

The Sickness and the Vaccine for Racism

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To all who want rest from this burden of Racism:

I write this letter asking you to join me in declaring that our nation has carried the burden of racism for too long. I was born in Rienzi, Mississippi. I am now 66 years old. I have been preaching for 44 years and served the Mt. Zion Baptist Church for 35 years. I am old enough to have seen a thing or two and know our struggle. I have come into a discovery in the Psalms that reveals truth hidden in plain sight. I am sharing that truth with you.

The common approach to racism and reconciliation is to bypass the cause and go straight to, **“Let’s get along with each other.”** I have had meeting with clergy and they will say, **“We are all God’s children.”** I have had meeting with school boards and teachers and they want to talk about equity, diversity and inclusion. People want to avoid talking about the cause. We can not heal the divide, in our nation, without knowing the cause of our sickness.

The Sickness

The Sickness: Racism is like a sickness that causes multiple symptoms across society. Some of the symptoms are deadly, some are discriminatory and others are discouraging, but all of them flow from a lie that started in the Church.

The Church: The sickness of racism started, in the Church, with a lie from **Genesis 9:24-27**. Ham did something and the Scripture says, “Cursed be Canaan.” However, the clergy ignored the truth of Scripture and said **“Cursed be Ham”** to support slavery and give moral authority to racism claiming,— it is approved by God.

This lie, that **Ham & his seed** (Black People), were cursed to be black, inferior and slaves, was passed down by tradition and repeated to support race inferiority & superiority. The tradition of racism was birthed by the Church and crafted into the laws of the land.

The laws are put in practice by law enforcement, criminal justice, education, economics, healthcare, media, public policy and social order. These together form **systemic racism**.

The Court: In the **Dred Scott Decision** (1857), Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney said, *“the Negro has no rights that a white man is bound to respect.”* The Supreme Court gave the legal authority to disrespect Black people.

The Police: The 13th Amendment abolished slavery in 1865. However, the southern states and Bible Belt lost their free slave labor and responded by enacting Black Codes and hired police to arrest Black people for the least of offense. Black people were arrested and given high fines that they could not pay. They had to pay the fine by working on plantations they once served as slaves. Police were hired to deliberately target Black people for the least of offense. The tradition of police deliberately targeting Black people for petty offenses remains today.

The Church and Court: The Church gave the moral authority to disrespect Black people. The Supreme Court gave the legal authority to disrespect Black people. The Church and Court said **Black Lives do not matter**. This created a comfortable tradition of devaluing and disrespecting Black people.

The Media served as the Super Spreader of the Sickness: The newspapers followed a policy of never showing a photo of a black person in the newspaper unless it was connected to a crime. The repeated display of Black photos connected to crimes promoted the idea that all Black people are criminals. Any Black person walking along the street was looked upon with suspicion. Police suspicions and stopping people, **just for being black**, and white citizens immediate negative assumptions of black people comes from centuries of cultural beliefs fueled by this lie created in the Church.

The Multiple Symptoms: There are multiple symptoms of racism across society. The symptoms with the police department are easy to identify, they kill a person and we see the dead body. When the school teacher does it, they kill the potential and promise of a student. When a banker does it, they kill the dream of owning a home or starting a business. When an employer does it, they kill an opportunity. When the mayor or city council does it, they kill the growth and development of a neighborhood. When we do it to ourselves, we sabotage our own potential and success.

Tradition: Tradition allows a lie to be accepted as truth, because it is passed down from the lips of people we trust. We trust them and believe them. Therefore, we have believed lies about ourselves and each other.

We behave according to what we believe.

Genesis 9:25-27

25 And he said, Cursed be Cā'-nā-ān; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.
26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Cā'-nā-ān shall be his servant.
27 God shall enlarge Jā'-phēth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Cā'-nā-ān shall be his servant.
Eph. 2:13, 14

The Vaccine

Truth is the Vaccine for Racism: The truth of Ham is revealed in the Psalms. *Israel also came into Egypt, And Jacob dwell in the land of Ham* (Psalm 78:51, 105:23-27; 106:22NKJV). Egypt is the Land of Ham.

The Egyptians descend from Ham's son, **Mizraim**. Ham's seed were the **Slave Masters** over Israel for **430 years**. This could not have been possible, if Ham was cursed to be the slave. Black People were not cursed to be black, inferior or slaves. Inferior or superior, by color, is **a big lie** passed down by tradition. **Now you know the TRUTH!**

The Silence of Commentaries and Bible Study Helps: The Commentaries and Bible Study Helps remains silent, not explaining, (**Land of Ham**) in the Psalms.

I encourage you to verify these verses in Commentaries and Bible Study Helps, even the *Treasury of David* by C. H. Spurgeon. You will find that they do not explain the **land of Ham** or **Tabernacle of Ham**. One source says land of Ham is another word for Egypt.

Why are they silent and do not explain it? Many of the Commentaries and Bible Study Helps are written by clergy who are blind from tradition and have benefitted from racism and to explain the **land of Ham** and **tabernacle of Ham** in the Psalms will rock the boat.

How do they explain **Ham** being the **Slave Master**, when tradition says **Ham** was cursed to be the **slave**? So they say little or nothing. They have no idea what it feels like to have your skin alone — be perceived as a threat or a weapon because of a lie. It is time for us, as a nation, to rest from this burden.

I ask you to join me in the TRUTH.

We can never know the life and experience of others in their color of skin,
but we can know the truth. Truth is the Vaccine for Racism.

Ask your family, study group or congregation to do the following:

1. Read Genesis 9:24-27 you will find that Ham did something, but the curse was upon Canaan, not Ham.
Read Genesis 10:6 Ham had four sons Cush, **Mizraim**, Phut and Canaan. (The Egyptians descend from Mizraim.)
2. Then read Psalm 78:51; 105:23 & 27 & 106:22 and you will see that the Scriptures calls Egypt the **Land of Ham**.
Verify by checking your Commentaries and Bible Study Helps for Psalm 78:51; 105:23-27; 106:22. They avoid explaining the **Land of Ham**.
3. Read Exodus 12:40-41 Israel was living in Egypt for 430 years. They had a period of freedom until Joseph died, then they were enslaved by the Egyptians. **The Egyptians, (Ham's Seed, Black people)** were the **Slave Masters** over Israel for 430 years. Again I say, This could not have been possible, if Ham was cursed to be the slave.
4. Share this **TRUTH** with others, beginning with your own household. **The tradition** about the curse of Ham is a **BIG LIE**. Now we are able to tell the **TRUTH** by reading the Psalms. We do not need to get some other book; We stay with the same Scriptures.

The Scriptures identify people by land, language, family and nation, **not skin color**. **Genesis 10:5** *By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.* Color describes, it does not define.

New Statement about Racism:

Racism is built upon a lie that came from clergy in the church who ignored the truth of Scripture and passed down a lie by tradition as if it was approved by God.

That lie was crafted into the laws of the land, enforced and supported by systems.

Inferior or superior by skin color is a lie, — it has always been a lie.

Chief Justice Taney said, **“the Negro has no rights that a white man is bound to respect.”** We are not color blind and must overcome the years of conditioning with skin color. We overcome by resetting the language and adding value to the color with The Diamond Pledge. This Pledge removes **the traditional** assumptions about people based on skin color and resets the value of all people as **Diamonds** (**Black Diamond, Champagne Diamond or Crystal Diamonds**). Just saying “Diamond” suggest value, worth and respect. I will explain The Diamond Pledge in my next letter.

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God Bless,



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Psalm 105:23
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his seed

Psalm 78:51
51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
105:36; 135:8; 136:10 • struck