

EMOTION

Visible and Invisible



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1.0 Introduction

God has put emotional feelings into human life for mission requirements. He has made them physical (visible) and spiritual (invisible). *E-Motion* is the movement of life; without (e)-motion, there cannot exist any life on the universe. In daily life, these very sensitive factors decide, how we should lead our life. Emotion makes us wonderful or painful and drives us to different destinations; similar to the driver of a software or hardware. Physical emotions are reflected in multiple forms, namely crying, laughing, scolding and sensing. The **inward angry** is crying (feeling the powerlessness) and the **outward angry** is scolding (expressing the authority). The sensing is also of two folds, either the *sense of happiness* (appreciation and humor) or the *sense of sorrow* (disappointment and depression).

Any physical emotion leads to an action that is materialistic (offering gifts, money etc) or handling physically the humans and other living creatures (beating, torturing, killing etc).

In contrast, spiritual emotion belongs to God that is invisible to naked eyes and holy; they are implanted in every human being. We are driven spiritually with the holy emotions, while worshiping God. They are of three kinds, namely

- **Praising** (thanks giving for God's blessings in our life),
- **Singing** (psalms/songs),
- **Sensing**: feeling His presence in peace and joy; His purpose in our life or decision on issues; submitting our wrong doings i.e. sins for receiving His forgiveness.

The people, who worship false Gods, may not get any of these in reality. **The reason is that without the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) man cannot experience the true spiritual emotions**. What exactly those who practice such false worships will receive? We may also often listen to them saying that they are spiritually happy. Spiritual emotion brings permanent solutions to mankind. It brings everlasting peace and happiness and ensures firmly the relationship with living God who is in spirit form. **Spiritual emotion**

guaranties life after physical death without uncertainty. Those who worship false gods may also proclaim that they believe in life after death; but does not say in what form and where do they live. Some may say on the earth as different species (animals or birds) and others will accept if they are fortunate then they may get a place in heavens (searching for probabilistic solutions).

Life after death cannot be realised based on any probabilistic theory; but has been demonstrated through the resurrected power of Christ.

Satan is not a creator; refer to the scripture, he is quoted as a thief, who comes to steal the heart, loot the soul and destroy the spirit permanently (John 10:10). The purpose of Satan is to exploit the invisible spiritual emotion (feeling for God) that is fused in us to direct against the wishes of God. He uses this very nature of mankind (being spiritual) effectively since beginning of their life.

What do we say to those who refused to believe this truth? God's patience is our salvation (II Peter 3:15).

2.0 Visible and Invisible Emotions

Spiritual emotions are invisible and will bring changes in invisible life (thinking, characters or behaviors and actions). **It makes a man/or woman to reflect God's nature on the earth.** Look at the Scriptures, the believers of Christ after receiving the spiritual gift (Holy Spirit), sold their materials and brought to Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). This kind of behavior or character indicates the nature of spiritual emotion, giving least importance to a materialistic life. The believers of false gods also do offerings/services, unfortunately to reach a wrong destination.

Are we travelling in a right flight with a holy visa?

The other important aspect of spiritual emotion is achieving prosperity in everything by the grace of God. This kind of blessing in prosperity, only the creator could offer to His children; and not a destroyer of life i.e. Satan. Prosperity in every thing means that

whatever we do must multiply and we must be fruitful (having healthy feelings such as peace and joy).

Here let us understand a point clear; if a person focuses on one issue (one point agenda), he is able to taste the success.

Why? Is it because of blessing by Satan?

No, Satan cannot bless anybody because he is cursed due to his deeds. He does not have blessing in his treasury. Having understood that false gods (representative of Satan's images) cannot bring blessing into a man's life then where from he gets success. Look at the Scriptures for this very basic question (even believers often raise this question, at least in their mind). We can find an answer from bible for this brain storming question. King David says that he has asked for one thing and he will seek after that to see the glory of God (Psalms 27:4). When a person keeps working on a particular task and focusing only on that issue, searching to find a solution; as the god given spirit of life (Genesis 3:22) is there in every human being, he finds success because man is God's glory on the earth. However he reaps the fruit of good or bad depends on his desire and source. Remember that every man is created in God's image and the glory of God is there every where on the earth (Humans are scattered all over the earth). It can be a business, study, research or relationship, man achieves success because he is in God's image. God's image is God's glory. However we are exploiting God's glory only for the materialistic life. Let us further read what King David says; he has asked for one thing and he will seek after that to see the glory of God in the house of Jehovah to dwell all the days of his life. What a sensible search that King David has made to see the glory of God. When we search for one thing, and if that one thing is supposed to be an eternal life then we make a right choice. God offers this fruit of life (spiritual gift) to everyone who truly seeks (worship Him with spiritual emotion) to see his beauty and glory. Satan only puts a suggestion into our mind to make a wrong choice in our life to seek after that to see the glory of God in us; searching for self pride through success. So let us not be proud of our success in anything because it's God's glory in every thing.

The resulting action of a spiritual emotion is serving God. What does it mean to believers? Serving God is to reflect His nature (being fruitful) and save souls (to multiply). Let us see what our Lord Jesus did during His stay on the earth. Jesus moved around, preaching the good news of salvation and the kingdom of God (God's word, most of us doing this). Watch closely, Jesus had served God reflecting the nature of God (loving and blessing every one, curing the sick and feeding the needy). If we are truly emotional in spirit then we will certainly reflect the nature of Christ; it is unconditional love, a love that does not expect anything from others not even recognition for what it does for others. Because every action we perform in the name of Jesus to glorify our God Almighty (serving) has a reaction (blessing from Him); it is accounted invisibly by the invisible spirited sons of God in heavens.

Most of the time, physical emotion gets coupled with spiritual emotion. Some time it also takes control of spiritual emotion. We should never allow this to happen. **Before Adam and Eve sinned, they had only experience of spiritual emotions; they were just prayer partners**. After they got associated with Satan, they had started practicing the physical emotions. *In the course of time their off-springs have got sedated and become addicted to physical emotions*. Today physical emotion controls the spirit and the soul. Most of us take decision emotionally (unfortunately believers too some time).

What exactly went wrong with human life after their disobedience to God's word?

The corruptive thinking started occupying man's mind (refer to Cain's life; in fact God exactly pointed out to him the same; Genesis 4:5-8). God said to Cain not to allow bad thinking to take a shape (image).

The creator has designed the human system such that the thinking becomes the origin of every physical action.

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Before our thinking takes a shape, we must seek God's help either to permit it or cast it down. That's the reason why God says that His thinking is not like us and His ways (truths) are not similar to ours; of course this is after Adam and Eve had committed sin. Refer to Isaiah 55:8 to have further enrichment on this line. In order to bring homogeneity in our thinking like Him (human life before committing sin), God has given His Word (Jesus Christ) and His Spirit (Holy God). Whenever we get into a problem in our life, we must seek after God's word. Jesus says that His words have life (John 3:34-36). If we follow God's word (Jesus Christ), we take control of our physical emotion because the word of God is the spirit and life.

An invisible emotion can be felt but a visible emotion can be seen.

3.0 Facets of Emotion

We understand that emotion is a feeling; feeling is the result of a thought; and a thought originates from the words we think to speak. In this section, we examine the multiple faces of emotion through an illustration. For the case study, we consider Abraham, Sarah and Hagar as the main characters. God invited Abraham for a divine mission; it was to build a faithful nation through a promised child (Genesis 15:2-6). God indeed spoke to Abraham about his generation and the blessings in detail. Abraham believed God's word; therefore a spiritual feeling was induced accordingly in him; it was credited to him as a faithful man.

Faith brings spiritual emotion

Now Sarah found Abraham's faith in God's word as impractical because of their physical outlook. A trail was coined for Abraham by the tempter through his wife Sarah. In fact when Abraham came back to Canaan from Egypt, God had blessed him abundantly with precious materials, flocks, camels etc. But Satan on his part had annexed Hagar with Sarah; so that he could operate her later. For a moment, let us examine, who are all annexed in our spiritual journey? We need to pray for all, who have direct or indirect connection with our life. Continuing our discussion, we further see that Satan had injected

disbelief into Sarah's mind; a depression developed. As a result, Sarah started complaining against God's plan instead of praising Him for the blessed life she had (Genesis 16:2). A careful examination would reveal that Sarah had an extreme instability in her thought life system. She said: "Perhaps I can build a family through her (Hagar)".

Thought gradient (difference of opinion) will bring instability into a thinking process.

Whenever, we take any emotional decision, we are prone to commit mistakes. Let's see what Sarah had committed.

- She did not first of all believe God's word
- She believed the physical world, accepting a solution through Hagar
- She raised her level over Abraham by imposing on him her plan
- She did not ask God for the approval of the proposed plan
- She seeded a disbelief into a faithful mind (Abraham's)

Indeed Scriptures clearly says that Abraham was a faithful man.

What happened now?

The father of faith in order to make Sarah a foster mother simply followed her words; exactly similar mistake the first man had also committed in Eden. When we do not believe God's word, certainly we commit blunder and face the consequences in the physical world.

Physical emotion will corrupt spiritual feeling.

Yet not everything finished; after a few months Hagar became pregnant and now Sarah could see Satan's true color in Hagar. Always, in the beginning Satan will make all the possible attempts to attract a person into his net; at the end, he will start laughing once his plan got executed because all his plans certainly would bring failures to those who willfully apply them in their life. So, Sarah was despised by Hagar.

We must be careful, while creating any image. Sarah received Satan's thought to have a child through Hagar. She did not take counseling from God on such a plan. Remember, in

Genesis 15:2, Abraham had expressed to God that Eliezer of Damascus as his heir. Sarah would have been happy with this arrangement until God's word would be fulfilled. Indeed the objective of Satan's plan was to make Abraham, committing the mistake; so that he could intervene in God's plan as a destructive element. Sarah was a part in this deal unknowingly but played a role on her freewill.

Physical emotion drives mind miles away from confidence.

Sarah believed that Abraham's seed was physical; therefore she had arranged a physical partner to receive it.

When God saw that these incidents were happening in Abraham's house, He came down to meet Abraham. While God was discussing with Abraham about His plan of giving him the promised child, Abraham indeed just laughed at the God's word (Genesis 17:15-22). Yes, when we have world in us then we do not take seriously God's word.

Physical emotion destroys spiritual foundation.

Abraham was already happy, learning about Hagar's pregnancy; and he was emotional being a father in late ninety; so, his mind was not willing to easily get aligned with God's will.

However, our God is God of eternity. He always makes eternal covenant and He made it very clear to Abraham that the promised child would come through Sarah. So, revival started with the one, who started this whole episode i.e. Sarah. Now, God helped Sarah to reconstruct her thought life system to be faithful to have righteous emotion (Genesis 18:10, 14). When Sarah posed her faith on God's word, she received the promised blessing; further God gave her righteous thoughts to take wise decisions. Now the trouble for Abraham was to choose one; either God's plan or his own. Though Sarah recommended marrying Hagar, it was Abraham who had finalized the plan by accepting it. Now, Abraham wanted God's favor to execute his plan; that was to retain both kids with him (Genesis 21:10-14).

Confusion stimulates different facets of physical emotions in our mind; as a result heart is stressed.

When Sarah asked Abraham to send Hagar and her son out, Abraham went to God. But God righteously advised him to follow his wife. Physical emotions do not yield righteous feelings. Abraham found God's word truthful, unchanged, justice; he therefore behaved righteously.

4.0 Conclusions

Physical emotion changes situation temporarily; therefore cannot provide solutions to our eternal problem (eternal death). Jesus had spiritual emotions in the garden of Gethsemane, while worshiping God Almighty. Jesus could sense God's purpose in His life; however Satan pressurized and stressed Him with physical emotions. But Jesus permitted God's will to take control of his physical emotions. He submitted his flesh to be tormented, listening to Spirit of God. Indeed for God's will to control our emotions, we have to follow Jesus by submitting our flesh to Holy Spirit.

Well, we all say Lord's Prayer daily (Matthew 6:9-13); but the need is to truly submit ourselves to the living God Almighty through our invisible emotion to take control of the visible emotion.

Amen Praise the Lord.

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