

SPIRITUAL DEFECTS #10 "Broken Stones"

Lev 21:16-20

Series: Lev 21:16-24 Those not to minister in the temple - physical defects. Physical of the OT is the spiritual of the NT. things that will hinder us from ministering as men of God. Today: Broken stones. 2 issues at stake.

I. BROKEN SEXUALITY

A. Scrip speaks of broken stones *V20 has his stones broken...*

1. Speaking 1st of brokenness in area of sexuality

a. **Eyes given over to lust:** Checking out women sexually

1. *Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl."*

b. **Pornography:** Watching/viewing/reading sexual imagery

c. **Mind:** Fantasy lust – allowing thoughts to play out

1. This is the real battleground: Not free if you're mind is not free! (*X # of days without an action – NO!*)

d. **Actions:** Masturbation

2. This brokenness spoken of those who belong to God – Levites; Those who are supposed to minister

B. Our scrip speaks of the damage done to our ability to minister

1. **The damage to our dominion:** *Rev 2:13 you dwell where Satan has his throne...*

a. *Throne: Where he rules/His power rules* b. *If you are allowing him in – how will you resist/have dominion over?*

b. Our spiritual dominion damaged: *Prayers hindered/fruitfulness blocked*

1. *1 John 3:21 if our hearts condemn us not...* Pornography always linked to shame; No confidence in God

2. **The damage to our marriage:** Sexual brokenness always does damage to marriage – can't separate

a. Dissatisfaction created towards spouse b. Selfishness manifested c. Conflict caused: Wife upset

1. *1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

3. **The damage to our destiny:** Bible records men who altered their destiny through sexual brokenness

a. *Gen 49:3-4 "Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. 4 Unstable as water, you shall not excel, you went up to your father's bed; defiled it*

II. BROKEN FRUITFULNESS

A. Our scrip makes the obvious connection between broken stones and fruitfulness

1. *NKJV V20 a eunuch... one who is unable to reproduce physically*

a. *Gen 1:28 be fruitful and multiply...* God's plan is for you to make more of you: To have relationship w/ God

2. Obviously the physical of the OT is the spiritual of the NT: Spiritual fruit/spiritual reproduction

B. Inability to bear fruit will impact your ability to minister

1. **Affects discipleship:** Disciples can only be made by fruitfulness/involvement with new converts

a. You learn powerful spiritual lessons in dominion/people skills/prayer, etc.

1. When you go out – you can only make disciples if your men have involvement with new converts

2. **Affects your confidence:** If you have no fruit now – you will lack confidence when you go out (*theory*)

a. *Lisa and I had confidence when went out: Could pray for fruit by name; You did it there – you can do it here!*

1. *No fruit now: The revival is simply a theory – something you're not confident can happen in a new situation*

3. **Affects your effectiveness:** Pioneering/ability to minister – you have to have people there to minister to!

III. HEALING THE STONES

A. God is able to heal people in the area of sexuality

1. God doesn't ask something of us that can't be done

a. Cry out to God for help b. Stop excusing it c. Identify why you are tempted

1. *Laziness? Anger? Escape? Revenge? Pride?*

d. Take actions of discipline: Repentance starts in the mind – change your mind

e. Take actions of prevention:

B. God is able to heal people in the area of fruitfulness: God makes the barren fruitful!

1. *Isa 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.*

2. 3 elements involved in breaking the curse of barrenness

a. **Faith:** What does God say? b. **Prayers of dominion:**

1. Praying for revelation **2 Cor 4:6** 2. Praying to fight the enemy off God's promises: **Gen 15**

c. **Determination:** Actions in spite of...

1. *You will get in life what you're willing to settle for!*