

LIVING BY THE ROYAL LAW

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Excerpt from "The Royal Law"

"But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil" [Luke 6:35].

Are you living by the "Royal Law"? Children of God the Word is clear, we are to be givers, not takers! *"Give to him that asketh thee!"* Just give it and don't expect it in return!

Most of us will testify how God has blessed us and how everything we have is the Lord's. Maybe you have made the same statement? If you have, did you really mean it? Does everything you have belong to God?

If God has truly blessed you with everything you have and you give or lend someone something, was it yours to lend or God's? Do you believe the same God that blessed you is able to restore what someone doesn't return? Of course He can, and there is no doubt in my mind that if you live according to the "Royal Law" of God, He will bless you with more.

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" [Ephesians 4:24]. Living in obedience to the "Royal Law" is how the new man conducts his life. This is true holiness that comes from the heart! "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." (See Hebrews 12:14). It is time for the church to awaken to true holiness!

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" [Matthew 5:43-44].

Now children of God, all this is to remind you of what the Holy Ghost is really teaching us! Grace teaches us to live godly! It doesn't teach us to live like the world.

This New Covenant Law commands us from within to love! Love is our commandment! I heard someone say their church slogan was, *"Love is the only commandment and Christ is the only Creed."* Well, I cannot argue with this for it is certainly true! For if you love God with all your heart, and strength, you will certainly do nothing that would displease Him, and you will love your neighbors as yourselves, thereby fulfilling the Royal Law of Love! Apostle John emphasized this in two of his epistles that this was the commandment from the beginning.

In Luke chapter six Jesus sums up very clearly what we are discussing: *"Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not*

again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" [Luke 6:30-36]. Is this your creed? Are these the laws that are governing your life? Or, are you filled with the spirit of the lawless one that seeks to steal, kill and destroy?

Can you really love your enemies? Sadly, some Christians struggle to love one another, much less love their enemies! They will run one another down, and are filled with malice, envy, strive, jealousy and hatred. Brother, when you love someone, you don't speak evil of them, and run them down. You build them up! You encourage them! Oh, we say "I love you" but most times it's just lip service, and not from the heart. "I love you" has become a meaningless greeting! Just cross their path with something said that they don't understand and see how quickly they will attack you. I have experienced this many times over as I am sure some of you have.

"With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" [Ephesians 4"2]. The Word

tells us to forgive one another, forbear one another, pray for one another, build one another up in the faith, submitting ourselves to one another, and to love one another. This is far from what most spend their time doing.

The Royal Law says, *"Bless them that curse you and do good to them that hate you."* Do we fall short here also? Can you really bless those that have cursed you and talked about you? Can you do good to them that hate you? Children, the Royal Law is God's Law of the Spirit! These are the laws that we will be judged by! When you lash out at someone, you are walking in the flesh!

Jesus taught that all the Law and the Prophets hung on only two commandments.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. [Matthew 22:37-40]

Let me emphasize this as strongly as I can, The Royal Law is LOVE! It is the key to perfection! This is the key that opens the door of victory each and every day of your life. Love for God and love for those that live about you. Love will cover the multitude of sins! *"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" [1Peter 4:8].*

When someone uses you or persecutes you, do you plot how you should get back at them? If you do,

you are breaking the commandment of Love. The Royal Law that Jesus declared says, *"Pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

You say, "no man can live by these laws!" You are exactly right! No unconverted man can live by these laws, and that is why Jesus came. He came to make us new creatures! The Apostle Paul said, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"*. (See Galatians 2:20). This is the life of the Spirit. This is how you live when you are born again and walk in the Spirit.

Remember when you first got saved? Think back a moment . . . The experience you had with God changed you. You loved everybody didn't you? It didn't matter if they were Catholic, Jew, Baptist, or sinners; you loved them! Yes you did! If you were truly saved, you loved everybody! All you wanted to do was tell somebody about this man Jesus that died for you and had changed your life! Your daily life was filled with love and compassion for others. You loved the Lord so much all you wanted was to be with the Lord and for Him to come back to this old world to take you home!

Giving was a great joy to you! Matter of fact, you couldn't give enough! You felt terrible when an offering was received and you didn't have anything to give! You were always ready to give, to support, to go the extra mile. Nobody had to tell you to pay tithes, you gave more! You were there to pray, to fast, to give out tracts, whatever it was, you were always ready to go the extra mile! You didn't

have an enemy in the world! Why, you even loved those old boys and girls at the job that laughed at you . . . Didn't you? *Didn't you?!*

What was it? It was your first taste of God's Divine Love! Jesus had taken His abode in your life and He was the ruling force in your life. He was writing His Royal Law of Love in your heart!

But where are we today my friends? Have we drifted from that which came so easily to us? I believe many of us have. We have let religious demons invade our lives and they are compelling us to live by the flesh rather than by the Spirit. Jesus warned us! *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold"* [Matthew 24:12]. Many of us have allowed our love to wax cold because of the evil that surrounds us. We must deliver ourselves from these forces that are contrary to the laws of God.

When you question a message like this, it is your carnal mind that is questioning it. The forces of carnality and humanism are enemies to this kind of preaching. A carnal mind is an enemy to God. God's ways are not man's ways! When you were first saved, you were consumed by Jesus, His love filled your heart, but now many have replaced His love for carnal religion that seeks to appease God by emphasizing the outward appearance.

"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" [Matthew 5:45].

That we may be the children of God! Everything Jesus has been teaching us about His Royal Law is that we may be His children. This is why we live what we live: To be children of God. The Royal Law teaches the children of God how to behave themselves while in this world. They are in the world, but they are not of the world. The world will never understand true Christians. Our very lives in the Spirit are totally contrary to everything they believe and do. We are LIGHT, and they are DARKNESS. One cannot comprehend the other.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" [Matthew 5:48].

Perfection! The goal of every Born Again Christian! How will it be obtained? Only from obedience to Christ that is speaking to the inward man! This is a message of perfection. Jesus later said that if we built our house (our lives) on His sayings (His Law), He would liken us to wise men that built our house (our lives) on a rock, and when the storms of tribulation come, you will stand!

Yes, the glorious realm of perfection awaits us, but it will not be obtained with carnal ordinances directed only to the outward man, but perfection will be obtained through obeying and *"delighting in the law of God after the inward man."* Peter described the inner man as the hidden man of the heart.

You will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of what you did in your body whether it be good or evil. My friends you will be judged according to this

New Covenant Law of God after the inward man. Remember, love will cover a multitude of sins.

A lot of preachers will preach about Jesus but few will preach what He preached! Now, you know why!

I must ask you my friends, are you crucifying your flesh? Have you denied yourself? Are you taking up the cross of a crucified life? Are you dying daily as Jesus and the Apostles taught? Or, are you deceiving yourself into thinking you are living a Christian life by complying to carnal standards of holiness?

There is nothing especially hard for anyone to dress up the outward man to appear holy, but start living by the Royal Law and you will find a cross to bear. Your "old man" will most certainly have to die daily in order to live according to Jesus' teachings!

Do you remember how Jesus forgave them that crucified Him? Do you remember how Stephen forgave them that stoned him? Could you do the same, my brother, my sister? Do you remember how the early church sold their possessions and had all things common, for they wanted all men to not lack anything? Do you have this kind of law written in your heart?

Jesus discerned what was within man! He wasn't deceived by their outward appearance as many of us are today. But friends, we don't have to be fooled any longer. We can begin now judging righteous judgment! We can begin judging what comes from within man, instead of what

he or she looks like outside. Look what Jesus said about the religious people of two thousand years ago

“Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity” [Matthew 23:24-28].

Jesus wasn't condemning them for looking holy. He was however, letting them know that although they did appear righteous, their outward appearance was not being recognized by God as acceptable holiness.

It doesn't do you any good to look holy, if you are not holy inside! You are simply a hypocrite! Jesus said to cleanse the inside first!

This scripture may remind you of some today that outwardly appear to be living very close to God. However their countenance and attitude toward others doesn't reflect peace, joy, and happiness. They look as if they have lost their best friend. They merely have a form of godliness. In another place Jesus said that false prophets would be like wolves dressed in sheep's clothing. Outwardly they would

appear to be righteous, but inside they would be full of evil and deception. Please do not misunderstand me, I am not belittling outward holiness. There is a way sheep should dress! Christians should dress modestly according to Biblical standards.

"And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man" [Mark 7:18-23].

Today, there are Christians that would never eat some types of meat thinking that in doing so they would defile themselves. Oh how foolish when compared to the New Covenant that God has given His church! Jesus plainly said, it isn't what goes in your belly that defiles you, but rather, it is what comes out of your heart!

Jesus said your evil thoughts was going to defile you! Read those verses again! *"All these evil things come from within and defile the man!"* Oh, we want the outside just right, don't we? But we neglect to bring our thoughts under control of the Spirit. We think evil thoughts and no one

knows, and we think we are getting by. Our minds are full of wickedness and deceit, murder and adulteries, but yet, we look like we are holy! Who do you think you are fooling?

People of God, we better start walking in the Holy Ghost, and crucifying our flesh! Stop making excuses! Give it all to Jesus. Get back to your first love! Most folks today need to repent, get baptized again in Jesus name, and return to what they had when they first started out with God. If you are honest with yourself, you will confess that these teachings were a part of your life back then.

“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” [St. John 7:24]

Here is our problem today! We are quick to judge by what our natural eyes see. But we fail to judge what is coming from within that person. People are not always what they appear to be. Some see a woman with makeup on and short hair and are quick to think she is a sinner, without ever determining what’s in her heart. On the other hand, they see a person that outwardly lines up with everything they think a righteous person ought to look like, and later find that inside they were ravaging wolves. Clean the inside first, and the outside will take care of itself!

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of

gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" [1Peter 3:1-4].

Here we find verses that are misused and misquoted by many. If you will look closely at the last two verses, you will find this scripture is not forbidding the wearing of gold or plaiting (braiding) the hair. For if it was, it would also be forbidding one to "*put on apparel*". The last verse is the key! The Apostle Peter is saying, "Don't be concerned with dressing up the outside, be concerned with dressing the inside!" You make the outside look good with gold ornaments, nice braided hair and good looking clothing, but you should be dressing the "Hidden Man" of the heart with an ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God of great price! Too many today are concerned with just their outward appearance and this is what Peter was alluding to.

Saints of God should dress as people that profess to be Christians. Common sense says they should dress decently. But they should not neglect to dress their inward man where God lives.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 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" [2 Corinthians 6:14-16].

God lives in us! We are the temples of God! We don't have any fellowship with unbelievers! We don't think the same way. All the unbelievers will talk about is the world, their ball games, their parties, what's on television, etc. All we should want to talk about is Jesus! There is no fellowship there! *"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."* God lives in us, He walks in us and thank God, He talks in us! His New Covenant is fulfilled in us! The New Covenant is Christ in you the hope of Glory!

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" [1Corinthians 6:19-20].

Children of God, we are the place God lives! We're not our own! He has bought and paid for us by the precious blood of His only Son, Jesus Christ.

He lives in us! He sees through your eyes, He hears through your ears. We are bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh, we are one spirit with our Lord! His thoughts are our thoughts! His mind is our mind, His will is our will! We are one with Him! You can't separate one! Believe this word! Walk in this word! Live in this word! Don't just read it and

hear what is being said, but be a doer of this word! You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you! Yes you can! Allow the Royal Law of Christ to perfect you from within!

Let's glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits!

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" [2Corinthians 7:1].

What promises? The promise that God lives in us when we receive the Holy Ghost. The promise of eternal life! The promises that the over comer will inherit all things.

There is something in me that is compelling me to live this godly life! There is something on the inside of me that is steering me to live holy in all my ways. Dear reader, can you delight in this wonderful law of God after the inward man!?

I want to lay my life down! How about you? I want to take up the cross and follow Him. How about you? I believe the Bride is making herself ready. This is part of it. This is part of the restoration. This is where the Power will be born. In True Holiness after the inward man! Has not God's Marvelous Grace always taught you this Law of Love?

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" [Titus 2:11-12].