

The Value of God's Rebuke Part 2

Rebuke is the language of God to deal with human's sin, shortcomings, mistakes and stubbornness. We discussed in our previous message about Rebuke the following Hebrew Words:

1. *Shamar.*
2. *Yakach.*
3. *Gaar.*

Today, let us go through the Scripture and continue to learn further how we can use this effective language of God:

"22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. 23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. 24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead. 26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? 27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? 28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing. 29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 30 And now, though thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? 31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldst take by force thy daughters from me. 32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. 33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. 34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not. 35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched but found not the images. 36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? 37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. 38 This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. 39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. 40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. 41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. 42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac,

had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight." (Genesis 31:22-42 KJV)

In verse 24 Jacob said to Laban and rebuked him in such a way, *"Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight."* (Genesis 31:42 KJV) The Hebrew Word here in this verse for 'rebuke', is 'Yakach', and it has the following meanings: to prove, to decide, to judge, to adjust judgment, to appoint, to convict, to chide, to rebuke, to reprove, to correct, to be right, to chastened, to argue, to reason, and to reason together. There are other places in the Old Testament that this word is used as are in the following examples of Scriptures:

"12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David." (2 Samuel 7:12-17 KJV) The Lord here promised David that He will set up one of his sons after him and establish his kingdom, and that son will be the one to build the temple of God. The Lord also mention in verse 14 that, *"If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him."* Here the rebuke of God will be accomplished here with chastening, using the rod of men. This can be applicable *first*, to the discipline that parents implement to their children using the rod, and *Second*, the discipline of the churches to their disciples in using the Word of God. David rebuked by Nathan in 2 Samuel 12. The meaning of Nathan is 'giver'. Therefore one of the things that we should not fail to give is a rebuke to those who deserve that. Parents should not fail to give their children the rod to discipline them, and church leaders should not fail to use God's Word to discipline their disciples.

David accepted rebukes as he declared, *"Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities."* (Psalm 141:5 KJV)

David also pleaded with God to spare him chastening and God's painful rebuke, *"O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure."* (Psalm 6:1 KJV) *"O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure."* (Psalm 38:1 KJV) So David was aware that when he do wrong the Lord will chasten him. Therefore, put also in your mind that when you do wrong, wait for the Lord to spank you.

God protected His people and did not allow people to harm them. He suffered no man to do them harm, and He rebuked kings to protect His own people: *"He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes."* (Psalm 105:14 KJV)

4. *Towkechah.* *"Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you."* (Proverbs 1:23 KJV) The Hebrew Word that used here for

‘reproof’, is ‘*Towkechah*’, and the meaning of it is rebuke, correction, punishment, chastisement, argument, or reproof, and is repeated in other places as we can read here:

“When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.” (Psalm 39:11 KJV) When God rebukes His rebuke will make men be consumed by God’s wrath.

“And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.” (2 Kings 19:3 KJV) King Hezekiah was in a trial, and the trial of God in our lives is the rebuke of God for us to correct us, and to chasten us for our wrong doing.

“So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.” (Ezekiel 5:15 KJV)

“And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.” (Ezekiel 25:17 KJV)

5. G@arah: *“A wise son heareth his father’s instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.” (Proverbs 13:1 KJV)* The Hebrew Word for ‘rebuke’ used here is ‘G@`arah’ and it means, a rebuke or reproof. God rebuke his children because He loves them.

God rebuke and reproof the nations by allowing natural calamities, like floods, winds, earthquakes, pestilence, pandemics, fire or rains, to fall upon them to humble them. *“And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.” (2 Samuel 22:16 KJV) “The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.” (Job 26:11 KJV) “Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.” (Psalm 18:15 KJV) “At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.” (Psalm 76:6 KJV) “It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.” (Psalm 80:16 KJV) “At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.” (Psalm 104:7 KJV) As we had noticed from what we had read, that every natural calamity had come after a rebuke from God, and with the effects of all these things the Lord is bending the people and leading them to repentance.*

Psalm 29 describes how God rebukes the nations in causing natural calamities; God through these rebukes will bring the people to repentance and make them call upon His holy name:

“1 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. 7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to

calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. 10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever. 11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.” (Psalm 29:1-11 KJV)

The rebuke of God in bringing calamities against the people it has impact and power to bring Him glory and honor, *“1 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.” (Psalm 29:1-2 KJV)* In verse 3, the Lord is using the water to bring His rebuke to the nations, through rain, floods, torrents, or tsunamis: *“3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.” (Psalm 29:3 KJV)* The Lord speaks, He preach and He rebukes through all these natural calamities, *“4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.” (Psalm 29:4 KJV)* As well as the winds in the various forms of hurricane, typhoon or tornados that God brings, are the rebukes of God and they will cause the trees to be broken, *“5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.” (Psalm 29:5 KJV)* God makes these trees move and jump like animals, *“6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.” (Psalm 29:6 KJV)* God makes nations fled before Him like a calf and like a unicorn. The unicorn is a great animal, and God with His rebuke will cause even great nations to be fled from his presence as the unicorn fled.

God’s voice divides the flames of fire. *“7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.” (Psalm 29:7 KJV)* He cause the desert to be shaken, *“8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.” (Psalm 29:8 KJV)* God with His rebuke and with what He is doing from natural calamities, God forces the hind (which is an animal) to go into labor, *“9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve,” (Psalm 29:9 KJV)* God exposes the thick forest and makes it of no account before Him in His rebuke, *“and discovereth the forests.” (Psalm 29:9 KJV)* And He caused the people to fear Him and tremble at His presence, and caused them to speak of His glory, even in His churches they will tremble at His rebuke and will speak of His glory, *“and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.” (Psalm 29:9 KJV)*

The testimony is this: after God sent His rebuke in what way he wanted, He would make it clear to each and everyone to know that God is in control and He is the one who allow and sent that particular calamity and for a purpose, *“10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.” (Psalm 29:10 KJV)* God in giving that rebuke He is dealing with sin, and He is imparting the fear of Him to those who repented and amended their ways. God as they repented will endow them with strength and bless them with peace. *“11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.” (Psalm 29:11 KJV) Therefore, in the same way as we repent from our sins, Gpd will give us strength and bless us and give us peace.*

“Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.” (Isaiah 50:2 KJV) Famine, drought and dryness are another manifestation of God’s rebuke.

Famine and hunger is another manifestation of God's rebuke, "Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God." (Isaiah 51:20 KJV)

"One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill." (Isaiah 30:17 KJV) **With the rebuke, God will cause the power of darkness; including demons and those whom Satan uses of people will flee away from God's church.**

"It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools." (Ecclesiastes 7:5 KJV) **Church who keep singing and flattering one another are not doing well. But those who rebukes and correct, they are imparting the fear of God and the wisdom of God to one another. When rebukes are used that is the true love and those who receives them, they are receiving the fear of God.**

Priest Eli did not rebuke his children effectively, for he fail to restrain them from doing evil, they continued to do wrong, and that was wrong love, and ultimately the judgment of God came upon them, **"22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress. 25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them."** (1 Samuel 2:22-25 KJV) **Parents who refuse to discipline their children to restrain them from doing wrong, they do not love them, but they are destroying them.**

King David fail to rebuke his son Adonijah and that would ultimately caused Adonijah to be put to death as he continue to do wrong in his conduct toward the throne of his father, **"I Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not. 5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom."** (1 Kings 1:1-6 KJV)

My dear and beloved: God said about Solomon, who is going to be the person who will build the temple of God, that He will chasten him when he sins, **"I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men."** (2 Samuel 7:14 KJV)

Jesus Christ rebuked His disciples, **"Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen."** (Mark 16:14 KJV) Jesus rebuked His

disciples because of their lack of faith. **The Lord Jesus wants us to rebuke those who are in need of it. It is the true love of God that we need to practice and apply in our lives. We should not withhold that from our children and our disciples that we raise up for the Lord as we agree to commit ourselves to the Lord and to serve Him whole heartedly.**

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life.

Let us confess your sins to the Lord and renounce them one by one.

Lord forgives me the following sins _____. Lord I repent of all of them.

Lord thank you for your clear Word to me. Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from your Word. Lord leads me to apply this message of yours precisely in my life. Lord I am willing to rebuke those who do wrong so that they will be corrected and start to do what is right. Lord I am willing to rebuke my children and my new disciples and to restrain them from doing wrong. Lord gives me the good health, perseverance and strength to continue to serve you effectively. Lord I ask you to protect me, provide for me and lead me with your Holy Spirit to do what is right and just. Lord refill me again with the Holy Spirit to go and do the work of yours, reaching out and evangelizing new people and making new disciples.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who had repented and committed their lives to the message that you sent to your church. Lord protects them and provide for them. Lord gives them wisdom of how and when they will apply this message of yours in their lives. Lord I pray for them to be filled with the Holy Spirit to go and to preach your Word and serve you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Lord blesses us as a church and lead us to reach out new people and to disciple them. Lord helps us to plant new Bible Studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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