In our last podcast we discussed the accusations made by Eliphaz against Job, which led us to the question, “do we really reap what we sow?” That was Eliphaz’s basic argument; Job was getting his due comeuppance. We explored how there is so much more to the answer than is traditionally taught and we dissected the difference between the fruit of the flesh that is naturally produced from our lives when we sow to the flesh and the fruit that is supernaturally produced from our lives when we sow to the Spirit. Let’s pick back up with more of Eliphaz’s scathing remarks. Let’s pick up in **Episode 17 Yahweh According to Job,** ***Job 4:10-21***.

None Are Spared

Job 4:10-11

> The roaring of the lion and the voice and the teeth of the young lions are broken. The lion perishes for lack of prey, and the whelps of the lioness are scattered.

Eliphaz is poetically saying that even the mighty princes and wise rulers, the lions among men, get their teeth broken by God when their pride seduces them to become wicked and oppressive. And when God strikes the fierce lion, the lion perishes for lack of prey, and all his whelps (the children) and lionesses are scattered about.

Using this poetic imagery, Eliphaz is saying that Job deserved to get his teeth kicked in; after all, a man only reaps what he sows. God does not pay out retribution to the righteous, they are protected; only the sinner is cursed, hunted, and haunted. And somewhere along the line Job must have been consumed by his pride and become wicked and oppressive, or else none of this would be happening to him. It’s no wonder his wife does not support him (the lioness is scattered) and his children have perished.

The Visitation

Like most religious people, Eliphaz speaks with bold authority and claims he knows how God deals with mankind. It should not surprise you, but he has been lied to. Let’s examine the means of his deception.

Job 4:12-21

> This truth was given to me in secret, as though whispered in my ear. It came to me in a disturbing vision at night, when people are in a deep sleep. Fear gripped me, and my bones trembled. A spirit swept past my face, and my hair stood on end. The spirit stopped, but I couldn't see its shape. There was a form before my eyes. In the silence I heard a voice say, 'Can a mortal be innocent before God? Can anyone be pure before the Creator?' If God does not trust his own angels and has charged his messengers with foolishness, how much less will he trust people made of clay! They are made of dust, crushed as easily as a moth. They are alive in the morning but dead by evening, gone forever without a trace. Their tent-cords are pulled and the tent collapses, and they die in ignorance.

How eerie is this? Eliphaz was visited by the angelic, and given the subtle deception in the message, he was visited by a demon that was intentionally sowing lies in the ears of Eliphaz. We will get to the

message in a moment, but let's spend some time on why this was a demon bearing a lie and not a good angel delivering truth.

It is fascinating that this thing manifested itself just enough for Eliphaz to be aware of its presence, but not enough to give away its true identity. If you have not experienced the manifested presence of demons, it is not pleasant. It is always scary. "*Fear gripped me, and my bones trembled. A spirit swept past my face, and my hair stood on end*." I hate that feeling, and no matter how many times I have experienced demonic encounters, it never gets any easier. They are evil, hateful, manipulative, and very powerful beings; and it is always unnerving being around someone or something with such ill intent who has the power to harm you.

"*The spirit stopped, but I couldn't see its shape. There was a form before my eyes*." This is fascinating. Eliphaz experienced substance and personhood, i.e., the spirit had locality in that it occupied defined space and the spirit moved like any person would move. He just could not bring it into focus; it was an apparition.

Just because you cannot clearly see something does not mean it is not there or that it cannot impact you. Demons may be spirits, but they have definite substance. Normally we are very unaware of the presence of both angels and demons, but when they choose to reveal themselves to us, there is no mistaking their presence.

"*It came to me in a disturbing vision at night, when people are in a deep sleep*." This is one of the despicable things about demons, they prey on people when they are at their most vulnerable, when they are in the dark and asleep; it's just mean. For most people, the dark holds its own set of fears, but to tangibly experience something move about in the dark is another level of scary. You open your eyes, you feel its presence, you don't know what to expect, and you are not sure if you are dreaming or fully awake. But you just wish whatever it is would go away.

When we sleep, the logic and reasoning aspects of our brain are shut down, and the parts of our brain that can connect to the unseen dimension are more vulnerable. Normally, this function is protected by our logic and reasoning. That is why many people take psychedelic drugs or get mad-drunk when they want to contact the "other-side." For example, this was a common practice in Ephesus with the worship of Dionysus, their patron god. Dionysus was known as the Greek god of ritual madness and ecstasy. When those in the Dionysus cult would want to know their future or seek direction on a path they should take, they would drink wine until they were beyond drunk, and it is said they would receive guidance from spirits. This led Paul to write to the Ephesians and explain the proper way to gain guidance for their lives:

Ephesians 5:17-18

So then, you are commanded to **now** not choose to be foolish, but you are commanded to **now** understand what the will of the Lord is. And you are commanded to **now** be caused to be drunk with wine, for that is **now** dissipation, but you are commanded to **now** be caused to be filled with the Spirit.

There is something about turning off the logic and reasoning part of our brain (whether through sleep or some form of intoxication) that allows us to be far more in touch with the supernatural realms. And it is in this state that this demon came to Eliphaz and spoke to him.

Eliphaz did not just see this spirit, but it also spoke to Eliphaz, which would terrify anyone. It's no wonder he said, "*Fear gripped me, and my bones trembled*." I have never experienced a demon speak to me audibly (except through a possessed person, which is beyond creepy), but in terms of a physical encounter, I have been held down, choked, shoved into things, been made temporarily blind and too dizzy to stand, had my hip thrown out of joint, I have been pressed against my bed with such force that it felt like there were 500lbs or more on me, and I have had my mind invaded with thoughts and ideas that were definitely external to me. And if that is not scary enough, I have friends who have even felt as if they were sexually molested by a spirit. It is terrible!

Probably one of the most terrifying stories I have heard came from a friend of mine who said when she was a young girl, a spirit came into her room, went under the bed, and the moved underneath the covers from the back of the bed to the front. Like Eliphaz, she could see its form as it moved under the covers. It worked its way towards her and suddenly lurched and tried to enter her mouth. She started to gag and choke and was able to pull it out of her mouth, and then it dissipated.

Another friend, when she was a little girl, experienced 2 demonic beings in her closet. They would come out at night and one of them would talk to her, call out her name, and try to become her friend. The other demon, which was the one with all the power, would sit in the back of the closet and stare at her without making a move, as if it was trying, by the sheer power of its will, induce her to engage with the spirit that was talking to her.

These are the kind of experience from which movies are made (they don't just make this stuff up). These beings are terrifying, and to be preyed upon in the middle of the night when we are fast asleep – when we are at our weakest and most susceptible and exposed – is nothing short of mean, cruel, and awful.

The Deception

Then Eliphaz said, "*This truth was given to me in secret, as though whispered in my ear*." Many false spiritual movements have started with these sorts of encounters, with a whisper in the dark and a claim of truth. But here is what God says about such things:

Isaiah 45:18-19

> For **Yahweh** is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos. "I am **Yahweh**," he says, "and there is no other. **I publicly proclaim bold promises. I do not whisper obscurities** {or secrets} **in some dark corner**. I would not have told the people of Israel to seek me if I could not be found. I, **Yahweh**, speak only what is true and declare only what is right."

God has secrets, for sure; and He tells us that He shares them with His friends, with those who fear Him.[1] But even then, it does not come by way of some secret encounter in the dark of night. It is more like an unveiling of truth that has already been given in the Scriptures, but which has not yet been understood; He opens our minds to seeing and comprehending His words.

For instance, the Apostle Paul says that the church being made up of both Jews and Gentiles was a secret, well documented in the Old Testament, but hidden to the eyes of the Jews.[2] Another secret is the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heaven and on earth.[3] Again, it must be noted, in contrast to this demonic spirit, God publicly proclaims bold promises and He puts out His word for everyone to examine and challenge. From the beginning He has told us what will happen.[4]

Eliphaz declares that he heard the truth in secret, in a whisper, but **Yahweh** declares, "**I do not whisper obscurities in some dark corner**." It is safe to conclude that what Eliphaz heard was a lie, a distortion of truth.

"*In the silence I heard a voice say, 'Can a mortal be innocent before God? Can anyone be pure before the Creator?*'" The obvious knee-jerk response to this statement is, "Of course not, no one can!" And if you are half asleep, scared to death, terrified of who knows what might happen, you might not think much beyond this knee-jerk response. And, if the book of ***Job*** really is as old as we think, Eliphaz did not have the printed word of God available such that he could test this whispering against the truth. Therefore, he incorporated what the demon told him into his religious worldview and combined it with all else that had been revealed to him by his forefathers.

Yet, in ***Job 7:21***, Job understood that his sins could be pardoned, and his iniquity taken away. Like Eliphaz, Job did not have the printed word of God, but it had been revealed that God could make it possible for man to stand "*clean*" before **Yahweh**. But Eliphaz chose to listen instead to the voice of a demon, whispered in the dark of the night.

We are so privileged to have the scriptures in our hands so we can examine all claims made about God. However, I am amazed, and as we go through this book, I am sure you be amazed as well, at the depth of understanding Job and his friends had of God, notwithstanding their lack of a printed Bible to study. But we do not lack, so let's examine the answer to the question, "*Can mankind be just before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?*"

Our God is **Yahweh** Tsidkenu, **Yahweh** our Righteousness.[5] When the One who is righteous declares that His chosen ones, who by faith are now believing in His name, are righteous, not because of what they have done but because of what He has done, then the answer to this demon's inquiry is, "Without question, YES!" A mortal can be innocent before God! This is the very substance of "grace."

When **Yahweh** throws our sin away as far as the east is from the west, it is possible to stand before Him clean.[6] When He purifies us, we are clean. When he washes us, we are whiter than snow! He will even

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[1] Psalm 25:14; Jeremiah 33:3
[2] Ephesians 3:1-7
[3] Ephesians 1:9-10
[4] Isaiah 48:16
[5] Jeremiah 23:6
[6] Romans 3:22; Psalm 103:12

deliver us from blood guiltiness, hide His face from our sins, blot out our iniquities, and create within us a clean heart.[7]

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together," Says **Yahweh**, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.

Colossians 1:19-22

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. Having made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

And although you are now being in times past caused to being alienated and hostile in mind, in evil deeds, yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

What an unbelievable thought. How's that for a shame killer and a "punishment" buster.

Only in **Yahweh** are righteousness and truth. And in **Yahweh** all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory.[8] He has become to us righteousness and sanctification, which is why it is written, "*Let him who chooses to **now** be boasting, he is commanded to **now** choose to boast in the Lord*."[9]

He cleanses us from all unrighteousness.[10] God declared Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, to be pure before Him, and He declared Joshua, the high priest, to stand before Him clean.[11] Even the Law of Moses provided a mechanism for man to stand clean before God. ***Leviticus 16:29-30*** states that the Day of Atonement was given to cleanse the nation; "… *you will be clean from all your sins before **Yahweh***." And if the Law could accomplish this type of cleansing, can you fathom what the blood of Jesus did on our behalf?

Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer **now** sprinkling those who have been caused to being defiled **now** sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, in the **future** cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the **now** living God?

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[7] Psalm 51:7-14
[8] Isaiah 45:24-25; Zechariah 3:1-5
[9] 1 Corinthians 1:31; Jeremiah 9:23-24
[10] 1 John 1:7, 9; Ezekiel 36:25
[11] Isaiah 6:5-6

Demons love to whisper lies, distortions of the truth, into our minds. This notion of our guilt and shame seems to cover mankind the world over, especially those who have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus. It is a tragic irony. Those who have been made clean seem to struggle the most with the guilt and shame of their sin, which is why so many people foolishly work so hard to be good for God.

The truth is that man can stand before God clean! God has made a way through **Yahweh Tsidkenu**. Therefore, if you are a chosen one, who by faith, have been *willing* to let the Spirit of God cause you to now and continually bet your life on **Yahweh**, such that you are learning to live dependent upon Him for all things all the time, just like a little child, then you can be confident you stand, even now, before Him clean. This is a truth we need to arm ourselves with, cover ourselves with, and bet our lives upon.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been blessing us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose to choose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would **now** be holy and blameless before Him in love.

"*…that we would **now** be holy and **blameless** before Him in love*" is rendered in the *present active infinitive*. Holy and blameless is our reality, in the now.

This demon's subtle twisting of truth, via a simple question, can leave the unprepared man or woman vulnerable to guilt, shame, failure, and disgrace thinking they have blown it so bad they can never truly be right before God, or that they deserve trouble and pain as a consequence, or as a payback, for their sin. This is why we are commanded to prepare ourselves, like a warrior, with the truth of our righteousness.

Ephesians 6:10-14

Finally, you are commanded to **now** be caused to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. You are commanded to choose to put on the full armor of God, so that you will **now** choose to be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle **now** is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual of wickedness in the heavenly. Therefore, you are commanded to take up the full armor of God, so that you may be caused to resist in the evil day, and by choice, doing everything to stand firm. You are commanded to stand firm therefore, by choice, girding your loins with truth, and by choice, putting on the breastplate of righteousness ….

When a child of God is not assured of being clean, they tend to spin in-and-out of all manner of religious "to-dos" in a foolish and arrogant attempt to find favor with God. They try some act of service, some sort of penance routine. They get busy with reading their Bible, they focus hard on their "quiet time," seek out more accountability. They start to serve in the church, ensure they are faithfully tithing, and some even commit to some missionary venture, and so on.

Although it seems to work for a while, because they feel good that they are not being bad but are being good Christians, it does not alleviate their guilt, shame, overwhelming sense of failure, or their fear of punishment over the "net-time" that they may fail. So, they try the next thing religion brings forth, and the next. And the next time they fail, they cycle back through this routine. The enemy keeps them so busy trying to get clean before God, they never learn to rest in the reality of the finished work of the cross, which is the foundation of our faith. Sadly, most have listened to secret lies whispered in the dark.

With this subtle twisting of the truth, generations of men and women have been locked in hardened cages of religious legalism. They try to be good enough for God attempting to appease His anger, avoid His judgment—that tit-for-tat payback—to obtain His blessing. But it is time to be done with all that nonsense. No one can ever be good enough for God; after all, **Only God is Good**.[12] This is the reason why **the source matters the source is everything!** If **Yahweh Tsidkenu** is your source, then He is your goodness. That most definitely deserves a "Hallelujah" and an "Amen!"

Yahweh Yasha removed all our sin, and **Yahweh Tsidkenu** now and continually imparts to us His righteousness. It is time we accept the lovingkindness of God and no longer distort this amazing truth with a demonic lie. It is time to live free and confident, shedding our guilt, shame, crushing sense of failure, and our fear that if we do something wrong God has it out for us, and we too might get our teeth kicked in.

Projection & Bitterness

In the next statement, this demon slips up and reveals its true identity, it reveals the fact that it is a demon being and not a good angel.

> ***Job 4:18-21***
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> If God does not trust his own angels and has charged his messengers with foolishness, how much less will he trust people made of clay! They are made of dust, crushed as easily as a moth. They are alive in the morning but dead by evening, gone forever without a trace. Their tent-cords are pulled and the tent collapses, and they die in ignorance.

Did you hear the chords of bitterness in this statement? "*If God does not trust his own angels and has charged his messengers with foolishness, how much less will he trust people made of clay?*" You can picture this demon's disgust as it speaks about the lot of his angelic tribe and its feelings towards humanity. This is a serious case of psychological projection.

Behind his words are the thoughts, "You are puny, pathetic, weak, and ignorant. And if we, who are majestic and glorious enough that we are called into His great Assembly, can't stand before God clean, it is simply not right nor logical that a subordinate species should ever think they could stand before God clean. In addition to puny, pathetic, weak, and ignorant, I will add, absurdly arrogant."

It is clear this angelic spirit has no love lost for humanity, and that is because it does not understand why God gives help to humans, but He does not give help to the angels who were charged with

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[12] ***Matthew 19:17; Luke 18:19***

foolishness.[13] How is that fair or just? Humans sin continually. They rebel and rage against God, they even give themselves to false gods; yet the affection, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness which God pours out upon them is unlimited. But when certain angels, God's messengers, sinned they were forever cursed with no opportunity for grace, mercy, or forgiveness – none, zero, they get zilch, nada, nothing!

Based on our relationship with the fallen angels who have been charged with foolishness, it appears that they are bitter, and humanity has become the object of their covetous hatred.

Worse yet, in ***Hebrews 1:14***, the Spirit says, in speaking about the angels, "*Are they now not **all** ministering spirits, **now** caused to being sent out by God to render service to the sake of those **now** being about to **now** inherit salvation.*" The use of "*all*" ("pas" in Greek) is inclusive and would describe all the angelic beings, they all are now ministering spirits, yes, even the bad angels who were charged with foolishness.

It is like a double slap in the face, the rubbing of salt in an open wound. In fact, this is one of the greatest ironies of all time. These demons are relegated to serve us in their evil, as God uses them as tools to accomplish His glorious purpose in our lives, which is the *Design Point – Christ living in us*.

They must suffer the shame of it all; thus, they want mankind to suffer in-kind. They are not going to be in this alone. So, they lie and subtly twist the truth just enough to effectively bind men and women in hardened chains of religious legalism thereby causing men and women to blaspheme not just the name of God, but His work on the cross. This is the lie, the origins of Christian "goodness," and it is how we too, like the fallen angels, charge **Yahweh** with foolishness.

If we think for a moment about what God has said about man versus His angels, we will get a feel for why this demon is jealous and embittered.

In ***Hebrews 2:5-18***, **Yahweh** says that man is made lower than the angels, but God has chosen to crown man with glory and honor. He did not subject the world to come to angels but to man. Man will rule and reign with Christ. He appointed man over the works of His hands and put all things in subjection under His feet, whereas angels have been appointed to serve man.

Jesus also came down as a man, suffered death, so that by the grace of God He (**Yahweh Yasha**) might taste death for everyone; well, except for the fallen angels. He calls us sons; He will bring us into glory; He sanctifies us; and He is not ashamed to call us His brethren. He even rendered powerless their leader, the one who held the threat of death over humanity, and that is the devil. For surely, He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendants of Abraham, to those who, like Abraham, choose to live by faith.

As such, Jesus functions as a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, and He makes atonement for the sins of people, but He does not make atonement for the sins of the angels. With compassion and understanding, He even comes to the aid of men and women who are tempted, but this He does not do for the fallen angles. They are forever lost in their fallen state.

God has shown His unmerited and unlimited favor on man and has even promised that true believers, those who are willing to let God cause them to live as a little child dependent upon God for all things all

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[13] Hebrews 2:16

the time, will be transformed into His image; they will be like Him and share His divine nature, for they will see Him as He is and be satisfied with His likeness.[14]

This is the very essence of God's grace and love for those who choose to come to Him by faith. Humanity at large, but even more so true believers, are privileged beyond anything we can dare to think or imagine. "*Things which eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and have not entered the heart of man all that God has prepared for those who are **now** loving Him*."[15]

And then to add a pound of salt to the wound, true believers (we referred to them in ***Revelation*** as the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**) will be the ones who judge angels; yes, they will judge the angels.[16] It is no wonder they are imbittered towards us and want to lash out at us and project on to us their fate.

The main take away is that if you find yourself awake in the middle of the night, terrified because there is a presence in your room, and then you hear whisperings about God, cover your ears and quickly get out of there. What you need to know about God and His love for you, He has already spoken and recorded in the Word of God. Learn it, know it, from one end to the other; and arm yourself to battle these subtle, yet very effective, demonic lies.

Let's stop here.

I am glad you tuned in and have been ready to listen.

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[14] 1 John 3:2; Psalm 17:15; Romans 8:29; 2 Peter 1:4
[15] 1 Corinthians 2:9
[16] 1 Corinthians 6:3