

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF “I’M SORRY”

1 John 1:9

(New International Version)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

We live in a world where the word of the moment is “ACCOUNTIBILITY.” It is a variation of the word “accountable” which means liable to be called to account; you are amenable for a debt; or obliged to answer to an authority for one’s actions.

This word is significant in our lives because, whether we choose to accept it or not, we are and will be held accountable for what we do. The bible makes this perfectly clear, “For there is going to come a day of judgment when God, the just judge of all the world, will judge all people according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who persist in doing what is good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and practice evil deeds. There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on sinning--for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.” (Romans 2:5-9)

We, unconsciously, continue to make the same mistake that our initial parents, Adam and Eve, made in the Garden of Eden. We amputate our association with accountability and refute our relationship with responsibility. In the midst of Eve’s excuses and Adam’s accusations, they neglected to say the two words that God waited to hear. Those two words were “I’m sorry.”

Thousands of years later, we still show a resistance to saying “I’m sorry.” It is important, however, that we realize the significance of “I’m Sorry.” Failure to say “I’m Sorry” leads to one being alienated, disconnected, exiled, expelled, separated and suspended from the presence, providence, provision and propitiation of God. Because Adam and Eve did not say “I’m sorry God for disobeying your directions and not trusting in your word,” the book of Genesis records that God “drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

The Holy Scriptures inform us of **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF “I’M SORRY”** in many ways.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Matthew 6:14-15 declares; “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, you heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

However, **1 John 1:9** uncovers the importance of “I’m Sorry.” When we say and show that we are **SINCERELY AND NOT SUPPOSEDLY SORRY FOR OUR SIN** God who is faithful to his word and just in his decisions will be sorry for us; accept our apology; wipe from his memory and record our misdeeds; remove any leftover contaminants; and clothe us with the garments of consecration.

Therefore “IF WE ARE NOT SORRY OR WILLING TO SAY “I’M SORRY” UNTO GOD OR ANYONE FOR DOING WRONG, DON’T EXPECT GOD OR ANYONE TO BE SORRY FOR US OR BE WILLING TO SAY I’M SORRY UNTO US.”