

Respected sins - *Fear, worry, frustration and unthankfulness*

As God continued to talk to us about the so called 'respected sins' as we defined it in the last article, I realized that they are somewhat like the blinking of our eyes.

Do we ever think when do we blink the eyes, they just keep blinking and we don't even notice them. Majority of right-handed people put their left leg in the pants first while wearing clothes. Did you ever notice that?

Respected sins are such sins which go unnoticed even though they are there in our lives, quietly working day and night - to degrade our spiritual life. We don't even think about them. I want to name a few here:

- Fear
- Worry
- Frustration, and
- Unthankfulness

Are they not so much part of our lives? We do come across many situations where we are afraid or at least worried. Sometimes, when things do not go our way, we get frustrated and therefore also unthankful to God - as if we were saying - not your will but my will be done - and when it did not happen we grumble and remain unthankful.

Do we really see them as sins? Yes, they are sins.

In my opinion, sin is disobedience to God's commands with a heart of distrust. So when God says,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say - rejoice... Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God - [Philippians 4:4,6]”

and,

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. - [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18]”

and,

“For God did not give us spirit of fear and timidity... - [2 Peter 1:7]”

Does he not mean them? If he means them, what do we do by being worrying, fearing, frustrating and being unthankful? Is it not disobeying him and therefore sinning against him? Is it not like saying in our attitude that God we know that you exist, but who knows whether you can handle this situation or not, therefore I am worried. What a pity that we cannot trust completely on the God who created the heavens and the earth and everything which exists.

Yes, the main reason of all such sins is - not trusting in God completely. Can we take a decision today that we will trust in Him completely in ALL our circumstances - good or bad, easy or difficult and will not worry but give thanks to Him because He is in control and will bring goodness in everything for us who love him and serve him with reverence.

Let's confess today before God that we have allowed all these negative emotions in our lives but not anymore. Let's ask God's strength so that we may live by faith and glorify him in our lives. Lets pray:

“God, we thank you for opening our eyes to see these hidden sins in our lives. Today we confess that have not trusted you completely in several circumstances and have cribbed. Lord forgive our sins and fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit so that we can live free of these sins in future and bless you by our words, actions and attitude. Lord be glorified in us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.”

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