

Where Does Resentment Live?

Where does resentment live? It lives with anger and animosity, the same place that vengeance, pride and condemnation live. I can understand that I may hold some of these negative characteristics within me, but where do they live? I myself live in a place and time that our Lord designated for me to exist. Yet again in my time travel, where do these negative characteristics live?

The Book of Ecclesiastes states that there is a time and a place for everything under the sun. It would logically follow that there is a time and a place for these negative characteristics to live as well.

Ecc 3:11 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

These negative characteristics are seen from the beginning of time, as stated in Gen 4:1~7.

Gen 4:1~7 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground **an offering** unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the **firstlings** of his flock **and of the fat thereof**. And **the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering**: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And **Cain was very wroth**, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

*But Yah said: **If** thou does well, such a big little word: “**if**” meaning it all depends on you. This event is the first sign of resentment outside the Garden of Eden. Resentment seems to be ever present no matter where one goes, lying at our door wanting to control us, but we must control it.*

Time offers humanity 3 positions; the past, the present and the future. We move in time fulfilling our lives moving from place to place. But we also move from time to time, meaning from the present, where we are at the moment, into the future which becomes the new present. So as I move forward, I am moving into the future which when I arrive it becomes the present. Thus as I move from the present into the future I also moved from the past into “now” the present. The moment I move forward in time, my former present becomes the past. In effect, one has the sense of time traveling.

Pretty neat concept if you can follow the story. Just a moment ago I was in the present, as I started this study for which now is the past. And by the time I end this very sentence I will have gone from the present on to the future which becomes the instant new now or present.

But this study opened posing the question, “Where do the negative characteristics of resentment live in our lives?” They always seem to be present where ever I go in time. They seem to be with me as I wage war with them in my walk: fighting the good fight over evil, wearing the armor of Yah to do battle with this adversary over good.

Eph 6:10~18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **Put on the whole armour of God** that ye may be able to stand **against the wiles of the devil**. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with

the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

So how does one stand against the wiles of the devil? For it is Satan that plays with these negative characteristics to my detriment. Perchance, we can take a clue from the lesson of time to better understand where they live in one's life to realize how to engage in battling them.

We said that at any moment in time "where I am now" is called the present. From this point forward, time is changed into the future with the old present becoming the past. So I am the one that is moving, for I am the one that is alive to time travel.

Is resentment alive? Is anger and animosity alive? And how about vengeance, pride and condemnation are they also alive? They don't breathe, or walk, nor have I ever seen a picture of one alone without being worn by a living person. One would have to conclude that such characteristics are inanimate requiring a person for them to become animated, given life, through a person's actions just as love or charity is seen through a person's actions. The conclusion points to living beings; meaning someone alive giving life to these characteristics having them with their persons. You could say they are like parasitic leaches needing someone, a host, to live off of.

Ok, we are just starting to get to the point. Alas by the time we get there if one didn't follow along, guess what, you would've been left in the past!

Where does resentment live? Well, if I "carry" one of these negative characteristics, let's say resentment, I know one thing's for sure; I'm living in the moment of the present. So at the moment that I get this negative characteristic called resentment, "she" would be with me in the present where I am at the moment. And yes, I am personifying a "she" without a doubt. There is no one that can suck the life out of you like a "she" can. So I'm in the present while "she...resentment" takes hold of me and causes this negative feeling to overcome my otherwise peaceful self. (Ha! Ha!...that was a funny, please laugh, let's not take it any other way than humorous as it is intended to make a point).

Now come some of the the biggest clues. Resentment needs time to fester, or as you would say cook a bit to become a festering brew. The same goes for anger, animosity, vengeance, and pride, all are made ripe with the festering of time.

So we said that at any given moment I'm in the present, and as I leave that place in time to venture into the future, meaning the new present, the place that I just left becomes the past. Here is the answer to the clue. Where did I get the characteristic of resentment, where did "she" latch on? I got it in the present. But...I'm no longer in the present when I move forward; I'm in the new present called the future. The old present has now become the past, for I'm alive and always moving in time.

Let's nail this resentment down in the time frame that it belongs. I was in the present when I got it and resentment most assuredly needs time to come to a boil, meaning to stew. But by the time it comes to a boil I would have passed from the present into the future where I'm now in the new present, writing about the past. So how can resentment be a part of me where I am now in the new present, considering it's not a living thing?

*The answer is simple...because **I gave it life** and carried it into the new present with me, called the future, when I came in. Nice going, time traveler, "she" must have something on you!!!*

So the moment that I got it I had a choice: to leave it in the old present called the past or bring it with me and let it come to a boil in the new present, the future. Foolishly I brought it with me to wear around my neck like jewelry. Oh, that's a chain all right, but this one comes with a weighted ball on it.

Pr 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

It was I that brought it with me into the future as I come forward, and it is I that has to deal with it here in the new present. It will always be with me when and wherever I carry or wear it. This time traveler is not traveling light, but has some large, heavy luggage, definitely not what one would call "an overnight bag."

As one can see, if one acquires this luggage, called resentment, from where one just was, meaning the old present, and chooses to bring it with them into the new present called the future, the person now becomes burdened with the weight of it. Yet if this person had chosen to examine resentment carefully in the old present and see that it was not worth the price of lugging it around into the new present, this individual would have left it there, freed from this burden.

We contain our worst enemies when it comes to carrying around negative characteristics like resentment and anger, animosity, vengeance, pride and condemnation in our lives. We are the ones that carry it into the future and refuse to deal with it when it first shows itself. We are the enablers of these negative characteristics.

So to answer the question of this study, "Where does resentment live?" It lives in the past where it should have stayed and should have been dealt with then, when it first lifted its ugly head. It was my error to bring it with me into the future, now called the present. I should have dealt with it there when it first appeared. But I'm not the quickest gun on the hill. So by the time I understood what was going on I had befriended my adversary and afforded "her" lodging in my sanctuary. And so as I shut my doors for the night to protect what is in my sanctuary, I had locked in an enemy, my adversary, the evil one, masquerading as an angel of light.

Eph 4:25~27 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

So the answer to the question where does resentment live? Well it starts where ever you are and lives where ever you are as long as you carry it with you. Resentment's life starts where you were and ends the moment you let it go. But as you give this parasitic leach its life and allow it nourishment as "she" drinks your blood of life, it's forever with you. It's with you in the present and like a present; meaning a gift that just keeps on giving from the evil one as anger, hatred as well as vengeance, pride and condemnation it's yours to keep.

Pr 7:1~ 27 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers; write them upon the table of thine heart. Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I have peace offerings with me; this day have I

payed my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Just as this harlot seduces the simple to have what should not be possessed so does resentment rob one of the peace of mind. Now that we see where it lives, we should also see where it belongs. It belongs in the past, and should have been dealt with as it arose and then should have been buried there. Our biggest battle is between our own ears, the control of self. When we refuse to deal with self, we are forever succumbing to its will, or our lack of will power to overcome its carnality. All these characteristics emanating from within lead us away from Yah's truth.

Pr 16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Pr 19:11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Jam1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

*So as we venture forward in our time travel, take this little clue whenever you land... "YOU will be there." You have finally met your adversary head on...and it's "YOU!" He or she looks like you, thinks like you, Oh it's a perfectly matched fight, so bring along a good **friend** and don't live in the past!!!*

John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you **friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

*"Self ...the final frontier"
Selah!!!*

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