## THE PPEARANCE APOSTLES AND



Ephesians 2:20-22

**Ephesians 4:11-16** 

PREPARING THE
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RELEASING THE
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THE CHILDREN'S BREAD #4



Mark 7:25-26 "For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race; and she besought him that he would cast forth the demon out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, let the children first be filled: for it is not right to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."

In lesson 3 we talked about the root of bitterness and how it was associated to all kinds of curses, diseases and spiritual problems in the life of a person. We saw how a root of bitterness will defile you if you do not deal with it and allow it to remain in your life. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." Heb 12:14-15

In this lesson we will look at some things that identify someone dealing with a root of bitterness in his life, and how to remove it. One of the main characteristics of a root of bitterness in a person's life is constant complaining. A person that has a root of bitterness will always be moaning, griping, complaining and dissatisfied with everything in life. You name it, they have something negative to say about it. They seem to be always miserable; they are never happy.

A person with a root of bitterness will have a very difficult time in life having long, lasting relationships because a relationship must be built on trust, and people with a root of bitterness have a hard time trusting anyone. A person who has a root of bitterness will always try to find someone to vent their anger at, even though that person had nothing to do with what provoked them to anger to begin with.

"A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise uses knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness. Proverbs 15:1-2

The Word of God gives us the only antidote for the root of bitterness; it is called <u>forgiveness</u>. There is a tremendous amount of power that is released whenever you choose to forgive another human being. This will not happen by itself, but it is going to require

a tremendous amount of determination and will power on your part. It will require you to develop the godly traits of tender heartedness and kindness. Without them, it will be very difficult for you to forgive.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be you kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:31-32

A person that is kind and tender hearted is someone who is able to look beyond the offense to the offender, and see things from their perspective. When this happens, you will no longer feel the need to fight or retaliate, but instead you will begin to feel compassion for that person. This is exactly why Yahushua as He was hanging on cross was able to say: "...Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do..." Luke 23:34

If you have a root of bitterness in your life, it is because you have not been willing to forgive a person for what they did to you. It does not matter how many years ago it happened. It could be a year, 5, 10, 30 years ago; it does not matter. A root of bitterness will remain inside of you forever, unless you extract it with the divine tool of forgiveness. Nothing else will rid you of this ungodly root that will destroy your body, soul and spirit. That is why it is extremely important that you remove all bitterness from your life.

I have been in the ministry for over thirty years, and through all those years in ministry I have seen many people who have been healed of the most horrible incurable diseases like Epilepsy, Cancer and AIDS once they were able to remove the root of bitterness from their lives which did not allow them to forgive those who had hurt them in their past. *Unforgiveness is a most serious sin in the eyes of the LORD, as He taught His disciples so many times while He was still here with us.* (See Mathew 18:21-35).

A major part of becoming a mature disciple of the LORD Jesus Christ has to do with how we deal with one another. It matters not how much knowledge, revelation or gifts you may possess; or how much fame you may have on this earth, *if you have a root of bitterness in your heart that makes it impossible to forgive your brother, you are in danger of hell fire.* May our Heavenly Father grant us His Divine Grace and Wisdom in the days ahead. Shalom.