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Righteousness

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# Relative righteousness

Isaiah 6:1-2 (ESV) In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Those are God’s pets ;)

Isaiah 6:3-8 (ESV) And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Never taught out of this, but I want to share something out of this with you. In the Presence of God Isaiah realizes he has issues, but not only he does, also the people around him have those issues. Evidently, he doesn't know that he has issues until he comes in the Presence of God.

Sometimes we have relative righteousness. We live with people worse off than we are, or more sinful than we are. I view myself more righteous than them and therefore I see myself as righteous. But in the Presence of the Lord, not only do I have issues, but also the people that I live with.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV) Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

You can look pretty good depending on who you compare yourself to. When you are in worship your eyes will be opened up to the Truth. You may think this must be alright, because all my friends struggle with this stuff. But when you are with God you can see clearly again.

At the cross, I can see from the cross what I couldn't see before. Connected and centered with God. It can mean I feel bad about myself and all of a sudden when I got into the Presence of God I am doing good. You’re doing good, let me show you how to dress (Joshua the priest) or I can have the Isaiah experience. If I don’t find center in Him I am by default comparing myself to my culture. I need to have that moment with Him every day to stay centered on the Truth.

# Kairos moment for character

The Lord wants to do something suddenly in our character. The millennials lack perseverance, but the Lord is doing an and suddenly. You have struggled with things that have just been so habitual and you have tried so many times to get out of it. A pain management thing where I do it less, maybe pornography, masturbation, drugs. Social acceptable sins that happen among Christians, adultery, but not thinking about jealousy or gossiping that I deal with.

The Lord is doing something right now, Nehemiah did in 52 days what they did for 70 years. It has to do with God wanting to touch our character.

# Compassion

Compassions for others helps us to understand how other people think, but I can’t take on other people’s mindsets. Compassions becomes perversion when we reduce our convictions to help the broken.

Sometimes I so understand how they got there that I begin to take on their opinions about the government, prejudice against the rich. Victim and everyone who has stuff should be hated. If I come out of that place that is perversion, it is not compassion.

I am watching it into the area of sexuality. Gay community, they get compassion at them. We need people who stop screaming and start loving, but then I begin to not think of that as a perversion. If the light in us takes on the moral opinions of that culture I am no longer helpful. I am salt that has lost its taste.

Understand how people got there, but not take on their mindsets and convictions.

Then I become a person of unclean lips because I take on their convictions. Can we just be good in loving people without weak moral convictions, Jesus wasn't sent to. Simeon thought she was a whore, but Simons thought got written down in the Bible! intellectual property. Get around there, what am I thinking about?

# King Uzziah

2 Chronicles 26:3-21 (ESV) Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.

He went out and made war against the Philistines and broke through the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod, and he built cities in the territory of Ashdod and elsewhere among the Philistines. God helped him against the Philistines and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal and against the Meunites. The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread even to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong. Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate and at the Valley Gate and at the Angle, and fortified them. And he built towers in the wilderness and cut out many cisterns, for he had large herds, both in the Shephelah and in the plain, and he had farmers and vinedressers in the hills and in the fertile lands, for he loved the soil. Moreover, Uzziah had an army of soldiers, fit for war, in divisions according to the numbers in the muster made by Jeiel the secretary and Maaseiah the officer, under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's commanders. The whole number of the heads of fathers' houses of mighty men of valor was 2,600. Under their command was an army of 307,500, who could make war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging. In Jerusalem he made machines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones. And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the Lord his God and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valor, and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the Lord God.” Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the Lord had struck him. And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the Lord. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

The Message Bible represents this really well. Typically, the Kings were either wicked or righteous. Btu when Zachariah was alive and walked with Uzziah lived a righteous life, but when he died Uzziah slipped off. When he had a prophet influencing him he did righteously, but when the prophet was gone that was fatal.

Ecclesiastes: one who falls the other lifts him up

Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

# Walking with someone

Interesting, the word stimulate means to sharply disagree. King wants to wander off, but Zechariah sharply disagrees. What happens when you’re walking with someone that is righteous, the disciples stir one another to love in good deeds. I don’t know how you’re thinking about that, but I dare you to get rid of that.

Something about walking with someone that has permission to speak into my life, who can stimulate me by sharply disagreeing or encouraging me. I have this encouragement part, but also this stimulus part. I encourage you, but I sharply disagree with you!

Success is a very dangerous place to be! Abraham Lincoln “if you want to test a man’s character, give him power”

Each man tested by the praise according him. Crucible and furnace. Solomon is talking about the trial of praise. Too well liked it is like being in a crucible. You don’t know you’re in a trial, because it feels so good.

Fame is growing because of the favor of the Lord, he may have authority as a king, but that doesn't matter you have authority in another matron! Gets in there and gets confronted by 80 valiant priests to try to stop him. Instead of submitting even 80 priests can’t stop this man from being insane, immediately he is struck with

**Pride can make you believe you know more than anyone around you. It stops you from being influence able.**

# No spanking world

We are in a no spanking world, we negotiate with our children. I believe that it is important for the children to learn to know how to think. Go outside or in your room from Danny Silk. Choices are good, if I do commanding they don’t learn how to think.

I am in favor of that, but the other side of that is: it is okay for Johnny to get no, because I said so. Sometimes it is okay for Johnny to get don’t do that, because I said so! Someone with authority in your life said don’t do that. You’re going to stop doing that, because I said so. If you don’t listen I will give you a moment, a memory it will start in your butt and all the way up.

I grew up spare the rod spoils the child. But we reacted to that in a negotiating thing with a two-year-old. I will work for someone one day and when someone says flip the burger I won’t say: “why”. In worship, you don’t learn how to interact with God, before you are a friend you need to be a slave of Him!

He is not Lord if you’re seeing Him like a Google God. Why did so and so die? Why did I get hurt? You don’t walk in that place! We have so emphasized revelation that we have left Lordship. If you have a real relationship with God there are many things that He tells you to do without telling why.

**We can’t treat authority as if it is evil!**

Uzziah has authority, but doesn't know how to submit to authority, but that never works, that is called a dictatorship! We live in an age the information age, but your greatest weakness is your strength over emphasized. I can get the answer to everything and I don’t do it if I don’t have the answer.

So, used to operating out of understanding that I don’t operate out of authority anymore.

Used to tell my kids if you get in trouble at school you will get spanked after school! Somebody has authority in their lives. Many conversations with teachers, but often there is a lot more to the story.

# Respect

Your 5-year-old will learn then one will learn respect. It will come back to bite you! We all have regrets in our life. All that would do things differently, one of the things I don’t regret is that if my children were disrespectful to each other they would deal with us. We are on the same team, you can say whatever you want, but disagreeing with a good idea is completely different from a right attitude.

Disagree honorably, but if you want to yell or raise your voice you can talk to God in your room until you come down with a better attitude.

Lost a sense of you respect me, because I am your dad, because she is your mother. Not because I am smart or do everything right. “They sit at Moses’ feet, therefore listen to them.” - Jesus

Do believe I need to obey God rather than man, but authority matters! Not all the times authority is wrong, but the attitude how to deal with authority and raise children that do the same.