

Slavery to SonShip: Living a Life of Love or a Life of Law?

Session 1

Malachi 4:5-6 *“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”*

Elijah ... a fathering spirit

I. How can you be a father, have a father’s heart, if you have never been a son?

A son is an individual (gender doesn’t apply here), who has accepted Christ, who lives like they have a

Home – a place where there is:

warmth, protection, security, identity, sense of purpose, sense of destiny

Home - a place where you:

are comforted, are protected, have intimate dialogue, share at the heart level without fear,

Home - a place where you:

can be yourself and in being yourself be accepted and loved

Most live life like they do not have a home. We strive, struggle and are full of anger, disappointment and discouragement.

“You will either live your life like you have a home or you will live like you do not “ Henri Nouwen

You either live your life hearing the voice of the Father saying, you are the one I love and I am well pleased ... let me hold you, let me walk with you, let’s talk all day *Or you live as an orphan.*

II. A son lives a life of continually receiving His Father’s love and giving it away.

An Orphan lives listening to the father of lies saying things like:

Nobody cares about you, they don’t like you, he walked right by you and didn’t say hi to you A voice that is always condemning and accusing.

80% of Christians live listening to and living by the negative voices of the powers of darkness, ***living life like we do not have a home.***

Holy Spirit is restoring the heart of the Father to His children

Until that fully happens there is a curse on the land. The curse of Fatherlessness.

There are 2 spirits on the land:

1. The spirit of Sonship
2. The orphan spirit

III. The orphan heart will always fight for domination over the ones with true sonship.

Even though the Arabs own 50 times more land than the Jews own and all the oil, they will do anything to take the last bit away from the true sons of Abraham, the sons of promise.

What we see happening in the natural is also happening in the spiritual It happens within the church.

Orphans fight for a place in the Father's heart. This orphan spirit can be a demonic spirit, but certainly it is at least a heart attitude. Over a person, city, a nation

Wherever there is an orphan heart you get up in the morning and feel you do not belong, or accepted, ... at work, or church, etc. There is no sense that you are accepted just the way you are, rather a sense that you must perform to be loved and accepted.

Do you feel like you are loved the way you are, valued, accepted, that you do not have to perform do you feel like you on the outside looking in? Worried about talking right, looking right and acting right.

IV. Part of revival is bringing a revelation of the Father's love.

You can be saved and Spirit filled and still feel like you have to be good enough to belong.

You cannot cast out an orphan heart, only introduce it to a Father and allow the father's heart to dispossess the orphan heart.

If you have an orphan heart you will battle depression frequently. You can go through deliverance, carpet time, amazing worship, etc, but when you get home you don't feel safe, secure, you have no sense of destiny or purpose, no inner peace or rest.

Praise and worship causes the depression to lift, but then it would come back again....

Saul, one with an orphan heart, called for David, one who had the heart of the Father, to come and play for him to give him relief from the tormenting spirits.

Samuel speaking to Saul (Saul had an orphan heart)

1 Samuel 10:6-13 *"Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy and be changed into another man. Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day. and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them. It came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" A man there said, "Now, who is their father?"*

THIS IS THE QUESTION! Saul's true heart comes out...

Samuel told Saul what the Lord said to do concerning the Philistines,

1 Samuel 13:8-14 *Now he waited seven days, according to the appointed time set by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him. 9 So Saul said, "Bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings." And he (Saul) offered the burnt offering. 10 As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him and to greet him. 11 But Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that the Philistines were assembling at Michmash, 12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering." 13*

Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. **14** "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

1 Samuel 16:14-16 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you. "Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well."

1 Samuel 16:23 So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

V. It is one thing to know God as Father, it is another to experience it.

1 John 4:16 ... We have come **to know and believe** this love God has for us.

Separates knowing (knowledge of) and believing (putting trust in)

You either live your life like you have a home or you don't ...

Do you live your life like heaven is your home?

Do you live like God is your Father?

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God (Son) who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

in the bosom ... place of intimacy

Isaiah 66:1 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

God is looking for a home

We must be at home in the Father's heart

John 14:2-3 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

In Dad's home there is a place for you.

We can only be at home in the heart of the Father

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. ...

Hebrews 4:10-11 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

Few have entered into a place of rest

This is where we lost the sense of living life like we have a home

Isaiah 14:12-14 “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

Lucifer’s job description: to weaken the nations
Lucifer seeks his mission over God’s mission

this is where we began to lose a life of closeness with the Father
we go our way, our agenda, our methods, life becomes about us

It does not matter if you were raised in a good home or a bad home you can have an orphan mentality

Most family love is expressed by actions instead of words and security

So we grow up thinking that we show and receive love by performance.

A son lives like he has a Home where there is no anxiety, fear, worry, etc...

He does it by 3 key words that mean underneath, dependency and lead by another
Submission, subjection, subject

Being “subject to” or “lead by” the Father’s mission Is life!

Hebrews 12:9-11 *Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?*

God’s mission or my mission?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 *If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.*

Move mountains, give your life on mission the field, heal the sick, cast out devils ... Do these things determine how anointed you are, or if you know God? No!

Love is the goal

We must learn to live underneath and dependent on God. At home in love.

John 13:34-35 *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

The Father’s mission is to see that every person experiences His love ...

Our mission is to be at **home** in love and share it with all those we meet

We live either aligned with the Father and His mission or with the father of lies and his mission

Thinking ... “I will do it my way,” aligns us with Satan’s mission

This can be taught repeatedly and have no change in people

Because The great commission is being put before the great commandment.
busy, busy, busy and little to no relationship. Orphan heart ...

We tend to live by the love of law instead of the law of love

If we would just do the most natural thing in life What we are created to do, love God and love people.

Satan has done a good job of stealing what God has said about you from you.

You think, they do not appreciate me

So why should I keep my heart open to them?

Everybody at church has on their mask and plays the news, sports and weather game ... so why should I be any different?

How can you be free when your thoughts are in agreement with the father of lies?

We all want to be like the Father, Eve wanted to be like Him, Satan said eat of this tree and you will be like Him. But Father had said, “ don’t eat of this tree.”

Eve was deceived by orphan thinking

If I do it Father will be impressed with me.

Eve was deceived but Adam willfully sinned. 1 Tim 2:14

The short cut spirit ... we think our way will get us there quicker instead of His way

The first spiritual orphan, Lucifer

He went from perfect love to no love Because he wanted it his way

The result of orphan thinking

Genesis 3:24 *So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.*

Our sins separate us from God

Conferences, prayer meetings, mission trips, etc do not help if you continue to embrace orphan thinking

You were born with an orphan heart Adamic nature

Warring against a father’s submission.

Thinking Life is about your own kingdom.

John 14:18, 23 *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you ... “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him ...*

I will not leave you as orphans

You can have a home ... He wants you to live like you have a home.

Orphans think the only way they can get anything is they have to take it ...

Orphan thinking – subject to your own thinking and not subject to the mission of love

Romans 8:15 *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”*
spirit of adoption

However, You can legally be a son but live as an orphan ... sons cry Abba

We want to live in Father’s house and have access to all that is in Father’s house ... but as soon as something goes a different way than we had planned we shut the door to Father and will not climb up in His lap and talk to Him about it

We want to live in Father’s house in our room with the door closed No intimacy

Hebrews 12:7 *It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*

If you are not able to receive guidance, direction, correction ... you are an orphan

If you have trouble going to a father when you are hurting it is because a father will not allow you to focus your pain on everyone else, but requires you to deal with your hurt/pain and how you carry your heart.

Unconditional love displayed displaces the orphan heart

Heb 12:9 being subject to the Father’s mission and Live!