

Part Four: Life and Ministry, from 1984 to 2004

The curse of Judging

There came a day when our son-in-law said that the root of all problems was not unforgiveness, but judging. My first thought was, "What does he know?" Even so, I did not throw that out, but like Mary, pondered it in my heart. Several weeks later, I was in Melbourne, Australia and shared with a friend what our son-in-law had said. His reply was that we need to tie everything back to the two Trees in Genesis 2, 'The Tree of Life', which is Jesus, and, 'The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil', which is Satan - Independence, Control and Fear, living outside of a living relationship with Father God, being able to make decisions out of a knowledge gained. By this I will only judge by WHAT people do, and not, WHY. Man looks at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart. This sent me on a deep learning curve that opened a door to the biggest can of worms one could ever imagine, because judging is what the world is run on. The more man learns, the more he will judge. What few realise is that both Good and Evil come from the same tree; both are forbidden. All knowledge man was meant to have can be found in The Tree of Life, through a living relationship with Creator God through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit. He, alone, is the fountain of wisdom and life. The more I learned about judging, the more I shared. Then I did another video titled, 'Freedom from the Curse of Judging'. Breaking the Curse of Judging

Not long after learning about the curse that judging created, my wife and I headed to England. Having been invited to go to Plymouth in Devon to do some teaching in a fellowship called Christian Community Church. We had met the man who the Holy Spirit had anointed to be a spiritual father, Alec Macleod, a year or so before this trip. Alec picked us up at Heathrow airport in the late evening and drove us through the night to Plymouth. Car journeys are a great time to fellowship, time to talk as the miles pass by. Alec shared how he had done some research as to the spiritual revivals that had taken place in Plymouth, especially the move that took place known as, 'The Brethren from Plymouth', the name they were given because they were so active in preaching the Gospel in the surrounding region. Having a theology of the Body that so affected them, they had even built a building, which was laid out internally in tiered seating, around what they called the Lord's Table. Being round at the front, the building became known as the, 'Bakers Oven'. The story concerning the Brethren Movement Edwin Cronin was born in Cork Ireland in 1801 and as a young man his study of the Scriptures showed him the unscriptural ness of the one-man ministry. This in turn led him and another man to meet in a home, breaking bread and praying. From there, the group began to grow. J. N. Darby was also from Ireland and an Anglican Vicar who came to the same understanding as Edwin Cronin. Renouncing his status, he left for England, meeting up with Newton and Harris who had a house group in Plymouth, becoming part of the Fellowship there. At the same time in other places in the UK, people were coming under the same conviction, which was revealed later when J. N. Darby put out a a tract telling about it. Their reason for gathering

1) The oneness of the church, which is the Body of Christ.

2) The absence of the clerical cast in the New Testament

Scriptures and the unscriptural character of man-made ministry.

They believed that all true believers were members of the one Body, warmly welcoming

all who came to them, irrespective of denominational distinctions. Thus, they were completely delivered from sectarianism. They glorified in the fact that in the Lord Jesus Christ they had a great high Priest over the house of God (Heb 10:21). They realised that the priesthood of all true believers gave them liberty to enter the Holiest, that the Risen Lord had given gifts to the Church to perfect the saints for the work and edifying the body. (Eph 4:12).

These principles resulted in a church membership that was open to all who are in Christ and a ministry open to all duly qualified and owned by the Holy Spirit, and from which all others are excluded. (Indeed, we should indeed come together in all simplicity as disciples, not waiting on any pulpit or ministry, but trusting that the Lord would edify us together, through ministry as He pleased.)

(3) There was no attempt at the first to enforce uniformity of procedure in the meetings.

In 1845 Mr. Newton and Mr. Harris had come to be recognised as elders and pastors of the Assembly in Plymouth, and which had now grown to some 1200 people. By mutual agreement, they ministered on alternate Sundays, something which was clearly a retrograde step towards the reinstatement of the very clergy they had renounced, and above all because it was a restriction upon the liberty of ministry in the Assembly.

While on a whole the Assembly was satisfied with this situation, there was a small minority who desired the return to more Scriptural practices. Mr Darby was appealed to by some of those who were dissatisfied when Mr Darby returned to Plymouth in 1845 from his travelling. A great rift opened up between Newton and Darby with regards to prophetic teaching and church order, as well as the relationship between the Church and the Tribulation, and it resulted in a lot of mud slinging. On the last Sunday of 1846, Darby, along with fifty or sixty others, began to break bread in another location in Plymouth. Mr Darby now did the very thing he denounced in writing in 1828, on exclusivism and its subdivisions, failing to maintain the principle of the three points in his tract. The result was that the Fellowship in Plymouth blew to pieces, and the work was destroyed. What a difference it would have been if only the Brethren had allowed the Spirit of God to have His own way in each place, and not made an attempt to force common methods of procedure and church order upon assemblies. If they had, then they would have still presented a marvellous testimony to the unity of the Spirit.

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In 1848, with the division unresolved, the Assemblies who refused to follow Mr Darby and continued to receive all believers who were personally sound in doctrine and morals became known as the Open Brethren.

Alec shared all this with us as we journeyed towards Plymouth through the night, plus he had done some research and found the block of land that was called the Bakers

Oven and on that site, or at least very near it, stood a round multi-story car park built of concrete. Indeed, what made it very interesting was that the parking building was virtually the same shape as the building the Brethren Fellowship gathered in. Not a pure circle, but truncated, with a flat side and the rest round, shaped like a Bakers Oven that had given it its colloquial name. And as if that was not enough, the cars drove up a spiral on the outside and parked either side. To exit drove down another spiral on the inside. In the very middle at the bottom was an open tar sealed space, as if the Lord's Table could have been in the very centre. Yet more interesting still, was that the building was built of concrete and had what is called 'concrete cancer'. Such that the building had to be strengthened, and finally in 2004 was demolished. I saw that the curse of judging that took place there had even affected what would be built on it many years later. The car park being built after the devastation's that the Second World War had wrought on that city, a historic and prominent naval port. When King David cursed the hill King Saul and his sons died upon, he said that nothing would grow on them, forever (2 Samuel 1:21). And as far as we know that has remained till this day. However, because of Jesus removing all the curses by his suffering and death, I believe the curse can be reversed, if someone who is lead by the Holy Spirit will intercede.

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We arrived in Plymouth and went to bed. I awoke after only a few hours sleep. My routine is to rise early, dress, and go for a run. Even at the age of 67. When we first started full time Youth Ministry, I heard Father God tell me that if I was going to reach the end of the road in right shape I was to keep myself both Spiritually and physically fit. I understood that to remain spiritually fit meant praying at least half an hour in tongues, non stop, and reading the Bible daily, and that to remain physically fit meant some sort of exercise, and for that I chose jogging, as jogging can be done anywhere in the world. All one needs is a good pair of running shoes and shorts, no other cost. And also, it is my time to commune with Father by the Spirit and get set up for the day.) And so, I set out on my morning run and headed straight for the car park and ran to the top.

By now, I had some understanding of intercessory prayer. Having read how Abraham prayed for Sodom in Genesis 18:16-33, and how the prophets prayed. One example, being found in Nehemiah 1:6-7, using the words, "We have sinned", thus identifying with the people and their sin. As I stood there I said, "Lord, this confession is easy; I do not need to confess the sin of judging from other's point of view because up until now I can see that I have been one of the most critical, condemning and judgmental people on planet Earth". Crucially, I also realised that as Levi was in the loins of Abraham when he paid tithes to Melchizedek, (Hebrews 7:10), so I was in the loins of Darby when he judged Newton. I was a convert to the Brethren; I had imbibed all that was called brethren, 'hook line and sinker. More than that, 'lock, stock and barrel'! I also realised that that curse of judgement was locked into the Brethren movement from that day and had attracted judgmental people, simply because they felt at home! And not only in the Brethren movement, because I realised that this spirit of judgement had found its way into just about every move of God from 1846 onwards, so many Brethren people having been involved in the foundations of subsequent moves of the Spirit. And generally, the spirit of judgement manifested itself such that

when any new move occurred, the old judged it. My prayer was as follows, "Father God, in the name of Jesus I confess we have sinned in the area of judging, I blame no one, I take full accountability and repent, asking your forgiveness. Having repented, I know you forgive me and I take that forgiveness and forgive everybody and every thing involved, especially judging, and I also take my judgement off judging".

A week later I went to the same spot and prayed the same prayer. Two days before I left Plymouth, again I went early in the morning to the same spot and said, "Lord" I have prayed all I know how, said all I know to say. So, what now?" As clear as someone speaking to me I heard one word, "Tadalesti". I knew what those words meant: it was the word Jesus cried out on the Cross-, "It is finished." I said, "Lord Jesus, are you saying that through one simple prayer of repentance in the area of judging, the curse is broken and the prison that has held people bound has now had the bars broken?" Again, I heard the Lord speak with the words, "Yes, my son". I was filled with love, joy, and peace; and with knowledge that there was a new day for all who heard the message of freedom from the curse of judging because they could walk free. This has proved to be true!

About 18 months later I was back in Plymouth. At an early morning prayer meeting with a group of men, we went to the top of the car park and as I arrived at the top I was drawn to look down the centre. To my amazement, I could see that a tree had sprung up, right in the centre, exactly where you could imagine the communion table used to sit. I told the men and they looked and were also amazed because they had never seen it before, even though they were up there praying most Tuesday mornings. That tree, to me, represented new life in a place where death had reigned. On my way down after the prayer meeting, I even took a photo of it to make sure I was not dreaming. The tar seal had cracked open and up came a tree!

Distribution of Material

First, by video

In America, Australia, England and New Zealand, people asked if they could record and distribute the videos. They were given master copies and left to arrange for their recording and sale. They were to be sent out whenever requested and a fee was to be charged that would cover costs, but from which we would in no way receive any proceeds. We took this decision partly because Father God had divinely provided for us since 1965 and partly because we believed that we were not to make money from the videos, as the anointing of the Spirit put them together. Something that we have always sought to be faithful to.

Then, in a website

A friend said that he believed he was to set up a website for the ministry, but what would it be called? After much prayer, what came was to call the site, 'www.forgiveit.com'. You are likely reading this on "forgiveit.com" Around March 2004, I asked Father God what He now wanted in the light of all that had taken place. Had I finished all that He wanted to do in and through me, as it seemed there was nothing else to do other than retire? I received one word, "Seminars". It was clear that all Father God had taught me could not be shared in a one teaching slot. To do justice to the material, it would take about eight hours of teaching, starting Friday evening, all day Saturday including the evening. Arranging for seminars takes time and the right people with the gift of organization. And, who has the time these days to attend seminars, unless they are paid to attend? The more I prayed about it, the more it came clear that all that was needed was to hold one seminar, record it and place it on a web site. That way, people with computers who can log on to the internet could download

the seminar notes, print them out and study them at their leisure. Not only that, there was the opportunity to post an e-mail address on the site, so that if people wished to make contact, they could do so. It came to mind that Alec Macleod, who lives in Plymouth, England, was one with me in the ministry and together we could do a seminar in Plymouth. This was arranged for the first weekend in June 2004. The Seminar started on the Friday night and went all day Saturday. Alec typed the seminar notes up as we proceeded and then over another three days, we went through the notes, until we believed what needed to be conveyed was completed. For safekeeping, we burned the seminar notes onto a CD and printed out several 'hard copies,' something we knew to do because there were things breaking down around us, which we knew to be a spiritual attack. People responding to the message would no longer be controlled and that is not what the enemy of man likes, hence the reason for the attack.

Next was a trip to Tallahassee, Florida to spend time with the friend who had set up the web site and to go over the seminar notes with him so that he could put them up on the site. This took most of three days. Then, there came a moment, (when with the click of a button the seminar notes came up on the screen!) In that moment as the Notes appeared on-screen tears flooded my eyes and I spent time weeping, not just from joy, but with an emotion of great release that came from completing what I knew Father God had directed me to do, which was to conduct a seminar and place the notes on the web. The seminar is called, 'The Ministry of Reconciliation', and can be found on the website.

Hearing Father God's voice, and the results

There have been many times in my life that Father God has spoken to me directly with words in my mind after asking Him in prayer for direction, or that He has sent people to me with a verse from the Bible, or a word they believe they received for me. This is exactly what we are supposed to expect, since Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me". In fact, from the very beginning of the Bible, Father God spoke and someone has heard. In 1 Genesis chapter 12, we read the account of Father God speaking to Abraham, and Abraham heard and obeyed. How did he hear? Did he read it in the Bible? No, of course not, for the Bible was not written then - in fact, it was not written till the time of Moses. So how did he hear? By the voice of God. This all began for me, many years before, on the Monday morning after the Sunday night service, when I had sung the words, "I want, dear Lord, a soul on fire for thee, a soul baptised with heavenly energy", and when I had prayed, the first words I heard in my mind, "No, you are clean", Not wanting to be clean and empty, I had asked to be filled; I received a warm lump in my chest plus four words were added to my language, "Hallelujah!" and 'Praise the Lord!' A few weeks later, we met up with another couple who also had an encounter with Father God by the Holy Spirit and we spent timesharing our experiences. They had come from a Salvation Army church background and what with us from the Brethren, it was quite a mixture! One day, the husband popped in and said he had a verse of scripture for me, from 1 Peter 3:7. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered". I looked at the verse and said it did not fit our situation because we had been married eighteen years and never had an argument, (although I did know I used to sulk a lot!) So, I decided to ask Father God if He wanted me to learn anything from this verse, and the following is what came, "To live with my wife,

according to knowledge, is to perceive where my wife is at all times, emotionally and mentally, and to cover (protect) her". Well, I did not know my wife had any emotions! To me, she appeared to be all 'logic' (that is mind, rather than emotion). Now, I knew my responsibility in taking care of a wife and children, physically and spiritually but the emotional area I had no idea about; no one had ever told me such a responsibility ever existed! The second thing that came to me was that the 'weaker vessel' meant the difference between 'an old tin mug and a crystal vase'. Thirdly, it came to me that if I did not do this, then my prayers would not be answered! (Some while later, Father God told me that men who were not living with their wives according to what He had told me - although it appeared their prayers seemed to be being answered - it was not Him who was answering, but Satan. This is something he is quite able to do because he knows the Bible and he who does so, in order that a husband will believe that because he is getting answers to his prayers, that he is OK and that it is his wife who is out of order! As a result, division enters, secured by great deception). Another major life changing experience came one night when I was asked to hear Don Widmark share his testimony of walking with God. He started by talking about 'horizontal and vertical relationships'. That seemed to mean little to me, as I was already busy serving Father God! But at the end he said that it was all very simple, illustrated in Acts 22:10, the account of Paul's reply when Father God met him as he was on his way to round up Christians and have them put to death, believing they were false. Paul realised who was talking to him and he replied, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" And the Voice said, "Go into the city and it will be told you", and he went. Don said to us all "Are you willing from now on, before you do anything, to ask Father God the same question that Paul did?" Not that we didn't do our homework and work anything out, but that before we moved ahead, we would submit it to Father God for his stamp of approval. I thought about this and immediately saw a vision before my eyes of some people who were shut out of an ocean liner that was tied to a wharf and then of someone cutting the ropes and letting it loose. The vision then changed to the boat on a straight course, with other boats coming out of the mist from time to time and pulling alongside, then heading off again. Out of the experience of the vision I said, "YES!" From that day to this, I have sought to obey that vow. When I do, there is clarity of direction and much blessing; when I don't, I flounder until I surrender my will to His will. I have also learned that anyone who is willing to do the will of Father God, He will teach how to hear his voice.

One Friday night at the end of 1976, I ended up in a gathering of 100 men. The speaker was Dick Mills, who spoke from Daniel 11:32. "But they who know their God shall be strong and do exploits". He said that the day was coming when only those who could hear Father God's voice and obey would make it through. Then he said, "Father God had given him a gift called a 'Word of Knowledge', (mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8). He started by speaking to the men sitting on my right and as he did so he had my full attention because what he said to the man who took me to the gathering, I knew to be true. When he reached me, I was ready to hear what he would say. This is what came out of his mouth, "You are going into counselling, up to eighteen hours a day, and you need strength". Then he handed me a piece of paper with the following five Bible verses on it which I still have to this day, Ephesians 6:10, Zechariah 10:12, Isaiah 27:5, Daniel 10:19 and Deuteronomy 33:25. He moved on, and I sat there in tears, telling Father God He had the wrong man because I was uneducated - I had a PHD, 'Post Hole Digger' and a BD, 'Brethren Dropout'. But Father God is never wrong. The next day, I received in my mind my first Word of Knowledge, "Anthropology".

I was praying, asking what was the problem with a missionary couple who had been in New Guinea and who were now home, yet their marriage was in a mess. When the word came I did not know what it meant, I did not recall ever having heard it, and as to how it was spelt I did not know! However, the word was spot on for the situation, but the sad part was that they were unable to hear. From that time on, I found people coming for prayer, and using the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit, a Word of Knowledge, a Word of Wisdom, or Discerning of Spirits, I would be shown the problem and the keys to setting people free. For eighteen months, we were part of the ministry team of a well known New Zealand evangelist, Bill Subritzky, being responsible for those who prayed for people in the area of demonic oppression and seeing many set free. There came a time, however, when I felt that although many were getting free, many fell back, and it was as though we were dealing with fruit, not the root. Having learned to turn all questions into prayer, believing that Father God not only hears but also answers, I prayed. What came was that for Satan to oppress people, he needed a door, and that once that door was shut, the person would be free, providing Satan was on the outside when the door was shut. (The root in all lives is Pride: Pride that leads to disobedience that is rooted in a judgement flowing out through unforgiveness. You see we are all born into a world that at its best is controlled by humanism, and at its worst, by Satan. And because of that, selfishness reigns and people get hurt.

However, it is not the hurt that destroys, because the hurt, as bad as it is, is just a mental, emotional, or physical happening, and will pass. What destroys is when the victim judges the person that was used to do the perceived, rejected thing, and then the judging on my part turns the thing into a spiritual issue that becomes timeless, finally destroying the person who in the first place was innocent. So, for example, those who honour their parents are blessed; those who don't are cursed. How do you honour a parent who seems to be a total failure? Simple. Refuse to be their judge! Only Father God knows the true state of their heart and why they are what they are, remembering that people who do not forgive live in torment, according to Matthew 18:34-35.

There is so much to one's life, it is hard to know what to add, or leave out. The final intention is to put this out in book form, which will have the notes of the Reconciliation Seminar included. These cover much of the teaching material that Father God has taught me and has been used over the last 20 years to bring freedom to thousands. For those who download this off the website, you will also have access to download the Reconciliation notes. Should you desire to make contact, the e-mail address is displayed on the website.