are going to hell or you are not sure.

You can be sure tonight, right now I can help you and introduce you to Jesus Christ and you too can become a son and daughter of Almighty God!

If that is you, you need Jesus then raise your hand.

Next there are people here right now and you need a touch form God in your health. You need God to bring that healing hat Jesus Christ purchased for you on the cross of Calvary.

You want a touch right now. I am not the healer, but I know the healer and His Name is Jesus Christ.

So right now, I want you to rise you hand right where you are seated. Now I want



the people sitting around you to lay their hands on your and I want you to put your hands on the area or areas where you need healing.

We are going to trust God to heal you right there where you are seated because Jesus Christ has already paid the price for your healing, so as I pray you agree with me in faith and received that healing. You speak it out in Jesus Name!

Prayer