

UPROOTING REJECTION #6: “Rejection and Protection”

Job 41:15-17

Intro: We are looking at the principle of rejection in people’s lives: Disapproval/lack of valuing

Rejection is the root of so many unhealthy/destructive emotions/reactions/mindsets/choices

We will be looking at the roots of rejection in order to bring freedom

Through supernatural deliverance and the power of truth we will find freedom to uproot rejection

Today: Looking at how rejected people protect themselves against further rejection

I. PROTECTING AGAINST REJECTION

A. When we are rejected this causes pain/feelings that we hate *rejection is not simply data.*

1. It is normal to never want to feel like that again

a. Healthy people want to avoid pain b. Sick people like pain – intentionally seek/create it!

2. But rejection is the enthronement of pride

a. Every aspect of life is dominated by pride – determined by pride

3. Our text is a creature called Leviathan – symbol of pride: *talking about a spirit of pride in people.*

Pride is marked by defensive armor

a. **Job 41:15-17** *The scales on its back are like rows of shields tightly sealed together. ¹⁶They are so close together that no air can get between them. ¹⁷Each scale sticks tight to the next. They interlock and cannot be penetrated. Pride is defensive. Makes it difficult for anyone to get in.*

4. Rejected people form patterns of protection against being rejected again: *Rejection armour.*

B. **The protection of inner vows:** *We make promises to ourselves (Vows) Inner conversations.*

1. Vows are a way to protect our emotions from getting in a place of vulnerability

a. **Relational vows:** *I’ll never trust another person again! I’ll never get married/I’ll never marry again.*

1. **Judges 11:7** *But Jephthah said to them, “Aren’t you the ones who hated me and drove me from my father’s house?*

Why do you come to me now when you’re in trouble?”

b. **Financial vows:** *I’ll never be poor again!*

1. *Those who experienced the stress/moving/conflict/shame of poverty live to protect against poverty*

a. *Man had cupboards crammed with sodas. After marriage went shopping, began filling multiple carts with sodas.*

His wife said, we don’t need that much. He exploded, “Don’t tell me what I can’t do!” Raised poor/mom would only let have water.

c. **Failure vows:** *I’ll never put myself in that position again! I’ll never look like a fool again Get involved/go out*

d. **Marital vows:** *After violations/pain...I won’t let down my guard again/give myself completely*

e. **Bitterness vows:** *I’ll never forgive/I’ll never speak to them again*

1. *Protective: If I don’t forgive, then they don’t get another chance to hurt me again*

C. **The protection of buying acceptance**

1. In normal relationships – we do things for other people: *The question is WHY?*

a. Do you bless other people because you love them, *or do you do it to get them to love you?*

1. *If I do what you want me to do – then you will accept me – You won’t reject me: Don’t want to – have to*

2. *Gifts/attention: We show attention (calls/texts/visits) we give gifts when it is appropriate*

a. *Rejected people do this to buy love or protect against being rejected*

2. Rejection blinds us: *We can’t see true motives or sense natural limits*

a. **Proverbs 25:17** *Don’t go to your neighbor’s house too often; too much of you will make him hate you.*

b. **Smotherers:** *You move from showing attention to being a stalker*

1. *They often resent anyone else having relationship: Then they won’t like me!*

D. **The protection of control:** *Rejection often produces feelings of helplessness – we couldn’t stop/fix it*

1. Some rejected people determine to maintain control in life: *I will never feel helpless again!*

a. **Judges 11:9** *Jephthah said to the elders, “Let me get this straight. If I come with you and if the LORD gives me victory over the Ammonites, will you really make me ruler over all the people?”*

1. *OCD: I control things by organization* 2. *Cutting/self-harm: I can make the pain stop when I want!*

2. Rejected people often become controlling in relationships

a. You have to go along with my plans/do things my way – or I’ll make you pay! *Family get togethers, turn into chaos.*

1. Bribery: *I'll help/I'll give you gifts – but then you owe me: Then those we help/give to feel used/violated There is always a price tag. I gave you remember... and now you won't help me come with me etc.*

2. Emotional manipulation: Anger/tears/outbursts/silence: *Not talking. Tell you father to pass the salt. You're going to kill your mother... Control. I want what is best for them... really?*

b. *Is it possible that you try and control people – so you don't feel the helplessness of rejection?*

1. Manipulation: *Managing or influencing shrewdly or deviously; controlling or tampering for personal gain.*

2. Witchcraft: *manipulating another person's will*

a. *Galatians 5:19–20 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

1 He doesn't say this comes from the occult. 2 This writing is to the church. Im not going to say hi. Im going to get mad. I am not going to talk to you. Invite you over. Change someones will.

Maintain control.

II. PROTECTION DAMAGE

A. The problem with living by protection is that we are not protected: *We actually do damage!*

1. **We damage ourselves:** Words are powerful – they release powerful forces in our lives/hearts

a. *Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

b. Our mouths trigger things inside of us;

1. Our entire being lines up with - goes to work to prove our words

a. Our emotions line up with: *We feel it Our emotions are aligning with what we have already said.*

b. Our vision is altered: *We see things like we spoke Things in life proof our case. Become real.*

c. *Proverbs 6:2 You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.*

1. Trapped by the spiritual forces we have triggered by our words

2. **We damage relationships:** Relationships function best by **openness**

a. You are unable to form healthy relationships: *No one can get close to us!*

1. Job 41:15 The scales on its back are like rows of shields tightly sealed together. Never let people know there is trouble on the inside. Pastor Mitchell: Named him great. Grandma died... great. Never let another human know, things are not well. Rejection told them: I open up, they will burn me. Shields up. Large churches. Easy to blend in.

b. You offend those you have relationships with:

1. *People don't want to be used/bought/smothered* 2. *They resent being controlled/manipulated*

3. **You block the blessing of God:**

a. God will not make you be free/make you blessed

1. *Numbers 14:28 So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say:*

b. He certainly will not bless manipulation/witchcraft!

III. HEALING PROTECTION

A. There are things we can do to free ourselves from the trap of protections

1. **We need to break the curse of words:**

a. *Numbers 30:5 But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will release her, because her father overruled her. When someone makes a foolish vow.. If the father says, that isn't healthy... God says. I will allow that to be over ruled. Break curse, and released from the power of them.*

1. Your heavenly Father knows you have spoken words in your pain: *He will release you!*

b. Speak those things out: I repent! I reject them! I cast out the evil power released by words

1. Then speak right words: *I will trust! I will forgive! I will believe! I will try again!*

2. **We need to trust God:**

a. *Psalms 91:2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."*

1. I don't have to spend life protecting myself: *My Father in Heaven who loves me will protect!*

3. **We need to open up:** Pride wants you to put up walls – don't let anyone see/know – let them in

Why do people not tell God the truth?

They talk in king James: Oh heavenly father of omnipotence hear thy sons cry...

a. We need to open up to God: *I am rejected/afraid/hurting...He already knows!*

1. Ask God for a miracle of healing & deliverance!
- b. We need to open up to people:
 1. Form relationships
 2. Let down our guard/tear down the walls