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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language (Sing
A Song Of Christians Lesson VB—Looking
For Canaan Land In Vain)

I) Opening Prayer

II) Opening Discussion: **What did we learn
last time? This part of the lesson is the
reverse of the last one. Have you heard
God's call to do something and didn't do it,
or have you thought that you heard God tell**

you to do something but didn't pray and discern well enough and it turns out that God wasn't in it? In this part of the lesson, we are discussing disobedience and its effects. At first, these are physical effects.

We then are going to link these effects to the gloomy spiritual outcome that comes with chronic disobedience and not repenting with a sincere heart.

Today, we are going to see a Pinky and The Brain episode called **Brain's Way**.

Afterwards, we will have a Bible Study and discussion.

III) Cartoon Show: *And now the Pinky and The Brain episode Brain's Way*

IV) Bible Study I: Numbers 14: 1-45

V) Bible Study II, Analysis And Discussion

Referring To The Above: *For this lesson, we are saying that The Brain is a rebellious person (much like the Israelites in this scripture). Pinky follows the crowd in this lesson, so he is rebelling with the rebel, which is equally bad in God's sight. So, for*

this lesson, Pinky is held in the same symbol of the Israelite rebellion as The Brain.

We see that The Brain's plan is to take over the world with the help of very expensive speakers on both poles of Earth.

Furthermore, The Brain's plan involves the torture of everyone on the planet (the dripping faucet), so that they will be annoyed and maddened into submission.

What do you think of this plan? To finance his plan, he tries to raise money with a casino palace called **Brain's Palace**.

For this lesson we are going to say **to take over the world** is symbolic of **Canaan Land**.

In other words, taking over the world is the goal in The Brain's mind. **Why do you think a person like The Brain would want this goal?** We are going to look at this cartoon from a Biblical standpoint to refute The Brain's plan.

The Bible States:

Mt 5:1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

Mt 5:2 and he began to teach them, saying:

Mt 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Mt 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Mt 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Mt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

Mt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

Mt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called sons of God.

Mt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted

because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 5:11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

The Bible clearly states that God disagrees wholeheartedly with The Brain’s scheme to take over the world. The Brain is not meek, poor in spirit, or persecuted for righteousness. It looks like The Brain is exactly the opposite of the Bible scriptures called the ‘Beatitudes’.

What do you think about the old lady’s “moneylender’s joke (Pay me back or I

crack your back”)? It sounds to me like this old lady isn't that great with her attitude and may be taking advantage. Notice also, that she brags about her collection of stuff. It looks like that she is glad that these people couldn't pay in a very real sense. Let's assume that this lady is in her heart mean-spirited and taking advantage just to get a bunch of stuff.

The Bible refutes this woman too.

The Bible States:

Ne 5:1 Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their Jewish brothers.

Ne 5:2 Some were saying, “We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.”

Ne 5:3 Others were saying, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.”

Ne 5:4 Still others were saying, “We have had to borrow money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and vineyards.

Ne 5:5 Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery.

Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others.”

Ne 5:6 When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry.

Ne 5:7 I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, “You are exacting usury from your own

countrymen!” So I called together a large meeting to deal with them

^{Ne 5:8} and said: “As far as possible, we have bought back our Jewish brothers who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your brothers, only for them to be sold back to us!” They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

^{Ne 5:9} So I continued, “What you are doing is not right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies?”

Ne 5:10 I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let the exacting of usury stop!

Ne 5:11 Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the usury you are charging them—the hundredth part of the money, grain, new wine and oil.”

Ne 5:12 “We will give it back,” they said.

“And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say.”

Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised.

Ne 5:13 I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way may God shake out of his house and possessions every man who does not keep this promise. So may such a man be shaken out and emptied!”

At this the whole assembly said, “Amen,” and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.

Ne 5:14 Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor.

Ne 5:15 But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the

people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that.

Ne 5:16 Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land.

Ne 5:17 Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations.

Ne 5:18 Each day one ox, six choice sheep and some poultry were prepared for me, and

every ten days an abundant supply of wine of all kinds. In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people.

Ne 5:19 Remember me with favor, O my God, for all I have done for these people.

Let's again assume that this lady has a bad attitude and doesn't in her heart care if The Brain succeeds or not (even though it may very well look like she does care on the surface) and that she just wants to make her

considerable profit. Let's say that this old lady is actually exacting usury on The Brain.

Why is exacting usury a bad thing? We need to take Nehemiah's example here and apply righteousness to our own lives.

The way The Brain is acting with the construction workers (who look like they know more than The Brain does about building this casino), The Brain's song, and wasted money further proves The Brain's rebellious heart. The Brain wants to find

Canaan Land his way and not The Lord's way.

At first, he is booed and hissed at. Someone famous then hails him as the latest thing.

The Brain is lured into a false sense of security. After all of the warnings, you would think he would not have gone this far.

The old lady that symbolizes usury is the key here. The Brain should have stopped there (in other words, he should not even have built Brain's Palace). Can you see like

I do that this is a foreshadowing clue of God not wanting this plan?

Later on, we see that The Brain is actually making a name for himself in record albums and magazines. He further proves he is exactly the opposite of what the Bibles teaching by this. One of his albums actually says **Come Worship Me**. This is of course extremely dangerous because only the one and only Triune God is God. The Brain is making himself out to be a god. This is

idolatry at its supreme height. He is even getting kids to sing his tunes.

Eventually, it looks as if God has had enough of **Brain's Palace** and gives Pinky to confusion. Pinky is allowed to install games that only make people winners and bankrupts the casino. Because of his sin against God, The Brain loses everything including his freedom (just like the Israelites who rebelled). Now, The Brain is forced to work for something. **Can you remember what that something is?**

The Brain is forced to try to perform to buy back the lab. In real life, since The Brain is many millions of dollars in debt he would not be able to. According to this cartoon series, Brain is middle-aged at two years old. The Brain would never see freedom really again to make another plan very easily. He is singing his song 50 times a night according to this episode to pay for **ACME Labs**. He has to remember, he did it **Brain's Way**, not God's way all the rest of

his life (of course, that is in real-life conditions).

VI) Closing Comments, Analysis, And

Discussion: Have you heard the analogy

that we as Christians are looking to go to

Canaan Land too and possess it? I have

heard many preachers refer to Canaan Land

as our goal. Our goal is to go to Heaven.

As Christians, we know and believe we are

guaranteed Heaven if we follow God's laws

and accept Jesus as our personal Lord and

Savior. Neither the Israelites saw their

Canaan Land, nor did The Brain. According to scriptures, Heaven is our home. As well, according to scriptures, we don't have to take over the world because Earth is our inheritance. If we hold true to God's way, not our way, we will gain our Canaan Land. We won't be looking in vain.

What have we learned? How can we apply all of this to our lives today and in our lives as a whole?

VII) Closing Prayer