



Becoming Empowered in Christ



Section 2 Lesson 2 INIQUITY PART 1

This lesson will focus on:

1. WHAT IS INIQUITY?
2. THE ORIGINS OF INIQUITY
3. THE ISSUE OF INIQUITY AND ITS IMPACT ON US

1. WHAT IS INIQUITY?

Iniquity means to bend or pervert, distort the heart of one's thinking. It means to lean to, bend towards have a tendency or weakness for a particular sin. As it relates to God, **iniquity** means to bend away or have perverted thinking towards the things of God; be it God Himself or what His Word instructs.

At this point it is very important to understand that there are three words that are usually used interchangeably in error. Those three words are sin, iniquity and transgression. Sin means to miss the mark or to not make the grade or mark...you just couldn't meet the standard...you failed to qualify because you're not good enough...ever.

Transgression means to trespass on another's property or rights or privileges. It means to go beyond the border or boundaries that you were allowed. Let's look at scripture containing each of the above three words that will give a further explanation and clarity of them.

Iniquity:

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Hate = intense dislike; extreme aversion or hostility.

*Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our **iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in **iniquity**; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

In *Exodus 20:5*, *Isaiah 53:5* and *Psalms 51:5*, iniquity means perversity or a moral evil...it means to crook or bow down, do amiss. Therefore, in David's case in *Psalms 51:5* his act of having sex with Bathsheba who happened to be a married woman, getting her pregnant and then trying to conceal the matter by having her husband return from the war effort and hopefully have relations with her and therefore believe the child was his own. Well that didn't work, her husband would not have relations with her because he refused to have pleasure while his men were out on the battle front dying...David, being the king of Israel, therefore sent him back to battle and had him placed on the front lines whereby he was killed. David felt that he had concealed his act until God sent the prophet Nathan and told him of his actions; we therefore have David's confession in *Psalms*

51 and highlighted the root issue in *Psalm 51:5*. The perverted immoral thinking pattern preexisted deep in the crevices of David's soul (mind, will & emotions).

In *Exodus 20:5* it states that the iniquities of the fathers are passed down to the children to the third and fourth generation. Again, the immoral, perverted bending away from God thinking of David originated from his ancestors. Therefore, in *Psalm 51:5* David stated that he was shaped in iniquity. What he meant here was his thinking patterns had been formed before he was born.

The last verse that was used to describe the meaning of **iniquity** was *Isaiah 53:5*, where it states that Jesus was bruised for our **iniquities**. This means that God knowing that we had no power to overcome the natures we were born with took the nature and had Jesus "**bruised**" for it as a trade-off to release us through His love and sacrifice, from the burden we could not remove ourselves. A very good example here would be to take a pig and dress him in a tailored tuxedo after bathing and perfuming him. Upon his first opportunity he will jump directly into the first puddle of mud and slop, so he can and feel right at home...it's **in his nature**. So is **iniquity** with all of us...it's in our nature. A little further in this lesson we'll look at **iniquity's** origin and how we can be freed of it will be dealt with in the next lesson.

Sin:

*Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin** lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

*Romans 3:23 For all have **sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;*

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of **sin** is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Sin, in the three verses above, means to "miss the mark," "to offend," and **to do** so habitually and purposefully. Sin, therefore, is a missing of the mark continually...the pig stays in the mud...we humans stay in the arena of "**The Missed Mark Generations.**" We are immoral, against God and corrupted by our nature that was inherited from Adam. And as it states in Genesis above, if we don't do well, it, **sin**, lies at the door...the door is our thinking realm which leads to **the actual act**...we don't default to it, it's our **FIRST** choice!

Transgression:

*Exodus 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your **transgressions**: for my name is in him.*

*Joshua 22:22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in **transgression** against the LORD, (save us not this day,)*

*Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our **transgressions**, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

Transgression in the Exodus verse above means to be grievously treacherous even very much so! Where as in both verses referenced in Joshua and Isaiah refers to a revolt whether national, personal or religious. All the means combine to a trespass that is knowledgeable, purposed and unacceptable to God. All of them do not qualify to be with, in the presence of nor accepted of the Almighty and Holy God of the universe. Once again, however, as written in *Isaiah 53:5*, Jesus took our blame and faults and through His Love "**was wounded for our transgressions.**" Transgression is an act, process, or

instance of transgressing: as **a**: infringement or violation of a law, command, or duty **b**: the spread of the sea over land areas and the consequent unconformable deposit of sediments on older rocks.

Transgression could be done without knowledge, as in the case of the moving of the Ark of the Covenant by David and his men. Uzzah touched the Ark to steady it to prevent its possible fall, which was against the commands of the Lord. The Lord had required the Ark be moved by the priesthood only after they had washed and with the use of the “staves” that had been made to go through the special hooks God had had constructed for the carrying of it.

2 Samuel 6:3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. 6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. 7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day.

Hold on, as you're probably thinking it was so unfair, even unjust that Uzzah was slain by the Lord, because he had obviously, no knowledge of the direct and strict commands of the Lord as to how the Ark of the Covenant was to be carried...Question...what happens if a person ignorantly touches a live wire that is transferring 100,000 volts of electricity with their bare hand? They're dead, kaput, zapped, expired! The Ark of the Covenant had far more power!!

2. THE ORIGIN OF INIQUITY

The scriptures below give the beginning, the starting point, of **Iniquity**. Once Adam and Eve disobeyed God by listening and following Satan (the serpent), they became the first recipients of **Iniquity** being passed on.

Lucifer: 1966 heylel, hay-lale'; from 1984 (in the sense of brightness); the morning star...1984, halal, haw-lal'; a primary root; to be clear (original of sound, but usually color); to shine; hence to make a show, to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave.

(NIV) Ezekiel 28:11 The word of the LORD came to me: 12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

(KJV) Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his

prisoners? 18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house. 19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

From these scriptures we see how at one time Satan was a star “**of the morning**” angel of brightness. He was a cherub, which was one of the highest rankings of God’s angels. He oversaw the worship that came before the throne of God that had a tremendous anointed of wisdom, brilliance, power and beauty. In his greatness in became proud and then lifted-up, filled with it, when he decided to make his throne as God’s and planned to extol his throne as God’s in God’s Holy Hill, Zion. This was the beginning of **Iniquity**; thoughts that were perverse toward and against the knowledge of God. Of course, at this point he was cast out of heaven with those other angelic beings (one third of the host of heaven-Revelation 12:3-9) that had joined with his iniquitous thinking which exalted itself against the thoughts/ways of God.

3. THE ISSUE OF INIQUITY AND ITS IMPACT ON US

One purpose for meditating God’s word is to be obedient as instructed in various scriptures such as *Joshua 1:8* and *Psalms 1:1-3* and many others. However, it is noteworthy to refer to the terrible condition of the soul (mind) of man after his fall from fellowship with God in the Garden of Eden. Man’s mind lost the continual nurturing of the thoughts of God flowing from within His word. Instead of having the thoughts of God, man fell into the **iniquitous** image of Satan’s thoughts. **Iniquity means to have thoughts and thinking patterns that are perverse as it relates to God’s thinking.** God’s thinking and thoughts toward us give us love and peace. On the other hand, Satan’s thoughts are those of confusion, jealousy, disunity murder and disease. In the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis, it was Joseph following the thoughts of God as he resisted the temptation of Mrs. Potiphar’s sexual advances. Again, on the other hand, it was Satan’s thoughts that motivated her to make the continuous sexual advances to Joseph once her husband was away on business. As Joseph continued to refuse her offers, she lied and said that he had tried to rape her. Potiphar’s wife’s actions were derived from the **iniquity** that David described in *Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.* After Adam and Eve disobeyed God and followed Satan they became bonded to the iniquity contained within his word of death. Look at God’s admonishing found in *Isaiah 1:5-6* and then in *11-20. 5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. Isa 1:6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.* In verses 5 and 6 God outlines that because of Israel’s fatal disease of the soul, **iniquity**, there was simply no use in punishing them because of their unacceptable thought-sin-behavior. This thinking pattern that was adverse to the thoughts (walking) of God; **iniquity**, would cause people to reject learning of God and His thoughts and ways.

To further illustrate **the issue of iniquity**, take note of its ways of stealth; (stealth = *secret, clandestine, or surreptitious procedure; an act of stealing; theft, Military . a U.S. Air force project involving a range of*

technologies, with the purpose of developing aircraft that are difficult to detect by sight, sound, radar, and infrared energy.), in the following example: Imagine that you're at a track and field meet and the runners are lined up to run the 100 meter race. The starter is poised and announces "On your mark.... get set...he then fires the gun and simultaneously states...go! The runners jump out of their starting blocks running down the field at their full throttle. You note that one of the runners has a rope tied around his waist and it's attached to a thousand-pound weight that he is dragging behind him. Despite how well trained he is, with all the additional effort he's exerting, he tires, becomes discouraged and gives up in the race. *Won't someone go down to the track and help him get rid of the rope that is limiting and discouraging him while causing his utter failure?* Another interesting and sad point to note here...that same rope is impacting his self-esteem, relationships, direction in life, health, vocations, educational preparedness, finances, legacy and even his eternal rewards. One other thing...his coach, other runners, nor himself can see nor feel the rope...it's **invisible**. **So it is with iniquity in our lives.** It' **invisible!**

This issue is further expounded upon when Jesus had just healed the man with the palsy (any of a variety of the non-functioning of muscular conditions characterized by tremors of the body parts, as the hands, arms, or legs, or of the entire body; paralysis.)

*Mark 2:4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. 6 But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? *8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.*

*Jesus knew the **iniquitous** state of their mind; the non-forgiveness in their hearts, prejudicial, bitterness, jealousy, envious, hypocritical and ungodly thinking patterned sickness of their souls, imaged after the darkness of Satanic influence, devoid of all righteous life-patterns of God. (I know this sentence is a mouth-full but think on it for a while.) When an individual continues to move in **iniquitous** thinking and therefore sinful behavior, eventually a stronghold develops in the mind in the particular area, the heart (soul, will, emotions) become hardened, and it is then not only rebellious towards God, but brings the action of sin and once that action becomes habitual **iniquity** is passed down to the next generation from the fathers. *Exodus 20:5B... visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.*

This sequence has a vivid picture throughout biblical family histories. It is vividly illustrated in the story of Jacob, who deceitfully and secretly stole his brother's birthright, who was later deceived by his father-in law as he was given Leah deceptively, instead of Rachel, whom Jacob loved and thought he had wed. The next morning, after having sexual relations in the dark with Leah, the light revealed that she was not Rachel. Although Jacob remained married to Leah, he continued in his heart, loving Rachel. This subsequently through, unforgiveness in Rachel and Jacob, caused bitterness and envy to develop towards Leah from Jacob and Rachel and on the other hand, insecurity and jealousy in Leah and her sons towards Rachel and her sons.

Genesis 28:28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. 31 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. 32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. 33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. 34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. 35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

You can readily see the results of the envy, hatred, unforgiveness, and insecurity that took on strongholds in Jacob's family and then the subsequent hatred and planned murder of his son, Joseph, whom was his first born of Rachel, by his brothers born of Leah and her handmaid. (Read *Genesis 28-50*) All of these things that you will find that happened in and through this family, although favored and blessed of God, were the **iniquities** of the fathers being passed on to the children, which became generational curses.

THERE ARE FOUR POINTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE HERE; THIS COURSE EMPHASIZES THE ABSOLUTE NEED AND REQUIREMENT TO STUDY AND MEDITATE GOD'S WORD AS INSTRUCTED THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES, FOR NOT ONLY SO YOU CAN HAVE REVELATION FROM THE MEDITATION VERSES GIVEN IN EACH LESSON, BUT SO YOU BEGIN TO WALK IN THE HABIT AND BENEFIT FROM HEARING FROM GOD! *Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.* Here is the first point: **within the word of God comes life!** This life takes us out of the death that are in the ways of **iniquity**!! The next point is, as we pray in the spirit, (in tongues...this will come in a soon to be studied lesson) ****the Lord through His Spirit, reveals to us things needing to be prayed for that our natural iniquitous thinking patterns are unaware of.**

(KJV) *Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: **for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* (New Living Translation) *Romans 8:26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. **For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.*

The third point that needs to be made regarding the **issue of iniquity**, is God will not hear our prayers if we regard **iniquity** over following and obeying Him from our hearts. (*Psalms 66:18*) The fourth point is in these last days Jesus said that because **iniquity** will be in such abundance in people that love would grow cold. This point is so very important because we cannot have effective prayer without **faith** and **love** and **faith** works by **love**! (See *Galatians 5:6*)

Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Therefore take note: Satan does not want you learning in these classes the thoughts and ways of God that will put an end to his domination in you and your family's life. Press into being in these classes

diligently and study and pray as we work with you to come into the inheritance for you that is in Christ Jesus.

- *Deuteronomy 5:9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the **iniquity** of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, 10 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.*

It is very important to understand that **iniquity** in a person, or love does not end when the individual dies because it is a spiritual entity. (Spirits do not die) Love is the Spirit of God and hate is the spirit of Satan. **Iniquity** not only impacts the present life of the individual through what we soon see are generational curses, with jealousy, inability, drunkenness, drug addiction, disease, etc. but passes on to the next generations through the father as mentioned in *Deuteronomy 5:9-10*. Its influence is more powerful than the influence of the inheritance passed along with and through the genes.

It is very important that you identify the iniquity in your family tree (we all have it) and destroy it at its roots so that it no longer impacts you and your family...because as of this point it is! (See page chart 2 on page 14 of Breaking Generational Curses to get idea of what iniquities are impacting you and your family.)

MEMORY/MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: **Meditation in context of the scriptures before and after verse 5**

(KJV) Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

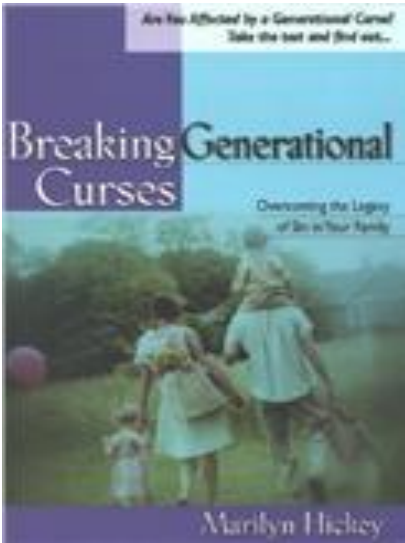
(NIV) Exodus 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

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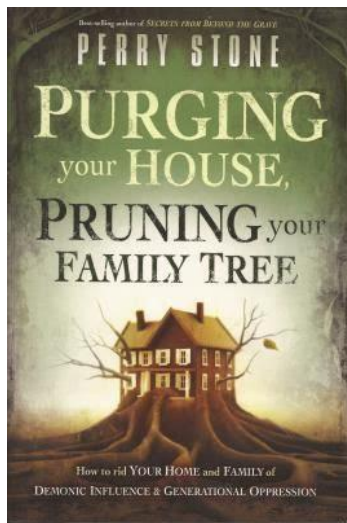
- 1. Knowledge:** God has established that we, as believers, are to live our daily lives in a wholesome and prosperous relationship with Himself through the Love He has forwarded to us through His Son, Jesus. We are not to put anything else before Him.
- 2. Understanding:** We are not to worship any of the many false gods, nor serve them for the Lord Almighty is the one and only true God that loves us so much that He gave His Only Begotten Son to take our sins into His own Body, wash them away with His blood, die and be raised just for us!
- 3. Application:** Trust, obey and follow only God Our Father through the love of His Son, Jesus, while being led of His Holy Spirit. Do not follow the false gods of the many religions of the world nor worship the many idols that have been made for them.

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SECTION 2 LESSON 2 HOMEWORK INIQUITY

(In the questions below, check the best answer per the lesson)

1. What is Iniquity?

- A. Iniquity is things that a person does that are not pleasing unto the Lord our God.
- B. Iniquity is things such as stealing, fornication, adultery, drunkenness and the like.
- C. Iniquity is that which prevents one from finding solutions along the path of good persons doing well.
- D. Iniquity is thinking patterns that are against God which passes to oncoming generations.

2. Where did Iniquity originate?

- A. Iniquity came from Eve in the Garden of Eden when she ate from the fruit that God told her not to eat of.
- B. Iniquity came from Lucifer when he became puffed up with pride, rebelling against God in his thinking.
- C. Iniquity came from Adam in the Garden of Eden when he ate from the fruit that God told him not to eat of.
- D. A and C above.

3. Explain the issue of Iniquity.

4. Explain how effective meditation assists us in ridding ourselves from iniquity.

- A. Effective meditation helps to rid ourselves of iniquity because we become a hearer of the word of God.
- B. Effective meditation helps to rid ourselves of iniquity because it is a good work and faith without works is dead.
- C. Effective meditation helps to rid ourselves of iniquity because it causes us to receive the thoughts of God.
- D. Effective meditation helps to rid ourselves of iniquity because the more word one memorizes the smarter they are.