

Rendering Our Robes - Ezek 33:11 2 Chr 7:14 "if My people..."

Chattanooga Trail Of Tears

In the winter between 1838 and 1839 about 15,000 Cherokees were forcibly removed and marched from Chattanooga 1,200 miles to Oklahoma. An estimated 4,000 died from hunger, exposure and disease.

Good Josiah's Repentance 2 Chr 34:15

2 Ki 22:11-20 vs 19 "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the LORD. "Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace;

John and Jesus called people to repent.

Mat 3:1, 2 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

***Mat 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

***Luke 5:32** "**I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**"

Repent = 1. Remorse regret or contrition for past conduct or sin. 2. To feel such regret so as to change one's mind regarding it: as in repenting of intemperate behavior. 3. To make a change for the better as a result of remorse or contrition for one's sins.

Repent = Hebrew, nacham, to sigh, breathe strongly, to be sorry, repent. Greek, *metanoio* Feeling regret, think differently, turning from sin to God.

Does God repent?

Num 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Exo 32:14 So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

Jonah 3:2-10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. They were living under a death decree and repentance changed the mind of God.

First Repentance than the Holy Spirit.

Mat 3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water **unto repentance**, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

***Acts 2:37** "Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; **and you shall** receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 4:7-10 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and He will lift you up.**

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one" (9T, 189).

Confession Psa 51:3 **For I acknowledge my transgressions,...**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psa 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Prov 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

- "Confession is necessary for fellowship. Sin builds a barrier between us and God." - Erwin W. Lutzer

Very few sins should be confessed publicly. A sin that was committed publicly should be publicly confessed. But ultimately all sin is against God and should be confessed only to Him. Joseph, David.

- I can't sleep so here is \$500 of unpaid taxes. If I still can't sleep I will send the rest.

We Play Down Our Confessions

Many years ago a man was put in the stocks for stealing. A friend came and asked him what crime he had committed to get this punishment. The thief said, "I was just walking along the street when I saw on the ground a grass rope. Thinking it was of no use, I made the mistake of picking it up and taking it home; and so I got into this trouble." "But is that all you did? pick up an old grass rope?" "Well," the thief confessed, "there was something

else tied to the rope.” “And what was that?” asked the friend; to which the thief replied, “A very small ox.”

How important is it for us to repent?

2 Pet 3:9 ...not willing that any should *perish* but that all should come to repentance. **Luke 13:1-5** *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."*

Someone asked an old rabbi when is the best time to repent. He said “The last day of your life.” But what if I don’t know when that is? ...Exactly!

Every time the Spirit pleads with us and we resist we a shell grows around our hearts and they become a little more callous until we can not repent.

- God creates out of nothing. Therefore until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him. - Martin Luther 1483–1546

Luther would roll back and forth in his cell saying My sin my sin.

Vance Havner says “God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop; broken clouds to give rain; broken grain to give bread; broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume--it is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

Hosea 10:12 *Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.*

Lord must plow up a heart in order to make it into a beautiful garden.

When Nathan was born after we heard him cry I knew everything was fine.

There is a wrong repentance.

Heb 12:16, 17 *lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.*

Mat 27:3-5 *Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.... and went and hanged himself.*

Richard Allen Davis would not repent. Only sorry to divert judgment is not real repentance. **Saul, Jeroboam, Achan, Pharaoh.**

2 Cor 7:9,10 *Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*

Lam 3:40 *Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD;*

Real repentance will be followed by reform. Placibo Grace

***Ezek 33:15** *"if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.*

In the course of his preaching, W. P. Nicholson insisted on the need for restitution where something had to be put right with another person. After one mission held in East Belfast early in 1923, many tools and pieces of equipment which had been purloined earlier were returned to the shipyard, and in such quantities that an additional store had to be provided to hold them.

Mat 3:7,8 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,*

Acts 26:20 *"but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.*

***2 Cor 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

Mat 26:75 *And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly*

Repentance Is A Gift From God.

***Acts 5:31** *"Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*

Acts 11:18 *...and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."*

Rom 2:4 *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*

- **Every day that we put off repenting is one more day to repent of and one less day to repent in.**
- In the Bible there is one example of a deathbed conversion that none might despair and only one so no none might presume. –M Henry
- Death-bed repentance is burning the candle of life in the service of the devil, then blowing the snuff in the face of heaven.

What did our sin cost? Jesus can only recreate and enter a broken heart.

When we truly behold the Lamb of God, it will break the heart for & from sin.

A hermit was guided by an angel into a wood, where he saw an old man cutting down boughs to make up a bundle. When it was large, he tied it up, and attempted to lift it on his shoulder, and carry it away; but, finding it very heavy, he laid it down again, cut more wood, and heaped it on; and then tried again to carry it off. This he repeated several times; always adding something to the load, after trying in vain to raise it from the ground. In the meantime, the hermit, astonished at the old man's folly, desired the angel to explain what this meant.

"You behold," he said, "in the foolish old man an exact representation of those, who, being made aware of the burden of their sins, resolve to repent, but soon grow weary, and, instead of lessening their burden, increase it every day. At each trial, they find the task heavier than before; and so put it off a little longer, in the vain hope that they will by and by be more able to accomplish it. Thus they go on adding to their burden till it grows too heavy to be borne; and then, in despair of God's mercy, and with their sins unrepented of, they lie down and die.

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Now repentance is no fun at all. It is something much harder than merely eating humble pie. It means unlearning all the self-conceit and self-will that we have been training ourselves into for thousands of years. It means killing part of yourself, undergoing a kind of death. C. S. Lewis (1898–1963)

Repentance

Indifference to sin; "if God is grieved by sin shouldn't we be?"

Mark 3:5 ...being grieved by the hardness of their hearts,

A sorrow for sin

Pin the tail on the donkey Every time we sin it hurts Jesus.

Heb 6:6 *if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

Heb 10:29 *Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the*

blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

Zec 12:10 *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

Ezek 9:4 *and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."*

2 Cor 12:21 *...I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.*

2 Pet 2:8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds);

Jer 13:17 *But if you will not hear it, My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly And run down with tears, Because the Lord's flock has been taken captive.*

Isa 57:15 *For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

Psa 119:136 Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because men do not keep Your law.

Being baptized into Christ and the Adventist church is the same thing.

Robert Moffat- It was twelve more years before his message bore the fruit of revival. Suddenly the meeting house was crowded. Heathen songs were not sung in the village and dancing stopped. Prayers came to the lips of the Bechuanas, and the songs of Zion were sung. They began to give up their dirty habits. Converts were recorded, then time-tested, then baptized.

Acts 8:18-23 *And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! "You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. "**Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of***

your heart may be forgiven you. "For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."