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About the Canaanites the Bible records this, Text: Leviticus 18: 24-25 ASV
Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you; And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomiteth out her inhabitants. To be a Cannanite was to be identified with moral squalor and gutter manners. Just what is iniquity?

Think of crossing over the line or boundary set by the Lord and you have chalk dust on your toes from walking too close to the line, you aren't suppose to cross. Iniquity, means perversity, to be crooked; and is the result of sin, in the bloodline. Sin, a Greek word, means to miss the mark. An ancestor who gave themself to sin, can work against us. Our ancestors allow Satan to exploit us. Every family has iniquity. To revolt or break away from just authority is transgression. It is activity leading to wickedness and evil. Curses are result of transgression, sin, and iniquity. A curse must have cause to land, they can not light anywhere. Curses, like sparrows, or swallows look for a place to light. Many fail to understand this phenomom and declare when Jesus died on the cross, these issues were dealt with. Jesus did render a verdict against iniquity on the cross, but we must execute the verdict defending ourselves. A long line of ancestors contributes to our moral heritage. It is not a new problem, but, always involves fresh agony and frustration.

Paul alludes to similar examples among the Corinthians, and the verdict Jesus obtained against iniquity on the cross, when he speaks of pagan wickedness of his world, and says to them; such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God (I Corinthians 6: 11 ASV). Justified means to be found guiltless.

The diagnosis is that an other world is involved in your peace of mind

and in your conduct. In many instances devils have power over men and women, and their power torment those under their influence. Our ancestors called this devilment. Smart people today, would like to do away with the devil. They call the problem by other names; insanity, dementia, alzheimers, repression or multiple personalities. Yet, the symptoms are confusion and withdrawal.

I am a father and grandfather. My wife and I were blessed with strong willed children. We are blessed with strong willed grandchildren. The teenage years were a problem for us as parents. The teenage years are proving problematic for our son as a parent. Scripture provides us with help and counsel of a problem teenager. A Canaanitish woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a demon (Matthew 15: 22-23 ASV). This woman standing before Jesus is of character and faith, and went all out. She came to Jesus as absolute Lord. She had heard her daughter, as we have heard, "I don't know why I am what I am. I do not know why I did it. Something came over me. That's all!" Her teenager was telling more truth than you realize. The spirit of disobedience has its source in the prince of the power of the air. Torments will not yield to whippings, writing ten thousand I will nots, time out, being grounded, revoked privileges or psychoanalysis. The problem will not yield to a liberal spending allowance, late curfew, or accomodating any other modern fashion. You can not solve it with education. You need more than a master's degree or a doctrate to settle the matter. You need the Lord of the universe! It will only yield to divine authority. The sooner you wrestle with Jesus Christ about it the sooner you will find victory. You need intervention of the Son of God in your home.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to

uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9: 6-7 ASV). It involves a test of faith. That's why many parents give up short of the goal. It's not easy to cry out in the midst of trouble when people who profess to know the Lord misjudge you and reach the conclusion your excessive zeal may be a contributing factor to the child's delinquency. They will even tell you that gift of miracles and healing lasted through the New Testament times only, and is not for today, not believing the Word is God breathed and that after the resurrection Jesus Christ commissioned us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Father, forgive them, they know not what they do! It is for us today!

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall exalt you (James 4: 10 ASV). Do not go away empty handed. The deliverance of the child depends upon your total commitment to Jesus Christ. Say to Jehovah, as Jacob said; I will not let thee go, except thou bless me (Genesis 32: 26 ASV).

Jesus Christ has the power to quell the problem money can not touch, no amount of institutional care can conquer. Your Bible says; Jesus bruises Satan under our feet. Paul told the Romans that; the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (Romans 16: 20 ASV).

This not only works for our children! It works for adults. The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you (John 14: 26 ASV). Learn from king David, cry out; create in me a clean heart, O God; renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with a willing spirit (Psalm 51: 10-12 ASV).

Disciples continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2: 42 ASV). Breaking of Bread is just another way to say the Lord's Supper. How long has it been since you have broke bread with your Lord? I remind you for as often as you eat this bread, and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till he come (I Corinthians 11: 26 ASV). Notice it is as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, not as seldom. It is a serious thing to miss the Lord's Supper.