

You're Often Your Own Problem

When things are going wrong, the religious believe that ‘God’¹ is angry with them or punishing them. That’s not the case under the New Covenant. Alternatively, spiritual believers think they’re being tested, but are they? My experience, as well as from what Father has taught me, it is most likely the person’s fault. That’s because everything has consequences in the natural realm.

In our society these days, we blame everyone but ourselves when things go wrong or don’t ‘pan out’ the way we want them to. Unfortunately, that erroneous bad habit spills over into our spiritual lives, and we look everywhere but at ourselves to find the cause. The first place we must look when anything goes awry or wrong, is ourselves. We are responsible for ourselves, so we need to take that responsibility seriously.

Problems are not always an attack of the enemy, either. There are usually personal reasons for our problems which are of our own making. How do we do it to ourselves? We:

- Don’t take responsibility for all our speech and actions
- Don’t deal with our personal issues
- Follow our soul
- Follow our base nature²
- Follow our own plans
- Fail to align with the Trinity
- Adhere to the wrong knowledge
- Act out of religion or legalism
- Copy the world system
- Open the door to the enemy

Father is always wanting to see us deal with our heart issues, so we can grow and mature as sons. Until we learn more about ourselves, we won’t grow spiritually or move on. That learning is about identifying our failings and bad heart attitudes. For example, Father has said to us:

“You desire better days, but there are things you must learn before you can move on. There are issues of your own heart that must be resolved and things you need to face that will serve to make you a better human being. These are the days of greater spiritual perfection that require your attention. Yield to the process.”³

“Many of you have become entangled in things that you need to break free from. It was easy to get involved, but not so easy to walk away from. Do yourself a favor and release yourself from the snares that are holding you back from the liberty that you deserve. It will require your quiet and insistent resolve, but you can do this if you set your mind and heart on deliverance.”⁴

Here’s an invitation from Father to solve our problems and issues (with his help) so we can move on our way to maturing in our sonship:

“Calm your mind and emotions, and seek My presence. I will reveal solutions to difficult problems and give you insights that you have been lacking. These are necessary things before you go on to the next phase. You will begin to see how you have grown spiritually and progressed in purpose.”⁵

Father’s always ready to assist us if we choose to work with him to change our heart. He’s always there,

1 – ‘God’: I use this term in inverted commas because ‘God’ is the generic term people use, while I don’t any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship. Out of my oneness with them, I also refer to them as The Trinity.

2 – i.e. our ‘flesh’ (READ - “The Flesh: Our Human Base Nature”) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/The-Flesh-Our-Human-Base-Nature.pdf

3 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (June 7, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

4 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (July 15, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

5 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (June 8, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

wanting us to stay on the path of life he has us on. Diverging from his leading is always a recipe for problems to manifest:

"Stay alert and be vigilant to see that you do not take a divergent path from the one that I have set you on. Refuse the temptation to depart from what you know is right and true for you, says the Lord. I have a plan and purpose that will require your steadfastness at this time. Do not allow distractions to take you off course."⁶

One important key in reducing our self-caused problems is to stay aligned with Father. In that regard, seeing the bigger picture is important in allowing us to check if we're getting off-track. Deviation happens very easily if we have the wrong belief system and when we work out of the wrong kingdom.

*(Read what Mike Parsons taught on
"Our Problems Come from Working Out of the Wrong Kingdom"
at the end of this article.)*

The final word is always what's on Father's mind (It's 'The Word' as far as the Kingdom is concerned⁷). That goes for this topic, as well as any other we may look at:

"Prepare yourself to deal with issues that you have overlooked or ignored. It is time to face reality and do what must be done before you can move to the next phase. Once dealt with you will experience a sense of relief and greater freedom. Do not be afraid. Lean on Me for the strength and courage to proceed."⁸

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Our Problems Come from Working Out of the Wrong Kingdom

"The more we mature...the more you know who you are, the more it is easier to stay on the track that is taking you, and you're not tempted then to go off into where someone else is and do something because someone else is doing it. So I do feel that the more we know ourselves, the more we are close to the Father's heart, the easier it is just keep walking with him, and we'll walk wherever he goes. That's the key.

Personally, I'm just walking close, staying in step, not going ahead, not lagging behind, and therefore, wherever it goes I'm very much entrusting that it'll be good and that'll be where the Father wants to lead me. Now that being said, I do feel that the Father does give you bigger pictures of wider things, and it depends where someone is to how much they see of that, in regards to where their journey is.

6 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (June 12, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

7 – "The Word of God is What the Spirit Gives Us to Speak"

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"The Concept of 'The Word' in the 1st Century"

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Concept-of-The-Word-in-the-1st-Century.pdf

8 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (June 17, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

Because it's like, if I just keep doing the things that God has me to do, being who I am, then eventually, I'll fulfil everything God's called me to do, whether I see the bigger picture or not. But part of my thing is to engage with other people and help them, so having a perspective on the bigger picture is good [for them].

So for me, I see what God has been doing over the last number of years, is freeing people from three major areas where they're in bondage. One is the religious. So, he's setting free people, free from the effects of the religious spirit and the religious system in their lives. Freeing them from Old Covenant mentality and bringing them into the fullness. The other is the financial. I think God is preparing people to come out of the world's financial system, be reliant on it, and be working it, to find how the economy of God works. Therefore, I think people are being challenged to look at how they have managed finance, been caught up in the church financial systems (the whole tithing issue and all of that) and realizing that that's Old Covenant. We don't need to be in that, unless Father asked you to for some reason. That's part of that, but also the world system and how the system of the world works, is controlled by the financial systems, which then controls through division, competition, conflict and tribalism. I feel God is highlighting that. So, he's highlighting and exposing the way the financial system has controlled the world and particularly conflict, and it makes money out of usury, which is never God's desire that we should be making money off other people. We should be to bless people, not making money off them through interest, effectively. Well, that's the whole world banking system right there – it's making money on interest which I don't believe is God's heart. So, you have all that, and then that out works in lots of different areas.

So, I think that's one area, and the religious is the other, and the third one is the political one. I think God is showing people that the systems that the world has developed, to manage itself humanistically speaking, are not going to work and don't work. There may be some that are better than others, but they're never going to be the answer. The Kingdom of God is the only answer and that's definitely not the same as an external political system. Therefore, the Kingdom of God is not a system of control. I think, when we see that sonship and the mandate of sonship is to subdue and to rule, or have dominion, is not to have dominion over other people. So there's no hierarchical system of dominion of controlling people. Therefore, the Kingdom is about releasing blessing to people. It's to provide an environment where the world will be absolutely fruitful and everyone will be able to be fulfilled in their identity in God. That is what the Kingdom is about. It's not another governmental system of control and rulership. So, I think God is weaning people off, revealing, exposing, showing people that what we've probably put our trust in, in the religious, financial and political systems, are not the Kingdom of God”⁹

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

9 – Mike Parsons (12-6-2022) “Where to from here” youtu.be/JI6GH5EVdGI [0:03-5:00]