

Miserable People

Chapter 8

Do you know who the most miserable person in the world is? It is a “Born again” Christian who does not follow God and the ways of the Kingdom of God. That is who.

Why do you think that in the middle of Jesus’ sermon, He suddenly stops and says this?

MT 12:43 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. [45] Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

This has nothing to do with what He was saying before, but He thought it was so important that He stopped His preaching and changed subjects, why? It was because He knew that when a person is saved, it will not be easy to change from the worldly ways they were living. to the ways of God. He wanted to show everyone, what they were against, and that He has a plan to get us through this transition; He wanted to show us the spirit world and what we were against, and that He has a plan to get us through it; He wanted to show us that what we were going through was not be as bad as we thought, because there are worse spirits than what we were rid of and that He has a plan to get us through it.

Having been through this, Peter tries to warn everyone about the new enemy we have after we are “Born again” and what to do about it.

1PE 5:8 “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

So there are 2 ways to protect ourselves from this new enemy--I say new because before you were “Born again”, he was your friend.

JAS 4:4 “You adulterous people, don't you know **that friendship with the world is hatred toward God**? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. [5] Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? [6] But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

JAS 4:7 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

EPH 2:1 “**As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.** Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

From your physical birth, you were trained to live the ways of the world, the ways of the devil its master. Your heart lived with evil spirits coming and going, leading you here and there, but always toward and evil direction and always away from God. But now you have met God and have become “Born again”, and so now you have chosen to live the way of God and the kingdom of God. But it is not easy.

These miserable people are miserable because they have tasted the Kingdom of God and they are being drawn away from it. When evil has succeeded in this, Peter describes them like this.

2PE 2:17 “These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. [18] For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. [19] They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity--for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. [20] If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. [21] It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. [22] Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.””

As I was saying, there are 2 major ways of preventing this misery—1. You must build your faith, you must do as James says above: resist the devil, and you must first seek the kingdom of God and His

righteousness. 2. You must allow God to come into you and live with you, you must do whatever it takes to keep your house full, clean and occupied with the Holy Spirit, for only He is strong enough to fight the evil spirits that want to take you over again. That was their home, and they were rudely interrupted and thrown out, cast out of their house, and they think that they have the right to occupy it, so they have declared war against anyone and anything that keeps them out. And they will not stop, until they are forced to stop by being defeated by your faith and the power and authority of God, through His living word: Jesus our Christ, our Savior. Remember how Jesus defeated the devil?

MT 4:1 "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. [2] After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. [3] The **tempter** came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

MT 4:4 "Jesus answered, "**It is written**: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

MT 4:5 "Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. [6] "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. **For it is written**:

" 'He will command His angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

MT 4:7 "Jesus answered him, "**It is also written**: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

MT 4:8 "Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. [9] "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

MT 4:10 "Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! **For it is written**: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.' "

MT 4:11 "Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him."

Jesus did not call down angels from heaven, although He could have and used them to defeat the devil, but no, He called upon the Word of God to defeat him. He used the scriptures to defeat him. The power of God is in His word, in His scriptures. If you will also notice, that the devil knows the scripture too and he used it against Jesus, but the devil took it out of context and so it was powerless against Jesus, and so Jesus being the author of all scripture, knew and took the right scripture in context and used its powerful message against the tempter: the devil—the liar and the father of all lies.

This also shows that Jesus knows what we are and will be going through, which is why He says to now worry and fear, for He has a plan to get us through this, which is why He wrote:

PS 23:1 “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

PS 23:2 “He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,

PS 23:3 He restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.”

PS 23:4 “**Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;**
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.”

PS 23:5 “You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.”

PS 23:6 “Surely goodness and (mercy—KJV) love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

God wrote this to show us how we can defeat the tempter—the devil. We do it by walking with God.

But being “Born again”, you know nothing of walking with God, and taking with God and following the ways of the Kingdom of God. That is why you must read the bible, you must read this book and other books like this, see recommended reading list.

You must learn how to keep your house full with God and His Holy Spirit, when you do, you are walking with God and no evil can touch you. When you do, you will never be miserable again. When you do the Holy Spirit will fill you full of His special rewards, look at this.

GAL 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

To have crucified the sinful nature, is to have be willing to allow God to remove that old sinful nature—spirit—that you were physically born with, and replace it with God’s new spirit, which is the process of being “Born again”—sorry little reminder.

This again is the essence of cleaning your house, your heart where your spirit lives—where your nature lives. And when you allow the Holy Spirit to live in you, you allow Him to reward your decision by giving you His fruits, which are having Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, and Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

When He did this to me, I thought I had died and gone to heaven, I felt so good. No more evilness in me. I was happy, and not longer miserable. I had heaven on earth. No more tension or stress.

But then later, the evil spirits that were cast out of me came back. But the Holy Spirit would not let them in. Although I knew they were there, I was still like in heaven, because I decided that I preferred the Holy Spirit living in me then them. But, of course, they did not give up easily.

So I had to learn how to constantly fight and resist them. I did it by:

1. Removing myself from all possible evil temptations. You cannot do this forever, because you have to live and work in this temptation of life and world, but temporarily, I did this by:
 - a. Removing all worldly music, TV, movies, and books—worldly reading material from my life
 - b. Removing all worldly relationships.
 - c. Going through my life, my beliefs, my attitudes, my direction of life, and my hearts desires, and praying for God to forgive me for all that caused me to sin, all that was evil and all that was not His way, and to repent from them—to be willing to change from them.
2. Immersing myself in Godly ways, and support—Christian music, fellowship, and books that would help me to learn to focus on God and His ways of doing things.
3. Most importantly, reading the bible. I read it whenever I could. The only true source of information about God and the Kingdom of God is the bible. You cannot live the new life with God if you do not know how to live it.
4. Replacing all worldly relationships with my new relationship with God and if possible with a new Godly type of people relationship.
5. Retraining my mind to live with God, and to live by the principles of God and the Kingdom of God. So that at all times I practiced living in the Kingdom of God and its ways. Then after awhile, I found myself no longer just practicing but I start doing it naturally. When you do start living your life naturally with God and in the Kingdom of God, then you will no longer have to stay removed from the world and its temptations, just like me.

Once you have learned to live your life resisting temptations, you will start to naturally live the ways of God and the Kingdom of God, and then you can go out and walk with God always like Jesus did. He lived His life in the world, but He constantly and naturally resisted it and naturally walked in the ways of God.

It takes time to re-educate yourself, to practice living with God and to build your faith. You will find that as your faith grows, your natural resistance to the tempter will grow and will keep him away because you are naturally keeping your house full of God and His Holy Spirit.

So what does this all mean, it means that if you find yourself becoming miserable, you are not following the suggestions above, they work, I know I have done it and am constantly doing it. If you find yourself being miserable, you do not have heaven here on earth, and you need to find it again. You need to develop and keep your relationship with God, but as with all relationships, you have to work at it, if you are not working on it, then of course you are miserable.

And here is why:

You are “Born again”, that means that you have a new spirit from God, and if that new spirit from God cannot commune with God, walk with God and live with God, then he is very unhappy and the longer this new spirit is away from God the more it gets unhappy, until it gets miserable. Then when your spirit is miserable and you are not helping that new spirit to be happy, he will make you miserable.

A happy spirit is a happy person. And worse yet is when you let the evil spirits into your heart where your new spirit lives, it is torture for him, and that torture makes you miserable.

So to stay happy and not miserable you must support your new spirit by making sure he can always commune with God and fellowship with God.

And that is what this book is about. To stay happy and to have heaven here on earth, do the list about constantly.

Living your life with God is not easy, and that is why God has tried to give you as much help as possible, so to that end you must read the bible and especially start with and learn John 14, 15 and 16.

