

## Gratitude: Balance of Residency cp.w Balance of Venom

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### H. Balance of Venom

A believer who is positive toward Bible doctrine will come to realize that his gratitude gauge goes up in direct proportion to his understanding of the matchless grace of God. Although the new believer is imputed God's perfect righteousness at the moment of salvation, he does not possess any of His righteous standards in his soul. In other words, although he is declared righteous by a judicial verdict, he cannot think righteously in his soul.

Therefore, he cannot do justice, love loyalty, or walk humbly with his God. His soul is clogged with behavior patterns and character traits based on wheel-tracks of wickedness.

Habituation of old wheel-tracks by the inculcation and facilitation of God's righteous standards enables the believer to advance to experiential sanctification. From this comes an equilibrium in the soul that we refer to as the balance of residency.

Balance of residency is the state where the believer experiences dual *plhroma* of the soul. Under the balance of residency, there is an equal filling of the believer's soul by both the indwelling Holy Spirit and by *epignosis* doctrine. When there is a balance of residency in the soul between the filling of the Holy Spirit and maximum doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness, the believer's capacity for blessing is maximized as well.

A principle emerges: Maximum knowledge of the Eternal Logos, or the righteous standards of divine integrity, produces a maximum capacity to glorify God.

A formula can be developed to pull these concepts together:

$$\mathbf{FHS + MBRIS = SM + BR = CR}$$

The Filling of the Holy Spirit, plus Maximum Bible Doctrine Resident in the Soul, equals Spiritual Maturity, plus Balance of Residency, equals Capacity Righteousness.

This principle is countered by an opposite balance of residency and resultant lack of capacity experienced by the reversionist; we'll call it Balance of Venom.

Here's its formula:

$$\mathbf{SQC + VBS + VSB = BV + NV = SUD}$$

Status Quo Carnality, plus Venom of Bitterness in the Soul, plus the Venom of Snakes in the Body, equals Balance of Venom, plus Negative Volition, equals the Sin unto Death.

It is because of this Balance of Venom that a large number of believers are going to die in our generation. The manna we have been provided on a daily basis is the bread of heaven. To quote our Lord in:

**Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live only by bread, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**

Rejection of this manna is equal to the first-generation Jews' rejection of the Lord's instruction. The initial test to see if the Jews would go by His instruction demanded that they become organized.

Sometimes the manna spoiled, sometimes it didn't. In order to know which, they had to follow directions. If manna was kept overnight it spoiled. If it was kept overnight on Fridays it was preserved for the Sabbath. If you went to collect it from Sunday through Friday it was available but if you went on Saturday, it wasn't. The only way they could get organized was to invent the world's first day timer. With a calendar they could organize their time, organize their schedule, and organize their lives.

If Israel is to function as a Client Nation its citizens must be organized and professional and part of that process is good time management. God plans to issue further instructions at Sinai which involve sacrifices, feast days, holidays, sabbaths, and rituals which are to be performed according to a strict schedule throughout the year. If the Jews can't get organized to gather their own daily bread, how are they going to get organized enough to perform the rituals of worship.

Message to the Church Age believer: If you can't get organized in your work to where you can devote adequate time to the intake of doctrine then you will sooner or later look on your blessings as "*miserable food.*"

The Jews of the first generation had developed a huge level of bitter venom in their souls. Since there must be a Balance of Venom, God permitted the snakes of the *Jornada* to inject neuro-and hematotoxic venom into their bodies.