



IN HIS IMAGE

SELF-CONTROL

THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, ²³ GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; ...



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS SELF-CONTROL

SELF-CONTROL IS ...

1. CONTROL OR RESTRAINT OF ONESELF OR ONE'S ACTIONS, FEELINGS, ETC.



BIBLICAL SELF-CONTROL

- THE VIRTUE OF ONE WHO MASTERS HIS DESIRES AND PASSIONS
- TO EXERCISE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ONE'S DESIRES AND ACTIONS

SEEING GOD'S SELF-CONTROL

- ^{NIV} **NUMBERS 23:19** GOD IS NOT A MAN, THAT HE SHOULD LIE, NOR A SON OF MAN, THAT HE SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND. DOES HE SPEAK AND THEN NOT ACT? DOES HE PROMISE AND NOT FULFILL? ²⁰ I HAVE RECEIVED A COMMAND TO BLESS; HE HAS BLESSED, AND I CANNOT CHANGE IT....²⁶ BALAAM ANSWERED, "DID I NOT TELL YOU I MUST DO WHATEVER THE LORD SAYS?"

GOD IS IMPASSIBLE

- “IN THE EARLY FATHERS, TO TEACH THAT GOD WAS IMPASSIBLE WAS TO TEACH THAT GOD DID NOT HAVE “PASSIONS”, OR UNRESTRAINED FEELINGS UNGOVERNED BY REASON OR WILL THAT COULD SIMPLY SWEEP OVER HIM. A PASSION WAS THOUGHT OF AS A SORT OF VIOLENT, SEMI-PHYSICAL FORCE THAT COULD MOVE A PERSON WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THEIR REASON OR WILL. TO DENY THAT THIS CAN HAPPEN IS TO SAY THAT GOD’S EMOTIONAL LIFE IS UNDER HIS OWN CONTROL AND WILL NOT ERUPT VIOLENTLY IN IRRATIONAL OR SINFUL WAYS. IN OTHER WORDS, GOD IS NOT AN EMOTIONAL TEENAGER”
 - DEREK RISHMAWY

GOD VS MAN

- WITH PEOPLE, OUR EMOTIONS TEND TO DRIVE OUR WILL
 - IRRATIONAL EMOTIONS
- WITH GOD, HIS EMOTIONS ARE FULLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF HIS WILL
 - RATIONAL EMOTIONS

DEFINING GOD'S SELF-CONTROL

- BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL OF HIS EMOTIONS
NOTHING WILL SIDETRACK HIM FROM CARRYING OUT HIS
WILL

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GOD'S SELF-CONTROL IN ACTION

- ^{NAS} **MALACHI 3:6** "FOR I, THE LORD, DO NOT CHANGE; THEREFORE YOU, O SONS OF JACOB, ARE NOT CONSUMED.
- ^{NIV} **PSALM 78:38** YET HE WAS MERCIFUL; HE FORGAVE THEIR INIQUITIES AND DID NOT DESTROY THEM. TIME AFTER TIME HE RESTRAINED HIS ANGER AND DID NOT STIR UP HIS FULL WRATH.
- ^{ESV} **ISAIAH 48:9** "FOR MY NAME'S SAKE I DEFER MY ANGER, FOR THE SAKE OF MY PRAISE I RESTRAIN IT FOR YOU, THAT I MAY NOT CUT YOU OFF.

FAITHFULNESS AND SELF-CONTROL

- ^{ESV} **JAMES 1:17** EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIATION OR SHADOW DUE TO CHANGE.
- ^{NIV} **LAMENTATIONS 3:22** BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, FOR HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER FAIL. ²³ THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

GOD ACTS ACCORDING TO HIS WILL

- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 9:14** WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY? IS GOD UNJUST? NOT AT ALL! ¹⁵ FOR HE SAYS TO MOSES, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION..." ¹⁸ THEREFORE GOD HAS MERCY ON WHOM HE WANTS TO HAVE MERCY, AND HE HARDENS WHOM HE WANTS TO HARDEN. ... ²² WHAT IF GOD, CHOOSING TO SHOW HIS WRATH AND MAKE HIS POWER KNOWN, BORE WITH GREAT PATIENCE THE OBJECTS OF HIS WRATH-- PREPARED FOR DESTRUCTION?

HIS SELF-CONTROL, OUR SALVATION

- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 9:23** AND *HE DID SO* IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY UPON VESSELS OF MERCY, WHICH HE PREPARED BEFOREHAND FOR GLORY, ²⁴ *EVEN US*, WHOM HE ALSO CALLED, NOT FROM AMONG JEWS ONLY, BUT ALSO FROM AMONG GENTILES.
- ^{NAS} **EPHESIANS 1:5** HE PREDESTINED US TO ADOPTION AS SONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE KIND INTENTION OF HIS WILL, ⁶ TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, WHICH HE FREELY BESTOWED ON US IN THE BELOVED.

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CONCLUSIONS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; ¹³ FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

SELF-CONTROL TAKES DISCIPLINE

- ^{ESV} **1 CORINTHIANS 9:24** DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IN A RACE ALL THE RUNNERS RUN, BUT ONLY ONE RECEIVES THE PRIZE? SO RUN THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN IT. ²⁵ EVERY ATHLETE EXERCISES SELF-CONTROL IN ALL THINGS. THEY DO IT TO RECEIVE A PERISHABLE WREATH, BUT WE AN IMPERISHABLE. ²⁶ SO I DO NOT RUN AIMLESSLY; I DO NOT BOX AS ONE BEATING THE AIR. ²⁷ BUT I DISCIPLINE MY BODY AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL, LEST AFTER PREACHING TO OTHERS I MYSELF SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED.

DISCIPLINE OF MIND AND HEART

- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 12:2** AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS, THAT WHICH IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT.
- ^{NAS} **1 TIMOTHY 6:12** FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH; TAKE HOLD OF THE ETERNAL LIFE TO WHICH YOU WERE CALLED, AND YOU MADE THE GOOD CONFESSION IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES.

BEARING FRUIT

- ^{NAS} **COLOSSIANS 3:1** IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED UP WITH CHRIST, KEEP SEEKING THE THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. ² SET YOUR MIND ON THE THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THE THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH. ³ FOR YOU HAVE DIED AND YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. ⁴ WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, IS REVEALED, THEN YOU ALSO WILL BE REVEALED WITH HIM IN GLORY...⁸ BUT NOW YOU ALSO, PUT THEM ALL ASIDE: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, SLANDER, AND ABUSIVE SPEECH FROM YOUR MOUTH...¹⁰ AND ... PUT ON THE NEW SELF WHO IS BEING RENEWED TO A TRUE KNOWLEDGE ACCORDING TO THE IMAGE OF THE ONE WHO CREATED HIM