

Awake To Righteousness Bible Study

Session 9

Who's your Daddy? Romans 8:15-28

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I. No longer a slave, but a beloved Son

Rom 8:15 For [*the Spirit which*] you have now received [*is*] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [*the Spirit producing sonship*] in [*the bliss of*] which we cry, Abba Father!

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself [*thus*] testifies together with our own spirit, [*assuring us*] that we are children of God.

Rom 8:17 And if we are [*His*] children, then we are [*His*] heirs also: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ [*sharing His inheritance with Him*]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

“Abba” is the Aramaic word that is equivalent to our modern day word “daddy.” It implies intimacy with and complete dependency on the one who loves you and takes care of you.

The Difference between the spirit of slavery and the Spirit of adoption

- A servant serves his master to earn a reward; but also lives with fear of punishment if he does something wrong
- A son receives an inheritance of everything his Father has simply because he is his son. He does not earn it. It is a gift given not from his own work, but from the work of his father. The Father's perfect love for the son casts out all fear (I John 4:18)

Many Christians still see themselves as a servant- having to earn the blessings of the father by their good works: They are performance driven in an attempt to be approved by God and qualify for his blessing on their life, yet they never quite feel good enough. Fear (worry & anxiety) is the predominant fruit of the life of a Christian who is living their life in the bondage of the law (Romans 8:15)- fear of punishment, fear of what others think, fear of financial lack, fear of the future, fear of sickness-fear that others mistakes will affect them in a negative way, fear of disapproval and rejection- fear and worry are all symptoms of a condemned mind- one that is focused on self and has exchanged the truth for a lie

But the Good News is that there is no condemnation (fear and worry) for those who are in Christ Jesus! When you begin to awake to your sonship, you realize who your Daddy is, that He loves you unconditionally, and everything He has already belongs to you! You are joint heirs with Jesus. Jesus' inherited all that the Father has because of His perfect obedience. He fulfilled the law perfectly. When we simply put our trust in Him, we became joint heirs with Him (II Corinthians 1:19,20).

Good works flow from your heart because it is who you are-you have the very nature of Jesus. As He is so are you! You live fearless because you are conscious continually of your Daddy's love for you- Perfect love casts out all fear! You know in your heart that your Daddy has your back and He is working out every situation in your life for your good! Every one of His promises belongs to you simply because you are His child through Jesus! Perfect Peace and confidence is the fruit of your life when you have your focus on Jesus!

Gal 4:4-7 But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children. 6 And because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." 7 Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are His child, you are His heir and everything he has belongs to you NLT

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance [*of the promise depends on observing*] the Law [*as these false teachers would like you to believe*], it no longer [*depends*] on the promise; however, God gave it to Abraham [*as a free gift solely*] by virtue of His promise.

Have you ever thought of God as your Daddy? No matter what kind of natural father you had in this life, you have a new Father now. He is a perfect Father. He only sees good in you because of Jesus (Ephesians 1:3,4; II Corinthians 5:21)! When you fail, He will never be angry with you and punish you (Isaiah 54:9,10). He corrects you by reminding you who you are and how much you are loved! Everything He has belongs to you-Provision, wisdom, power, prosperity, health, love, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, power, grace, mercy. Every good a perfect gift comes down from your Daddy. (James 1:17) He pours His blessing into your life just because you are His beloved child! When you live conscious of your Daddy's love, peace will be the fruit of your life!

Zep 3:17: Your Daddy takes delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He rejoices over you with joyful songs." You are the delight of His heart- His precious son or daughter and He is so proud of you! You have His complete approval-Eph 1:6

When you are tempted to be anxious, fearful, or worry about something, remember who your Daddy is, everything He has belongs to you, and He loves you unconditionally! Cry out, "Daddy, You love me and I am safe and secure in your love for me! You will take care of everything that concerns me!" Remember who you are: You have not received a spirit of slavery to put you in bondage to fear. You are a beloved child of the King of kings- you live fearless in this world!

II. Persecutions are nothing compared to the glory revealed in and through you because of Jesus!

Rom 8:17 And if we are [*His*] children, then we are [*His*] heirs also: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ [*sharing His inheritance with Him*]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

Rom 8:18 [*But what of that?*] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us!

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The word suffering in verse 17 comes from the Greek word 4841 *sumpascho* and it means: to *experience pain jointly* or of the *same kind* (specifically *persecution*)

The word “Glory” means God’s nature and His opinion; it’s the manifestation of who He is and all that He has

This verse is talking about the persecutions that Jesus received from others because of His confident belief and declaration that He was the beloved Son of God- one with His Father. As we receive this truth as well, we too will receive persecutions from those who live under the law and think you have to earn God’s blessing and approval! When you truly take a stand for Jesus and declare it is all about what He has done and not about what we do, people will not like you for it- religious people will call you a heretic, the same way they did Jesus, but the Good News is the the persecutions you will receive from you identifying completely with your oneness with Jesus, will not even compare with the glory (the manifestation of your Daddy’s good opinion) in and through you as you keep your eyes on Jesus and realize who you truly are in Him!

Rom 8:19 For [*even the whole*] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [*waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship*]. AMP

All of creation waits for the sons of God to realize who they truly are and to take their position in the Kingdom of God by declaring what their Daddy says is true about them so that’s His glory will manifest in the earth!

Rom 8:20 For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it--[*yet*] with the hope

Rom 8:21 That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [*and gain an entrance*] into the glorious freedom of God's children.

Rom 8:22 We know that the whole creation [*of irrational creatures*] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the firstfruits of the [*Holy*] Spirit [*a foretaste of the blissful things to come*] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies

Rom 8:24 For in [*this*] hope we were saved. But hope [*the object of*]

which is seen is not hope. For how can one hope for what he already sees?

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for what is still unseen by us, we wait for it with patience and composure.

These verses reveal the Father's promise of complete redemption and restoration of all creation and of our new bodies that will never die or decay. We wait patiently for our Daddy to bring forth this complete redemption.

III. All things work together for your good

Rom 8:26 So too the [*Holy*] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

Rom 8:27 And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [*Holy*] Spirit [*what His intent is*], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [*before God*] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

Rom 8:28 We are assured and know that [*God being a partner in their labor*] all things work together and are [*fitting into a plan*] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [*His*] design and purpose.

What a wonderful Daddy we have! He sent the Holy Spirit to live within us to empower us in our time of weakness. When we face difficult circumstances, the Spirit prays through us according to God's will. We can be completely confident that the Spirit of grace is at work, working all things together for our good because our Daddy has called us to be His very own children and He loves us very much! We love Him because He first loved us! (I John 4:19)

Awake to Righteousness: You are no longer a fearful slave in bondage to the law. You are a beloved son or daughter of God-a joint heir with Jesus to the glory of God-everything He has belongs to you! When you are tempted to fear or worry, remember who your Daddy is-the King of kings! Cry out to the One who adores you and remember He is working everything together for your good!