

### #37 A SPOKEN WORD.....

*In my sleep, this word found in Psalm 37:37 is spoken to me, "Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright: For the future of that man is peace."*

The lesson here is to understand the term "blameless" and to realize that this state of spirit brings peace. We will refer to the practical side of blamelessness. We are to be blameless before the Lord, not perfect in the sense many suppose. Our righteousness comes from Jesus Christ but our lives must bear fruit to that or else we can question our state of holiness. We as Christians are always being sanctified and changed. We all have faults and weaknesses that must be overcome. What we call gross sins need to be stopped quickly, or true repentance is lacking. Our other imperfections and infirmities will often be more slowly dealt with by the Lord.

To be blameless is to be in a state where we are walking in the light of the known will of God. This condition will always produce peace and a clear conscience. Each time the Lord refines us, we like silver will have dirt and dross rise to the surface where it can be seen more clearly. We then can remove or judge it with God's help, and through confession and repentance gain victory over that stronghold in our lives. We do go through stages where we feel pure and holy and that all is well with our soul. Our hearts do not condemn or convict us. This is a state of peace and joy. Later the Lord will begin to refine more and show us new dirt and dross that need to be removed. We then become somewhat grieved realizing we are so sinful and weak.

Yet, my friends, we had these things in us from the time before we came to Christ, but God in His mercy does not show us immediately the full extent of our sin and selfishness. Our poor human frames could not bear it! This is why the Lord takes us through degrees of sanctification that we can partake of His nature and grace. Again, to be blameless in practical terms is to be walking in the light we have been given and not willfully and knowingly rebelling against the dealings of the Lord, or sinning purposely against Him. This is a state of peace and joy that causes us to move upward with the Lord.