

Lesson 15

The Lordship of Jesus

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. We will easily say, “Jesus is my Lord,” but the reality is many of us are living with other lords. In other words, other things are ruling over our lives. We become slaves to that to which we submit.

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Romans 6:16

- A. Lordship is both theological and practical. The practical side is how you are living. Is Jesus the Lord of your life, or are other things the lord of your life?
- B. We can submit to the lordship of chronic sickness. Many people believe God could heal them, but He might not. That's a false lord, because the decision to heal all has already been made.

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

John 5:1-9

- C. The paralyzed man submitted to the lordship of bad teaching, or a superstition, and those things defined his life.
 - D. The paralyzed man submitted to a wrong concept of God. He didn't know the Word, the promises of God, or God's covenant. He left healing up to other lords, and those lords dominated his life.
 - E. Anything that's limiting your life is a false lord.
- II. There are examples in the Bible showing that the people who got healed were willing to break the lordship that had bound them.
- A. The woman with an issue of blood was moved to break through their traditions and through the law in order to get to Jesus, touch Him, and receive healing, because she was unwilling to submit to the lordship of the law.

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Mark 5:25-34

- B. In the story of the paralytic on a cot, his friends were unwilling to submit to the lordship of politeness and etiquette.

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their

hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Mark 2:1–12

- C. In the story of blind Bartimaeus, he knew it was Jesus walking by and that this was his chance. He wasn’t lorded over by people’s opinions. Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who wore a garment that people could see from a distance that identified him as a beggar. However, he didn’t submit to the lordship of being known as a blind beggar. He didn’t submit to an identity that limited him.

Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Mark 10:46–52

- D. In the culture of the time, Gentiles—or Canaanites—were considered dogs, and Gentile women were the dogs of the dogs. The Canaanite woman refused to submit to the lordship of being considered inferior because she was a Canaanite and a woman. She refused that, and Jesus even used the common language of the day, “Gentiles are dogs.” Yet, that didn’t stop her.

From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept

asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Mark 7:24–30

- III. We need to start knocking down some of these things that are restricting our lives and stealing from us.
 - A. We’ve got to determine what has authority in our lives—the vision and the promises of God or a bank account and doctor’s report.
 - B. You can’t let fear or your past be your lord, or you will never accomplish God’s purpose for your life.
- IV. False lords can be knocked over and done away with, and the truth will set you free.
 - A. Your heart might have different little lords enthroned in it, and sickness or the doctor’s report might be one of them. If you have allowed limitations in your life based upon those little lords in your heart, you can knock them down.

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Proverbs 23:7

- B. You can decide that Jesus is your Lord, and Jesus is the Lord of health and healing. Just the recognition of this will start setting you free, and you’ll start moving into a new dimension of faith. You’ll have a new vision for your life of the potential that is out there, and you can be healed, be whole, and walk in health.
- C. Choose to not look at circumstances, the past, people’s opinions, inconveniences, limitations, education, or physical appearance. Choose to look at the things that are not seen, or in this context, choose to look at the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

V. Spiritual eyes choose to see the Lordship of Jesus, not the lordships of limitations.

A. Let us lay aside every lord that we have allowed to influence and constrain and restrict our lives, and let us press on.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

B. Some of us aren't getting healed because we're not calling on the name of the Lord. We're allowing other lords to dictate how we live. Superstitions, bad teaching, people's opinions, family history, educational level, and other lords have stolen from the Lord. We need to make a choice now and decide, "Enough with all these other lords. I'm going to submit to the Lord, the One who died for me, the One who has provided healing for my body and a purpose for my life, praise God."

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:13

C. Make a choice that Jesus is your Lord. Put that revelation on, let that truth set you free, and make no provision for any other lord.

VI. You tell your body what's up. "Jesus is Lord, I'm getting up today. Jesus is Lord, I'm going to take care of myself today. Jesus is Lord, whatever I couldn't do yesterday, I'm going to do it today because Jesus is Lord, praise God." Now, there might be some resistance, but you have the Greater One living within you, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

John 8:36

A. People who give up don't know who their lord is.

That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:12

VII. The Lordship of Christ will lift you up, heal you, and set you on your eternal course.

- A. God wants you to enjoy the same quality of life that He enjoys, and He's given us promises, not limitations, not fear—but faith that the Lordship of Jesus could set us free to walk out our full purpose in health and enjoy life.

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:3-4

- B. We have been translated from the dominion of other lords into the dominion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His lordship is all about you being completely whole, completely healthy, and completely full of God's purpose, God's joy, and God's peace.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Colossians 1:13
