

THE RUIN OF RESENTMENT

Resentment

Latin - (re) back & (sentire) feeling back feeling or feeling back

English - (re) back & (sent) transmit transmit back

Resentment is the opposite of forgiveness.

Let's see how the curse of sin entered into the universe.

Satan was resentful of God's authority and glory so he became prideful.

I will be like the most High God and my throne shall be above His throne.

Adam and Eve resented God holding back one thing from them.

The tree with the fruit of the knowledge of good & evil.

They became prideful in believing they could be just like God their Father.

In fact, the reason we are in this mess to begin with is that Satan resents the fact they we are made in the image of God and have been given authority to rule and have dominion over the earth.

Cain resented Abel.

Cain was furious in that God rejected his offering and accepted Abel's offering. His resentment resulted in the first murder.

But if any man hate his brother, he has committed murder.

Isaac and Ishmael.

Because of resentment between two brothers, there has been war after war between the two even up till today in the Middle East, Israeli against Arab.

Judas saw that he was not going to be wealthy and powerful in a kingdom. His resentment ruined his relationship with Jesus. He had nothing to live for and hung himself.

The bright spot in the midst of all this resentment in the Bible is Joseph.

He had many times and reasons to be resentful. Read **Genesis 37-50**

But he resisted the temptation to resent his brothers actions.

He realized that what the devil meant for evil, God meant for good.

Genesis 50:18-21

Remember, to resent is to send back what you have received.

To send back what is transmitted.

Don't be a receiver. Don't receive what is transmitted.

If you refuse to be a receiver, you won't transmit back what is sent to you.

Resentment and pride are interwoven together.

Just like religious and controlling spirits are interwoven together.

Hard to tell them apart.

It is important to counteract resentment and pride with esteeming and humility.

Philippians 2:3 "Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves." **TPT**

Humility is:

having a humble opinion of one's self

modesty, lowliness of mind

Proverbs 18:12 "Before destruction, the heart of man is haughty, but humility goes before honor." **NASB**

Proverbs 15:33 "The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor comes humility." **NASB**

Proverbs 22:4 "The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life." **NASB**

Humility here means gentleness and meekness

Honor is Hebrew kabowd:

glory

abundance, riches, splendor, dignity, reputation, reverence

Before there can be honor there must first be gentleness and meekness.

Jesus is our example:

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 “Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility], ⁶ who, although He existed in the form and unchanging essence of God [as One with Him, possessing the fullness of all the divine attributes—the entire nature of deity], did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped or asserted [as if He did not already possess it, or was afraid of losing it]; ⁷ but emptied Himself [without renouncing or diminishing His deity, but only temporarily giving up the outward expression of divine equality and His rightful dignity] by assuming the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men [He became completely human but was without sin, being fully God and fully man]. ⁸ After He was found in [terms of His] outward appearance as a man [for a divinely-appointed time], He humbled Himself [still further] by becoming obedient [to the Father] to the point of death, even death on a cross.” **AMPLIFIED**

Illustration:

A courtroom in which a defendant stands accused. The prosecutor goes at the defendant with everything he’s got. He paints the man as a treasonous liar who is intent on destroying society. His arguments are intended to bring the jury to the point of anger and aggravation so that they will find the man guilty and call for his punishment.

But the defendant doesn’t respond the way we would expect. He says nothing. His defense team offers no rebuttal nor does it try to justify his actions or proclaim his innocence. He merely absorbs all the insults being thrown at him without any attempt whatsoever to address his accusers. And when he is sentenced, instead of responding with hatred or seeking revenge, he merely says,

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34 NASB

Acts 7:59-60 “As they hurled stone after stone at him, Stephen prayed, “Our Lord Jesus, accept my spirit into your presence.” He crumpled to his knees and shouted in a loud voice, “Our Lord, don’t hold this sin against them.” And then he died.” **TPT**

Only a supernatural work of God in our lives can enable us to love others like Jesus does with a love that is pure and that does not seek resentment.