

Eunuchs for the Kingdom of God's Sake

Scripture reading: Matthew 19:9-12

We have been talking about overcoming our emotions. You know, there were two men in the Bible that God speaks about as not being able to control their children. They let their children loose in the things of God to destroy God's work. One of these men was *Samuel*. Apart from Jesus, of course, he was one of the most perfect men in the whole Bible, but he appointed his children as judges over Israel, when they were not judge quality at all! Do you know that that is one of the reasons that you do not see my children here? I would not appoint them to positions in the church. I could have kicked them upstairs. They know more in the gospel than probably anybody else in our midst does. I could kick them upstairs and get them functioning in the things of the Lord. No, Sir! They must come to the standard of holiness and where it is God Who gives them that position.

The other man in the Bible was *Eli*. God sent a message to Eli, and said, "If you don't set your sons in order, I am going to kill you and destroy your whole household in one day." Can you imagine Eli's response? He said, "Well, you are God...do what you want."

What a presumption! "Do as you please, God... You are God." Would you say that? He should have gone down in sackcloth and ashes, calling the elders of Israel concerning his sons, "Arrest them!" That is what he should have done! But the old man had not controlled his emotions when he was a young man, and he could not control them as an old man.

Let us look at Matthew 19:9. Jesus is speaking here to His disciples and says, "*And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*" I believe that adultery is not the unpardonable sin. I believe you can get forgiveness for adultery, but I also believe that you need to seek forgiveness.

Verse 10, "*His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.*"

Hear the answer Jesus gave in Verses 11-12, "*But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. 12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake.*"

Praise be to God! The answer was "*eunuchs.*" In other words, everybody who is normal, God expects you to be married, have a wife, and walk in holiness at the same time.

God sent Jehu to take vengeance upon the house of Ahab because of the wickedness of Ahab. In 2 Kings 9:30 Jehu comes riding into Jezreel. He looked up and it was the day of judgment for Jezebel. Jehu saw Jezebel, who looked through the window and saw him. He called to the men up there, "Throw her down!" They could not. Jezebel had gone in and painted her face; she put on her war paint, was looking like a doll, came out, and smiled at the men. And they could not throw her down. But, Jehu saw a eunuch up there. Jezebel could not charm the eunuch for the eunuch has no use for Jezebel. Jehu said, "Throw her down!" The eunuch tossed her down like a log!

Don't you understand what that story means? **God wants you to be eunuchs for the kingdom of God's sake—men and women who cannot be charmed. Men and women who cannot be tempted. Men and women who have gone above temptation, because THEIR MIND is set on Christ!**

God help us, in Jesus' Name.

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Thought for today: Let us set our mind on Christ and become eunuchs for the kingdom of God's sake—men and women who cannot be charmed, who cannot be tempted.