The Serpent and the Solution

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Dust is everything pertaining to our fallen nature.

...the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Genesis 3:14. This speaks of the judgement that God sent upon the serpent after it beguiled Adam and Eve into disobeying His command. When Walter had a vision in which he saw a 'serpent' he was surprised that it was not a snake. It was more like a seal that waddled on its belly. He was very friendly, a bit like the cat, just wandering in and out of their house.

...upon thy belly shalt thou go and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: Genesis 3:14. We need to know what dust is because if we are not careful, we can become part of that dust and thus become part of the food of the serpent. Dust, in Scripture, is EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO OUR FALLEN NATURE. When we move in the thought realm generated by our fallen nature, we are in the realm of the dust; in that realm, we become the serpent’s food. ...thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field... Genesis 3:14. While cattle and the other beasts of the field also need redemption, the serpent is cursed above them all. Nonetheless, the key thing here that we need to understand is DUST.

Shake off the dust of your feet

Jesus told His disciples as they went out ...whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Matthew 10:14. In the natural realm, of course we shake the natural dust off our feet so as not to contaminate other clean areas into which we enter. In the Spiritual realm, DUST WAS ALL THE WORDS COMING FROM THE MOUTHS OF THE PEOPLE to whom they spoke, THAT DID NOT RECEIVE THEIR TEACHING. Because these people had not received them and thus the life of the spirit; their words were of the flesh nature - dust.

These folk did not recognise from whom those ambassadors - the disciples - came. Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 9:37. Many people spoke - from their flesh nature - against them. Had the disciples allowed the negative words spoken over them to remain, those words could soon have become the source of their thoughts and their ideas. Jesus told them to discard all those words and the negativity that came from the fallen nature, to break their power of the words and to remove the words from their mind.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. Isaiah 52:2. God says here, to wake up to what is really happening. The neck, in Scripture, speaks of the will. In other words, the things that bound them were affecting their will. The root of these problems is dust: that thought realm that comes from our flesh. The key of Samson was ...he found a new jawbone of an ass and put forth his hand and took it and slew a thousand men therewith. Judges 15:15.

The jawbone speaks of the tongue

The jawbone speaks of the tongue, which has the ability to destroy the dust and to cause the fountain to flow and fill us with living water. ...God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day. Judges 15:19.

When we wake up in the morning, we wake up in the dust realm. Samson woke up bound by the Philistines cords. Philistine means to wallow in the dust. The dust speaks of the fallen nature. Sadly, every one of us has it and if we wake up in the morning and do nothing about it, we will dwell in that realm of dust for the rest of the day. If we dwell in that dust realm we are food for the serpent, for God has given him the right to attack us if we dwell in that realm of dust.

God tells us not to dwell in that dust realm. Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: Isaiah 52:1. At the beginning of each day, God calls each of us to break out of the dust and RISE into the realm of the spirit or into the heavenly realm, no matter how we feel. As we exercise that jawbone of the ass and begin to praise God and pray strongly in tongues, we break out of that realm. Having risen out of the dust, Scripture says ...put on thy beautiful garments.

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Dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life

Our tongue gives us the ability to put on our beautiful garments and when we do, we find songs of praise welling up in us throughout the day. Satan cannot attack us in that realm. It is especially important to do this in the School of Prophets, for Satan will come and rob us if we stay in the realm of the dust. We will begin to doubt and hesitate and question if this is really God. Remember! God gave him the right to attack us in that dust realm... dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Genesis 3:14.

The key in all spiritual warfare, particularly as we ascend the heights, is to dwell in that secret place. Scripture says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1. The devil cannot touch us in this realm of the spirit. In this realm, God calls us to put on thy strength... Isaiah 52:1. We are much stronger. The things that would otherwise be heavy burdens pressing us down and become the source of intense thoughts, are infecting us less as the weight comes off and the worry goes. God is able to attend to the problem.

The School is entering the realm of the birthing of the Son of God, the realm of climbing the mountain of God and the realm of crossing the river Jordan. We will go down into death and up into resurrection life. It seems that all these things happen together, but this is the grand climax of spiritual warfare and the last thing the devil wants is for us to do that.

Kill the spiritual child

What did Pharaoh try to do when Moses was born? Kill the children. When Jesus was born, what did Herod try to do? Kill the children. When the Christchild is near His time of birth, the devil does not want Him to come forth, because Jesus will take his place. The flesh is the firstborn in us until we go into the river Jordan. That is the nature sown into us when Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, before we were born again; it wants to rule over us. When we come out of Jordan the last shall become first. The one who was born last becomes - in us - the firstborn. He takes the place of rule and the devil does not want that to happen. The devil wants to destroy that spiritual child and his means of destruction are doubt and unbelief in the Word of God.

Sometimes the devil may try to destroy us physically and if he does, we must be awake spiritually. To be awake we must rise out of the dust realm and into the spirit realm. God has sowed The Word in us now and we must be like a mother hen guarding and protecting it. We must rise into the spiritual realm each day because when we wake up in the morning, we are back in the dust. If we are going through a very hard time, we must get together with someone and have a time of strong praise and worship and we find that the yoke of that thing will be broken.

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