

This Silver Cord Business

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I was asked, "Sarge, what's all this 'silver cord' business I hear you're teaching?"

Sargent Answers: It is located in Ecclesiastes 12:5-7, "Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because **man goeth to his long home**, and the **mourners** go about the streets: **Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**" It has to do in the passage with death: "...Or ever the silver cord be loosed..." in the context "...Then shall the dust return to the earth..." and "...and the spirit shall return unto God ..." A similar implication shows up in 1 Corinthians 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**" In both passages the soul is left out because in this life that determination rests on what God requires as it is the soul that is the person. We know that we as humans have all three: 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your **whole spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This locates the actual individual as the soul; and at the death of the body the soul goes to hell if the spirit is dead and heaven if the spirit is alive. There is therefore a connection to all three parts and they are interdependent one to another. Something is a conduit from the inner most part to the outer most part. There is some sort of network that transfers information from the physical to the spiritual in the human construct of body, soul and spirit. It would be similar to the nervous system and more than likely is connected to the nervous system however there is no real reference to this but the fact that it is an information network that crosses over from the physical to the soul and then to the spirit. There is an obvious connection between them or they could not affect each other. Your soul could not feel what your body feels; and what your body does that is sin would not affect the life of your spirit to cause it to die in sin. These things have a push / pull effect on one another so that one pulls the other and another pushes the other.

There is a link to the cords that bridle the body from the soul so that you (the soul) can order the body while in life (saved or lost.) So the question is when the Bible talks about the heart what is this referring too and where is it located? Proverbs

4:23, "**Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**" Is that the blood pump or something else? Notice that the tongue is connected to the heart: Proverbs 10:20, "**The tongue** of the just is as choice silver: **the heart** of the wicked is little worth." There is more to this than just choice silver. There has to be a communication link between the physical body and the soul which is the "you" inside the body and for a saved person that connection extends to a living spirit that is sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:6, "And hath raised us up together, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus...**" That connection goes all the way to the third heaven Hebrews 6:19, "**Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and stedfast, and **which entereth into that within the veil...**" For a lost person that has a dead spirit; they are not alive to God: not connected UP... they are connected DOWN so that John 8:24, "I said therefore unto you, that **ye shall die in your sins**: for if ye believe not that I am he, **ye shall die in your sins.**" When their body dies and goes to the dirt; their spirit is also given up as a dead spirit and it returns unto God who gave it: Ecclesiastes 12:7, "**Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**" But because there is no life in that spirit; the soul is therefore LOST. Matthew 18:11, "For the Son of man is come to **save that which was lost.**" Yet while the body lives in everyone there is a connection between the body, soul and spirit. A lost person that receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior gets imputed righteousness Romans 4:22, "And therefore it was **imputed to him for righteousness.**" and his sins are imputed to Jesus Christ: Romans 4:8, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord **will not impute sin.**" And 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For **he hath made him to be sin for us**, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**" his spirit is born again John 3:6-7, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit.** Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**" and becomes an express creation of God; a new creature in Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new.**" Then the Lord works outward and because of the nature of the spirit being sinless: 1 John 5:18, "We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not**; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." And the soul is separated from the body as far as eternal responsibility goes for the sins of the body: Colossians 2:11, "In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ..." the carnal mind: Romans 8:6-9, "For to be **carnally minded** is death; but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace. Because **the**

carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So **then they that are in the flesh cannot please God**. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**” and the imaginations of the heart: Genesis 6:5, “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and **that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**” ALL sin is covered under the blood; because the soul is no longer a sinner; he is a saint. Only the body remains a sinner: Romans 7:18, “For I know that **in me** (that is, **in my flesh,**) **dwelleth no good thing:** for to will is present with me; but **how to perform that which is good I find not.**” Yet there is still a connection between all three: if there wasn't then we could not control our bodies. Yet the souls of saved people control their bodies: Galatians 5:24, “And they that are Christ's **have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**” And the in 1 Corinthians 14:32, “And **the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**” The soul has control of both body and spirit: 1 Corinthians 6:20, “For **ye** are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in **your** body, and in **your** spirit, **which are God's.**” That connection allows for your prayer to get from your soul through your spirit to the Holy Spirit to heaven to Jesus Christ and then to the Father.

This connection is listed as heart and reins: Psalms 26:2, “Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; **try my reins and my heart.**” And Psalms 73:21, “Thus my heart was grieved, and I was **pricked in my reins.**” And Jeremiah 11:20, “But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that **triest the reins and the heart,** let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.” Jeremiah 17:10, “I the LORD **search the heart, I try the reins,** even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” Jeremiah 20:12, “But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and **seest the reins and the heart,** let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.”

Reins are on a bridle that is put on a horse to turn him about and so your soul must have some means to turn your body about. The soul that is saved should be listening to the spirit inside that bears witness to the words of God; so that when the reins are pulled they are pulled in the direction that the Lord directs. God is not making you walk, or eat, or take a shower, or go to the bathroom: you do that! But the “YOU” is inside. It is the soul that is doing this and that.

Notice that a bridle is put in your mouth to keep you from sinning with your tongue: Psalms 39:1, “I said, I will take heed to my ways, **that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle,** while the wicked is before me.”

Lost people are pulled by their wicked hearts with a bridle that causes them to err: Isaiah 30:28, “And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and **there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.**” Because the soul of a lost person can only attain to the carnal mind and the wicked imaginations of the heart and any familiar spirits they have gathered in life. But that bridle is not just for the tongue it is for the whole body: James 3:2, “For in many things we offend all. **If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.**”

This cord that reins like a bridle is loosed at the death of the body: your soul is no longer in control of the body which falls to the ground; and all three parts are broken apart. Like a vessel being broken and what is inside comes out. A soul is a spiritual body; that if this person dies in their sin goes down; and the spirit is like wind and goes back to God who gave it. It is this connection between these parts that would be the bridle that reins the body so that the soul is in control of both body and spirit. That is descriptive of what a cord is; and would be loosed at the death of the body. This may not be so obvious if you have not heretofore studied this subject.

I hope that this study has been a blessing to you and clears up any question as to the silver cord.

The Cord

