BAIT OF SATANSESSION 5 – Hiding From Reality

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

NOTES

TWO TYPES OF SONS

Teknon (Greek)

- Romans 8:16 (NKJV) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
- **Kenneth Weist** "One who is a son/daughter by mere fact of birth."
- **John 1:12 (NKJV)** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- Means "babies or immature sons"

Huios (Greek)

- **Vines** "One who can be identified as a son because he displays the character of the parent."
- Means "mature sons"
- Matthew 5:44-45 (NKJV) 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

1 Peter 4 (NKJV) – In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

Hebrews 5:8-9 (NKJV) – 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

UNFAIR TREATMENT

1 Peter 2:20 (NKJV) - For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.

• There are times that we get what we deserve

Two kinds of persecution

- Self inflicted When we do what is wrong and God has set up authorities to punish, discipline, correct, or train us.
 - > Get wisdom and change your behavior
- Persecution for right righteousness sake You do what is right but you get treated unfairly.
 - Great is your reward in heaven.

THIS IS YOUR CALLING

1 Peter 2:21-23 (NKJV) – 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps. 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth" 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

1 Peter 3:8-9 (NKJV) – 8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, *be* courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

"IF" YOU HANDLE IT CORRECTLY

- Your way or God's way.
- Turn it over to God and do not pick up an offense.

WHO IS HE WHO CAN HARM YOU?

1 Peter 3:13 (NKJV) – And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

- Peter is saying "How can anybody hurt you."
- Kingdom living . Who is he that can harm you.
- God's way will keep you from being offended.

ARMED TO SUFFER

1 Peter 4:1 (NKJV) – Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

- Most believers are not armed to suffer, and are easily offended.
- They react instead of act. State of shock when mistreated.
- As Christ suffered arm yourself with the same mind.
- Complete spiritual mutuality.
- Physical growth is limited to time
- Intellectual growth is not limited by time, but is a function of learning.
- Spiritual growth is not a function of time, but is a function of suffering.

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Spiritual growth – when we encounter unfair treatment (offensive behavior), we choose to obey God's word and rejoice.