

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

CONSEQUENCES OF SPIRITUAL WOUNDS

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PART 2: FESTERING WOUNDS

A DAMAGED SOUL CANNOT HEAL ITSELF

There is an old saying that “time heals all wounds.” Unfortunately, that does not apply to the soul. When a soul is wounded by the sinful actions of someone around you, it attracts demons like flies to an open wound.¹ The first demon to arrive is hurt, followed by the demons of anger, rage, resentment, unforgiveness and revenge.

The wound is spiritually infected immediately and your soul becomes bitter; love is replaced by hate. Patience is replaced by impatience. You have in a sense been hijacked by demons.

KING SAUL WAS OUT OF CONTROL

In reading the story of Saul, it became clear that he suffered from an inferiority and insecurity complex. It must have scared him greatly to hear that Samuel had been commissioned by God to select another man to become king of Israel. Samuel began the process by finding out the name of the tribe from which the new king would be selected. When Saul found out that the tribe of Benjamin had been taken, he panicked and went into hiding. My personal belief is that Saul had some kind of early trauma in his life that resulted in a wounded soul. An arrested development spirit² also plagued him during his reign as a king. **1 Samuel 10:20-24**

King Saul was wounded in his soul, when the women favored David over him. **1 Samuel 18:5-11**

Instead of going to the Lord and asking for a healing of his soul, Saul let it fester and he became consumed with jealousy. **1 Samuel 19:9-17**

The wounds in his soul became so infected that Saul had a priest and his family murdered because they provided food for David. **1 Samuel 22:11-19**

The rage and murder that was oozing out of Saul's soul brought total destruction upon him. It eventually became clear to Saul that God had abandoned him and he turned to the Devil in desperation for answers. **1 Samuel 28:4-19**

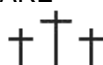
Saul died in the next battle with the Philistines and his troubled soul was removed from the earth. **1 Samuel 31:1-6**

KING DAVID'S DAMAGED SOUL

David was the youngest child and the reaction of his older brother Eliab indicates David had been put down as a child by his older brothers, who considered him evil and proud. I believe David was wounded in his soul as a child and this contributed to his struggle with an arrested development spirit. When he became king with total power over the

¹ www.eaec.org/sermons/2011/RLJ-1281.htm

² www.eaec.org/berean.htm#SPIRITUAL-WARFARE



nation, he had difficulty controlling his childish emotions. This is evident on several occasions when a person displeased him and he had them killed on the spot. **1 Samuel 17:23-29**

The long feud with King Saul also took its toll on the soul of David, He became complacent, his conscience seared and he let the lust for women run wild. He used his office as king to take another man's wife and have sex with her, and when she became pregnant, he tried to cover his tracks by bringing Uriah back from the war to sleep with his wife. The plan failed when Uriah refused the comfort of his bed and David subsequently ordered his death without hesitation. **2 Samuel 11:1-17**

More than a year passed before God sent the prophet Nathan to confront David over his sin. **2 Samuel 12:1-14**

David's prayer of repentance is recorded in the Bible. **Psalms 51:1-17**

THE SOUL CONTAINS THE SIN NATURE

"Heart" is the word used to describe the soul throughout the Bible. Sometimes the soul is called the "spirit of man." The apostle Paul refers to the soul as "the flesh."

The heart in our bodies is a blood pump and through science we know it does not contain emotions, memories, and we certainly do not think with it. When the first heart transplant took place in 1967, the man that received the transplant was still the same person afterwards.

God told Jeremiah some 500 years before Christ that the soul of a man is wicked and deceitful. **Jeremiah 17:9-10**

Jesus expanded on this teaching when He stated that eating food with unclean hands does not defile a man; instead, it is what comes out of your soul that defiles you. **Matthew 15:7-20**

If a person is sick and the soul is wounded, the soul will sustain the sickness in the body and make the person so miserable that no one wants to be around them. **Proverbs 18:14**

God is able to discern what comes from the soul and compared with what comes from the born again spirit. **Hebrews 4:12**

A wounded soul is out of control and will cause much destruction in that person's life. Many Christians are consumed with jealousy because of a soul wound and this causes them to act just like King Saul. You may also see someone manifesting other evil characteristics as well. You cannot operate in the Kingdom of God with a wounded soul. **Galatians 5:13-21**

Do you have a soul that is wounded? Jesus has the solution for damaged souls! **Luke 4:14-21**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?