

LightHouse Ranch Bible Study

Exodus 11 - Godly Sorrow worketh Repentance

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Godly Sorrow worketh Repentance – II Corinthians 7:10

This is the narrative of the last two plagues – maybe a different study than usually presented. We have seen God doing much more than delivering the Israelites out of bondage, He is the great Shepherd and does not want any sheep to fall by the wayside. (II Peter 3:9) Of course, not all will fear the LORD, but the LORD does give everyone His Word and "space to repent." (As Thyatira, Revelation 2:21). The LORD is working with everyone in Egypt, but after the LORD's Word is given, Pharoah gave the LORD nothing but compromises and false repentances. Are there two kinds of repentance? The LORD is giving Pharoah and all people, a message in a formula that includes: Hearing and taking heed to God's Word; godly sorrow that leads to repentance; sanctification, or separation from unrighteousness - So we will not be ashamed at His coming! (I John 2:28) Lack of these brings darkness and darkness death. This will be brought out today, typically with Pharoah and Moses, and expounded upon in the New Testament. This same message was that also of Moses at Sanai, a message of faith, (Believing and doing God's Word); sanctifying (separating) yourself because the Lord will appear. Let's look at what God told the Israelites from Mt. Sanai:

<u>Exodus 19:5</u> Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

Exodus 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 19:7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

Exodus 19:8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

Exodus 19:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

Exodus 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

Exodus 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

I. Pharoah exhibits no "godly Sorrow" that worketh repentance

Exodus 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

Exodus 9:27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

Exodus 9:28 Intreat the LORD (for *it is* enough) that there be no *more* mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

Exodus 9:29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth *is* the LORD'S.

Exodus 9:30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God. "Godly Sorrow" vs. "Sorrow of the world"

It may appear that Pharaoh's confession was sorrow for his actions toward the righteous God, and also confessing his people were wicked; but Moses was able to 'see right through' Pharaoh's game and Pharaoh's thinking. Pharaoh was sorrowful, alright, but not with godly sorrow:

II Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. This is a type and the Actual Context is God is coming!

- 1.) "Godly sorrow" Worketh repentance to salvation
- 2.) "Sorrow of the world" worketh death

Pharaoh did not have godly sorrow, and since we have learned Egypt is a type of the world, it is the "sorrow of the world" that Pharaoh possessed. And that, "worketh toward death": - Darkness first!

II. Pharoah exhibits Sorrow of the World – Just one step before the death angel

The "Sorrow of the World" brings darkness:

Exodus 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

Exodus 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

Exodus 10:23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Exodus 10:24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

Exodus 10:25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

Exodus 10:26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Exodus 10:27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

Exodus 10:28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in *that* day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

Exodus 10:29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

III. The Sorrow of the World worketh death – Darkness first

Exodus 11:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

Exodus 11:2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

Exodus 11:3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

Exodus 11:4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: **Exodus 11:5** And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that *is* behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

Exodus 11:6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

Exodus 11:7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

Exodus 11:8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

Exodus 11:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 11:10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

<u>II Corinthians 7:10</u> For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

IV. The same today - Without Godley sorrow, darkness abounds, and darkness leads to death

As God separated the light from the darkness the first day, so must we separate from the darkness <u>I John 1:3</u> That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

I John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

I John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

I John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

I John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

When we do separate unto the Light, the Light shines

<u>I John 2:8</u> Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

I John 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

I John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

I John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

When we separate from the darkness doing the will of God - abideth for ever

<u>I John 2:15</u> Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

I John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever

Let's look at II Corinthians 7 again a little closer:

<u>II Corinthians 7:8</u> For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.

II Corinthians 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

II Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Il Corinthians 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

	Why did Paul first "do not repent" but then "did repent"						
Verse	Who	Did What	To Who	Did what	Now		
7:8	I (Paul)	Ye were made sorry	Ye (Church)	Sorrowed but for a season	I did repent		
7.0	7:8 I (Paul)	Made you sorry with a	Ye (Church)	Sorrowed after a godly	I do not repent		
7.0		letter but for a season	re (Ciluicii)	manner to repentance	I rejoice		

Contrasting "Godly Sorrow" and "Sorrow of the World"

Verse	What	Does	What	То	So
7:10	Godly sorrow	worketh	repentance	salvation	This should not be repented of
7:10	Sorrow of the world	worketh	death		

Sorrowing after a godly sort

Definition of Godly Sorrow				
	Carefulness it wrought in you			
	clearing of yourselves			
Va assuranced after	what indignation			
Ye sorrowed after	what fear			
a godly sort	what vehement desire			
	What zeal			
	what revenge!			
In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.				

Now, what was it that lead up to this contrasting of godly sorrow and sorrow of the world?

When we look at the context, we find this Corinthian church that Paul had founded had been led astray by false teachers, demeaning Paul, and leading the people astray. The people were beginning to rebel against Paul and follow the false teachings of this minority. Paul was grieved about this when heard about it when he was in Ephesus and sent Titus to Corinth to face these difficulties. Paul rejoiced as he heard Titus's report back that the people had repented, and Paul wrote II Corinthians partly to exhort and give further teaching.

<u>Il Corinthians 6:14</u> Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

II Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

The Context: Passage from which Paul is quoting above: – It's a prophecy Christ is coming!

<u>Isaiah 52:8</u> Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

Isaiah 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52:10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Isaiah 52:12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. **Isaiah 52:14** As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Isaiah 52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

Can we see why Peter told the many Jews in Acts 2: (Because the LORD wants to come upon you!)

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Why should the Corinthian Church be not yoked with unbelievers?

Verse	What	Hath	This	With	That
14	fellowship	hath	righteousness	with	unrighteousness
	communion	hath	light	with	darkness
16	agreement	hath	temple of God	with	idols

What will happen if we (Ye, plural) separate from the world?

Verse	Ye are	God Hath Said	If we do	And God will do
1.0	The	I will dwell in them	Come out from among them	I will receive you
16, 17,	temple of	I will walk in them	Be ye separate	I will be a Father unto you
18		I will be their God;	Touch not the unclean thing	Ye shall be my sons and
10	God	They shall be my people	Touch not the unclean thing	daughters

Paul assured the people with a contrast of "godly sorrow" over sin, and "sorrow of the world"

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We can see that the means of salvation is a process of:

- 1.) Godly sorrow
- 2.) Repentance

heart.

3.) Salvation at the LORD's return

V. The First Mention of repentance at the Flood gives us the definition of godly sorrow:

Genesis 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his

Genesis 6	Who	Did	Why or where
6	LORD	<mark>repented</mark>	He had made man
6	him	grieved	at his heart

In this first mention, the KJV tells us more about repentance, and this on the part of God, as a change in direction from a heartfelt grievance. (Notice not just a change of mind)

➤ The Nature of Repentance: the word "repent" appears over 100 times in the Bible and sometimes the way that it's used in religious circles is not exactly scriptural. We commonly define it as "a change of mind". The word has the basic sense of "turning". But, in the Bible, repentance has to do with the "heart". We might define it as "the act of turning from some action or decision or condition because of a change of heart."

Repentance is a Gift from God – As Paul is instructing Timothy to shun vain babblings:

<u>II Timothy 2:24</u> And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

II Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

II Timothy 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Repentance is something in which we have a part - By God's goodness - Context: Day of wrath Romans 2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Repentance is produced by godly sorrow

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Repentance is a process beginning with godly sorrow, and repentance with a change of heart II Corinthians 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

A. Repentance is a space – to repent – without which God will close that space as in Thyatira:

<u>Revelation 2:20</u> Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Revelation 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Revelation 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Repentance is a preparation for the coming of the LORD!

Matthew 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

Matthew 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

B. Repentance is a proving-ground - Proves godly sorrow (Revelation 2:4-5; Revelation 15-16; Revelation; 3:2-3, 19).

VI. Darkness of God forsaking the world

Exodus 10:21-29 describes a unique 3 days in history. Here is an utter darkness that falls upon Egypt at the command of the Lord. In truth, this is the most awful plague up to this time - A darkness that can be felt! We have here, not only a punishment of God to Pharaoh, but darkness coming as direct result of Pharaoh rejecting God's Light. Before we see the physical manifestation, there are always first physical actions that bring on spiritual manifestations. There are not only physical consequences, as with the previous eight plagues, but grave spiritual and emotional consequences that accompany this Plague of Darkness. Imagine the horror that must have fallen upon the land of Egypt. We are not just talking about the annoyance of a power outage and losing your work as I am experiencing doing this study. That's bad enough, but in Egypt is a terrible darkness with a crippling effect upon the whole land, and for a full three days, which must have seemed like an eternity, none of Egyptians even moved!

Darkness in the Bible: There are only three occasions in scripture where such a darkness comes the earth. Each time the darkness represents God forsaking the "world", and it precedes the fullest judgment which is death.

- **1. God forsaking the "type of the world":** The first is right here in Egypt. The Lord has withdrawn His mercy and pronounced judgment upon this nation for rejecting His Light.
- **2. God forsaking His Son taking upon Himself the sin of the world:** The next time this would take place was at the crucifixion of Christ:

<u>Matthew 27:45</u> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. **Matthew 27:46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? <u>Luke 23:44</u> And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

Luke 23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

This Darkness lasts for three hours (the plague of darkness lasted for three days). This corresponds God's forsaking of His own Son (Matthew 27:46) as the sin of the world was upon Him, so that we should live unto righteousness.

<u>II Corinthians 5:21</u> For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

<u>I Peter 2:24</u> Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

God does not look upon sin

<u>Habakkuk 1:13</u> Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

At the Day of the Lord:

<u>Joel 2:1</u> Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations....

Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Zephaniah 1:14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zephaniah 1:15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

This darkness begins with the seat of the antichrist

<u>Revelation 16:9</u> And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

Revelation 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Then spreads out from there in to a world-wide darkness

Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Revelation 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

God puts out the light of the sun and the moon

<u>Isaiah 13:9</u> Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Isaiah 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

<u>Matthew 24:29</u> immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

But spiritual darkness precedes the physical darkness: Before this darkness which can be felt fell upon the Egyptians there was a spiritual darkness that descended upon the nation because they rejected the Light.

VII. What God Wants in Repentance - Everyone to come to repentance

<u>Isaiah 55:6</u> Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<u>II Peter 3:9</u> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

<u>Luke 13:1</u> There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luke 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

The LORD is coming Again – Will we be ready when He appears?

<u>I John 2:28</u> And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

I John 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

