

# CHAPTER 5

## RECONCILIATION

Although the catastrophic mental inversion of unrighteousness deeply fractures the spiritual relationship with the Creator, the elemental architecture of the human vessel is never structurally destroyed by such failure. The permanent image, *Tselem*, is completely secure, but the daily operation of human life requires constant and continuous mental decision-making. The mind must consciously act as a divine lamp, illuminating the instincts of the physical body and choosing the path of eternal truth.

Unrighteousness is not caused by structural defects or inherently wicked physical bodies. 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.

Unrighteous humans actively miss the intended mark of their design because they choose to make mental decisions based on temporal non-truth instead of Yahweh's eternal truth. This mental decision results in a severely fractured spiritual relationship with the Creator, heavily marring the functional likeness of the individual while leaving the structural image intact.

However, the permanent installation of a reasoning mind provides magnificent, enduring hope. Because the divinely engineered blueprint remains completely intact, the

potential for the mind to awaken, evaluate the truth, and seek a return to the Creator still firmly exists. Yahweh lovingly provides the exact means by which unrighteous humans can repair their fractured spiritual relationship with Him, and this process operates entirely through a deliberate change in the human mind, guided by His eternal Word.

### **Phase 1: Contextual Foundation**

To fully comprehend how a fractured relationship with the Creator is repaired, it is necessary to establish how the reasoning mind is designed to execute such a return to God. The scriptures consistently demonstrate that reconciliation is not a mystical, invisible event that occurs to passive, unaware human beings. Rather, it is a highly active and deliberate process. It requires the individual to stop, evaluate their current painful condition, admit that their previous mental decisions were based on a destructive lie, and consciously choose to exchange that non-truth for the eternal truth of the Creator.

This specific mental process is illustrated perfectly in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The younger son demands his inheritance, leaves the safety of his father's house, and squanders his wealth on wild and destructive living. He allows his physical flesh to rule his reasoning mind entirely, seeking immediate gratification without moral restraint.

Reduced to the lowest possible societal position, he feeds pigs and intensely desires to eat their bitter, empty husks. However, the turning point of the entire story occurs in the young man's mind. The text states:

But when he came to himself, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!” (Luke 15:17).

Via providential, painful circumstances, the son “came to his senses.” He actively engaged his reasoning mind to gather information about his current starvation, reflected on his past mental decisions, and admitted that they were based on a complete lack of truth. He then made a new, deliberate mental decision: he exchanged the temporal non-truth of his rebellion for the eternal truth of his father’s goodness. His journey home was an act of pure faith, and the father’s forgiving response flawlessly reflects the Creator’s heart.

### **Narrative 1: Restoration of Joseph’s Brothers**

A profound historical example of reconciliation occurs with the sons of Jacob, culminating in 1931 AM (1830 BCE). Over two decades earlier, Joseph’s older brothers had allowed the temporal non-truth of bitter jealousy and anger to completely overrule their reasoning. They committed an act of unrighteousness by selling their brother into slavery in Egypt. Years later, a severe famine forced the brothers to Egypt, where Joseph tested their reasoning to see if they had truly changed.

When their youngest brother Benjamin is threatened with permanent slavery, they face the exact same temptation. However, Judah offers to sacrifice his life and freedom in exchange for Benjamin’s release. This was concrete evidence that the brothers had engaged in profound reasoning and changed their minds about their mutual valuation.

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” Therefore, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. (Gen. 45:1-2).

The relationship that had been dead and fractured was beautifully restored through recognition, reasoning, and forgiveness.

## **Narrative 2: Repentance of King Manasseh**

A second powerful historical example is found in the life of King Manasseh of Judah, occurring around 3111 AM (650 BCE). Manasseh deliberately allowed his mind to be ruled by temporal and wicked desires, leading his entire nation into horrific practices, including shedding innocent blood. Because of his extreme rebellion, the Creator allowed the Assyrian army to capture Manasseh. They placed hooks in his flesh, bound him with heavy bronze chains, and dragged him into a dark prison in Babylon. Stripped of his power, his reasoning mind is finally forced to evaluate reality as it is.

And when he was in distress, he entreated the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. He prayed to him, and God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God. (2 Chron. 33:12-13).

Exactly like the Prodigal Son, Manasseh “came to his senses.’ He humbled his mind and placed his faith back in Yahweh, and the Creator responded with incomprehensible mercy, proving that no human is ever too far-gone for reconciliation.

### **Narrative 3: Restoration of Peter**

The third personal narrative involves Apostle Peter in 3790 AM (30 CE). When Jesus is arrested, Peter’s physical vessel is overwhelmed by the instinctual fear of death. His reasoning mind abdicated its throne, placing firm confidence in the non-truth that physical survival was more valuable than eternal loyalty. He actively denied knowing Jesus three times. After the resurrection, Jesus specifically sought out Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to initiate this reconciliation.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-17).

Jesus did not scream at Peter or demand physical perfection. By asking the question three times, Jesus gently required Peter

to evaluate his priorities, allowing him to formally exchange his past threefold denial for a firm threefold declaration of loyalty, and powerfully re-empowering his mind.

## **Phase 2: Lexical & Syntactic Analysis**

The precise definitions of biblical words demonstrate that reconciliation is not an emotional feeling but a highly structural exchange of truth for non-truth.

### **Reconciliation and Exchange**

The Hebrew and Greek words for ‘reconcile’ are *Kaphar* and *Katallassô*. In ancient Greek culture, *Katallassô* was originally an accounting term used to describe money changers exchanging coins of equivalent value. Over time, it transferred into personal relationships, meaning the exchange of a state of hostility for a state of peace.

A secondary Greek word, *Diallassomai*, denotes a thorough, mutual concession in which the mind is completely changed regarding a dispute, specifically used when Jesus commands a person to “be reconciled” before bringing a gift to the altar (Matt. 5:24). Both terms emphasize trading the non-truth that caused the fracture for the truth that restores the relationship between parties.

### **Repentance: The Change of Mind**

This active mental exchange is specifically identified as repentance. The modern English concept is often misunderstood as simply feeling sorrowful, but the original

languages completely reject this emotional limitation. The Hebrew word for ‘turn’ is *Shuv*, which parallels the Greek word for ‘change of mind,’ *Metanoia*. *Metanoia* literally translates to “a change of mind” or “an afterthought.” The syntax perfectly describes this in the Prodigal Son narrative: *eis heauton elthon* literally translates as “coming to himself, as if he had been on a trip away from himself.”

### **The Illuminating Lamp**

Wisdom literature provides an exact mechanical answer to how a darkened mind can awaken.

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

The reasoning intellect, *Neshamah/Nous*, functions as a divine lamp. When a person chooses unrighteousness, the glass of the internal lamp becomes heavily covered with soot of sin. Because the structural image is permanent, the lamp itself is never removed from the display. The Creator lovingly uses the truth of His Word to gently blow upon this dim ember, sparking the intellect to remember the truth of His Word.

### **Grace, Mercy, and the Impartation of Life**

The Creator responds to a changed mind with grace, *Chen/Charis*, freely extending His favor and mercy, *Racham/Eleos*, and active compassion that alleviates the destructive consequences of sin. The reconciled mind is then flooded with life, *Chay/Zoe*, by the Holy Spirit. *Zoe* does not

merely imply physical survival; it refers to a genuine, vigorous, and active life that provides cognitive strength to successfully govern fleshly instincts.

## **Adoption as Children**

The identity of the individual was rewritten. Prior to reconciliation, they are categorized as a “son of disobedience.” Upon changing their minds, they are adopted and granted the legal and relational status of a “child of Yahweh,” *Ben/Huïos/Teknon*, sharing the moral Likeness of their Father.

## **Phase 3: Theological Coherence Alignment**

The meticulous integration of historical narratives and precise lexical definitions forms a flawless, mathematically coherent blueprint of how reconciliation operates.

Once reconciled, the heavily marred functional likeness is restored and empowered by the Incarnate Word, Jesus. However, as long as the human vessel resides in the terrestrial environment, it remains subject to the powerful biological survival instincts of the physical body. Because these biological instincts continue to pull at the mind, the reconciled human operates in a state of imperfect righteous likeness, occasionally faltering in their daily actions.

When they fail, they do not lose their structural identity; they rest securely in the perfect, completed righteousness imputed by Jesus Christ. In Greek syntax, salvation is frequently expressed in the perfect tense (e.g., Eph. 2:8), indicating an action completed in the past with continuous,

ongoing results in the present. The coherence of this exact truth is flawless.

**Who:** The redeemed human being, whose reasoning mind has been completely re-empowered by the Spirit of Christ to govern the physical vessel with peace and truth (Heb. 2:15).

**What:** The guaranteed and restored capacity to walk in spiritual righteousness, *Dikaio syne*.

**When:** In the present, the daily reality of the believer. It requires the continuous, active practice of feeding the mind with the truth of the Word every day (see Ps. 1:1-3).

**Where:** Exclusively in the terrestrial realm, where the physical body experiences hunger, fear, and desire, requiring constant mental control.

**Why:** Because the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, inhabited this exact tripartite human frame. He faced the same terrestrial instincts but perfectly governed his physical needs, providing a flawless template for human behavior.

## CONCLUSION

Repairing a fractured relationship with the Creator does not require a mystical addition to the human structure or an impossible standard of physical perfection. Rather, reconciliation, *Katallassô*, is the direct result of a profound cognitive change in reasoning, *Metanoia*. The estranged individual must “come to their senses,” admit their failure, and actively choose to place firm confidence in the eternal truth of Yahweh’s Word.

The individual’s spiritual status is permanently changed to a beloved “child of God,” and the Holy Spirit floods

the reasoning mind with vigorous divine life, *Zoe*, to govern the natural instincts of the physical body. Although believers live in a state of imperfect righteousness, they rest entirely secure in the perfect and completed righteousness of Jesus Christ, holding fast to an unbreakable salvation.

## **PRACTICALITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

Understanding the exact means of reconciliation provides immense comfort and practical encouragement in our daily lives. When the flesh takes the wheel and drives you into a ditch, the resulting mess can make you feel a profound sense of shame, as though your relationship with God is permanently broken.

However, the scriptural blueprint offers a hopeful reality: reconciliation is never out of your reach because the mechanism to return is permanently installed in your head. You do not need to perform exhausting acts of religious penance or wait for an overwhelming emotional feeling to be made right with your Creator.

If you find yourself exhausted by the consequences of poor decisions, recognize that the lamp of the Lord still shines within you. You have the absolute ability to pause, evaluate your situation, and say, “I have been trusting a lie. This behavior does not bring me the peace that I desire. I choose to trust the truth of my Father.” This simple and genuine mental shift is true repentance.

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