

"HE RESTORES MY SOUL - Part VI"

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REVIEW/INTRO: God wants to restore your soul (Ps, 23:3)! We're covering 7 Transformational Principles for a Healthy Soul (Identity, Repentance, Forgiveness). This morning we're going to cover Overcoming Family Sin Patterns.

I. THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS (Num. 14:18)

- A. God's nature is to be longsuffering and forgiving.
- B. Generational sins visit to the 3rd & 4th generations.
 - •4 generations = 30 people (that's a lot of iniquity)!
- C. How are these sins *visited*? 1) Genetically, 2) Environmentally, 3) Demonically or 4) a combination of these.
- D. Examples of the Iniquity of the Fathers:
 - 1. Abraham (Gen. 20:2; 12:11-13; 26:7)
 - 2. David (2Sam. 11-13, 15; 18:14)
 - 3. The Israelites (Jer. 16:10-12)
 - 4. Kings of Israel & Judah (1Ki. 15:25-26; 22:51-53)
 - 5. The scribes & Pharisees (Matt. 23:30-32)

II. IS IT FAIR TO SUFFER FOR OUR PARENTS' SINS?

- A. The devil and sin don't play fair!
- B. God has made sufficient provision for us to overcome!

III. WE STILL HAVE A CHOICE!

A. These sins will "*visit*" us (Num. 14:18), but we don't have to allow them to move in (Deut. 24:16; Ezek. 18:19-20)!

IV. REDEEMED FROM THE SINS OF THE FATHERS

A. Redemption through Jesus' blood (1Pet. 1:18-19).

B. How the Sins of the Fathers are Redeemed:

- 1. Acknowledge & confess (1Jn. 1:9; Lev. 26:40, 42; Dan. 9:4-20; Neh. 1:5-11; 9:5-37; Ezra 9).
- 2. Turn from these sins (repentance).
- 3. Forgive your parents and ancestors.
- 4. Accept God's forgiveness and forgive yourself.
- 5. Renounce the sin and break its power in Jesus' Name.
- 6. Appropriate Jesus blood by faith (1Pet. 1:18-19).
- 7. Continue to nurture your spiritual growth.

CONCLUSION: Are there any family sin patterns in your life? If so, will you deal with them in a biblical way?