

Rebellion, Four Point Test

Zep 3:1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

Zep 3:2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

The word "filthy" is Strong's 4784 and means rebel or rebellious, along with other meanings. So when working in my life or others, I use the 4-point test to help determine if rebellion is operating.

- 1) Am I/person obeying His voice?
- 2) Am I/person willing to receive correction?
- 3) Am I/person trusting in the Lord?
- 4) Am I/person drawing near to God?

This is an easy way to help a person clearly begin to see if they have some degrees of rebellion in their life. If you can lead the person to this test.

In other words, I may be obeying but doing it reluctantly so not really willing to receive the LORD's correction. I may be doing it but not really trusting God, just doing it because I have to. Or maybe I am trusting God and obeying and open to correction but at the end of it all I am not really spending time with Him, drawing near to Him. Meaning it's all about me and my benefit rather than delighting myself in Him.

I learned this first-hand from the LORD one day. The LORD said to me personally as an inward witness, "do you what rebellion means?". Well that got my attention fast. He lead me to Zephaniah until I found this passage. It has worked in walk-out for me ever since.

And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet."—Exodus 15:23-25.

I am thinking this is a picture of Jesus' redemption of us on the tree.

Wow I just looked up the word filthy it's "marah" 4784

bitter, change, be disobedient, disobey, grievously, provocation, provoking

A primitive root; to be (causatively, make) bitter (or unpleasant); (figuratively) to rebel (or resist; causatively, to provoke) -- bitter, change, be disobedient, disobey, grievously, provocation, provoke(-ing), (be) rebel (against, -lious)