Teaching: "When the offence comes'"

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Taking an offence is not healthy, it brings destructive consequences as we can see in certain bible situations.

- King Saul (David's 10 thousands), 1st Samuel 18:7.
- King David (David was displeased), 2nd Samuel 6:4.
- Michal (Saul's daughter), 1st Chronicles 15:29.
- Moses (struck the rock twice), Numbers 20:11.
- John the Baptist (are you the Christ?), Matthew 11:3.
- Parable of the prodigal, (the older son) Luke 15:28.
- Pharisees (offended at Christ), Matthew 15:12.

Jesus spoke of the importance off not taking the offence;

And if thy right eye <u>offend</u> thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell, Matthew 5:29, Mark 9:47.

And if he trespasses against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turns again to you, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him. And the apostles said to the Lord, <u>Give us more faith</u>, <u>Luke 17:4-5.</u>.

We can be offended, or the offence can come to us by;

- others parties perception of a situation.
- other peoples poor choice of words, (no offence meant).
- We take offence, of an unfair judgment we perceive.
- ∗ Etc.

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- Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offence come! , Matthew 18:7.
- (parable of the sower; seed that falls on shallow ground) Yet has he not root in himself, but endureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, by and by he is offended, Matthew 13:21.
- And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house, Matthew 13:57.
- And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another, Matthew 24:10.
- Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of Me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad, Matthew 26:31.
- These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended, John 16:1.