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Experiencing the Father's Heart by Adam Moser

I. Image Bearers

- A. We are created in God's image and likeness (Our image= Trinity)
 - Genesis 1:26a, 27: Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- B. The Garden of Eden was the first home, and Adam and Eve were a family with the Trinity.
- C. Home is that place where you sense unconditional love.
- D. The Godhead made a family because they wanted another expression of family
- E. When we have a wrong view of God, we will have a wrong view of ourselves.

II. The Adversary

- A. Satan's name means adversary, and he wants everyone to be version of himself: Fatherless, lost and separated from God.
- B. He is the accuser of the brethren. He has been a liar since the beginning.
- C. Satan caused Adam to doubt what God had said, which led to the fall.

III. Earthly Fathers

- A. Father's provide security, strength, purpose and comfort for their children
- B. When those areas are unmet, people often seek ways to fill those voids.
- C. Connecting with God the Father is difficult for some because of a detached relationship with their earthly father.
- D. Malachi 4:5-6 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers

IV. The Orphan Spirit

- A. Defining the orphan spirit: "The orphan spirit causes one to live life as if he does not have a safe and secure place in the Father's heart. He feels he has no place of affirmation, protection, comfort, belonging, or affection. Self-oriented, lonely, and inwardly isolated, he has no one from whom to draw Godly inheritance. Therefore, he has to strive, achieve, compete, and earn everything he gets in life. It easily leads to a life of anxiety, fears, and frustration." –Jack Frost
- B. Two Primary Manifestations: Rebellion or Religion
- C. If we have God deficits, we have love deficits, because God is love.
- D. It is not what we do that makes who we are. It is who we are that makes us do what we do.
- E. The Story of the Lost Son/Prodigal Son/Older Son
 - 1. One brother runs away and spends his inheritance on lavish living, which is one of the definitions of prodigal.

- 2. His father saw him coming from a long way off, ran to him, put a ring on his finger, a robe on his back and threw a feast. He is welcomed back into the family and goes from rebellion to sonship.
- 3. The older brother's legalistic mindset kept him from realizing what was his all along.
- 4. Many people know that they are saved by grace, but religion comes in with the lie that everything after the cross is now our duty.
- 5. "The orphan spirit is not something you can cast out because it is ungodly beliefs and/or attitudes of our flesh that has been developing over a lifetime. It has become part of our personality and character. It must be displaced (put to death) by a personal experience in the Father's love and a revelation of the spirit of sonship. This will require a re-positioning of our life." Jack Frost
- 6. Strongholds: Ungodly beliefs that we hold
 - a. When we have thoughts that are contrary to His thoughts about us, write it down, then find the opposite thought that is in His nature.
 - b. Where are you thinking that God doesn't love me, God doesn't care about me, If God loved me, then... That is a manifestation of the orphan spirit, which can block your breakthrough.

V. Jesus

- A. Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth...all things have been created through Him and for Him.
- B. Before Jesus did any earthly miracle, He was baptized in water, baptized in the Holy Spirit and the Father stated that He was pleased with His son, which was a baptism of love.

- C. We must recognize that we are His beloved child, and He is well pleased in us.
- D. All of Jesus' ministry was representing a Father loving His children: This revelation is central.
- E. Colossians 1:15 Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- F. Jesus is the way to the Father, the truth about the Father and He is the way for us to have an abundant life.

VI. God's Love

- A. 1 John 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.
- B. Papa loves you, He likes you and He is well pleased with you!
- C. Agape is His unconditional love. Phileo is the the Greek word for love that means "demonstrated, natural affection," which is where we get the term brotherly love.
- D. God didn't send His son to make us valuable. He sent His son because we are valuable.
- E. Romans 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- F. There are lovers and there are workers, and lovers get more work done than workers.
- G. God's nature is as healer, and He reveals it in a personal way in Exodus 15. His nature is to restore to wholeness.

H. In John 12 we see Mary of Bethany fully satisfied in this level of love. Judas was around the same love, and yet his heart was hard.

Psalm 68:5-6

A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, Is God in His holy dwelling.

God makes a home for the lonely;
He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,
Only the rebellious live in parched lands.

J. He brings us past our problem, makes us a home, and gives us prosperity, which is His shalom.

VII. Sonship: No Longer Slaves

- A. John 14:16-18 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
- **B.** Romans 8:14-16 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God. ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
- C. Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved

- **D.** He choose us before the foundation of the world. We are predestined. We have been accepted in the beloved. There is nothing that can reject us once we settle into being accepted.
- E. When we believe in Him, we are saved. When we realize He believes in us, we are sons.
- **F.** 2 Greatest commandments: Love God and love others as we love ourselves. We must learn to love ourselves. If we reject ourselves, we are rejecting His beloved. There is a balance in this.
- **G.** Sonship is a heart that feels at rest and is secure in God's love. It is free from shame and self-condemnation.
- **H.** The orphan spirit comes from a place of jealousy, but the spirit of sonship is from a place of security.
- I. We don't just accept sonship once. We do this over and over every time the lies come in and bring about feelings of rejection.
- **J.** One of the ways that we do this is that we recognize that the Father is our home, and He is welcoming us with open arms.
- K. We learn to live from the place of sonship for our entire lives.

Additional Resources:

Leif Hetland: Healing the Orphan Spirit Book- Also many interviews on YouTube

Brian Fenimore of Plumbline Ministries: Knowing God as a Father on YouTube Jack Frost- Experiencing Father's Embrace and videos on YouTube