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Series: "How to Survive in the Kingdom of God"



Message: "The Law of Cause and Effect Part Three"

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We're continuing our discussion of the Law of Cause-and-Effect and we're going through these spiritual laws or spiritual precepts that govern life within the Kingdom of God.

Knowing who God is causes me to be who I am.

When Jesus Christ has saved us, we want to know Him. There is a desire to know what He has accomplished and how we appropriate all the things that Jesus has accomplished. What are the promises of God? And what does it matter?

The more we know about who God is and how He operates, the better life goes. I see many people come into the kingdom and they need to read their Bibles to study the word of God to show themselves a workman approved. They need to learn to pray and to come into a relationship with the Living God, who is Sovereign and Holy.

God is the Sovereign Cause and man is a free moral agent, responsible for responding to his Creator in obedience. We have our part as we found when we talked about Jeremiah 18. Man is likewise a secondary cause. It's almost as if there's a principle - As we do, God will do. God relates to us in a cause-and-effect relationship. It's a relationship of covenant. It is establishing the covenant and the Kingdom of God, which is to be preached to all creation.

We want to look today at Abram in Genesis 12. For here we read, *"The Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house to the land which I will show you. And I will make you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great. And so you shall be a blessing and I will bless those who bless you and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'* So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him."

Well, let's back up. What if Abram hadn't gone forth as the Lord had spoken to him? But you see, these are the words whose source is God and they cannot fail. Why can they not fail? Because of the One who spoke them. God spoke them. We have a promise but notice that it had a condition. All these blessings were going to come only if Abram went forth from his country, and from his relatives and from his father's house to the land that God was going to show him. Well now he has to just step out, in faith. We call it in faith because he has to believe what God says BEFORE he sees any results.

You see, first we believe and then we see. Abram has conditions to fulfill in order that the promises of God are to come to pass. But he believes what God says and he responds with actions. Because God has promised, Abram responds in faith and then this secondary cause has an effect. As we respond to God the Sovereign Cause, we in turn become a secondary cause that has an effect. We believe God.

First of all, there is God, the Sovereign Cause, and then He gives us promises and tells us certain things in His word. Then as we believe, we step out in action. There's an action that takes place. That action then also is a cause, a secondary cause that has an effect. Here the effect is that Abram inherits the promise. It becomes reality then in the physical realm. Again, it is "Do this and you will live because I AM the Lord Thy God."

That's something we want to consider today. It is to remember the Lord Thy God. It all rests in going back to the Source, God, of who's the One who has these words and making these promises and that they are true. Also, because He is the Creator God, He is the Sovereign Lord. If we can believe, all things are possible to the one that believes. But there is a condition there: if we can believe. You see, an active faith can give thanks for a promise even though it's not yet performed. Why? Because we know that God's bonds are as good as - well, like ready money. It's just like they're as good as gold, as we say.

Passive faith accepts the word as true, but doesn't move. You could say, "I believe that that's true. That's the word of God and it's true." But a passive faith never moves; it doesn't change anything in our lives. An active faith begins the work and therefore, it more-or-less proves. We have to step out. A passive faith says, I believe it. Every word of God is true and I know He hasn't spoken what He's not going to do. He said, 'Go forth.' Like here with Abram, He says 'Go forth from your country' right? So He says 'Go forth' or maybe He says 'Go forward' but in front of that we could say, I see a closed up way or maybe when the waters are divided then I'll cross over. You know, show me and then I'll do it. Or we might hear a voice commanding, 'Rise and walk; take up your bed.' or 'Stretch forth your withered hand' or whatever and then a passive faith would say, "Well, maybe when I'm a little stronger; then I know I can surely stand up."

We're trying to have this rationalized here; we want a totally rationalized faith. Ok, maybe there comes some sort of healing to some extent, then I'll stretch forth my hand. And I know that God is able and that He is willing to do something. I believe the promise and maybe sometime it will come to me and will become true. That's how passive faith is. It's just kind of halting. It's a wavering faith. Well, it's just not quite there.

But an active faith says, "Yes, I believe it and I take this promise right now. I know right now as I receive this promise that God will make it real. The Holy Spirit will make it so." Therefore I can step into the waters. I can find as I step forth there is going to be an open way. The waters will open before me. I go on the land, as I step on the land. If there's some promise, 'Everywhere you step I'll give you the land' or whatever. It doesn't happen until you step out on the land. So if God says, 'Rise up' I will rise up and I'll just start walking and with joy. I'll take joy in my Lord. I will remember the Lord my God. He is faithful and He also will bring it to pass. I know that God is able and fully willing to do as He says. I will believe every promise that it might come true.

Remember we are talking about God being the Sovereign Cause but we are also a secondary cause. What we do as a cause also has an effect. Paul said in Acts 27:25, "I believe God that it shall be even as it was told to me."

I want to relay a story about George Muller and an encounter with George Muller. He's the one from Bristol (England) that was very much known for prayer and for believing God. The story goes like this:

I went to America some years ago with a captain of a steamer who was a very devoted Christian. Off the coast of Newfoundland he said to me, "Last time I crossed here 5 weeks ago something

happened which revolutionized the whole of my Christian life.” We had George Muller of Bristol on board. I had been on the bridge 24 hours and never left it. George Muller came to me and said, “Captain, I have come to tell you that I must be in Quebec Saturday afternoon.” “Impossible,” I said. “Very well. If your ship cannot take me, God will find some other way. I have never broken an engagement for 57 years. Let’s go down into the chart room and pray.”

I looked at that man of God and thought to myself, “What lunatic asylum can that man have come from?” I’d never heard such a thing as this. “Mr. Muller,” I said, “Do you know how dense this fog is?” “No,” he replied, “my eye isn’t on the density of the fog but on the living God who controls every circumstance of my life.” He knelt down and prayed a very simple prayer and when he finished, I was going to pray. But he put his hand on my shoulder and told me not to pray. He said, “First, you do not believe He will answer, and second, I believe that He has. There’s no need whatsoever for you to pray about it.”

I looked at him and he said, “Captain, I have known my Lord for 57 years and there has never been a single day that I have failed to get an audience with the King. Get up Captain and open the door. You will find the fog is gone.” I got up and that fog was indeed gone. On Saturday afternoon George Muller was in Quebec for his engagement.

<https://www.georgemuller.org/devotional/my-eye-is-not-on-the-fog>

Remember the Lord thy God. Knowing who God is causes me to be who I am. Act in response to God. It’s the way faith works.

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My heart is grieved. My heart is grieved. What else will man think up to do? How he corrupts himself. He brings the judgment to himself. Have I not told them? Have I not warned them? Is this because I have pleasure in what is happening, and the evil that is occurring? No. It is the consequence of their corruption. Of their evil. The evil of their hearts. The evil of their minds. They spend their time plotting evil on their beds. They dream about it. They think about it. They plot and they plan evil. Is this My word? Do they speak of Me? No. They claim to know Me, but they do not know Me.

Even the animals cry out to me. Their blood cries out to Me from the earth. Their blood is crying out because of the evil. The blood of the animals cries. The blood of children cries. The blood of women cries out to Me. Death. Death. Death. Many call to Me to arise. And I will arise. I am rising right now. I have seen what they do. I know of their plots. What they conspire. And My people have prayed, "Do not grant the desires of the wicked. Do not promote their evil devices, lest they be exalted." They will not be exalted. I am moving, slowly, quietly, surely. They do not see Me, for they do not know Me. Nations are being divided out now. Who is on the LORD's side? Come over here. Soon. I will strike soon. I am Jehovah Makaye, the Covenant Lord who strikes.

Pray for grace, for mercy, for light. Before I am finished, they will be praying that the caves fall on them, and the rocks fall on them. But do not be puffed up in pride, as if your hand did this. When I strike, do not glorify yourselves, for is it not My name that is dishonored here? Do I not contend for My glory? For the name of my Son whom they mock? Whom they deny? Yes, it is for My glory, for My name. For My name's sake I do it. So do not be puffed up in pride when I strike, lest you also perish. Pray for repentance. For death comes to every one of you. And some are resurrected in the resurrection of the just. And others are resurrected also. In the resurrection of the unjust. They are marked. The sifting and the sorting is almost done. Prepare your hearts

now. Be careful what you pray. I am the Lord. Remember the Lord thy God. For more, go to <https://www.marycraig.org/Prophetic.htm> .

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