

HEARING FROM GOD [5]

CAUSE AND EFFECT

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Deut 4:39-40 [NLT] *So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The Lord is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other. ⁴⁰ If you obey all the decrees and commands I am giving you today, all will be well with you and your children. I am giving you these instructions so you will enjoy a long life in the land the Lord your God is giving you for all time.*

Ps 50:22-23 [Message Bible] *"Time's up for playing fast and loose with me. I'm ready to pass sentence, and there's no help in sight! ²³ It's the praising life that honours Me. As soon as you set your foot on the Way, I'll show you My salvation."*

Ps 5:1-8 [NLT] *O Lord, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning. ² Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but You. ³ Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to You and wait expectantly. ⁴ O God, You take no pleasure in wickedness; You cannot tolerate the sins of the wicked. ⁵ Therefore, the proud may not stand in Your presence, for You hate all who do evil. ⁶ You will destroy those who tell lies. The Lord detests murderers and deceivers. ⁷ Because of Your unfailing love, I can enter Your house; I will worship at Your Temple with deepest awe. ⁸ Lead me in the right path, O Lord.*

- † **You and your current situation of life, good or bad, are a product of all the decisions you have made along the road of life.** Our choices have brought us to where we are right now.
- † Good and wise choices result in blessed circumstances. Bad decisions result in **stacked problems** like dominoes, ready to come tumbling down.
- † Without wisdom people make wrong decisions **not considering the final outcome.**
- † Consider this **PRINCIPLE OF LIFE**: Present day temporary delights and pleasures **NEVER** outweigh long-term consequences. Wilful, ill-considered decisions and compromises can be likened to the tail end of a scorpion.
- † The stacked problems we experience today have their roots in yesterday's wrong decisions. What we have done or decided yesterday is what we must pay for today. We reap now what we have sown yesterday.

Gal 6:7-9 [AMP] *Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.*

- † We say that we are a no compromise church; however, it is an **ongoing process** we are committed to.
- † We say that we are a Christ-centred church; however, it is an **ongoing growth process.**
- † We say that we live Christ-centred lives; however, it is a **daily, 24/7 process.**
- † We desire to be holy and consecrated; however, it is a **life-long process.**
- † The **processes** have to be **initiated** as soon as possible and have to show **progress, growth** and **fruit.** A tree is known by its fruit.

Matt 7:17-23 [NKJV] "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them. ²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

† Fact is, what I do now is going to hit me tomorrow – blessing or cursing.

† I have to make a new beginning and put things right **NOW**. My tomorrow begins NOW. I am in touch with my future! God gave me the power of choice!

Deut 30:19-20 [NKJV] "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers."

Prov 3:1-8 [NLT] My child, never forget the things I have taught you.

Store my commands in your heart. ² If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. ³ Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. ⁴ Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. ⁸ Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

† A good and solid prayer of repentance is needed, asking the Father to forgive you your mistakes of the past, combined with a decision to make amends and restoration wherever possible is highly recommended. Every one of us has messed up without exception. We all have to make amends.

1. **Make** a new commitment to seek the Father as never before.

Jer 29:13-14 [NKJV] "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity."

2. **Decide** not to compromise and to repent of all sin.

3. **Decide** to stop thinking short-term and making quick short-term solutions.

4. **Decide** to stop focusing on present day delights and the pleasures associated with the sin nature. Think of the consequences knowing that it is going to impact your future. Do not live for today only.

5. **Re-institute** godly habits and align your values and principles with the Kingdom of God.

6. **Develop** a great prayer life, building a strong relationship with the Father.

7. **Build** knowledge of the Word of God and practice that knowledge.

8. **Remain** in strong fellowship with the rest of the body of Christ surrounding you. Join and remain in a cell group for the rest of your life. It guarantees accountability and protection.

9. **Seek** the will of the Father for your life. You will discover your calling and purpose as you respond to training and mentoring.

10. **Walk** in love and faith.

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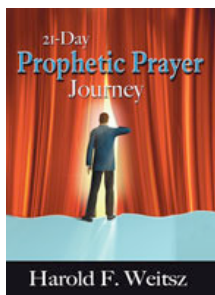
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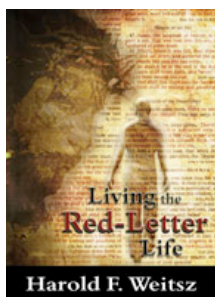
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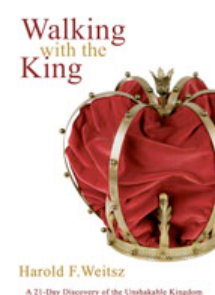
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