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The Righteous Man

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Psalms 32:2 *Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

In other words, as Brother Vayle used to say, "you did it but you just didn't get credit for it."

Hebrews 10:17 *And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

Hebrews 8:12 *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

Hebrews 1:9 *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

Romans 4:7 *[Saying], Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*

Let us pray, Dear merciful God, we humbly and reverently approach Thee tonight in the precious name of Your Loving Son, Jesus Christ. Be with us father as we come to open your Word, and then go to prayer for we are a needy people, and your prophet taught us that we can eat too much, and drink too much and seep too much and work too much but we can never pray enough. Help us Father tonight as we read from Thy Word in preparation for our souls to meet with thee in Prayer for we ask it in Jesus Christ's precious name, Amen. You may be seated.

There is just one quote from brother Branham that I would like to share tonight and that is from his Message, **God's provided way - 53-1201 pp 10** where he said, *Now, a righteous man is not a sinless man. For you notice he said, "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are." He had his ups-and-downs and his differences. And the Scripture of his life proves that he had his ups-and-downs like we do. And he had his times of wondering and his times that his temper got away from him, and he had a lot of things, that went wrong. But he was still a righteous man, because he confessed his unworthiness and believed in God. So that's what made him righteous. We're not righteous within ourselves; we're righteous through Jesus Christ. I cannot be sanctified within myself; I am sanctified through Jesus Christ Who stands in the Presence of God in my place. It isn't my holiness; it's His holiness. My holiness won't work at all, but His does. Because God done accepted Him. And in accepting Him He had to accept me, because I'm in Him. Amen. That's what makes it real isn't it. Then we don't have to depend on ourself. Now, that doesn't make us say we can sin. Brother, if you sin, you're just away from God. That's all. There's only one thing to do, is confess it and get right with God. As long as you desire to sin, the desire of sin's still in your heart, then it's time to stay down at the altar till that thing's taken out. Now you will sin. You're bound to sin 'cause you just can't help it, but not willful sin. "He that sins willfully after he receive the knowledge of the truth (See?), there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." But*

every day you're bound to sin. 11. And you're bound to be backsliding constantly, so it takes a constant prayer to God. Paul said, "I die daily." And if Paul had to die daily, how much more am I'm going to have to stay there dead all the time, if Paul had to die daily to stay right with God. And so, we'll all have to do that, just die out to ourself. And that's getting God's way. Now, there's only two ways of anything: That's the right way and the wrong way. And them ways are your ways and God's way. And you can't be in your way and God's way at the same time. You've got to forget your own way to get in God's way. And you got to get out of your own way to get in God's way. For as long as you're in your own way, you're out of His way. So forsake your way, forsake your thoughts, forsake everything, and just rely one thing, on **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. That's all. Then you know you're right. 12. Though you can't see it, none of the senses will say it's right, every one of them will say it's wrong; but you know it's right because God said so. That's what makes it right. Now, that's... His provided way has been His Word; it is His Word. God's provided way for the human to live is not by your senses; it's by His Word.

In 1963 I believe it was, brother Vayle preached a Message at the Tabernacle where he spoke on **1 John 3:9** *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

He spoke about how the Scofield Bible shows that the word "commit" was translated from a Greek word which actually means, to "initiate". *Whosoever is born of God doth not initiate sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* In other words, you don't go out looking to do it, but sometimes you just get trapped into it. And don't ever think you are without sin, for John said in, 1 John

1 John 1:8-10 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive only ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, (and that is the key, if we confess our sins) he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

So the truth of the matter is, as brother Branham said, "*no man is sinless except for the only begotten Son of God*", But we are righteous, because we are in Him. And being in Him gives us His Spirit, and His right-Wise-ness, through His Word.

Now, we noticed in the quote of brother Branham's that we read tonight that we can not depend on ourselves, but on what He did for us, but that doesn't mean that we have liberty to go out and continue in sin, "*He that sins willfully after he receive the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin.*"

And as brother Branham said, "*As long as you desire to sin, the desire of sin's still in your heart, then it's time to stay down at the altar till that thing's taken out. Now you will sin. You're bound to sin 'cause you just can't help it, but not willful sin.*"

So we find the key is the words "**willful sin.**" Is our sin, or unbelief willful? Or did we somehow get trapped into a situation where we fell?

Now, the scripture says, **1 John 5:18** *We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

But according to the continuity of all Scripture it should read, *We know that whosoever is born of God does not initiate sin.* Doesn't go looking for it. Doesn't plot and plan to do it, and then say God will forgive me. A person who would do such is a sinner and knows not God.

1 John 2:29 *If ye know that he (God) is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth right-wise-ness is born of him.*

Why Because **Genesis 1:11** tells us "*every seed must come forth after in the likeness of the original seed.*"

Ezekiel 33:8 *When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.*

So a Pastor sometimes has to say things to warn the people, and it is not always pleasant the way he says it, but sons of God are led by the Spirit of God. I heard brother Branham the other morning on a tape really hit something very hard and then he told the people, he said it exactly the way God told him to say it. But sometimes it is said to work a godly sorrow into the hearer, that it might cleanse and bring forth a righteous living.

2 Corinthians 7:10 *For godly sorrow worketh repentance (works within you a repentance) to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*

2 Peter 2:16 *But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.*

Titus 2:14 *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

Revelation 18:5 *For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.*

Matthew 7:23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Let s bow our heads in prayer. dear Father we now change the order of service to prayer and as we go to our knees to pray, we pray as David did, "*search me oh God and try me, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and purge me.*" And in our prayer we are hoping and trusting that you will hear our petitions, for we ask it in Jesus Christ name, amen.