

# Rebound

Rebound is the recovery from carnality, one of the ten problem-solving devices provided by God to every believer. It is the only problem solving device that functions outside spirituality. All the problem solving devices are provided by the auspices of the grace of God and none is operational by human power or human resources. Rebound is the non-meritorious naming, acknowledgment of personal sins apart from emotional connotation.

God wants to have a relationship with each one of us. We lose our fellowship with God when we sin, but we can regain it through rebound. Rebound is the 1st problem solving device that God has provided for every believer in union with Christ. So it is absolutely essential that we understand that without Rebound we can never have fellowship with God in time and we will be under His discipline for failing to deploy this problem solving device.

There are 3 categories of sin: namely mental, verbal and overt. The sin nature has 2 trends: moral degeneracy and immoral degeneracy.

At the moment of salvation the believer received the forgiveness of his sins in the positional sense. The believer must make a volitional decision to apply the biblical principle of Rebound in order to regain fellowship with God. Biblical Christianity is a relationship with God, which is based upon the Person and Salvation Work of Christ on the cross. This relationship with God is accessed by appropriating and experiencing eternal life in time. Experiencing the life of God takes place in the life of the believer who is in fellowship and applying the Word of God to his own set of unique circumstances. We cannot experience and enjoy eternal life in time without the acknowledgement of sin.

1 John 1:9, "If any of us does confess our sins, then, He (God the Father) is, as an eternal spiritual truth, faithful and just with the result that He forgives us our sins and He purifies us from each and every wrongdoing."

"Forgives" is the verb *aphiemi*. It is used with God as the subject and the believer's personal sins as the object. The believer who confesses his personal sins to the Father is promised the forgiveness of his sins and is restored to fellowship immediately upon doing so. He is restored to fellowship because of the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the Cross and thus the Father is faithful and just to forgive the believer his sins.

Rebound is not feeling sorry, sorrow, or guilty for sins, but the decision of the soul to follow divine instruction to name or accept the fact that sin is present. Rebound is the trend reversing decision and the only solution provided by God for the carnal believers to recover from their sins.

God's faithful and just character demands that we be forgiven these personal sins that we confess and restored to fellowship because the impeccable humanity of Christ in hypostatic union satisfied or propitiated the Father's righteous demands that the sins of human history be judged-past, present and future. This confession of sin is to the Father in private and does not refer to the public acknowledgment of sin.

Rebound is a technique. It is simply admitting your sins to God the Father (1 John 1:9). Rebound is designed by God so that the believer can bounce back from sin. It is the only means to recover the Filling of the Spirit. Rebound deals with the believer's problem with sin. It restores the believer's fellowship with God in time. Rebound is a function of the believer's Royal Priesthood. It is to be performed in the privacy of the believer's Royal Priesthood.

Rebound is the believer adjusting to the justice of God. The Lord Jesus Christ satisfied the justice of God at the Cross by dying for the sins of the whole world. It is citing or pointing to what the Lord Jesus Christ did at the Cross. Rebound is for the believer only and not the unbeliever.

It is a decision that the believer has to make in order to be restored to fellowship with God. So Rebound protects us from receiving divine discipline. Rebound is a personal decision because the believer uses his volition to sin and enter the state of carnality; on the other hand, the believer must likewise use his volition to recover from sin. Volition is the decision of the soul, not the decision of the human brain. Rebound does not need any emotional expression since emotion is never a criterion for the spiritual life, and it has no value in God's forgiveness.

The forgiveness of God is by grace alone. Emotion is part of rebound but cannot be the basis of forgiveness, because God is not emotional, and His solutions are not emotional. The term faithful of 1 John 1:9, gives emphasis to the consistency of God to forgive, because His grace never fails in any aspect related to forgiving men. The term righteous describes the source of forgiveness, which is the integrity of God. The integrity of God cannot be compromised; He cannot accept human good or even divine good as the basis of forgiveness.

The faith of believers is not a requirement for forgiveness from God, but only the function of the spiritual priesthood in following divine instructions. The spiritual priesthood is God's given privilege to every Church Age believer to represent himself before God.

God does all the work in rebound. Rebound works because God imputed to the Lord Jesus Christ every sin that all human beings have committed and those they will commit. The forgiveness of rebound is based on the substitutionary death (the spiritual death) of Christ on a cross. Man cannot add or contribute anything to the forgiveness of God. No human work can replace or equal the perfect work of Christ. The universal priesthood of the believer is irrevocable and is not affected by the carnality or personal sins of the believer. So when the royal priest is out of fellowship, he still represents himself before God, obeying the instruction regardless of his spiritual status.

Faith toward God is ineffective apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit. Faith minus spirituality is nothing but futility and in reality another useless religious activity.

In the sight of God, the royal priesthood of the believer is permanent and will remain such regardless of the believer's spiritual status. The priest can shift from being bad to good but he is still a priest. As the believer uses his negative volition to enter carnality, likewise he uses his positive volition to follow divine instruction to recover from sin.

God has always dealt with us in grace; He saves us in grace, He disciplines us in grace, He forgives us in grace, He blesses us in grace. Rebound symbolizes the matchless grace of God, it accesses the power of God, it is the key that unlocks the door to spiritual freedom and spiritual prosperity. The finished work of Christ refers to the doctrines of: redemption, reconciliation and propitiation.

The work of our Lord is finished because there is nothing that can be added to it (John 19:30). The doctrine of Redemption states that the Lord Jesus Christ purchased the entire human race out of the slave market of sin with His substitutionary spiritual death. The Lord Jesus Christ is the 1 and only Redeemer of mankind and the only sacrifice that God will accept (Matt. 20:28, 1 Tim. 2:6). He is the only one qualified to be mankind's Redeemer due to the fact that He is impeccable (1 Pet. 1:19).

#### SYNONYMS FOR REBOUND:

- Confess: (1 John 1:9) is to name or cite your sin to God in the privacy of your royal priesthood without giving God the details of your sins.
- Judge yourself: (1 Corinthians 11:31), is to acknowledge that your personal sins were crucified on the cross where the penalty was paid in full by Christ.
- Yield: (Rom. 6:13, 12:1), is to surrender your arrogance and self righteousness with admission that you have sinned.
- Lay aside every weight: (Heb. 12:1), is to cut-off yourself from the state of carnality by free-will decision to re-enter spirituality.

- Be in subjection to the Father: (Heb. 12:9), is a decision of the soul to return and submit one self's under the authority of the Lord.
- Lift up the hands that hang down: (Heb. 12:12), is the removal of the shackle that hinders you from doing the will and purpose of God.
- Make straight paths: (Mat. 3:3, Heb. 12:13), is a decision of the soul to choose the divine viewpoint and reject the human viewpoint.
- Arise from the death: (Ephesians 5:14), is to stand up again from temporal or operational death that is to leave the stage of carnality by decision to re-enter the divine dynasphere.
- Put off the old man: (Eph. 4:22), is to restrain the old sinful nature from taking control of your soul.
- Acknowledge your iniquity: (Jer. 3:13), is to admit your personal sins before the Lord.

Rebound is the only key to re-enter the state of spirituality. It is the first moves every believer must do in order restore his fellowship with God and to re-activate his spiritual privileges. Rebound is the only access of the believer to re-enter the grace plan of God.

God does not punish anyone for sins the Lord Jesus Christ has already paid on the Cross. The believer is discipline because he refuses to execute God's grace provision of adjustment to His justice.

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