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### The Stronghold of Rejection

*In order to deal with rejection we need to understand its origin and realise it is not a part of our New Creation being. Rejection ignites the flesh and is a counterfeit of God's divine love and His full acceptance of every one of His children.*

We need to see rejection from God's point of view. Actually, we need to see everything from God's point of view. Solving spiritual problems means solving emotional, relational, financial, health problems.

#### The origin of Rejection

Rejection began at the Garden of Eden. The moment Adam and Eve sinned, they felt rejected by God; they experienced shame, fear and guilt. They hid from God: they saw they were naked and experienced separation from God through sin. What made them experience all these sudden emotions was simply being **spiritually separated** from God through SIN.

Cain had inherited sin from Adam and Eve and felt rejected by God when he believed the **lie** that God favoured Abel and yet rejected him. In truth, God favoured Abel's *offering*. God only rejected Cain's gift, He did not reject Cain.

God tried to restore Cain, but Cain rebelled against God; he lied and was angry at God because he "felt" rejected. We are faced with the same dilemma when we choose to embrace rejection as "ours". Rejection always results in anger and rebellion; the anger and rebellion are a reaction caused by the severe pain of feeling, or actually being, rejected.

#### **Genesis 4:1-10**

**"Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord." Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.**

**Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground."**

Rejection came from spiritual separation from God.

**This spiritual separation has been reversed by Jesus for those who believe in Him.**

These are powerful examples of how rejection originated through sin. Before the fall, Adam and Eve never experienced rejection, they didn't know it existed. We are now like Adam before the fall.

**Jesus reversed Adam's curse**

Romans 5:12-17

“Wherefore, as through the intermediate agency of one man the aforementioned sin entered the world, and through this sin, death; and thus into and throughout all mankind death entered, because all sinned. For until law, sin was in the world, but sin is not put to one's account, there being no law. But death reigned as king from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the One who is to come. But not as the transgression, thus also is the gratuitous favor. For since by the transgression of the one the many died, much more the grace of God and the gratuitous gift by grace which is of the one Man, Jesus Christ, to the many will abound. And not as through one who sinned, was the gift, for the judgment, on the one hand, was out of one transgression as a source, resulting in condemnation. But the gratuitous gift, on the other hand, was out of many transgressions as a source, resulting in justification. For in view of the fact that by means of the transgression of the one death reigned as king through that one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, in life will reign as kings through the One, Jesus Christ”.

Today, as new creations in Christ we need to deal with the “lie” of rejection. It is true that we might be rejected, or we might just feel rejected, but realise that this originated through sin.

The part of us feeling rejection is actually the flesh, and not our real being, the new creation in Christ. There is no rejection or any other work of the flesh in our spirit which is indwelled by the Holy Spirit.

God's acceptance of every believer is the remedy for rejection. Either we contemplate God's full acceptance and our identity in Christ, or we contemplate the works of the devil, rejection being one of them.

Rejection in a Christian is a sign of not having fully identified with being a new creation in Christ. Cain felt rejected by God because his father Adam had lost his heavenly identity through sin.

A Christian has re-gained their heavenly identity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and their death and resurrection with Christ.

1 Peter 2:4

“toward whom we are constantly drawing near, himself in character a Living Stone, indeed by men repudiated after they had tested Him for the purpose of approving Him, in which investigation they found Him to be that which did not meet their specifications, but in the sight of God a chosen-out One and highly honored and precious.”

Psalm 94:14

“For the Lord will not abandon His people,  
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.”

Hebrews 13:6

“So that, being of good courage, we are saying, The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What shall man do to me?”

## **Pulling down the stronghold of rejection**

**Jesus has given us freedom from sin and its repercussions. Rejection is one of the repercussions of sin. We need to agree with God that this is not to affect us. It affects our “old man” which we left behind. When we consider ourselves dead to sin, we render rejection and other strongholds invalid. We have the power by the Holy Spirit to stop any toxic, ungodly emotions coming from rejection such as rebellion, anger, resentment, bitterness, fear, insecurity.**

**Christ was persecuted and rejected. We will be persecuted and rejected in this life. We overcome the natural with the supernatural: OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST AND OUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST.**