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## BITTERNESS OF THE SPIRIT

How destructive is the sins of the spirit! It seems that we do not realize about these sins. Today we are going to see how even God's people fell prey to this deception of the enemy.

1). **Cain** slew his own brother Abel the reason was **bitterness** in his soul. When he was that his offering was rejected and his brother Abel's offering was accepted by God (Genesis 4:3-5, 8).

2). **The brothers** of Joseph **hated** him and the reason was jealousy, because they had no coat of many colors (Genesis 37:3,4 23); sins of the spirit.

3). **Moses** struck the rock in anger, in anger when God said; "speak to it" (Numbers 20:8-11).

4). **King Saul** having **envy and jealousy** against David when he heard the women of Israel sing, "Saul slain his thousands, but David has slain his tens of thousands (I Samuel 18:7-9).

5). **Elijah** after the victory of Carmel he thought he has won the world. King Ahab made him to run in exaltation before his Chariot (I Kings 18:46). He was depressed, humiliated. He sat under a juniper tree and wished that he would die. (I Kings 19:4). The Pride of "I have achieved" "I have done it" will surely destroy the people of God.

6). **Jonah** did not obey his God when he asked him to go to Nineveh, but he turned and went in the opposite direction to Tarshish (Jonah 1:1-3). But when finally he went to Nineveh and preached there the people of Nineveh repented and turned to God. God spared them all. Jonah did not like that. **Bitterness!**

7). **Elder brother of a prodigal son.** We read that when the elder brother came from field he saw that there was great celebration because his father has accepted his prodigal younger brother back and making merry with all. The reason was he was angry on his father (Luke 15:25-28). And when his father came out and entreated him, he said, "28. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him. 29. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30. But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf" (Luke 16:28-30). And he hated his young brother.

The spirit, the sins of the spirit, our worst sins are sins of the spirit; for out of the heart are the issues of life (Matthews 15:19).

Let us check our heart in the light of the Word of God and Holy Spirit. Let us check whether we are having such issues in our lives. Let us surrender everything to the Lord and let us walk in His Agape love and in His Spirit ((Galatians 5:22-23). Let us put on Christ, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

**PRAY FOR US**