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I had the opportunity to attend one of Dr. Mathias’ “Biblical Foundations of Freedom” seminars a couple of months ago and it was a life changing event for me. I saw firsthand what God was doing at his seminars; I witnessed how powerful forgiveness is – people were getting set free because they decided to forgive – some had been holding onto unforgiveness for years - and that is why I decided to adapt his book into my Recovery program. Forgiveness is powerful because when we decide to forgive, we are obeying God’s Word and when we obey God, we will be blessed.

I am using these materials from Dr. Mathias’ book and other training aids by permission from him and his wife Patti.

Welcome to the journey that is going to change your life!

God bless,

Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks, PsyD

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- Discernment – Chapter Two (2½ hours) – March 7th – March 13th.
- Accusing Spirits – Chapter Three (2½ hours) – March 14th – March 20th.
- The Major Strongholds, or Principalities, of Satan – Chapter Four (1½ hours) – March 21st – 27th.
- Principality of Bitterness – Chapter Five (2½ hours) – March 28th – April 3rd.
- Principality of Self-Bitterness, Unloving Spirits – Chapter Six (3½ hours) – April 11th – April 24th.
- Forgiveness – Chapter Seven (2 hours) – April 25th – May 1st.
- Principality of Jealousy & Envy – Chapter Eight (2½ hours) – May 2nd – May 8th.
- **Principality of Rejection – Chapter Nine (3½ hours) – May 9th – May 15th.**
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- Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia & Sorcery – Chapter Eleven (2½ hours) – May 23rd – May 29th.
- The Kinsman Redeemer – Chapter Twelve (1½ hours) – May 30th – June 5th.
- The Armor of God – Chapter Thirteen (5½ hours) – June 6th – June 12th.
- Our Power and Authority in Christ – Chapter Fourteen (3 hours) – June 13th – June 19th.

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Topic & Goal:

- **Principality of Rejection – Goal: to define and explain the principality of rejection. To accomplish this goal, we will:**

- ✚ Define Rejection
- ✚ Give God's Truth
- ✚ List Roots of Rejection
- ✚ Discuss Possible Sources of Rejection
- ✚ Describe Who You Are In God
- ✚ Discuss Why Receiving Rejection Is Idolatry
- ✚ Explain How To Be Released From Rejection
- ✚ Give "Prayer For Overcoming Rejection"



Principality of Rejection

Description of Rejection

Feeling rejected is one of the most devastating of all human emotions, and it is usually ill-founded. But we can't defeat rejection if we have given bitterness, jealousy and envy a place in our lives. It's impossible, because bitterness is the root of all the unloving spirits that accuse us with rejection. To have freedom from rejection, we must have freedom from bitterness.

Herein lies a spiritual paradox. The spirit of rejection opens the door for bitterness, jealousy and envy, but you can't defeat rejection until you have defeated bitterness, jealousy and envy.

The most common reason for separation from God and others is unforgiveness. Unforgiveness is the first element of bitterness. To defeat bitterness and all its armor starts with defeating unforgiveness.

The dictionary defines "rejection," "to cast off, to rebuff or repulse. To throw away as useless or unsatisfactory. To put aside. To disapprove."

Rejection consists of several major aspects.

Rejection tells us we are unwanted, put aside and refused. It's a feeling of being unloved and not accepted either as a member of a group, by a friend or sometimes, even by the human race. Rejection places a wall around us that repels acceptance even when offered.

Rejection reminds us of our desperate need to be loved and, at the same time, we're convinced we're unloved. This causes emotional torment. Rejection drives love from us, and drives us from love. Even when someone does love us, we still feel rejected. "You're just saying that. I know better. You don't really love me. You only like what I can do for you. "

This unloving spirit tells us that no one can ever really love us – we're unlovable. Any time someone begins to open love's door to us, unloving spirits slam it shut with accusations that we're unworthy of being loved.

As someone starts to show love toward us, rejection starts picking their affection apart. "Oh, you say you love me, but you won't go to my ball games." "I saw you looking at my dress. You think I dress stupid!" "See, you said it. You can't stand detail. You've never been able to tolerate someone who talks as much as me. This'll never work out."

Rejection judges facial expressions and body language, or evaluates nuances, looking for a reason to feel more rejected.

Rejection drives us to pick a fight with the person who wants to love us. The result will be another sure rejection. Rejection says, "You're like everyone else. You're avoiding me. Well, I understand. I can't imagine anyone who'd want to be with me anyway." We speak our own words of rejection to others, and play a game of verbal ping-pong.



Principality of Rejection

Description of Rejection (continued)

Rejection blocks our ability to reconcile differences with others over misunderstandings. It carries us into bitterness. We debate with ourselves about the rejection rather than going to the other person to resolve the misunderstanding. The hope of reconciliation rapidly disintegrates.

The fear of being rejected is fueled by the fear of man and by the fear of failure. Rejection, unloving spirits and fear work together. Rejection says, "I'm not accepted." Unloving spirits agree, saying, "There's a good reason for you being not accepted, because you're not worthy of being loved." Then fear says, "If he ever knew what I was really like, he'd hate me." We're afraid that no one loves us, not even God. Yet, as these spirits are talking to us, and we're under attack, it's time to go to God. He is the only one who knows the real truth about us and is big enough to forgive us. God accepts us as we are, but we must come to Him in faith.

Rejection drives us to reject love from others. Even though people offer love and acceptance to us, we're unable to believe them and receive it. Giving and receiving love forms the foundation for our relationship with God, others and ourselves. The cause of all spiritually-rooted disease is the inability to give and receive love. Love has the power to break rejection and fear.

Rejection tells us that we will never belong. Even though we desire to be a part of something, we never feel like we belong. We attempt to become involved in family, church, a group of friends or some organization, or we strive to fit in at work. Yet, we just can't accept the fact that we belong. This sense of not belonging is rejection. Shame and guilt result from rejection, making us feel uncomfortable, so we don't fit in. We're not good enough. "I've been working at the same job for sixteen years, but no one really likes me down there. They still won't let me sing at the picnic. Julie won't even talk to me. Well, I talk too much. I understand. Why would anyone want to be my friend?"

Rejection will even cause you to put yourself down. A person who is plagued by rejection is given to irrational and continual self-introspection. They walk around with their heads hanging down, are unable to look you in the eye, but seem to always be looking for approval and acceptance from others. They're constantly on guard, watching to see if someone notices them.

Rejection produces double-mindedness. "I know God said He loves me, but I don't feel His love, and He certainly never answers my prayers. I want to believe His promises, but why should I?" We constantly argue with God's eternal truth, bolstered by Satan's eternal lies. Rejection robs us of our true identity in Christ Jesus, preventing us from becoming the special person that God created us to be. It creates internal instability and restlessness. James 1:8 says, "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."



Principality of Rejection

Description of Rejection (continued)

Rejection causes us to run and hide, or to search for our identity in all the wrong places. It prevents us from really facing down our problems. Ironically, rejection drives us to seek some level of intimate contact with others – job, church, groups, individuals – but continuously drives us away from establishing intimate contact.

What began as our own irrational fear of rejection evolves into real rejection. "I can't stand being around Bob. He's so negative about himself. I don't want to hear any more of it! "

In the church, rejection drives people to focus on their position. They want an identity, title and status. They don't necessarily want to serve; they want recognition. Their need for acceptance causes them to constantly check to see if they are being noticed.

A person who has a healthy, true identity rooted in Christ knows who he is and is content. He doesn't strive for position or status, and because of this, others often seek him out for leadership.

Rejection is an acknowledgement of agreement with Satan's lies. Believing Satan's lies is calling God a liar.

Scripture teaches that rejection is just as dangerous as unbelief and faithlessness. Rejection claims that God's acceptance of us rests on us first winning man's acceptance. It puts man in place of God, because it gives irrational weight to man's acceptance.

God's Truth

God created us in His image and gave us His Son to make us whole. This is the ultimate act of acceptance, but we still seek to win man's approval before going to God. We see our true identity in man's opinion of who we are, and whether or not we win human approval becomes vitally important to us. We let humans define our reality, choosing them instead of God.

God said come unto Him and He will not cast us out. He said to come in our sins and fallen state, accepting His forgiveness. And He asks us to live a life focused on Him, not other people. To do otherwise is to call God a liar.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit – the Godhead – are greater than any created being. If God is for us, and He is, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b).

When we make winning man's approval our god, we are in idolatry. Idolatry is addressed in the First Commandment. Idolatry carries a curse down a family line through the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:3 says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Rejection is a form of idolatry: self-idolatry and idolatry of other humans. Rejection values the opinions of other men more than it values God's truth.



Principality of Rejection

God's Truth (continued)

David wrote in Psalms 139 that God created us and knew us intimately since before the foundation of the world. We're no accident or mistake. It makes no difference what the circumstances were by which we were conceived, we are known and accepted by God through Jesus Christ. God created us, He makes no mistakes and we have great value. To say otherwise is calling God a liar.

God knows the thoughts and intents of our heart (Hebrews 4:12). We can't hide from Him. Rather, we need to be cleansed by God and run toward Him, basking openly in His love.

Isaiah 53 is a prophecy about the coming Messiah. Verses 1-5 reads, ¹"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ²For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. ³He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Jesus understood sorrow and rejection. People despised Him so strongly they hid their faces from Him. He knows experientially this kind of abuse and pain; He will never reject us. Hebrews 13:5-6 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Zechariah 13:6 is a prophetic description of Jesus' death on the cross: "And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends."

God gave Jesus His power and authority. Jesus could have called down ten thousand angels to fight against Satan, but He didn't. Why did Jesus accept the abuse and rejection He received from the men He had created? He accepted it because, in perfect love, He chose us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1.4) He wants to have an intimate relationship with us. We can't totally understand the depth of His love, patience, acceptance, or forgiveness. But we can choose to believe and worship Him.

Rejection wounds our spirit. Proverbs 18:8 says, "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."



Principality of Rejections

God's Truth (continued)

A slanderer's words (an evil spirit of slander operating in another) hurt us in our innermost parts. The lie of rejection says we are not who God says we are. Words of rejection and slander wound our spirit and break our heart. We will feel it deep inside. Negative comments uttered years ago by our parents may have penetrated deep into our spirit, putting us under the curse of those words ever since. Proverbs 18:14 says, "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?" Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Our words have power and they will be honored, either by God or the devil. We can curse or bless others. We can curse or bless ourselves. We can set evil spirits in motion by our words. "I wish I never had you. You're nothing but trouble." "I never wanted you in the first place. You were just an accident." "Your middle name is trouble. You'll never amount to anything." What thoughts entered your mind as you read these cruel lies?

Matthew 12:36-37 says, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

To defeat the curse of words we must fall out of agreement with them. Reject them and instead, believe God's Word. Accept God's will and His promises, and the power of an evil spirit to execute those words will be broken. If we spoke these kinds of evil words, we must take responsibility and repent, renounce and place them under the blood of Jesus Christ. He can destroy their power over us and over those whom we have harmed.

To deal with bitterness, jealousy and envy, or rejection, we must get at the root of the sin. We must exercise spiritual discernment to identify this root, and then deal with it decisively, preventing its regrowth. The root of rejection must be dug up and destroyed.

The Roots of Rejection

The roots of rejection are a tangled mess with four identifiable causes. **First, is the fear of rejection.** Rejection by itself is tough enough, but when coupled with the fear rejection, it becomes even more powerful. The fear itself produces more rejection. Compare faith to fear. Faith is the substance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1). Fear is the substance of things not hoped for. Faith says the eventual outcome of events will be for the better. Fear says all things happen for our detriment (Job 3:25). The fear of rejection immobilizes us, preventing us from venturing out. We feel rejected even though we've done nothing at all except thought about being rejected. We withdraw into a shell.



Principality of Rejection

The Roots of Rejection (continued)

There are three powerful demons that answer to fear and rejection working in tandem. They are fear of man, fear of failure, and fear of rejection. All three must be defeated.

When we're under spiritual attack, too often we run toward rejection and bitterness. But it's really the ideal time to run toward God.

God says to be anxious, i.e., nervous or distraught, about nothing. Believers are to be free of anxiety. The Bible promises perfect peace to those whose minds are stayed on God. Stayed refers to focus. The person whose focus is on God is blessed with a heart at peace. Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee."

Second, is self-rejection. Self-rejection tells you that even you know you don't measure up. Perhaps we learned this as a child. "You will never amount to anything." We heard a lie, and believed it. The lie became self-rejection.

Self-rejection often results in an intense and sometimes irrational drive to succeed. There is a need to prove to our parents, the world and ourselves that we are valuable and useful. But rejection is never satisfied, and if being accepted becomes our focus, we are driven deeper into the pit of self-rejection. We will never be good enough to satisfy rejection. If we grew up in a home without unconditional love and acceptance, and were treated as someone with very little value, we may well experience rejection and self-rejection even as adults.

If you haven't grasped the seriousness of the attacks of self-hatred or unloving spirits, you might want to review it now. Self-hatred and self-rejection are networked with unloving spirits.

The third aspect is rejecting others. We habitually reject others first, before they reject us. In this way, we protect ourselves from the hurt of future rejection. We fear becoming vulnerable and transparent with others, and we have a hard time trusting anyone. All of this sets off a chain reaction in our relationships that continues a vicious circle of rejection. The only winner is Satan.

Once we learn to be free from rejection, we can also become vulnerable without fear. II Corinthians 12:10 says, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

The fourth aspect is the desire for rejection. This is the most perverse result of rejection. It is the fruit of an unloving spirit of self-hatred. We actually set ourselves up for rejection by treating others poorly or with indifference. In reality, we are seeking rejection from them. Being rejected allows us to continue dodging the real spiritual issues that hinder our freedom.



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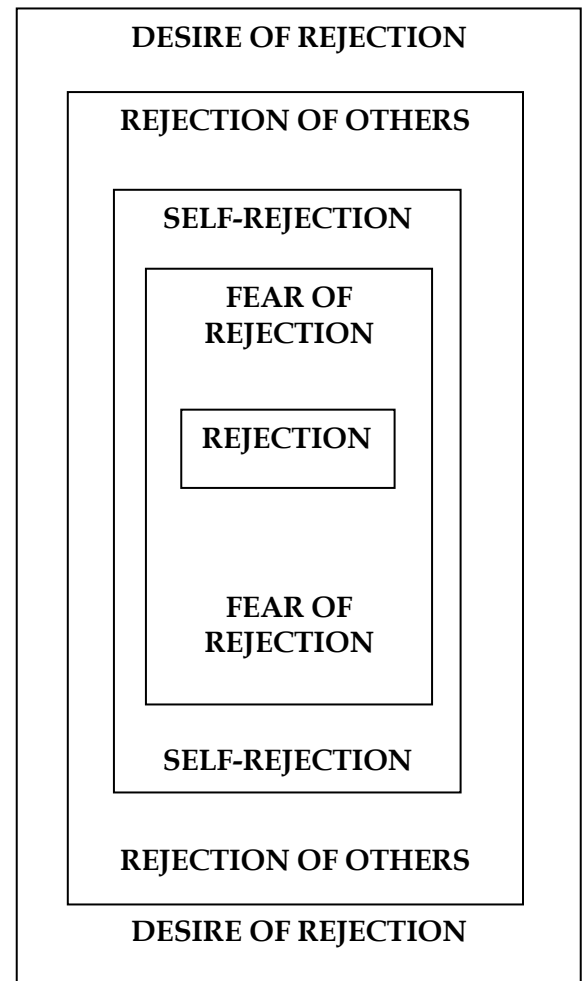
The Roots of Rejection (continued)

As a result, when rejection occurs, it reinforces our lack of self-worth, and lack of identity. This feeds our belief that we are unworthy. Rejection becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The following diagram is called the "Walls of Rejection." **We suggest that you pray through each of the four walls or roots of rejection, repenting for allowing them into your life and repenting for this sin in your generation. We also suggest that you ask God to seal your ears from hearing rejection; your eyes from seeing rejection; your mind from perceiving rejection; and your mouth from speaking rejection.**

Breaking Down The Walls of Rejection

- Confess
- Repent
- Renounce the power of _____ in my life.
- Speak blessings over my life
- Seal my ears from hearing rejection
- Seal my mouth from speaking rejection
- Seal my eyes from seeing rejection
- Break the power of the spirit of _____ in my life.
- Command the spirit of _____ to leave in the name and authority of Jesus Christ, under Whose blood I am covered





Principality of Rejection

The Roots of Rejection (continued)

Being rejected sets various defensive mechanisms in action. We withdraw from others like a turtle hiding in its shell. Rejection says, "I'm not going to let myself be vulnerable. I'm not going to let people reject me again. I'm never going to get close to anyone again." I'm never going to get close to anyone again." This comes from an attitude of fear. Adam and Eve hid after their sin. Withdrawal from people is a defense mechanism reacting to the fear of man.

Fear of failure drives a defense mechanism that prohibits us from taking chances in a relationship. By risk avoidance, we protect ourselves from rejection, but also miss much of life.

Anger and hatred give us a defense against rejection. They drive us to be aggressive, fighting bitterly against real or supposed enemies. Rejection couples with a root of bitterness and they reinforce and fuel each other.

Rejection naturally seeks for a meaningful identity outside of a whole, pure relationship with God. Rejection distorts us so no one, especially us, even knows our real self. Instead, our identity should be so strongly established in God that if someone smiles at us or invites us in, it is just a bonus.

Rejection looks for identity and comfort from other people, not God. Instead of patterning ourselves after Christ, we idolize other people. We are driven to have someone around us whom can idolize, rather than making God the object of our worship. Yet, as we draw near to another human, we ultimately become rejected again, continuing the downward spiral.

Rejection searches for someone weaker than us with whom to hang out. Support groups are a popular place to find weak people all looking for someone weaker.

Rejection causes us to fabricate a personality. Since we don't know who we are, we make up someone and cling to that, until the fabrication is revealed and once again, we are rejected.

Fear, rejection, and rebellion are the volatile ingredients of insanity. Accepting who we are with Jesus Christ as our strong defender is the antidote to insanity. Galatians 4:7 says we are God's sons, daughters and heirs through Christ. A healthy self-image looks beyond the "now" to the future, when in Christ we are perfected. Doing so solves our identity problem (II Timothy 1).

Possible Sources of Rejection

Fatherless homes often produce children subject to rejection. Fatherless homes lack a clear identity, causing the children to miss out on the fullness of feeling loved and accepted. The father establishes the identity and emotional stability in the home.



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Possible Sources of Rejection (continued)

The head of the woman is the man, and the head of the man is Christ. I Corinthians 11:3 says, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

Rejection can stem from the lives of our ancestors. Spiritual problems can be inherited. Abraham lied to Abimelech, telling the king that Sarah was his sister. Isaac told the same lie forty years later. Then Jacob lied to his father, Isaac. Ten of Jacob's sons lied to him. Sin can continue from generation to generation unless someone repents and puts a stop to it.

Rejection can occur at conception if one or both of the parents are not happy about the coming of the baby. If a child is unwanted, a door opens for a spirit of rejection to enter into the child while in the womb. This often happens when the child was an "unplanned accident," conceived in lust or between unwed parents: a bastard as the Bible calls it. The Scriptures teach that the bastard's curse continues for ten generations unless it is broken (Deuteronomy 23:2).

God gave all of us life and He knew each of us before laying the foundation of the world. His hands knit us together in our mother's womb. God has a plan and purpose for each of us. He knows the exact number of hairs on our head, and has engraved us on the palm of His hand. He loves us unconditionally and through His Son, Jesus Christ, He made provision for us to spend eternity with Him. By claiming God's truth, we break the bastard's curse for all generations. When God in Christ Jesus adopted us as His children, He abolished the curse of sin passed down from our ancestors!

Sometimes parents are disappointed with their baby's gender. The father complains, "I don't know what to do with you. If you were a boy, it'd be different." This can result in rejection and self-rejection. Fathers sometimes build up great resentment toward their infant child because of all the attention it receives from the mother. A spirit of rejection transfers from the father to the baby, and as that child matures, he/she is caught in a vicious cycle of rejection.

Blended families are ripe for the growth of influence of the spirit of rejection. The newly married parents need time to get to know each other. Each worries over their own blood offspring, and often resent the lack of attention provided by the other parent, both to them and their own children. These parents need to take great care to ensure that a generous amount of love flows between and through them to the stepchildren.

If a parent dies when a child is young, the child sometimes resents or even hates the dead parent. They feel abandoned and rejected. "Why did mommy have to leave me alone?" the little girl asks.

If there is strife and turmoil in the home during pregnancy or early childhood, the child will have feelings of rejection, abandonment and fear.



Principality of Rejection

Possible Sources of Rejection (continued)

Adopted children often struggle with a deep inner sense of rejection by their birth parents. Most adoptive parents deeply love and provide tremendous care for their children, but many still struggle with rejection.

Middle children often feel rejected because the older and younger siblings get more attention. Psychologists label this "the middle child syndrome."

If a father, mother, wife or husband has rejected you, please understand that at some time since their conception, they were more than likely also rejected.

In these scenarios of rejection in children, spirits of fear, rejection and abandonment come into the children even while they are in womb. No matter the scenario, there is an answer and a cure for rejection. The parents should repent to their child(ren) for however they have rejected them. Then ask the child(ren) for forgiveness; bless the child with a mother's and/or a father's blessing; and command the spirits of fear, rejection and abandonment to leave. God accepts all of us, and when we realize our true identity is in Him, rejection no longer has a chance with you.

If you were rejected by your parents in some way, choose to forgive them for their sin and release the bitterness.

Who Am I In God?

"The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12). God's Word answers all questions, including how to deal with rejection. But in so doing, it can cut deeply into our presumptions, convicting us in the deepest recesses of our heart.

Isaiah 54 provides God's definitive Word on rejection. Isaiah 54:1 says, "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD."

"Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear." The inability to have a child - barrenness - is a major contributor to rejection. The barren woman feels rejected by God and by her husband. In many large families, she feels rejected by them as well, even by the community. Self-rejection, self-hatred and guilt well up in her spirit.

Paradoxically, rejection, fear of rejection, and self-hatred can produce barrenness. Many miscarriages result from an auto-immune dysfunction, where white corpuscles attack the umbilical cord. This produces swelling and edema resulting in a strangulation of the cord, preventing blood, oxygen and nutrients from getting to the placenta. The baby dies and the woman miscarries.

Anxiety and fear can cause frigidity and impotence. Obviously, without sexual contact, barrenness results.



Principality of Rejection

Who Am I In God? (continued)

Self-rejection and rejection can also produce barrenness because they affect the endocrine system. This system responds to emotions. The ovaries and testes are part of the endocrine system. They can malfunction from anxiety, stress and fear. Again, when this occurs, barrenness results.

Tied to being barren are the related female problems of PMS and menopause. We find these issues if a woman dislikes being a woman for any reason. Sometimes they resent how God made their bodies because they started to develop at a young age; do not like the monthly cycle; if there was molestation or rape, they reason, "if I were not a girl this would not have happened"; if dad wanted a boy, she might resent herself. These situations result in resenting being female and thus producing physical problems.

"Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear, Break forth into singing." When we receive deliverance from rejection we can become filled with joy. We can feel safe, secure, wanted, accepted and needed. Rather than brooding, we feel like singing and dancing. We have a freedom of spirit.

Rejection scars the human spirit and steals our joy. It keeps us from having a merry heart. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22), and when we don't have a merry heart, our whole body is affected. If God has accepted us just as we are, then we can truly understand that nothing else matters. Rejection itself is rejected, leaving us free to gain a merry heart.

Isaiah 54 continues, "Break forth into singing and cry aloud, thou travail with child, for more are the children of the desolate than the married wife, saith the LORD." The devil cheats God of His children, because of the curse of sin. God says that more people on the earth have chosen against Him than for Him.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent," verse 3, "and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations, spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes, for thou shall break forth on the right hand and on the left. And thy seed shall inherit the gentiles make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

What does that mean? Rejection causes us to run and hide from others, staying isolated. Instead, we should walk out of our self-imposed prison, set free from condemnatory self-introspection. Let's break free of our feelings of self-hatred. To do this, we need to swing the doors open and enlarge our "place." We need to enlarge our "tent."

With rejection banished, we will interact freely with other people, without fear. We can be vulnerable without feeling threatened of exposure. We can entertain people in our homes. We can have fellowship with others.

Verse 4 says, "Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more."



Principality of Rejection

Who Am I In God? (continued)

This verse says, "fear not." "Fear not! For thou shalt not be ashamed." Shame accompanies rejection. The unloving spirit of shame robs us of our peace and destroys any chance we have to build relationships. As we feel shame, we avoid looking anybody in the eye, hang our head and feel great apprehension. Our self-talk says, "I'm guilty, I'm rejected, don't look at me." Why? Because rejection produces shame. How wonderful it is to be set free from shame!

"Neither be thou confounded." This means not to be confused. Rejection produces double-mindedness and it walks with confusion. We want to accept love and yet, we can't receive it. We want to feel, "I'm the righteousness of God, through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:9). But the devil says, "You old worm. You know you're no better than a filthy rat." We find ourselves agreeing with the devil. This is the attack of a spirit of confusion, seeking to make us double-minded. James 1:8 says, "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

In contrast, God says you shall not be confounded, you shall not be confused, you shall not be double-minded, and you shall not be put to shame. Isaiah 26:3 supplies God's truth in this matter: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee."

Pay close attention to what the LORD is saying in verse 4. "For you shall forget the shame of your youth." Hallelujah! We denounce inherited shame and childhood rejection. God says we can forget the shame, rejection and guilt from our past. We are set free! Hallelujah!

But the devil accuses, "I know what you did when you were seventeen. Do you want to talk about that abortion? Do you want to talk about that little immoral relationship you had? Do you want to talk about what you did to Marvin?"

Christ's forgiveness, we can stare down that accusing spirit, saying, "Excuse me, evil spirit, but would you just mind going up to the throne and telling my heavenly Father what you're telling me in my head right now, and see what He has to say about it." No devil will do this. II Corinthians 10:5 provides the key, explaining what to do: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

When we examine those fiery darts that Satan throws around in our minds, exposing them to the light of God's Word, we can discern truth. Truth sets us free. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

To conquer rejection, we need to let the devil know that we know who we are. Galatians 4 says we are an heir. We're joint heirs with Jesus, sons and daughters of God. God accepted us.



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There is no more rejection by the One who really matters. We may be despised and rejected by men, but God accepts us. God's promises are eternally important to us, and Satan's temporal attacks fall harmlessly aside.

Rejection prevents us from understanding who we are in God and what Jesus did for us. It doesn't want us to believe that God created us from the foundation of the world.

God says, "Give a testimony to George, the man who works alongside you." Then comes a different voice, saying, "No, I better not do that. I might sound stupid. George will laugh at me. Besides, I really don't know what to say." That's rejection rooted in the fear of man and fear of failure.

Rejection reminds us of youthful sins and accuses us with shame, but God says repent, and then to forget the shame of our youth (Isaiah 54:4). Perhaps you were involved in various shameful and sinful activities before making peace with God. Yet, even though God forgave you, you hang on to youthful shame. So, what's the solution? "Father God, I'm sorry, will you forgive me?"

"Yes, my child, I forgive you," He says.

"You mean you're not going to judge me for these things in the Day of Judgment?"

"No, because you're dealing with them now."

"You mean you're not ashamed of me, Father God?"

"No, as a matter of fact, I'm very proud of you. I am proud that you took care of it now. And what's more, I declare you righteous and free from shame."

I John 1:9 say, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This powerful promise carries a condition. To receive God's forgiveness of sin requires us to confess those sins to Him. What follows is an intimate relationship with Him and freedom from shame and rejection. II Timothy 2:21 says, "If a man therefore purge himself from these [sins], he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." God blesses our faithfulness.

God says, "I'm proud of you, daughter; I'm proud of you, son. Thank you for having the guts to deal with rejection and fear, and for coming before Me and saying, 'Father, in the days of my youth, I followed the devil and I did this or that.' Thank you for listening to my Word, thank you for admitting this to Me; your sins are forgiven. Go your way and sin no more."

God uses our confession as a tool to purge rejection from our lives. James 5:16 says, "Confess your faults one to another that you may be healed." We confess faults, rejections, and bitterness to receive healing.

Either we will move forward in faith, allowing God to drive rejection from our lives, or we will fall backward in fear, paralyzed by rejection.



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Proper interpretation and application of Scripture requires a three-dimensional approach. First we examine God's statement to people at the time it was given. Next, the statement is examined in light of what God says to His people about the future. And there is the literal and spiritual application to our lives today.

Isaiah 54:4 says, "And thou shall not remember the reproach of thy widowhood anymore." The Scriptural context is about our relationship with God.

An application of this verse applies to ninety percent of our ministry caseload - women. This phenomenon is driven by the commonality of rejection woman experience from their fathers and husbands. On this earth, men represent God the Father to their children, and as husbands they represent Jesus.

A woman whose relationship with her father has been shattered is often separated from her heavenly Father as well. Fear of her earthly father is transferred to an unholy type of fear of God.

Ephesians teaches husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church, calling the Church the Bride of Christ. If a husband rejects his wife or treats her cruelly, then the woman develops an unholy fear of Jesus.

A poor relationship with both the father and husband is an indicator of a poor relationship with God and His Son. She feels unloved and she falls from rejection. She is spiritually fatherless, and a spiritual widow.

Most of the women that we work with in ministry are married, but there is some sort of disconnect between them and their husbands. Or, their fathers may be physically alive, but they are uninvolved in their children's lives. Practically speaking, the wives are widows, and her children are virtual orphans. The principle of how fathering and husbanding affect this war against rejection is essential to understand if you desire to win your freedom.

"Thou shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood anymore." The Lord is also talking about His wife. The Hebrew word for Lord as it is used here is *Jehovah*. In many Old Testament references Jehovah is described as our Savior, Redeemer and Creator - here as our Husband. Our Creator, Savior and Redeemer is Jesus Christ. His Bride is the Church.

Isaiah 54:5 says, "for thy Maker is thy husband." Thy Maker is God the Word. Who is God, the Word? The Hebrew word used for "maker" means, "master, captain, chief man, and lord" (Strong's 1167). It is a picture of authority. John 1:1 says that the Word - Jesus Christ - dwelt with and was God, the Father. God created all things through Jesus Christ, Word (Colossians 1:16). God the Father created all things visible and invisible through Jesus Christ, the Word. Thy Maker is Jesus.



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The other Hebrew words translated "husband" are Strong's 582 and 376. They have the meanings of "man, champion, mighty, steward, and worthy." God calls Jesus our husband, seeking an intimate relationship with each of us, and setting an example for men in their relationship with their own wives.

Jesus is our captain and spiritual leader. We are to submit to Him. He is our spiritual husband and He created us. Then He left His heavenly throne to come down to this planet because He loved His dying wife. He redeemed her and sent His Holy Spirit to shepherd her. Against all this, rejection stands no chance.

It was not just Jesus loving us. John 3:16 says the Father sent Him. "For God [the Father] so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." The Father loves us. Jesus loves us.

God the Father willed the creation, but God the Son – the Word – spoke it into existence. The Holy Spirit performed it. The fullness of the Godhead is responsible for and endeared to us. If we reconcile with God, through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, rejection stands no chance in our lives.

Understanding this helps us be healed of our earthly father's or husband's rejection. God is our real Father and Jesus our real Husband. In an eternal sense, no one else counts.

Verse 5 says, "For thy Maker is thy Husband, the Lord of hosts is His name and thy Redeemer, the Holy one of Israel, the God of the whole earth shall He be called." This verse describes our true husband, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 6 says, "For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit and a wife of youth, when you were refused, saith thy God."

Wow! Look closely at this. "For the Lord [that's Jesus] hath called thee as a woman, forsaken and grieved in spirit." What does it mean to be grieved in spirit? Rejected. And forsaken? Rejected. Who calls to us from our youth, even in our rejection? The Lord Jesus.

He says, "I love you. You are not rejected. I am here, come unto Me all of you who are laden with heavy burdens. I will give you rest." If God be for me, who can be against me? These powerful truths drive us toward God and obedience to Him. God wants a personal, intimate relationship with each one of us.

Verses 7-8 say, "For a small moment have I forsaken thee." But listen to this, "But with great mercies will I gather you. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord, [Jesus] thy Redeemer." Who is our Redeemer? Jesus.



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Our husband left heaven to bring us to Himself, even though we are disobedient. In our disobedience, He offers us life. He gathers us because He hasn't rejected us; He loves us. Even though we serve the harlot, He waits for the moment that He can snatch us out of our sin. We just need to listen and respond to His voice.

Isaiah 54:8-11 says, "In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires."

Read verse 11 again. "O thou afflicted tossed with tempest and not comforted." Be honest. Have you ever felt that way when you were deep into rejection? Rejection makes you feel afflicted, tossed about with the storms of life, and lacking comfort. Rejection prevented you from being comforted. When your spouse says, "I love you," rejection says, "No, get away from me. I will not be comforted; I will not allow you to love me." I know this is what rejection says because I suffered with rejection for years but thank God He has set me free from rejection and its' principality.

But Jesus says, "O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted. Behold I will lay thy stones with fair colors. And lay thy foundations with sapphires." This kind of relief goes far beyond you can gain from rejection. Jesus covers you with jewels. He will come with fine clothes, dress you up and place a crown on your head.

Verses 12-13 say, "And I will make thy windows of agates and thy gates of carbuncles and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD and great shall be the peace of thy children." There is no room for rejection here. Rejection's stranglehold on your family tree is severed today and for all eternity! You shall be established in righteousness!

Verse 14 says, "You shall be far from oppression for you shall not fear: and from terror." Panic and nightmares sometimes attack us in the middle of the night. Psalms 91 talks about Satan using terror by night to stalk us. But Jesus set us free!

Verses 14-15 continue, "You shall not fear, from terror for it shall not come nigh thee. Behold they shall surely gather together but not by me. Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake." When terror starts coming against us, God is going to defend us. Why? He's our Husband.



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Who Am I In God? (continued)

Verse 16, "Behold I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire and that bringeth for an instrument for his work, and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment, LORD ye shall condemn it. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD."

Isaiah 53 describes the ultimate rejection; the object here is our Redeemer, Savior, and Husband. The world cruelly rejected Christ, but He defeated this rejection.

Isaiah 54 describes the redemption of the rest of us, including those who have been desolated by accusing spirits, rejection, and unloving spirits. God says to listen to Him, believe and act on what He has said and done for us and He will defeat rejection in our lives. Let God be true and every man a liar.

Revelation 1:6 says, "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 5:10 says, "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

You are an uncondemned king and priest of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:1 say, "There is therefore now no condemnation [rejection] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Receiving Rejection Is Idolatry

We cannot prevent people from rejecting us but we can control how we respond. If we have responded by receiving the hurt and pain, we have fallen into idolatry. It is idolatry because we have allowed more importance to their words or actions than we have to God's. Anything that we allow to come between us and God is idolatry or a form of occultism. Picture the moon coming between the sun and the earth, thus blocking the sun from view. This is called an occult moon. We do the same thing when we allow another person's actions or words to block us from His truth.

This is an important principle to deeply understand. It will set you free, as you work through it. Receiving the pain from rejection is therefore a sin. This means that we do not have to receive the pain. We must learn to remember who we are in the eyes of God, not man.

When we are whole and secure in who we are in God, we will be able to minister to others in their sin, instead of being hurt and offended.



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Release From Rejection

Do you want release from rejection? Take these four steps:

First, accept God's love once and for all. James 1:6-8 says, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." Don't vacillate. You are God's heir and Christ's king and priest. You are accepted, not rejected. God the Father is the giver of every good and perfect gift. If it is not good and perfect, it is not from God.

Second, we must get rid of all self-rejection. Review the chapter on the principality of self-bitterness and make sure that you have worked through every issue. God is for you; who can be against you? Since God has accepted you, you must accept yourself. Otherwise you make God a liar. Do you want to call God a liar?

Third, do not let other people's rejection of you get to you. We must always remember receiving the pain of rejection is idolatry. We cannot stop people from rejecting us but can control how we react. If we react by receiving the pain, we have sinned. If you take time to really understand what I am teaching, it will set you free. Realizing that it is a sin to receive the pain from rejection means that we do not have to receive the rejection. It is the sin of idolatry because we are putting the actions or words of person above God's.

People who feel rejected will still reject you. If they have bitterness, they will express bitterness to you. If they have jealousy and envy, they will express it you. But you do not have to receive their words or actions into your heart.

Understanding this, and being prepared in your heart, being secure in God, and in your position in Him, defeats rejection. This security in Christ gives you all the power you need to resist Satan and banish rejection. Remember that God doesn't reject us even though some people might.

Develop a close fellowship with God the Father, Jesus the Word, and the Holy Spirit. II Timothy 1:7 says that God hasn't given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. The antidote for fear is the power of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit gives us power. The Father gives us love. The Word of God, Jesus, gives us a sound mind. Fellowship with the Godhead drives fear away. Start your day in fellowship with God. Walk in His spirit all day long.

False love depends on someone else's approval. If we receive their approval, they will allow us to build a relationship with them. They can take away their approval at any time.



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Release From Rejection (continued)

Real love is unconditional. It is built on an already established relationship, not anyone's approval. It's built on a true and eternal principle: your miraculous relationship with God through Christ Jesus. This kind of love makes us strong even in our failures.

Fourth, we must repent for the sin of rejection. Quit believing the devil and his lies. We suggest that you pray through and accept the truth of what God thinks of you. You are the apple of His eye, the bride of Christ, the righteousness of God by faith, a son or daughter of God, the heir of all creation, known and planned before the foundation of the world, unique, and special. God has a place for you in the universe, and your place will, and already has, changed the future of the world.

Deuteronomy 32:9-10 says, "For the LORD's portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye."

Psalms 17:7-8 says, "Shew thy marvelous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings."

Isaiah 49: 14-16 says, "But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

Romans 3:21-22 says, "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference."

II Corinthians 5:21 says, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"

Galatians 5:5 says, "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

II Timothy 4:8 says, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing."

Ephesians 1:4-12 says, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."



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In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ."

You are precious to God, accepted by Him. Enjoy Him and His creation from this day forward.

Prayer And Process For Overcoming Rejection

Make a list of all the ways that you have been rejected by others, perceived yourself as rejected, or been the one to reject others. Write a list of those people and events. We need to confess and repent before Almighty God of believing rejection, receiving rejection, and rejecting others. The stronghold that rejection has held in your life will be destroyed, and Satan's power over you will be legally cancelled. Here is an example of a prayer you can use to deal with rejection and eliminate it from your life:

Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask you to forgive me for:

- 1. Any fear of rejection*
- 2. Ways that I have rejected others*
- 3. Ways that I have rejected myself*
- 4. Ways that I have desired rejection*

(It is important to pray through each specific way that you may have sinned.)

I purpose and choose to forgive myself and release myself from (the above specific sin). In the name of Jesus I cancel all of Satan's power and authority over me in this issue. Because God has forgiven me and I have forgiven myself, in the name of Jesus, I command the spirit of rejection to go.

Holy Spirit please come and heal my heart, and tell me your truth about this situation.





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Study Guide Goals:

- To understand the significance of the principality of rejection.
- To identify areas of rejection in your life.
- To break the cycle of rejection from your life.

To Think About:

Define "rejection".

List several major aspects of rejection.

How does rejection affect our churches?

What is God's truth?

Why is receiving rejection a form of idolatry?

What are the results of rejection in your life?



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What does Proverbs 18:21 say concerning the words we say?

What consequence is faced in regard to the words we speak?

List the four roots of rejection.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How do we often protect ourselves from future rejection?

Is there a winner in the vicious cycle of rejection?

How does this cycle of rejection reinforce itself?

Where does someone in rejection often seek identity?

Where should we seek our identity?



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What are some possible sources of rejection? List several.

What is the "cure" for rejection?

Who are you in God?

What does Isa. 54:4 say about shame and confusion?

What does James 1:8 and Isa. 26:3 say concerning the spirit of confusion?

What does Romans 8:1 say concerning rejection?

Explain why receiving rejection is a sin.

What are the four steps to releasing rejection?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



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Personal Responsibility:

List ways that you have rejected others or rejected yourself, the ways you fear rejection, and the ways you have desired rejection.

Application:

Pray this prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus I ask you to forgive me for:

1. Any fear of rejection
2. Ways that I have rejected others
3. Ways that I have rejected myself
4. Or desired rejection.

(Pray through the specific sin in each of these areas.)

I purpose and choose to forgive myself and release myself from (same as above). In the name of Jesus I cancel all of Satan's power and authority over me in this issue, because God has forgiven me and I have forgiven myself. In the name of Jesus I command the principality of rejection to go.

Holy Spirit please come and heal my heart. Seal my eyes from seeing rejection, seal my ears from hearing rejection, seal my mind from perceiving rejection, and seal my mouth from speaking rejection. Please tell me your truth about this situation.

Write down what the Holy Spirit reveals to you.