



Maintaining a Perfect Conscience

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, were created with a perfect conscience. The word for conscience in Hebrew is matspoun. Matspoun has a lot of branches and one of them is matspen, which is compass. Your conscience gives you moral direction. We are asking God for a revival, but without an awakening of our conscience, there is no real revival.

God wants to perfect our conscience again as it was before sin. Your conscience is your moral compass. In Hebrew, tsafon is the word for north and it has the same roots as conscience and compass. It's one family with the same roots! In Israel they say that if somebody loses their moral compass, "they lost their north." So, if you lose your north, you've lost your moral direction. You can have all the faith in the world, but in Timothy it says that the faith of many was shipwrecked because they cast away their conscience.

Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. I Timothy 1:19

Conscience and faith are interconnected in God. Your conscience is the glass container that holds your faith, the living water poured in. Faith needs the right container and that's your conscience. If the glass is broken, the water runs all over the place. Conscience is a beautiful word which is also connected to another root word in Hebrew which is tsafoun/hidden. Our conscience is a hidden place in the heart. It's the place where you are able to connect with God very deeply with no fig leaves.

The Greek helps you here. The word conscience is συνείδηση/sinidisi which means to see together, or co-perception. When we're close to somebody, we say, we see eye to eye. We are talking about the eyes of the heart. We are talking about what Apostle Paul said, that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, that the eyes of your heart may be opened! Seeing eye to eye together with someone from the heart enables us to walk together in agreement, union and intimacy!

This is the relationship that Adam and Eve had with the Lord. They saw everything the way God did. They saw eye to eye with Him. There was no memory of sin since they had never sinned so they could see clearly. In fact, when God put Adam to sleep and He took the rib out of his side, formed her and brought her to Adam,

Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." Genesis 2:23

Adam was asleep and saw nothing with his natural eye. How did he know?

He knew it by the Spirit. He knew it because having no sin, he had pure insight. He co-perceived with God. But when man sinned, his conscience got defiled. He no longer saw eye to eye with his Maker. How do we know that their conscience became defiled? Because of self-justification. When God said, "Where are you, Adam? What did you do?" he justified himself instead of repenting. He said, "The woman YOU gave me SHE made me do it". The woman said, "the SERPENT made me do it."

They were blaming each other and God. This is a sign of a defiled conscience. Trying to cover yourself with fig leaves. The saddest thing about this searing of conscience, Beloved, is that they could no longer approach God face to face or come near to Him transparently.

God created man for intimate relationship, to see Him and to talk with Him face to face as a friend talks to a friend, like Moses. God did not create man to live in relationship with Him by the law. Beloved, the law was made for man. Man was not made for the law. The law was added because of sin. Yeshua is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. God says throughout the scriptures, "I'm weary of all your sacrifices!" Why did He say that? Because it couldn't bring man back to that face to face intimacy with the Lord. It absolutely could not! Man was afraid to draw close to God and this hurt His heart deeply. How would you like to speak to your child or your friend through sacrifices and laws, but not be able to speak to them directly, because of a defiled conscience, as if there are prison bars between you. No transparency. No co-perception. No real intimacy.

God knew that the only way to bring man face to face with Him again was for his conscience to be cleansed and the remembrance of sin that condemned him to be gone. We need a fresh revelation of the blood of Yeshua and its power to completely cleanse the conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:13-14; Hebrews 10:1-8

The law was added because of sin. But God doesn't want to talk to His children through rules and regulations, but face to face. He desires our righteousness BY NATURE as He is righteous. There is a righteousness that comes BY THE LAW which never satisfied God. Paul knew that because he said, "*I was blameless according to the law.*" *Philippians 3:6*. Yet, he still was deceived and he still couldn't walk or talk with God face to face.

But it says in Romans chapter 2 that the Gentiles who don't have the law are fulfilling the law as it is written in their heart. "*They are doing it BY NATURE.*" *Romans 2:14*

God wants our consciences to be completely washed again and again by the blood of Yeshua, so that we will maintain His imparted righteousness by nature, not because we follow a set of rules. The law is good because it leads us to Messiah who washes our conscience and restores us to God once and for all. Do you know how to maintain His righteousness by nature? You keep a cleansed, pure conscience. Your conscience and the Holy Spirit work together. They are co-witnesses. *Romans 9:1*. Your conscience confirms to you when you're grieving the Holy Spirit, when you're hurting His heart.

King David committed adultery with Batsheba without any conviction of sin. He knew the law but he wasn't convicted by the law. He kept sinning and sinning and sinning. He even murdered a man to cover himself. His conscience (conscience = heart for there is no word for conscience in the OT) had become completely defiled. He was unable to repent for what he had done.

But when Nathan the prophet came with a Spirit-ignited word of conviction, David's conscience was pricked and he knew: By the law, I'm a dead man! The law without the conviction of the Spirit couldn't do it. God says that the blood of Yeshua cleanses us through the Spirit. *Hebrews 9:14*

You can be restored completely in your conscience! The Lord says, Come before me into the Holiest Place in a new and living way by the blood of the Lamb, with your heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, a conscience that is afraid to approach God, a conscience that is condemned and defective and can't get right. Come to God, repent and get washed again in His blood.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; Hebrews 10:19-20

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22

God calls us to enter into the holiest with a cleansed conscience through repentance and faith! This is what real revival is. You will not come near to God by doing works and works and works. If your conscience is not working right, you will become religious, not righteous. A defective conscience will make you try to justify yourself. You're going to try to do works to please Him. But when your conscience is continuously washed in the blood of the Messiah, you will walk face to face with Him.

Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside to vain jangling; I Timothy 1:5-6

This is the goal of the law. This is the goal of our walk. We receive a restored conscience by grace through the blood of Yeshua. When we fall short of God's glory, we repent and say, "Wash me again Lord, so I can be with You face to face because without You I'm nothing!"

Give us a fresh revelation, Yeshua, of Your blood. You were never satisfied with all the sacrifices and offerings because they couldn't make us perfect in our conscience to draw near to You. Your blood is the only way!

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