

CHAPTER 4

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

While the preceding chapter demonstrates the beautiful transition from childhood innocence to the active, righteous governance of the reasoning mind, this noble design inherently carries a profound vulnerability: the freedom of choice itself.

During their highly formative years, children exist in a divinely ordained period of innocent grace. Because they lack the cognitive discernment to differentiate between right and wrong, they are covered by profound mercy. However, this quiet safety is not the destination of human vessels.

The scriptures prove that as the physical body grows, the mind develops until it reaches a specific threshold of accountability. At this moment, the reasoning mind steps up to its rightful place as the active, deliberate captain of the physical body. The mind is authorized to evaluate the natural, temporal instincts of the flesh and ensure that they are respectfully subordinated to the eternal truth of the Creator. When the mind successfully governs the vessel in this manner, it beautifully achieves the functional likeness of the Creator.

However, the permanent installation of intellect naturally introduces the necessity of free will. The permanent structural image is completely secure, but the daily operation of human life requires constant and continuous decision-making. The mind must consciously act as a divine lamp,

illuminating the deep instincts of the physical body, and choosing the path of truth. This leads to a highly significant question: What happens when the mind evaluates a situation and deliberately chooses to decide based on temporal, earthly non-truth rather than the eternal truth of the Creator?

This chapter focuses on the tragic reality of unrighteousness, explaining how the inherent operational design experiences a functional failure. This demonstrates that unrighteousness is not caused by a structural defect or an inherently wicked physical body. Rather, unrighteousness is a catastrophic mental inversion that occurs when the reasoning mind abdicates its throne, willfully placing its innate confidence in the temporary gratification of the flesh. This mental decision results in a severely fractured spiritual relationship with the Creator. While the structural image—patterned directly after Yahweh’s unchangeable **Dynamic Essence**—remains perfectly intact, the functional likeness—intended to mirror His active **Dynamic Expression** of love and truth—becomes heavily marred.

Phase 1: Contextual Foundation

To fully comprehend how a state of unrighteousness occurs, it is necessary to establish how the reasoning mind operates in the physical world.

Human vessels are engineered to function in the terrestrial realm. To survive in this physical environment, the Creator programmed the physical body with ingrained and highly necessary survival instincts. The body feels physical hunger, desires safety, seeks comfort, and avoids pain. These physical realities are not evil; they are entirely good and

necessary for survival on Earth.

However, because these instincts are strictly tied to the physical world, they possess no eternal or moral reasoning. The physical flesh only knows what it wants in the immediate, present moment. It demands immediate gratification without any consideration of long-term spiritual consequences or higher moral purposes.

Because the flesh is blind to eternal truth, the reasoning mind governs desire. The mind operates through a highly specific reasoning process.

First, the mind gathers information from the physical environment and the sensations of the flesh.

Second, the mind meditates on the gathered information, holding it in active contemplation.

Third, the mind reflects on this information by comparing it with previously obtained knowledge, specifically the eternal truth of the Creator.

Finally, the mind allows this process to be influenced, ultimately arriving at a final decision.

Once a mental decision is made, the mind must execute it properly. The mental process for executing a mental decision is called faith or confidence. Faith is not a mystical substance added to the human experience; it is an innate and structural aspect of mental processes.

All humans continuously exercise faith. When the mind decides that a chair will hold its weight, it places its faith in that decision and commands the body to sit. Similarly, when the mind decides to follow the eternal truth, it places firm confidence in the Creator and commands the flesh to obey.

A catastrophic inversion occurs when the mental processes go awry. Unrighteousness occurs when the mind

gathers information about a physical desire, meditates on the immediate temporal benefit, and deliberately chooses to place its faith in that non-truth rather than in the eternal instruction of the Creator. In this inverted state, the mind allows the body to rule. The physical body is elevated to the position of the master, while the reasoning mind becomes a servant.

The scriptures provide vivid historical narratives that illustrate this inversion. These accounts prove that the flesh does not overpower the mind by force; rather, the mind actively and willfully chooses to surrender control.

Narrative 1: Decision of Esau

The first profound example of this mental inversion is found in the life of Esau, occurring in 2123 AM (1638 BCE). Esau and his twin brother Jacob were raised in a family that carried the Creator's direct and eternal promises. As the firstborn son, Esau possessed the birthright. This was not merely a financial inheritance; it was a significant spiritual position that carried the headship of the family and the responsibility for an eternal covenant.

Once, when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat..." (Gen. 25:29-30).

This historical event is a flawless demonstration of the mind yielding to fleshly instincts. Esau arrived from the field physically depleted. His physical vessel transmitted entirely valid temporal information: his body was exhausted and required immediate nourishment. However, when Jacob

demanded the birthright in exchange for food, Esau's reasoning was required to govern the situation.

Esau engages in a severely flawed reasoning process. He gathered sensory information (the smell of the stew, the pain of his hunger). He meditated on his immediate physical discomfort. Instead of reflecting upon the eternal truth of his spiritual calling, his mind exaggerated his temporal reality, concluding, "I am about to die."

At that moment, Esau deliberately chose to place his innate confidence in a non-truth. He placed his faith in the lie that immediate physical gratification was more valuable than the Creator's eternal spiritual blessing. The flesh did not overpower Esau; his mind willingly abdicated its throne, allowing his temporal desires to dictate his behavior. By choosing to satiate the flesh at the expense of the eternal truth, his structural likeness to the Creator is marred by counterproductive and destructive behavior.

Narrative 2: Rebellion at Kadesh Barnea

A second, sweeping example of this catastrophic inversion occurred on a massive national scale with the Israelite generation in the wilderness, precisely in 2316 AM (1445 BCE). Following their miraculous deliverance from bondage in Egypt, the entire nation arrived at the border of the Promised Land, Kadesh Barnea. The Creator provides an absolute, eternal truth: He will give them the land, defeat their enemies and secure their safety.

Twelve men were sent to spy on the enemy territory. When they returned after 40 days, the minds of the people were presented with conflicting information. Ten spies

delivered reports that focused entirely on temporal and physical realities. They reported that the inhabitants were massive giants and that the cities were heavily fortified with walls. Conversely, Joshua and Caleb delivered a report based on eternal truth, urging the people to trust the Creator's promise.

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt" (Num. 14:1-4).

The reasoning process of the Israelite assembly was completely inverted. Their minds gathered temporal data regarding the giants, meditated upon their physical vulnerability, and reflected on their instinctual fear of physical survival. Their flesh screams for safety. Instead of allowing their reasoning minds to govern this fear by resting in the proven truth of the Creator's power, they made a collective mental decision to trust the non-truth of their physical anxiety. Their innate faith was firmly and deliberately placed in the temporal reality of their flesh.

This mental decision produced immediate destructive behavior: they openly rebelled against the Creator and attempted to install a new captain to lead them back into

physical slavery. The mind's failure to govern the fleshly instinct for safety resulted in a fractured spiritual relationship and a catastrophic loss of their immediate inheritance, leading to decades of wandering in the wilderness.

Narrative 3: Failure of David

The third powerful narrative involves King David, which occurs in 2768 AM (993 BCE). David was a man deeply acquainted with eternal truth and possessed a profound relationship with the Creator. However, his experience proves that the mind must remain continuously active to govern the flesh, regardless of the past spiritual victories.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful (2 Sam. 11:1-2).

David's physical vessel received a powerful temporal stimulus. His eyes transmitted the visual information of Bathsheba's beauty directly to his mind. The physical flesh, programmed with natural reproductive instincts, desires gratification. At this moment, David's reasoning mind was required to evaluate temporal desire against the eternal moral law of the Creator.

Instead of governing the flesh, David's mind engages in a dark process of rumination. He gathered visual data,

meditated on his physical desires, and deliberately sent someone to inquire about her identity. When the information returned that she was a married woman, the eternal truth was placed directly before his reasoning.

However, David consciously decides to suppress the truth. He chose to place his faith in the temporal pleasures of the moment rather than his eternal relationship with the Creator. The flesh did not force David to act; his mind willingly utilized his royal authority to command his body to commit sin. This mental inversion initiated a destructive behavioral cascade, including deception and murder, deeply marred his functional likeness, and severely fractured his spiritual status.

These three historical narratives explicitly demonstrate that unrighteousness is not a biological accident. It is the direct result of a reasoning mind that evaluates a situation and actively decides to let temporal flesh rule over eternal truth.

Phase 2: Lexical & Syntactic Analysis

To comprehend the exact mechanics of how this spiritual fracture occurs, English translations must be firmly anchored to the original Hebrew and Koine Greek texts. The original languages operate with mathematical precision, defining exactly how the mind's failure to govern the flesh results in a state of unrighteousness and what that state means for the human structure.

Sin and Missing the Mark

The core concept of this failure is defined by the scriptural words for missing the intended goal. The Hebrew

and Greek words for ‘sin’ are *Chata* and *Hamartia*. In biblical Hebrew, the root verb *Chata* literally means to miss the mark, to go astray, or to wander from the intended path. The cultural and syntactic context of this word is often associated with slinging stones or shooting arrows at a target. The syntax of the word provides a profound theological truth: missing the mark does not imply the destruction of the target, nor does it imply the destruction of the archer. This denotes a failure to strike the center.

Similarly, the Greek noun *Hamartia* conveys the concept of an error, loss, or forfeiture because of a failure to hit the target. This lexical reality perfectly aligns with the human structural design. As established, the image, *Tselem* is the permanent structural shadow or outline of the Creator. Because this image is structural hardware, it was fixed. When a human chooses to sin *Chata*, the structural image is neither destroyed nor deleted. The hardware remains completely intact.

However, the functional reflection of the Creator—the likeness, *Demuth*—is heavily damaged by sin. Therefore, when the mind decides to follow the flesh, it misses the mark *Chata* of its intended behavioral purpose. The individual maintains a structural image, but the functional likeness becomes completely marred.

Unrighteousness

This marred functional state is defined as unrighteousness. The Hebrew and Greek words for ‘unrighteousness’ are *Evel* and *Adikia*. In the original text, *Evel* represents moral crookedness, perverse choices, and the

active distortion of what is right. The Greek equivalent, *Adikia*, encompasses all forms of moral deviation. Lexically, *Adikia* is not merely the passive absence of good; it is the active, deliberate suppression of the truth. The syntax shows that unrighteousness is a choice to walk in a crooked line rather than a straight one.

Faith and Confidence

This active suppression requires a cognitive mechanism, which the scriptures define as faith. The modern concept of faith is often misunderstood as a mystical force or a blind leap into darkness. However, biblical languages present it as a fundamental cognitive process. The Hebrew and Greek words for 'faith' are *Emunah* and *Pistis*.

The root of *Emunah* conveys firmness, steadfastness, and absolute mental stability. The Greek word *Pistis* is derived from a root verb meaning to be persuaded or to possess total moral conviction. Faith, *Emunah/Pistis* is an innate, structural capability embedded in the human mind. It is the confidence required to act on a mental decision. All humans continuously exercise faith. When the reasoning mind gathers information, meditates upon it, and decides, it uses its innate confidence, *Pistis* to execute that decision in the real world.

Therefore, when an individual chooses unrighteousness, they are not abandoning their faith; rather, they are actively misplacing it. They place their firm confidence, *Emunah* in a temporal non-truth rather than placing their *Emunah* in the eternal truth of the Creator. Esau was firmly confident that the stew would save his life. The Israelites were confident that the giants would destroy them.

David had firm confidence that the temporal pleasure of the flesh was worth the cost. In every instance, faith was used to make a mental decision based on lies.

Spiritual Death and the Dim Lamp

This catastrophic misplacement of faith causes a profound spiritual fracture. The scriptures frequently use a highly specific term to describe the results of this fracture. The Hebrew and Greek words for ‘dead’ are *Muth* and *Nekros*, respectively. When reading the English word “dead,” the modern mind often visualizes total extinction, annihilation, or nonexistence.

However, a rigorous lexical examination of *Nekros* reveals that it is heavily utilized as a profound metaphor in the epistles. Metaphorically, *Nekros* means to be separated, destitute of an active relationship regarding a specific connection. When the biblical text states that humans are “dead in trespasses and sins,” the syntax utilizes a dative of reference, meaning that the individual is *Nekros* with respect to their spiritual standing. They are not extinct.

They are physically alive, their minds are functioning, and their structural images are secure, but their relationship with the Creator is in a state of severe separation. Like a child who runs away from home, they still exist, but the functional relationship is broken.

Wisdom literature provides a beautiful and mechanical explanation for this state of separation.

The spirit, *Neshamah* of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts (Prov. 20:27).

As established, the reasoning intellect, *Neshamah/Nous* operates as a divine lamp. When an individual continuously chooses unrighteousness, *Adikia*, the lamp's light becomes incredibly dim. The mind's ability to search the innermost parts and accurately evaluate physical instincts is clouded by the constant prioritization of the flesh. The individual is functionally separated, *Nekros*, from the light of eternal truth.

However, crucially, the syntax of the human structure dictates that the lamp itself is never extinguished in the terrestrial realm. The capacity for cognitive discernment remains permanently embedded in the human mind. This means that while the relationship is fractured, the structural potential for the mind to awaken, evaluate the truth, and seek reconciliation still exists.

Phase 3: Theological Coherence Alignment

The meticulous integration of historical narratives and precise lexical definitions reveals a flawless, mathematically coherent theological framework for human unrighteousness. The biblical text presents a single, unified blueprint that explains why human beings fail and what happens to their structure when they do.

This cohesive study revolves around the reality of the tripartite human structure operating in a terrestrial environment. The physical flesh, *Basar/Sarx* is not inherently wicked or evil. It was perfectly engineered by the Creator with deeply ingrained survival instincts: hunger, the drive for safety, and the desire for comfort. When functioning as a servant to the reasoning mind, these instincts are entirely good and necessary for human existence.

However, physical flesh has no capacity for eternal moral reasoning. It operates strictly on the principle of immediate temporal gratification. Therefore, the Creator permanently installed reasoning intellect to serve as the vessel's absolute captain. The mind is authorized to gather information, meditate on circumstances, and use divine illumination to govern physical desires. The coherence of this truth is flawless.

Who: The physical flesh, now operating as the master rather than the servant. Due to the mind's deliberate misalignment of truth, the flesh blindly serves itself without any higher moral purpose.

What: The resulting state of unrighteousness. This state is fundamentally a catastrophic inversion of the intended structural hierarchy. The inversion is not caused by the physical flesh suddenly overpowering one's mind. Rather, the reasoning mind consciously evaluates the situation and makes a deliberate decision to follow the temporal non-truth, which emphasizes immediate, instinctual gratification. When the mind finalizes this poor reasoning process, it utilizes its innate capacity for faith to execute that belief through physical actions.

When: At the exact moment the mind fails to step in and govern physical desires. The terrestrial realm constantly bombards the vessel with temporal stimuli, as seen with Esau's extreme hunger, the Israelites' fear of giants, and David's visual temptation. In each of these instances, the mind was required to pause, reflect on the eternal truth of the Creator, and command the flesh to submit.

Where: The terrestrial realm is the physical environment in which humans are tasked with demonstrating

the Creator's moral character.

Why: Because the flesh endlessly seeks temporal comfort without restraint, mental decisions based on non-truth inevitably produce physical behaviors that are counterproductive and destructive. Esau lost his birthright, the wilderness generation lost their promised land, and David brought immense devastation to his family and his kingdom. In every case, the failure of the mind to govern has devastating terrestrial consequences.

When this inversion occurs, the spiritual status of an individual fundamentally changes. They miss the functional mark, *Hamartia/Chata*. Their relationship with the Creator is severely fractured. The scriptures metaphorically define this fractured state as being "dead," *Nekros/Muth*. Individuals are separated from the active fellowship of the Creator because they willingly suppress His truth.

However, the ultimate beauty of the biblical blueprint is its structural permanence. Even in the deepest state of separation, *Nekros*, the physical body remains alive, and the structural image, *Tselem*, remains entirely unmarred. The *Neshamah* remains as a candle of the Lord within the innermost parts. Though its light has grown incredibly dim owing to the constant prioritization of the flesh, it is not extinguished.

Because the hardware is completely intact, the potential for the mind to change its reasoning process still exists. Individuals retain the capacity to gather new information, reflect on eternal truths, and choose to realign their faith with the Creator.

This foundational reality of the unmarred structure ensures that the fractured relationship of the unrighteous can

be repaired. The blueprint proves that human beings are never beyond reach, setting the precise and logical stage for profound mechanisms of reconciliation and redemption.

CONCLUSION

This exhaustive evaluation of historical narratives, original language terminology, and mechanical syntax conclusively defines the precise nature of human unrighteousness. The findings explicitly prove that sin is not a structural defect, nor is the physical body or flesh inherently evil. Rather, unrighteousness, *Adikia/Evel*, is the direct result of a catastrophic mental inversion.

The physical vessel is equipped with the necessary powerful survival instincts that demand immediate temporal gratification. To safely navigate these instincts, the human structure features a reasoning intellect designed to operate as a governing captain. However, when the mind gathers information regarding a physical desire and deliberately chooses to value temporal non-truth over the eternal truth of the Creator, it abdicates its authority to the body.

The scriptures confirm that acting on this mental decision utilizes the innate cognitive mechanism of faith. By placing firm confidence in the temporal flesh, individuals allow their bodies or flesh to rule their minds. This continuous failure to govern results in missing the intended functional marks. Consequently, the functional likeness, *Demuth*, of the Creator is heavily marred, and the spiritual relationship with the Creator is fractured—a state metaphorically defined as being dead, *Nekros*.

However, because the structural image, *Tselem*, remains permanently unmarred and the candle of the Lord remains present within the individual, this state of separation is not an absolute extinction. The capability of the reasoning mind to process truth and realign its faith remains permanently installed, providing a structural guarantee that reconciliation with the Creator is possible.

PRACTICALITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Understanding the exact mechanics of how unrighteousness operates provides immense clarity and practical encouragement for living daily. It is common to feel overwhelmed by the intense demands of one's physical body. Hunger, exhaustion, fear, and the desire for immediate comfort are incredibly loud voices in the human experience.

When an individual fails and succumbs to these fleshly demands, the resulting guilt can feel crushing, often leading to the false and heavy belief that one is permanently broken or inherently worthless. However, the scriptural blueprint offers a remarkably hopeful reality. Your physical body is not your enemy; it is simply a vessel with strong survival instincts that require a capable leader to guide it.

When one stumbles upon sin, one has not destroyed the masterpiece created by the Creator. Your structural image remains perfectly intact, and the divine lamp of your intellect is firmly installed. You are not structurally ruined; your mind has simply fallen asleep at the wheel, allowing a highly unqualified servant—the flesh—to steer your ship.

This knowledge places the power of change directly in your hands. Faith is simply the natural confidence you place in

your own mental decisions; you possess the absolute ability to change what you trust. The next time you face an intense physical desire or a moment of intense anxiety, recognize it for what it is: temporal information that begs for immediate relief. You can intentionally pause the reasoning process. You can use your mind to evaluate the physical pull against the eternal, unchanging truth of your Creator.

By simply choosing to let your reasoning mind retake its rightful place as the captain of your vessel, you can realign your life, turn up the brightness of your internal lamp, and confidently step back into a beautiful and functional relationship with God.

By choosing to satiate the flesh at the expense of the eternal truth, our structural likeness to the Creator is marred by counterproductive and destructive behavior.