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TOPIC: “7 Words That We Must Know”

SUBTOPIC: “Lessons on Lost”

Okay, so we are looking at “7 Words That We Must Know”, in order to better understand our Bibles, and better understand the punishment and penalty that God warned Adam about in:

1). **Genesis 2:17**- But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou **shalt not** eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely **die**.

The 7 words are: **Death, Lost, Condemnation, Guilt, Perdition, Punishment and Eternal.**

All 7 words apply to every “*unbeliever*”. But once/if a man will make a certain decision, these words, and their *related consequences*, will **immediately** cease/stop applying to him.

1). “**Death**”, its eternal penalty, applies to an *unbeliever*. The *believer*, when he passes away, it’s now referred to as “**sleep**”.

2). “**Lost**” is the state of an *unbeliever*. The *believer* has now been “**found**”.

3). “**Condemnation**” is the experience and state of an *unbeliever*. There is “**no condemnation**” unto a *believer*.

4). “**Guilty**” is the pronouncement upon the *unbeliever*. The *believer* is now called and considered “**righteous**”.

5). “**Perdition**” is actually the state of every *unbeliever*. There is guaranteed “**hope and help**” for the *believer*.

6). “**Punishment**” is what the *unbeliever* will experience. Jesus took the punishment upon Himself for the *believer*. He was “**wounded**” for our transgressions.

7). “**Eternity**” is the reality of the suffering that an *unbeliever* will experience. *Believer’s* experience “**eternal life**” with God in Heaven.

So, we are on our 2nd word “**lost**”. As a result of Adam’s punishment, he not only “**died**” (our 1st word), he also became what the Bible refers to as “**lost**”.

Notice what the Bibles says:

1). **Luke 19:10-** For the Son of man is come to **seek** and to **save** that which was **lost**.

Man (through Adam) was traveling down a certain road, and he took a *wrong* turn. He got or became “**lost**”. Since his internal GPS (the Holy Spirit) had now stopped functioning, he **could not** find his way back onto the right road, nor the right way.

FIVE STAR SENTENCE: Unless man’s spiritual GPS is turned back on or rebooted, he will **NEVER** find his way back.

CONTEMPLATION QUESTION: _____ Yes _____ No- Can a saved man, a believer, take a *wrong turn*, and become “lost”?

2). **Ezekiel 34:16a (ESV)-** I will **seek** the **lost**, and I will **bring back** the **strayed**, and I will *bind up* the *injured*, and I will *strengthen* the *weak*,

For any person who becomes lost, there is only **ONE** road that will lead him safely back home.

***** **FIVE STAR SENTENCE:** Christ came to show man the “**way**” back!

3). **John 14:6-** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man** cometh unto the Father, **but** by me.

Man turned down a “dark” road, and there was no light. In the darkness, Jesus called out to him, and held up a light. Now, man is able to find his way back home, if by chance he chooses to do so.

4). **John 1:9-** That was the **true Light**, which **lighteth** *every man* that *cometh* into the world.

5). **I Peter 2:9-** But ye are a *chosen* generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness** into his marvellous **light**;

The answer to any *darkness* that we may experience, is always the *light* that God's Word provides:

6). Psalm 119:105- Thy **word** is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path.

The *more word* a person receive, the clearer his vision. It is very hard for a Christian without the **word** to find his way.

This word "lost" refers to three possible categories of lostness:

CATEGORY 1- The "**unbeliever**" is *currently* lost. He has lost the most valuable truth of all, that there is one God, and he desperately needs God. He has lost his relationship with God.

CATEGORY 2- The "**believer/Christian**" *use to be* "lost". But he has now been found. At one point we all were "lost". But some, through a decision that they made, are no longer lost, but are now found.

CATEGORY 3- It is possible, that a "**believer**", although having been found, can, like the prodigal son, *lose his spiritual way*. He can go into a faraway country. This is referred to as "**backsliding**". The backslider doesn't lose his "**relationship**" with God his Father, but his "**fellowship**" has now become interrupted. This is what the story about the prodigal son is all about.

A *backsliding Christian* should come _____ to God.

An *unbeliever* should simply _____ to God.

- **How the Backslider Can Return Back**

1). Luke 15:11- And he said, A certain man had two **sons**:

Notice this young boy is definitely referred to as a "**son**".

2). **Luke 15:12-** And the younger of them said to his **father, Father**, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

This “**saved**” boy, is about to become “**lost**” (spiritually). Notice here, if we make a decision, that is not in our best interest, the Father will not force us to make the best choice.

***** **FIVE STAR SENTENCE:** God has given us the **RIGHT** to be **WRONG**.

3). **Luke 15:13-** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there **wasted** his substance with riotous living.

He begins to experience the consequences of his backsliding. A person who moves away from God, will always experience “**waste**”..... Wasted time, wasted money, wasted relationships, wasted opportunities, etc...

4). **Luke 15:17- And when he came to himself**, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

- The Way Back from Backsliding:

1). **Revelation 2:4-5a-** ⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because ***thou hast left thy first love.*** ⁵ Remember therefore *from whence thou art fallen*, and **repent**, and *do the first works*;

To backslide simply means that one has “lost their first love”. To solution is to simply “**repent**” and “**return**”.