

Galatians Unearthed Part 19: 6:1; Rebuke and Repentance; Blot Out of God's Book; Judging (6/2 2018)

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Today we are going to break into chapter six, but it is going to take us a couple weeks to go through this chapter. The reason being, there are a couple things the apostle Paul says that are very deep and profound, and we need to feel the weight of those things. Therefore, we're going to spend a little bit of time on this chapter. Ironically enough, one of those points he makes is one we're confronted with immediately in verse one. This is what we read in Galatians 6:1—**Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

I want you to understand the context of this statement in light of what we covered last week. Paul speaks of the war raging within us. The Spirit lusts against the flesh, and the flesh lusts against the Spirit. They are contrary to one another, so you don't do what you wish to do regarding righteousness. Then Paul goes on and lists the works of the flesh and the works of the Spirit. Then he makes the statement we just read in Galatians 6:1—**Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass.** This statement is made in the context of war, where brothers and sisters get beguiled by the enemy and taken captive. This is where there is a call on our lives to go on a rescue mission and bring them home. This is what Paul is communicating here.

To fully help you appreciate the weight of this statement, I want to take you to the book of Ezekiel because you need to understand Paul's instruction here. The instructions in Galatians 6:1 don't come from Paul's mind. This is not his idea. This comes directly from the mouth of the LORD through the prophets. So we're going to go to the resource he is drawing from, and we're going to learn a lot about this statement. We're going to feel the weight of it.

Going to Ezekiel 33:7-8—⁷ **So you, son of man [Ezekiel]: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.** ⁸ **When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die' (emphasis added)!**

This is a declaration from the mouth of the LORD. He says—**O wicked man, you shall surely die.** I want to point something out. This is a declaration you will find from Genesis all the way through Revelation. It is everywhere and it is frightening.

Here is something else interesting. If you look at this verse, this is the gospel. Why go out and preach Yeshua crucified and resurrected and the fact He forgives sins if everybody is not condemned to death?

The entire world is condemned to death because the LORD has declared it. The wicked are going to die; therefore, we need a Savior and hope. So here's the declaration—**O wicked man, you shall surely die.**

So here is the declaration in Ezekiel 33:8—'**O wicked man, you shall surely die!**' Then it goes on to say—**and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way** [what is going to happen?], **that wicked man shall die in his iniquity.** Do you feel the weight now?

When Paul says we need to go get anybody we know is overtaken in any trespass, you need to understand it's not a matter of that person being a Christian who has simply fallen by the wayside. This is not a situation where this person is simply doing sinful stuff, and we need to make him look like he's a Christian again. No! This is life and death!

You have to have that context; you have to have that weight. This is a matter of life and death because if we don't go and rescue him, he is going to die in his sin. That is frightening!

It is amazing how the enemy works us over and works in our mind to sow deception and filth that perverts our responsibility. We come to the point in this life, and I know I'm not the only one who feels this way, where we really think what we do in this life doesn't matter. The Holy Spirit is pounding on you, and you feel it deep in your heart that you are supposed to go talk to this guy who is cheating on his wife. Or you are supposed to go talk to someone who is a winebibber and is at the bars because he can't put the bottle down. You know all these things, but you tell yourself you are not going to go do it. The enemy tells you it won't matter, and if you don't go, God will send someone else.

Pay close attention to what is said here. When the LORD commissions you to go and rescue somebody, and you don't do it, he's going to die. The man is going to lose his life. It is over. Do not be deceived. What you do in this life matters. The choices you're going to make are going to make a difference in somebody's life. This is not being done so they enjoy their time here. This is being done so they make it into the Kingdom of God.

This is a reality and truth the enemy is going to come and try to strip from you, so you sit there in a spiritual paralysis and do nothing. That's right where the devil wants you, so you're not effective for the Kingdom. As a result, many people are going to go to hell. This is a reality.

Now if you think that's where responsibility ends, look at what is said next—**but his blood I will require at your hand (Ezekiel 33:8).** What does that mean? That means you might think when you get to the Kingdom of Heaven the LORD will say, "Well done my good and faithful servant. However, you know we've got this little matter we need to talk about. I told you to go to this person; he was sitting right there, and you did not open your mouth to show him the way of truth, to lead him, or to encourage him into righteousness. No! You didn't do that. So you know what? Now his blood is on your hand. Take five lashes and enter into paradise."

Is that what this means? We will find out as we continue in Ezekiel 33:9—**Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul (emphasis added).** Your soul is on the line, and my soul is on the line. Do you feel the weight of the responsibility? When Paul says someone is overtaken in a trespass, and you need to go get them, do you feel the weight of it?

Continuing in Ezekiel 33:10—**"Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?" "** In other words, if our sins are plaguing us, and we are wasting away, what hope do we have? How is it possible we could live? Listen to the LORD's answer in Ezekiel 33:11—¹¹ **Say to them: 'As I live,' says the LORD GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.** I want to stop right there. When the LORD is commissioning you, and the Holy Spirit is moving you to go to speak to someone to pull them out of the fire and out of the depths of hell, you need to be equipped with some very important information.

First, God does not want them to die. He has a heart for them and loves them. He is—**not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).** This is something we have to share. It is called the love of the LORD. So when you're going to these people, the first thing you need to express to them is exactly what He says here—He is **not willing that any should perish.** The LORD loves you and is not willing you should go to hell.

Then we continue in Ezekiel 33:1—**but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'** (Emphasis added). So get this. Israel asked the question, "We're wasting away in our sins. Where is our hope? How can we live?" What is the LORD's response? Repent!

Repentance is a message that today has been turned to the offensive. It is offensive not just to the world but to the Church. This is scary!

I want to be clear about something. The death we read about in these verses is not the death we experience in this life. That is not what the LORD is concerned with. It is the second death mentioned in Revelation. That is the death that costs you eternity. We see this in Matthew 10:28—**And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.** That is the only death the LORD is concerned about.

So I want to be very clear. We're not talking about the death in this age. It is the death in the age to come.

Moving on to Ezekiel 33: 12—**Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression'** (emphasis added). Let it sink in!

You can have a believer who has been living for thirty plus years. He is respected as a righteous man of God. He has many works he has accomplished for the Kingdom. He has prayed for people, and they have been healed. The first day he jumps tracks and abandons the LORD and abandons the righteous Commandments, he's on the path to death. How frightening is that?

As Christians, we don't like that concept. We say, "No. no. I don't like that. That just doesn't work for me. Look at all the righteousness he has done. Look at all the people he has witnessed to. Look at all the people he has brought into the Kingdom. There is no way that could be true." We go into this delusional self-defense mode thinking it can't be. However, let the words sink in right now. This is what's going to happen. This guy's life is in jeopardy the moment he jumps tracks.

Continuing in Ezekiel 33:12—**as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the**

day that **he turns from his wickedness (emphasis added)**. This is an amazing passage! I want to explain this using the example I just gave. So here you have this righteous man who the LORD has used for thirty plus years to do all these things for the Kingdom, but then he stops obeying the LORD. There is another guy over here who has been practicing wickedness for over thirty years. He's known by everyone and is found to be repulsive. He's anti-God. The moment he turns from his sin, all of his wickedness is erased. It is forgotten. It exists no more.

So, on one hand, I'm looking at the most frightening story of my life about a righteous man. The moment he turns from the LORD he's a dead man. On the other hand, we have the most beautiful story of hope that has ever been heard of in the world.

For those of you who the devil has been telling you, you're not good enough because you have sinned too much, you have gone too far, it is a lie from the pit of hell. There is hope. The Bible is filled with statements of hope such as—**he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness**. The Bible is filled with it everywhere, but the devil doesn't want you to turn from your sin. He knows the power of repentance. The power of repentance will lead you to eternal life. This is the truth.

Continuing in Ezekiel 33:13—**When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness (emphasis added)**. I want to stop here because this is pivotal. This is one of those game changers. **He trusts in his own righteousness**. What does that mean? Well, if you were to ask a progressive, modern-day Christian what that means, they would give you an answer something to the effect of the following, "Well, to trust in your own righteousness means you're going to try to walk in the Law of God, the Commandments of God, as though that is going to impact your salvation." Their answer is going to be something like that.

I know this because I have had these conversations. I bring up the Torah with pastors and with other Christians and say, "Do you have a love for God's Word? Do you have a love for the Torah? Do you have a burning desire to keep His Commandments?" Their response is literally, "Well Daniel. With all due respect, it sounds like you're a legalist, and you're trusting in your own righteousness. This is what you're doing, and you're abandoning grace. You are forsaking grace. You don't know what your righteousness is established on."

When I say these things, I'm telling you I am not making this stuff up. These are conversations I have all the time. This is what we see because this is the worldview of progressive-minded Christianity today. They look at this as trusting in your own righteousness, and that's not what we want to do.

Listen to me carefully. These statements in Ezekiel 33 are from the mouth of the LORD, and we're going to get a little bonus today. We are going to see how the LORD defines the term—**he trusts in his own righteousness (Ezekiel 33:12)**.

So we read from Ezekiel 33:13—**When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness [and what?] and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die**. Remember this is coming from the mouth of the LORD. He just defined what it means to—**trust in your own righteousness**—is to commit iniquity. What is iniquity? What is sin? It is Lawlessness. 1 John 3:4—**Whoever commits sin also commits Lawlessness, and sin is Lawlessness**. So the one who trusts his own righteousness is the one who rejects the Torah.

That's what it means to trust in your own righteousness. You would not believe the weird looks I get when I bring this up in a conversation. When someone comes at me and says, "With all due respect, Daniel, you're abandoning grace and you are trusting in your own righteousness," I say, "Really? Do you know that to abandon the Torah is actually to trust in your own righteousness? To think you can abandon God's Word, the Torah, and think you are going to inherit heaven while you are living like hell, it doesn't work.

This is a game changer! This is a dramatic change. Let me clarify here. So we know Revelation 14:12 says—**Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.** Remember that all things are established on the testimony of two. If you think you're going to grab onto the Messiah Yeshua and reject His Torah, you're going to be surprised at the end. I'm going to tell you the flipside of this. If you think you're going to grab onto the Commandments, the Torah, like we have seen with the Orthodox community and reject the Messiah, you will also be surprised at the end. By doing that, you're trusting in your own righteousness. It works on both sides. You need them both. Faith without works is dead. It doesn't exist.

Going to Proverbs 3:5—**Trust in the LORD with all your heart (emphasis added).** It does not say, trust in your own righteousness. It says—**Trust in the LORD with all your heart.** I want you to understand the context of this Proverb from Proverbs 3:1—**My son, do not forget my Torah. Let your heart keep my Commandments.** You need to understand this part—**keep My commands.** As you go throughout the Tanakh or the Torah, you need to understand the way the heart is supposed to be. You need to understand what the LORD is looking for.

I mentioned this last week when we covered Deuteronomy eight how the LORD brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, yet He doesn't plop them into the Promised Land. Instead, He brought them to the terrible wilderness where they were hungry and had no water. Why did the LORD do that? Because He wanted to know what was in their heart. What was He looking for? Read Deuteronomy 8:2—**to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His Commandments or not.**

So here they are in trials and tribulations, and the LORD is testing them to see if they will trust Him or will they trust in their own righteousness and commit iniquity. Unfortunately, you know what happened to that generation. They passed away in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 5:29 says—**Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My Commandments.** This is the heart being spoken of here in Proverbs 3:5—**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding (emphasis added).**

I'm telling you right now you need to get real with yourself. You need to dig down and ask yourself, "How much have I been trusting in my own understanding?" How many choices do you make every single day that are based on the dictates of your heart rather than on God's Word? Do you filter your decisions through God's Word? Have you filtered your mouth through the Word? I can tell you I have failed in that area, but I am quick to repent because I fear God. I'm not telling you I'm perfect, but when I put the Bible as my source of direction, it changes the words that come out of my mouth and changes the direction I walk. That's the power of God's Word.

Continuing in Proverbs 3:6—**⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.** It is a beautiful and true statement—**He will direct your paths.** The testimony Tara gave today regarding that song could not be truer. The verse in the song—so much better Your way—is the absolute truth. His

way is better. Trust in the LORD! That's what it calls for. You are going to have to trust His way is better. Israel, in the wilderness, had to trust His way was better. Caleb and Joshua trusted Him.

I've told this story before where I was driving and listening to a Christian radio program presented by a pastor. This was a call-in program. It is a great format because you are able to encourage people and sow the Word of God into them.

An interesting call came in, and I tell you this story to give you a glimpse of where modern-day, progressive Christianity has really gone. The caller was a woman, and the moment I heard her voice I felt battle. There is no wise insight or prophet like status needed to understand this. You could hear it in her voice. She was at war.

She told the pastor she had been struggling for so long and was in agony over this problem. The pastor asked her what was wrong. She told him somebody wronged her, and she had been wrestling with forgiving that person, but she couldn't seem to do it. She said she just kept wrestling and wrestling with unforgiveness. She told him she kept going back and forth wanting to forgive them and then not wanting to forgive them. He finally told her to stop wrestling. He told her she did not have to forgive the person who wronged her because Christ already forgave her, so, therefore, this woman did not need to forgive her. This was a pastor who told her this.

To tell you I felt devastation over his response does not articulate the feeling I had inside. Anger might better describe it. Here this woman has been battling. Where do you think the conviction came from? Why do you think she was wrestling? It was because of the flesh. Flesh wrestles against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. She was in the midst of war. Instead of coming in and locking his shield with her and encouraging her to press on into righteousness doing what the LORD's prayer instructs, forgive our debtors or we will not be forgiven, the pastor immediately became a spiritual anesthesiologist. Instead of telling her it was not an option to forgive and therefore putting the fear of God into her, he killed the pain of Godly sorrow. He wiped it away.

If you heard her response, it would bring tears to your eyes. She was so happy. She told the pastor she felt like a massive burden has been lifted from her. Do you see what happened? This is what the false prophets will do. This is what the false teachers will do. This is what the false pastors will do. They will come in and remove the pain of godly sorrow. They will tell you, you don't need to deal with that because Christ paid it all. They pervert what Christ really did on the cross. It is terrifying!

This is the mantra today. We don't have to do anything as Christians. If you have sincere conviction to walk in holiness, now all of a sudden you're rejecting grace. You are rejecting the mercy of God. You're trusting in your own righteousness.

Going to Jeremiah 23:16—**Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD.** When I heard the guy on the radio, that was not the mouth of the LORD. What he told that woman was from his own heart, yet he is using the name of the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:17—**They continually say to those who despise Me [and it's really a term relating to reveling against God and His Torah], 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace" '; and to everyone who**

walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, **'No evil shall come upon you' "** (emphasis added).

These false prophets will tell you, "No, no, no, no. Stop obeying God's Word and His Torah. Your salvation is locked. You said a prayer; you don't have to worry. Stop wrestling." These false prophets, false teachers, and false preachers come in and coddle you. They will affirm you, and that's exactly what this generation wants. We just want to be affirmed in the state we're in. I promise you the false prophets will come and do just that to you. They will affirm you in the state you're in. They are going to be careful. They'll come in making sure they don't offend you. It is more like, "I don't want to say anything that's going to offend you, so if I do offend you, let me know, and I will change. In fact, I will change the Church. We will stop speaking about sin. We will stop speaking about hell and judgment. I mean, judgment is so negative. You already have a lot of stress you are under. You don't need this extra stress. With all the stress and turmoil you face in your life, you don't need to come to church to get blasted with talk about sin, hell, and judgment. You don't need that. You only need to focus on the grace and the love."

This is what the false prophets do. They come in with these beautiful soothing words that feel like aloe, and the people love these false prophets for this. This is what trusting in your own righteousness looks like. This is falling into the deception of trusting in your own righteousness.

Going back to Ezekiel 33:14—¹⁴ Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does **what is Lawful and right** (emphasis added). So when Paul says—if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one (Galatians 6:1)—what are you going to get them with and where are you bringing them to? Repentance. And what is repentance? It is to turn them back to the Torah which is the thing that is extremely offensive in the Church today. People are offended by the concept of Torah. I marvel at how it is possible the enemy could come in so seductively and take something that was given to us in beauty and holiness, that leads to life, and the Torah is now considered anathema from grace.

There's hatred against God's Word. I've never seen anything like this. In a million years, you could not imagine such an environment as we're living in right now.

Continuing in Ezekiel 33:15—¹⁵ if the wicked restores the pledge [you can read about restoring the pledge in Leviticus and Exodus], **gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity**. It says—Without committing sin. Does that sound familiar because we read last week in 1 John a righteous man who hears from God does not sin? If you have been born of God, you do not sin. Why? Because the Ruach HaKodesh resides in you. His seed resides in you; therefore, you can't sin.

This, however, does not mean you don't stumble or fall. What it means is you don't sever that conviction and continue in whatever sin you are caught in thinking, "My salvation is intact. I don't have to worry about it."

Starting again in Ezekiel 33:15—¹⁵ if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, **he shall surely live; he shall not die** (emphasis

added). This is the power of repentance. Where are the preachers who give this message? Where are they? They need to rise up and preach this message of repentance.

Ezekiel 33:16—¹⁶ None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done **what is Lawful and right**; he shall surely live (emphasis added). When you look at Luke 24 and recognize the commission of what Yeshua sent the apostles to go do, at the end of the chapter it says they were to go out and preach repentance and remission of sins. Repentance and remission of sins, this is what's to be preached!

Then we have the people in Acts 2 who saw and experienced unbelievable sights. When Peter spoke to them, do you know how they responded to this first-century apostle who was carrying the Word? Scripture says they were pierced to the heart. They asked Peter what they should do. His response was—**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).**

I ask you this, are people coming into churches today falling down trembling? Are they asking, “What must I do to be saved?” Oh, no, no, no, no! What we have now are churches that are accommodating every lust and pleasure you could possibly imagine. We have sanctuaries where we throw beach balls in the air and have people dressed up in mascot suits. We are literally flying the Easter Bunny from the sky into the midst of a community. I am not making this stuff up. It is crazy!

This is what we do. We have not preached the Word, like Peter, so the world is terrified; instead, we've become like the world! We have assimilated. The church is more like the world than the world is like the church. It is too crazy for words.

This is not the time to be messing around in your faith. This is not the time to be messing around in sin. You need to take the concept of what we are going through right now and feel the weight of it. This is what Paul is getting at. When he says—**if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one (Galatians 6:1)**—that's not a small statement. That's not insignificant. It's end of the world salvational stuff. It is life and death.

If we repent, turn from our iniquity, and call on the name of Yeshua, we will be saved! Unfortunately, this is not a message that's going to be received today. There are too many people who do not have ears to hear and eyes to see. We have replaced the fear of God with a new message which is—you can't lose your salvation. Your salvation is locked. It is this false sense of security that is sending more people to hell than we can count. We can chant, “Peace, peace,” but inside, these are men who are full of dead men's bones. They're leading people to total death.

I want to put a little godly fear into you compliments of the Torah. Exodus 32:31-33—³¹ Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! [This is the Church at this time!] ³² Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” ³³ And the LORD said to Moses, **“Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book** (emphasis added).

The book being spoken of here is what we call the Lamb's Book of Life. Let me be clear, if your name is not written in this book, you're a dead man. You can go to Revelation and check that for fact. The only way you live is if your name is written in that book.

Now, I want to point out something critically important. You can be blotted out. You can lose your salvation. To have your name in the Book of Life means you're saved. To have it blotted out means you've been erased, and you lose salvation. But then we can ask, "How did this person lose salvation?" Sin. He lost it because of sin.

This is why the Prophets all the way from Genesis to Revelation say repent. The first recorded words of John the Baptist were—**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 3:2)**! Yeshua followed up by saying the same thing—**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 4:17)**!

In Acts 2:38, when the Holy Spirit fell, the message was—**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** It means you'll be forgiven. That's the message all the way through the Bible. It never stops. This is not an Old Testament thing! It doubled down as soon as Yeshua came because the Kingdom of Heaven had drawn near.

That message doubled down. That message got more intense. As I mentioned last week, to sin now after the coming of the Messiah Yeshua is far graver than to sin prior to His coming. So instead of acknowledging that fact and living desperately for Him by picking up our cross and following Him, the devil has come in and seduced us and deaden the pain of godly sorrow. Scary stuff! The point here is when you look at all of this, you realize the threat is real. You can lose your salvation.

Going to Revelation 3:4 where we have the words of Yeshua—**You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.** Now what's interesting about this is when you go to Revelation 19:8, it shows the saints are there, dressed in white. However, in that chapter, we are told why. We are told it is because of the righteous acts they have committed. That is what clothed them in white.

Again, going back to my point. You need a testimony of two. We find that in Revelation 7:14 and 19:8. They're made white because they walked in holiness. You must have the testimony of Yeshua, and you must walk in His Commandments; otherwise, you are going to die. Don't think you can grab one or the other and be saved. Don't think conceptual faith is going to save you. Be a doer of the Word, not the hearer of the Word, therefore deceiving yourselves. Amen?

Continuing on in Revelation 3:5—**⁵ He who overcomes.** This is talking about the perseverance of the saints. This is talking about running the race as only one would win. This is talking about Matthew 10:22—**And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

Again from the beginning of Revelation 3:5—**⁵ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life (emphasis added)...** [Why not? Because they repented. They walked in the Spirit of God and holiness. Therefore, Yeshua will not block them out of the Book of Life.] **but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**

Romans 11:22—**Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God (emphasis added)**. I want to point something out. Today the church only focuses on the goodness and tells us the lie there is no sin, hell, judgment, or Commandments. The church today tells you, you don't have to do anything. You just have to believe. You simply need to have conceptual faith, and when you say that prayer of salvation, you're sealed. You're going to heaven.

Paul, however, says something very different— **Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell** [Israelites in the wilderness], **severity (emphasis added)**. So just like it says in Romans 15:4 and 1 Corinthians 10:11, the things that have been written before are for our learning. In other words, we're supposed to look at these stories, and they're supposed to change our lives radically. They're supposed to influence the decisions you make in this life. We are to look at these stories with fear because they are relevant. The Old Testament should not be thrown away because it's relevant. The Old Testament is what we're commanded to look at in order to put the fear of God into us. However, if we throw the Tanakh, the Old Testament, away, where is the fear?

Continuing in Romans 11:22—**but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off (emphasis added)**. This means losing your salvation.

That is exactly what Ezekiel said. This is beautiful because when you put all of these Scripture together, it's all harmonious. When you do that, you're standing on the truth. This is exactly what Ezekiel was saying. He told us you can have a righteous man walking righteously all day long, but if he doesn't continue in His goodness, that man is going to be cut off. This is a reality.

In both Ephesians 5:6 and Colossians 3:6, we are told—**the wrath of God comes against the sons of disobedience**. Whatever happened to that message? **The wrath of God comes against the sons of disobedience**. Sin leads to death; obedience leads to righteousness.

Look at chapter six in Romans. Obedience leads to righteousness. Look at Hebrews 5:9—**And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**. He is only the Messiah to those who really follow Him and walk in His footsteps.

Now, obviously, the reason we're going through all these passages is that I'm making a very simple point so you can appreciate what Paul is instructing the Galatians. He is telling them, it is life and death. We need to feel the weight of that because so often we don't. Instead, we have the cares of the world. We don't really care about our brother because we have our own issues and problems. We are super self-absorbed in this generation. It is a frightening reality, but we've got to get our act together in all of this so we can help someone else. Amen?

James 5:19-20 says—¹⁹ **Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth** [exact same thing Paul said in Galatians 6:1], **and someone turns him back,** ²⁰ **let him know that he who turns a sinner** [one who is walking Lawlessly] **from the error of his way** [what will happen?] **will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. What you do in this life matters (emphasis added)**.

Do not be deceived, and don't think God will simply send somebody else. It is you who needs to go. It is me who needs to go. Let's be honest; typically, it's going to be uncomfortable. You're going to have to say hard things, but it's how you say them that make the difference. Say them with gentleness, in love and humility.

Proverbs 27:6—**Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.** I want you to think about something; Judas betrayed Yeshua with a kiss. Think about who Yeshua is, and think about what the Church is. It says in Scripture the Church is the Body of Christ. Given that, do you think the devil is going to come to us any differently than what that verse says? He is going to come to us through false prophets and false teachers. These are what Paul calls ministers of righteousness, but Paul says they are not. Remember, the devil comes as an angel of light, and he's betraying the Church with a kiss and telling them, "It's OK. It's fine."

These false prophets and false teachers wrap their arms around you, love on you, and encourage you. The devil and his false ministers will send you to hell and not think another thing about it. This is a reality.

Do you want to know what a righteous man looks like? Look at Psalm 141:5—**Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.**

So here's the deal. If you go appropriately, in the Spirit, and you speak according to the Spirit, you're going to know who this person is because they will respond to it well. This righteous man or woman will respond to correction because they want it. They want the path of truth. They don't want to wallow in deception.

Proverbs 28:23—**He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue.** This is a biblical truth. It is easier to flatter people and tell them what they want to hear. In doing that, there is no confrontation. Everything's fine. When you leave, you know you don't offend this person, Church, or pastor, but that is not what we are called to do. We are called to rebuke.

Back to Galatians 6:1—**Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted (emphasis added).** One thing I want to point out. So when we look at the reality and weight of this, we find this is life and death. This is salvational. But just to point something out. Not everyone is fit for duty to go on a rescue mission. There are only specific people who are to do this. It says—**you who are spiritual.** These are the people we talked about in the last lesson. These are the people who walk in the Spirit. These are the only people who are capable to go behind enemy lines and take from the devil in order to bring this person back home. These are the ones who are fit to rescue.

This is exactly what Yeshua says in Matthew 7:1-2—¹**Judge not, that you be not judged.** ²**For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.** Obviously, this is honestly one of the most popular, predominant passages in all of the Bible people are

acquainted with, but I will also tell you, it is misunderstood and misused. We find the world quoting this verse. We have atheist quoting this, "Don't judge me. Your Bible says you are not to judge. Hands off."

That is how the world likes to do it, but here is the thing. Do you know what Yeshua's point is in this verse? All you have to do is follow His point. What is Yeshua concerned about here? We know what Scripture says because we looked at what James, Paul, Ezekiel, and many other passages said. We are called to bring our brothers home. We're called to admonish and rebuke them. So what is Yeshua's concern? Let's look at the next verses in Matthew 7:3-5—³ **And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?** ⁴ **Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?** ⁵ **Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.**

This is His concern. The concern is about the people who are going to do the judging. It never fails that the people who are most willing to go and do the admonishing or judging are always the ones with the big, honking plank in their eyes. They love to point out to people the things they are doing wrong. They love to nitpick. These are the people with the big honking planks in their eyes.

If you've ever had a speck in your eye, you will relate to what I am going to tell you. As a kid, I had something in my eye. It was just a tiny speck, but my eye was puffed up, and I was in pain to the point I did not want anyone touching my eye. My aunt did this thing with this tissue paper where she rolled it up tight so that it came to a point like a needle. Then she comes at me with this thing and pulls the speck out. It was like she was doing surgery.

Now I am telling you this, I don't want someone with a big, honking plank trying to do that to me. It makes no sense and is terrifying. This is Yeshua's concerned. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul is communicating—**Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness** [You're gentle and kind. You're capable of handling this rescue mission.] **considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

I want to close with this verse in Daniel 12:2-3—² **And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.** ³ **Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.**

Now that's a powerful statement because when God brought Abraham out of his homeland, He told Abraham to look up at the sky and count the stars if you can number them. The righteous are actually likened to stars in the book of Enoch where we find these stars have names. It's amazing! But here in the Daniel 12 verses, we see they do something. The righteous whose names are in the Book of Life turn many to righteousness. That is what we're called to do.