



# Taking the Land

A Spiritual Guide to  
Restoration of the Soul

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## INTRODUCTION

John and Glenna Miller's background in ministry has included experiences with cults, the occult, and ritual abuse. They have explored many ministry models and have taken what they have learned to develop a ministry applicable to all Christians. Since 1992, the Lord has been teaching and leading them in the development of this particular model. As a result, they have ministered in many locations in the United States and around the world.

Mission Statement: They desire to see people delivered from spiritual, emotional, and physical bondages that prevent them from being all God has created them to be. They want to see this freedom manifest in the life of every believer, so that each one can do everything the Lord has called him, or her, to do. They take seriously the charge of Isaiah 58:6-12, "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?" and the promise of Psalm 23, He restores the soul.

They do not believe in violating anyone's free will or imposing their agenda so others will be set free. They are not into shouting and show. They do not believe in condemning anyone for being victimized by the enemy and being deceived. They do not believe that Christians can be demon possessed, but they do believe they can be affected in a number of ways by demonic influences.

They begin the process of restoration by teaching how to appropriate the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to destroy the roots of sin and iniquity in our lives. They illustrate, from Scripture, our dominion and authority in Christ. They discuss and pray concerning root issues such as generational and cultural iniquity, dedications and baptisms to anything or anyone other than our Lord Jesus Christ, ungodly soul ties, curses, and the influence of antichrist in our lives.

In the seminar they discuss what the Bible says about our soul, and how it is damaged through sin and events in our lives. Also discussed are issues relating to familiar spirits and demonic deceptions. They teach how the Lord's promise of restoration is achieved. In the seminar and in personal ministry sessions, they facilitate the Lord's ministry to areas of trauma and brokenness. They have been blessed to see the Lord heal many people and relationships. They see this as a process, not something accomplished in a single session or day. (See Deuteronomy 7:22 and Exodus 23:29.)

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# SECTION ONE: FOUNDATIONS

## WHO IS GOD? - WHO IS MAN?

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### God Is

#### *Triune and Creator*

The Hebrew word used for God in this passage is a plural form.

Go...in the name of the **Father...Son...Holy Spirit**. (Matthew 28:19)  
[Emphasis ours]

In the beginning **God created** the **heavens** and the **earth**. (Genesis 1:1)  
[Emphasis ours]

Thus says God the LORD, Who **created** heavens...**gives breath** and...**spirit**.  
(Isaiah 42:5) [Emphasis ours]

#### *Father and Judge*

He is **the Father and the Judge**. (Genesis 1:1-3, 2:1)

Let your light so shine...they may see...and glorify **your Father in heaven**.  
(Matthew 5:16) [Emphasis ours]

Be merciful, just as your **Father** also is **merciful**. (Luke 6:36) [Emphasis ours]

I saw a **great white throne** and **Him** who sat on it...**judged**. (Revelation  
20:11-15) [Emphasis ours]

They will have to give an account to Him Who is ready to **judge** and pass  
sentence on the **living** and the **dead**. (1 Peter 4:5) [Emphasis ours]

A God **merciful** and **gracious**, slow to anger, and abundant in **loving-  
kindness** and truth...forgiving iniquity...and sin...(Exodus 34:6-7, Amplified  
Bible) [Emphasis ours]

#### *Son and Savior*

In the beginning was **the Word...the Word was God...All things** were made  
through Him...**In Him was life...the life was the light of men**. (John 1:1-4)  
[Emphasis ours]

Jesus came to **represent us** as righteous before the Father, to  
**bring peace** and **reconciliation**, **so we can come boldly** before  
the throne. (John 14:27; Romans 3:22-26, 5:11)

Let us therefore come **boldly to the throne** of grace. (Hebrews 4:16)  
[Emphasis ours]

He also came to serve as **God's ambassador** and **represent the  
Father** to us. (John 14:9) He came to demonstrate the love **so we  
are willing** to go before His throne. (Hebrews 4:16)

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the **Son as Savior** of the world. (1 John 4:14) [Emphasis ours]

[The testimony of our Lord] Has now been revealed by the appearing of our **Savior Jesus Christ**, who has **abolished death** and **brought life and immortality...** (2 Timothy 1:10) [Emphasis ours]

### ***Holy Spirit and Controller***

The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)

Biblical evidence suggests the Holy Spirit is infinitely powerful. Through His power, God is in absolute control.

If the **Spirit** of Him who **raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He...will also give life...through His Spirit. (Romans 8:11) [Emphasis ours]

...**Mighty signs and wonders**, by the **power of the Spirit of God...**(Romans 15:19) [Emphasis ours]

To Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly** above all that we ask or think....(Ephesians 3:20) [Emphasis ours]

### **Man Is**

God said, "Let us **make man in Our Image**, according to **Our likeness...**" (Genesis 1:26-27) [Emphasis ours]

Man became a **\*living being**. (Genesis 2:7) [Emphasis ours] \*(Genesis 2:7, breath, **breath of divine inspiration**)

Mankind is created to **reflect the image** and **have the likeness** of God.

### ***Triune Like God***

May your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23) [Emphasis ours]

Man was created to be the Lord's **friend** and **companion**. (2 Corinthians 13:14; John 15:14-15; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:3) Furthermore, we are God's **eternal children** and **joint heirs** with Christ. (Romans 8:16-17)

He has **not** put the world to come...**in subjection to angels...**"**What is man...**You have **crowned him with glory and honor**, and **set him over the works of Your hands**"...**all things put under him**. (Hebrews 2:5-8) [Emphasis ours]

## WHAT IS SALVATION?

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### Re-Creation, Healing, Deliverance, Restoration

*Yshuw'ah* (yesh-oo'-aw) means something **saved**, deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity:—deliverance, health, help, salvation, **save, saving** (health), welfare. (Strong's 3444) [Emphasis ours]

*Y'esh u wa'* (yay-sho-'ah) means he will save. **Jeshua** was the name of ten Israelites. (Strong's 3442) [Emphasis ours] Our Anglicized form is **Joshua**, for the Hebrew name in the Old Testament, and **Jesus**, the name of our Lord, from the Greek, in the New Testament.

He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world**. (Ephesians 1:4) [Emphasis ours]

Whose names are not written in the Book of Life **from the foundation of the world...**(Revelation 17:8) [Emphasis ours]

Jesus, by the shedding of His own blood, has made **atonement**, has **paid**, for **all the sins of the world, forever**, meaning forever past, forever present, and forever future. (1 John 2:2)

But Christ came as High Priest...with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place **once for all**, having **obtained eternal redemption**. (Hebrews 9:11-12) [Emphasis ours]

The **gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23) [Emphasis ours]

### Fear a Hindrance to Salvation

Why don't people immediately step forward to receive this wonderful **gift of salvation** from our Lord? **The greatest hindrance** to receiving the gift **is fear**.

God speaks specifically about those controlled by fear.

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief...they could not enter**. (Hebrews 3:12-19) [Emphasis ours]

"He who overcomes shall inherit all things...but **the cowardly, unbelieving...**shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:7-8) [Emphasis ours]

That through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime **subject to bondage**. (Hebrews 2:14-15) [Emphasis ours]

The fear of death can encompass much more than physical death. It can **also include** death of soul, death of relationships, loss of lifestyle, loss of control, death of hopes and dreams, and loss of careers.

## On the Other Hand

You did not receive the spirit of **bondage again to fear**, but you received the **spirit of adoption**. (Romans 8:15) [Emphasis ours]

The power of fear has been overcome in Jesus Christ for all who will receive!

We offer this sample prayer for you to proclaim to both your soul and the spiritual realm.

*There are many Sample Prayers in this manual. We strongly encourage you to read each prayer aloud, fervently, because your voice is the most powerful voice in the world for your soul, your spoken word has great authority, and we covenant to agree with you every time you say any of these prayers.*

### Sample Prayer:

**I renounce all the sins of my past. I renounce all the hidden things of shame, and the power of those things to control me. I renounce all of my decisions and choices that have turned my soul or humanity over to the control of Satan's kingdom.**

**Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank You for setting me apart. I thank You for the gift of righteousness and the gift of grace by which I am washed and justified.**

**I know that the Lord Jesus Christ has delivered me from the power of darkness. I thank You that I am no longer subject to condemnation or to the Law of sin and death. I have been freed from captivity by the Law of the Spirit of Life and restored into Your loving care.**

**I thank You for Your living Word that renews my mind and destroys the power of deception that has controlled me. I thank You for cleansing and restoring my soul and for giving me the ability to prosper in all things even as my soul prospers.**

## I praise Your Holy Name! Amen.

You may have noted this is a prayer of salvation. In it we didn't tell the Lord all the things we will do for Him. Instead, we thanked Him for all the wonderful things He has done for us. Because we don't know you or your circumstances, we place this prayer here for your protection in order to insure you are saved before you proceed with any form of deliverance.

[Begin Session 2]

### Process of Salvation

It is important to note that salvation is at once instantaneous and a process. This can be confusing, so we offer our view of how it all fits together.

Just as it was with Moses when he was constructing the Tabernacle of God, there are **three major stages** in the process of our salvation.

### Phase One: Salvation of the Spirit

In Exodus 25-27, the Lord described the construction of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. He described the construction of the Ark, a consecrated place for His sanctuary. He stated that He would commune with Moses from above the Mercy Seat. Then He commanded the construction of a tent, the Most Holy Place, to house the Ark. Finally, there was to be another tent defined as a holy Place, the Court of the Tabernacle, and the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

When we compare this to Solomon's Temple, we see the construction of the Holy of Holies, the Inner Court, and the Outer Court. Since we are now defined as the temple of God, we see another parallel. Our **innermost** being is our **spirit**, our **holy of holies**. The **central** part of our being is our **soul**, our **inner court**. The **exterior** part of our being is our **body**, the **outer court**. We believe that our salvation shall be completed in accordance with God's description of His Temple in Exodus: first, the holy of holies; then, the inner court; and finally, the outer court.

I will...put a **new spirit** within them...and give them a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 11:19)  
[Emphasis ours]

Therefore if **any person** is [engrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a **new creation**...the old...has passed away. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21, AB) [Emphasis ours]

**You were once darkness, but now you are light** in the Lord. Walk as **children of light**. (Ephesians 5:8-9) [Emphasis ours]

Put on the **new man** which was **created** according to God, in **true righteousness and holiness**. (Ephesians 4:24) [Emphasis ours]

**You were washed...you were sanctified...you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11) [Emphasis ours] (Also Romans 8:35-39, 11:29, Ezekiel 18:31)

## **Phase Two: Salvation of the Soul**

We believe that in our spirit all things have become new. However, **our soul has not yet been recreated**.

### ***Phase Two Construction Begins***

Throughout Scripture we find information about the sad condition of the soul before salvation.

Their **minds were blinded**. (2Corinthians 3:14) **Whose minds** the god of this age has blinded. (2 Corinthians 4:4) **Your minds may be corrupted**. (2 Corinthians 11:3) [Emphasis ours]

### ***Old Programming***

Generally, our **old heart programming** is not in keeping with God's truth. It still has many of the **same thought patterns, attitudes, beliefs, feelings, and desires** it had before we were saved. As a result, **we respond to other people, events in life, and God** in automatic, possibly irrational, ways we don't understand. In our opinion, **no response is accidental**.

The heart is **the center** of physical, moral, and spiritual function. It is the **center of the soul**.

The **heart is deceitful** above all things, and **desperately wicked**, who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9) [Emphasis ours]

**Out of men's hearts come unclean thoughts...these evil things come from within and defile**. (Mark 7:21-23) [Emphasis ours]

As he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7)

With old programming being normal to our understanding, we continue to respond **normally**. We've **always** felt this way, so we continue the pattern.

These concepts, planted in the heart and expressed in our words and actions, often become **self-fulfilling** prophecies.

### ***Spiritual Strongholds***

It is important for us to **judge our thoughts** based upon the Word of God. We accept them if they line up with God's Word, or reject and cast them down, if they do not.

The weapons of our warfare are...mighty in God **for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments** and **every high thing** that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5) [Emphasis ours]

Strongholds could be **systems of thought** or **programming** which are spiritually inspired. In order for us to root them out in our own souls, we need the active participation and power of the Holy Spirit.

There is an expression coined early in the computer age that applies here: *garbage in, garbage out*. How we **spend our time** and what we **see** and **hear** can greatly **affect** our **heart** and **soul**. While some activities can have a positive effect on us, these same activities can affect us negatively, as well. A few of these are TV, music, videos, books, video games, magazines, and virtual reality.

The **lamp** of the **body** is the **eye**...If therefore the **light** that is **in you** is **darkness**, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:22-23) (Also Luke 11:34-35)

If we allow our soul, emotions, or body, to **respond sinfully, or normally**, to any of the list above, we are guilty of the sin and receive the spiritual consequences.

### ***Renew the Mind***

When we are saved, and the process of **reprogramming** begins, our soul is being **cleansed** of the darkness, as the **true light** is received. As we study the Word of God, which is the Word of Life and Light, the process of **renewing the mind** continues.

**Be transformed** by the **renewing** of your mind. (Romans 12:2) [Emphasis ours]

Jesus has made Himself responsible to **complete that work** He has begun in us. (Philippians 1:6) Even so, we believe the salvation

of our soul requires **US** to take an **active role** if we want to **speed up the process, minimize the discomfort, and walk in a greater degree of victory** now.

This is the construction of the **inner court**, or the **second phase** of the temple being completed as a part of His master plan.

### ***Renounce and Confess Sin***

He who sins becomes a **slave of sin**. (John 8:34) If we want to be free of the spiritual slavery, we must **renounce our sins**. This is a **legal process** whereby we **nullify the agreement** we made with the kingdom of darkness. Now, because of what Jesus did, we can be free by exercising our free will.

We have renounced the **hidden things of shame...** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 4:2) [Emphasis ours]

We are counseled to make this declaration to one another.

**Confess your trespasses** to one another, and pray for one another, **that you may be healed**. (James 5:16) [Emphasis ours]

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the **word of their testimony**. (Revelation 12:11) [Emphasis ours]

When we **confess our sins, we take responsibility** for having agreed with the kingdom of darkness through **our words and actions**. We recognize which patterns of our behavior are displeasing to God and harmful to us and to others.

### ***Be Delivered***

When we renounce our sins and **nullify Satan's legal claim**, we ask the Lord **to deliver us and free us** of the power of sin. His completed work includes the past, present, and future, providing us with perfect security. **He is the deliverer**.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me...He has sent Me...to **proclaim liberty to the captives...to set at liberty those who are oppressed**. (Luke 4:18) [Emphasis ours]

[God] who **delivered us...does deliver us...will still deliver us**. (2 Corinthians 1:10) [Emphasis ours]

## ***Repent of Sin***

In the Bible, the message of **repentance was for all men**, saved and unsaved. **Jesus paid for all the sins of the world.** (Matthew 3:28; Luke 24:47; 2 Peter 3:9)

[Paul] declared...to the Gentiles, that **they should repent**, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. (Acts 26:20) [Emphasis ours]

After we renounce our sins, taking away the legal claim held by the kingdom of darkness, we are **no longer slaves** of the power of sin. Only **after this** occurs it is **possible to repent** of those sins. Repentance is making a **decision to change our behavior**.

When the **renewal of our mind** opens our understanding, we make a **decision** and **determine** to go in a **new direction**.

## ***Be Restored as Peter Was Restored***

We believe complete healing cannot be accomplished without restoration. **The thief** comes only in order to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. (John 10:10) [Emphasis ours] Our object is to take back all that has been killed, stolen and destroyed.

In Hebrew, the word for restore in Psalm 23:3, **He restores my soul**, [Emphasis ours] has many shades of meaning. Primarily, it means **to return**, or **bring back from somewhere**.

The whole process of restoration is **returning everyone to wholeness** as they were before the fall.

Among the definitions of peace are included the following concepts: set at one again, welfare, healthy, and completed.

## ***Peter Delivered from Prison***

In a practical way, we are led, step-by-step, through the process of **taking back parts of our soul and humanity** that have been **left in bondage**, or **spiritual imprisonment**. We illustrate with the account of when Peter was in prison.

Peter was sleeping, **bound with two chains** between two soldiers...an angel of the Lord...**struck Peter on the side** and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And **his chains fell off his hands**. (Acts 12:7) [Emphasis ours]

Technically, Peter was rescued or delivered at this point. He was **set free** from the **restraints holding him** in bondage.

## **Peter Restored**

The angel did not stop at deliverance.

He said to him, "Put on your garment and **follow me.**" So he went out and followed him...past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which **opened to them** of its own accord...**They went out...and immediately the angel departed** from him. (Acts 12:8-10)  
[Emphasis ours]

The angel **restored or returned Peter** to the freedom he had enjoyed before he was imprisoned.

## **Phase Three: Salvation of Body**

It is possible for us to experience a measure of healing and restoration in our bodies as we are healed and restored in our souls. At least three Proverbs are associated with this connection. (Proverbs 14:30; 15:13; 17:22)

Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper** in all things and **be in health**, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2) [Emphasis ours]

He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your **mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)  
[Emphasis ours]

Paul refers to **his earthly body** as a humble dwelling place, a **tent**. Paul also proclaims that we will one day receive the **completion of our inheritance** in the new, **glorified body**. We expect this new body will have capabilities and powers we can't imagine. We believe total salvation of the body is achieved at this time.

For we know that if **our earthly house, this tent**, is destroyed, we have a **building from God**, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed **with our habitation, which is from heaven**. (2 Corinthians 5:1-4)  
[Emphasis ours]

The Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform our lowly body** that it may be **conformed to His glorious body**. (Philippians 3:20-21)  
[Emphasis ours]

**It will be our graduation present**, given to us by our Daddy in heaven. When we receive our new body, God will have **completed** the construction of the **outer court** or the **third phase** of His eternal temple.

## **CAN CHRISTIANS BE DEMON POSSESSED?**

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There is a general perception that, as Christians, **we should be immune** to demonic influence or infestation.

In this context, **possession indicates ownership**. Because we are triune, we need to determine how legal claim of ownership has been established at **all three levels** of our being.

Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and **forms the spirit of man** within him. (Zechariah 12:1) [Emphasis ours] (Also Ecclesiastes 12:7; Isaiah 42:5; 1 Corinthians 6:20)

Behold, **all souls are Mine**. (Ezekiel 18:4) [Emphasis ours]

The **earth is the Lord's**, and all its fullness, the **world** and **those who dwell therein**. (Psalm 24:1) [Emphasis ours]

Furthermore, as Christians, **we have become the possession** of God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**You were bought** with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, **made His own**]. (1 Corinthians 6:20, A B) [Emphasis ours]

Because of the price He paid, **the Lord owns us**. **It is impossible** for us to have **another owner**; therefore, it is **impossible** for us to be possessed by Satan or demons.

## **We Are the Temple**

In Ezekiel 8–10, God was dwelling in the **Holy of Holies** in the old covenant temple even as **sin, abominations, and demonic activity** were present **in the inner and outer courts**.

**Therefore**, God **can dwell** in our Holy of Holies even though sin, abominations, and demonic activity exist in both the inner and outer courts. (Also, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16)

Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16) [Emphasis ours]

The Bible tells us we are a house, a **present-day temple of God**. As the present-day temple, **we also have three parts**. Our

**spiritual** part functions as the **Holy of Holies**. Our **soul** functions as the **inner court**. Our **body** is the **outer court**.

### What About Paul's Thorn?

A **thorn in the flesh** was given to me, a **messenger of Satan** to buffet me, **lest I be exalted** above measure. (2 Corinthians 12:7) [Emphasis ours]

Paul indicated this occurred so he would not be **exalted inappropriately** because of the revelations God had given him. Paul said **he might desire to boast**, so he may have been tempted by pride, which is sin.

Paul received **Satan's messenger (a demon) in his flesh** that **afflicted and tormented** him. He prayed to God to remove it, but He refused, saying His grace was sufficient for Paul. God may have been saying **the thorn was necessary for Paul's good**.

We believe that **our sin** limits God's ability to utilize us in His highest and best way. As a result, He responds in love by **allowing us** to experience the consequences of our sin. When **we are motivated** to forsake the sin, **God can raise us up to a higher and better place**.

### Motivation

Just as with Paul and the **thorn in his flesh**, **fiery serpents** were sent against the children of Israel to **motivate them to turn to God** and to **continue** traveling toward the Promised Land. The Lord motivates us using similar methods. (Numbers 21:4-9)

We believe God **can use pain for good**. It helps us know something is wrong, so we can attend to it. **It motivates us** to do what is **beneficial for our survival**. A thorn in the flesh or fiery serpents **can be used for good**, because they are **very motivating**.

### How Do They Get In?

If Paul could receive sin **into his flesh**, **why can't we?** Are we greater than Paul? If not, how do spiritual bugs gain entrance?

Jesus said, **"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone** hears My voice and **opens the door, I will come in to him** and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20) [Emphasis ours]

We believe the door, here, is the **door of our heart**. We must **open it** for Him to come in. (Also Song of Solomon 5:2-6)

In the book of Genesis, **Cain was angry** because God rejected his sacrifice after accepting one from Cain's brother, Abel.

So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry...If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin lies at the door**. And **its [his] desire is** for you, **but you should rule over it.**" (Genesis 4:6-7) [Emphasis ours]

Here **sin is portrayed** as crouching like an **evil demon** at Cain's door. The **word for sin** here represents not only the **offense**, but its **penalty or punishment**, as well. (See NIV Study Bible note for Genesis 4:7) This literally means **to absorb or take in, like a sponge** or a **wick**. It results from the **act of lawlessness**, giving one a **predisposition to commit sin, which is iniquity**. (Strong's H 2403)

Cain was **not a Christian**, so he didn't have the blood of Christ, the Name of Christ, or the power of the Holy Spirit. Despite this, **God told him he should rule over this thing called sin**.

Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.**" (John 8:34) [Emphasis ours]

As we **commit sin**, we **take into ourselves** the **penalty or punishment** for sin. Remember that sin was lying at Cain's door waiting for an **opportunity to enter**; an opportunity provided by Cain when **he chose to sin**.

This gives us an idea of **how spirits get in**. **They knock; we open our door** and allow them in. God won't barge in without our invitation. Satan, and those who represent him, can knock on our door and hope to receive access, but **they can only come in as we allow**.

## Who Is Responsible?

So how do demons get in? **We let them in**. When **they knock on our door**, it is as though they offer us a contract. **They offer to provide us with whatever** we want or need to defend or protect ourselves. In return, **they want residency** in our *condo*, and **some control over a part of our soul or humanity**.

## Consequences of Sin

Our decision to sin produces iniquity and **opens the door to demonic infestation**, giving these unclean spirits a **legal dwelling place** in the rooms of our belly, our condominium project. We received the iniquity and they receive legal status, because **we give it to them**.

**The system God established** was illustrated when He warned Cain that sin was lying at the door. This system never changes, and the temptation to sin is ever present.

Your adversary **the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour**. (1 Peter 5:8) [Emphasis ours]

Quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (Ephesians 6:16)

These are **warnings to Christians** as well as to the unsaved. Satan and his minions come to **kill, steal, and destroy**. (John 10:10) It is up to us to **guard our door** very carefully and **only allow access** to those who seek our good.

## In Conclusion

Satan can only take the ground we give him. Each time we react in a sinful way, it's possible **we open the door** for enemy forces to move in. Once we understand that demonic entities have gained access to **our condo** because **we opened the door and accepted their contracts**, we can cancel their legal claim.

**Deliverance really is easy. We invited the bugs and parasites in, and we can evict them.**

The power of the blood of Christ is available to free us from the effects of our unwise decisions. The **demonic infestation** that results from sin **can be removed**. The fact that we chose to open the door **no longer condemns us to permanent** consequences. We are **no longer slaves** to sin, because the **legal claim is no longer valid**. This is a glorious part of the **good news of the Gospel** of Christ.

## OUR AUTHORITY

**Satan does not have a good side.** He and his forces are **motivated** exclusively by **evil** and the **desire to steal, kill, and destroy**.

We should **wage an offensive war** using all the weapons we have. **Keeping him on the defensive** is much more effective than cowering in the closet.

We do this by **using our authority**, which originates from God. Scripture is used to trace the path whereby this authority has been given to us.

## God's Authority

God's authority was made manifest at creation. He spoke and everything came into existence.

In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1) [Emphasis ours]

Thus says the LORD: Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. (Isaiah 66:1)

### Adam's Authority

After He created them, God **gave authority** to Adam and Eve.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image...**let them have dominion...over all the earth.**" (Genesis 1:26) [Emphasis ours]

He did **not** place His creation under the rule of angels.

He has not put the world...**in subjection to angels...**You have **crowned him with glory and honor**, and **set him over the works of Your hands**. You have put **all things** in subjection **under his feet.**" (Hebrews 2:5-8) [Emphasis ours]

God made it necessary for all things done on the earth to be done through mankind, because **God is bound by His Word**.

The **gifts** and the **calling** of God are **irrevocable**. (Romans 11:29) [Emphasis ours]

Once He gave dominion to men, He could not take it back without losing His righteousness.

### Adam Rebelled

Adam rebelled against the only command given him.

Lord **God commanded the man**, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil** you **shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**" (Genesis 2:16-17) [Emphasis ours]

When Eve was deceived, Adam also ate.

She also gave to **her husband with her**, and **he ate**. (Genesis 3:6) [Emphasis ours]

You will note this scripture does **not** say that **Adam** was deceived; therefore, **his was a sin of rebellion**. God confronted the serpent, Eve, and Adam.

### Serpent Was Cursed

The serpent, Satan, was cursed for his actions. Those who are his spiritual seed share his curse.

"Because you have done this, **you are cursed...**and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her Seed: He shall bruise your head** and you shall bruise His heel." (Genesis 3:14-15) [Emphasis ours]

### **Eve Received Consequences**

**To the woman** He said: "I will greatly **multiply** your sorrow and your conception; **in pain** you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for **your husband**, and **he shall rule over you.**" (Genesis 3:16) [Emphasis ours]

This **perceived curse** has plagued womankind and established an order in the family that has given Satan more ability to torment them. God placed Eve under the spiritual authority of Adam to **protect her** from the consequences of being deceived.

It is interesting that God said the **Seed of Eve (Jesus)** would be the one to **crush the serpent's head**, not the seed of Adam.

### **Adam Received Consequences**

When **God confronted Adam** with his rebellious act, the effects of the curse given were much more profound than with the others.

"Because **you have heeded the voice of your wife**, and have eaten...**cursed is the ground for your sake...for...to dust you shall return.**" (Genesis 3:17-24) [Emphasis ours]

**Through Adam the curse was put on all creation.** (See Romans 8:19-22.)

When **Adam opened the door and let death and rebellion in**, demonic forces began exerting **some control** over what he did. **With each sin his ability to resist diminished.**

Then the LORD God said, "**Behold**, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and **take also of the tree of life**, and **eat, and live forever**"-- therefore the **Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden.** (Genesis 3:22-24) [Emphasis ours]

This shows **perfect love**. God saw that the man and woman had **experienced spiritual death** as well as having received **death into themselves**. If they had **eaten of the tree of life**, there would

be **no hope**. They would have **existed eternally** in this **state of spiritual death**.

Father God already had a **perfect plan to redeem them**, and **all of mankind**. All it took was **Jesus coming** to do His awesome job of salvation, once for all. (Genesis 3:24; Hebrews 7:27)

## **Satan Received Authority**

As a result of Adam's sin, he and all of his descendants were **subject to Satanic control**.

Remember, "**Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.**" (John 8:34) [Emphasis ours]

**By whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.** (2 Peter 2:19) [Emphasis ours]

Through mankind's **repeated sins**, Satan has been able to **assume more and more authority** over the earth. He accomplished this by receiving control over men's souls.

The longer the process continued, **the more enslaved** the people became. The people, whose **minds had been blinded**, continued to **slide deeper** into **the jaws of death**. (See 2 Corinthians 4:4)

It was necessary for God to **stop the accumulation** of iniquity if His master plan was to manifest.

So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt..."for **the earth is filled with violence.**" (Genesis 6:12-13) [Emphasis ours]

The **most loving thing God could do**, at that point, was to bring the flood. He chose eight people who could be saved, and **greatly reduced the accumulation** of iniquity in mankind.

Many years later, **when Satan tempted Jesus** in the desert, he was **justified in saying**:

**"All this authority I will give You...for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."** (Luke 4:6) [Emphasis ours]

**Jesus didn't dispute Satan's claim** of authority over the earth; He simply refused the offer.

## **Jesus Defeated Satan**

Jesus' mission to earth is described in many places in Scripture. Part of that description is in 1 John 3:8.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**. [Emphasis ours]

Despite everything Satan and his servants could do, Jesus was able to accomplish everything His Father sent Him to earth to do, "The **blind see** and the **lame walk**; the **lepers are cleansed** and the **deaf hear**; the **dead are raised** up and the poor have the **gospel preached** to them." (Matthew 11:5) [Emphasis ours]

Jesus never received anything from Satan into himself. (John 14:30)  
"The **ruler of this world** is coming, and **he has nothing in Me**." (John 14:30) [Emphasis ours]

This statement reveals that **He was free from the control** of those who had become the masters of all other men.

In paying the price for sin, it was essential for Him to experience the consequences a normal sinful person would experience.

"When **He ascended on high**, He led captivity captive..." (Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that **HE ALSO FIRST DESCENDED** into the **LOWER PARTS OF THE EARTH?** He who...ascended **FAR ABOVE ALL THE HEAVENS**, that He might **fill all things**.) (Ephesians 4:8-10) [Emphasis ours]

When we consider what Paul said in Ephesians, we conclude that Jesus, who descended into the lower depths, would have to **experience the torments of Satan's kingdom**, not as God, but as the Son of Man.

We see **Jesus...that He...might taste death for everyone**. (Hebrews 2:9)

Though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives **by the power of God**. (2 Corinthians 13:4) [Emphasis ours]

Having **disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them** in it. (Colossians 2:15) [Emphasis ours]

### **Jesus Reclaimed Authority**

"**I have the keys of Hades and of Death**." (Revelation 1:18) [Emphasis ours]

**“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”** (Matthew 28:18) [Emphasis ours]

Jesus legally claimed back authority **over the earth**, because He **defeated Satan as a man without sin**. Jesus said,

God...has...spoken...To the Son...**“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.”** (Hebrews 1:2, 8) [Emphasis ours]

He...seated Him at **His right hand** in the heavenly places, **far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named...He put all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be **head over all things** to the church, which is His body. (Ephesians 1:20-23) [Emphasis ours]

We have the absolute guarantee that **Jesus has reclaimed the authority** that was given to Satan by sinful people. He had to come in a **physical (clay) body** because God had given **dominion** in this realm to **people in physical bodies**.

Now and forever the Lord Jesus has the **position and authority** and no one can take it from Him. Jesus, the **glorified** Christ, is the only One to whom John could possibly be referring.

On the cloud sat **One like the Son of Man**, having on His head a golden crown...(Revelation 14:14) [Emphasis ours]

### **Our Authority as Jesus' Body**

We are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:16-17). (Also Ephesians 1:3, 11-13; 2:4-10)

When He took back the authority given to Satan by sinful people, **He again chose to delegate that authority to people**. Our authority as Jesus' body is clearly defined in the New Testament.

**“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions; and over all the power of the enemy.”** (Luke 10:19) [Emphasis ours]

**Being born into a clay body has given us dominion** in this realm, and **being His has given us awesome authority**.

**“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will**

be bound in heaven, and **whatever you loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:19) [Emphasis ours]

### **Power of Jesus’ Body**

Scriptures reveal the power **within believers** in Jesus Christ.

“I send **the promise** of My Father upon you; but stay...until you are **endowed with power from on high.**” (Luke 24:49) [Emphasis ours]  
(Also, Acts 1:4-5)

“He will give you **another Helper**, that **He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth...He dwells with you** and will **be in you.** (John 14:16-17) [Emphasis ours] (Also John 14:26 and 15:26)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...(Ephesians 3:20) [Emphasis ours]

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” (John 14:12) [Emphasis ours]

The weapons of our warfare are...mighty in God. (2 Corinthians 10:4) [Emphasis ours]

Because Jesus has gone to His Father, and **we have received** the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, **we should be on the offensive.** We should be invading the areas Satan considers his kingdom, and **driving him out of our lives, our families, homes, churches, businesses, and our world.**

### **Sample Prayer:**

**Heavenly Father, I praise You for blessing me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies.**

**I praise You for the privilege of being raised up a child and joint heir with the Lord Jesus Christ. I praise You for the awesome power of the Holy Spirit working in me. I praise You for the spiritual weapons and authority You have delegated to me. I praise You for making me to be more than a conqueror!**

**I ask You to do what ever it takes for my mind and soul to receive the revelation of these truths so I can serve You in a greater way.**

**I thank You for giving me the faith, courage, and confidence to use this authority to bring You an abundance of glory and honor. Amen.**

## SECTION TWO: ROOT CUTTING

### GOD'S GARDEN

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Many times in the Bible, trees, plants, seeds, branches, vines, roots and fruit are mentioned. There are also references to gardening and gardeners.

In Genesis, during the process of creation, God proclaimed,

**“Let the earth bring forth...the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind.”**  
(Genesis 1:11) [Emphasis ours]

Then verse 12 reads,

**And the earth brought forth...the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind.** [Emphasis ours]

The Garden of Eden contained both the tree of life and the tree that produced death.

The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden...**out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow** that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. **The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**  
(Genesis 2:8-9) [Emphasis ours]

From the beginning, **God established a contrast** for the purpose of **giving mankind the freedom to choose life or death; God, or not.**

In **Matthew 13**, people are referred to as seeds planted in the world.

[Jesus] said to them: **“The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one...the devil.”** (Matthew 13:37-39)  
[Emphasis ours] (Matthew 13:3-7; Luke 8:5-8)

As the seeds **develop into plants**, some produce the **good fruit** of God, and some produce the **bad fruit** of wickedness.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)

**“You will know them by their fruits....Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.” (Matthew 7:16-20) [Emphasis ours]**

We also see **sin** as a seed. The **circumstance** is the process by which the **seed of sin** is planted in the **fertile ground of our soul**. The circumstances continue to feed the plant. The plant then begins to produce fruit. **If the seed is sin, the fruit will be sin.**

### **Attack Roots to Kill Tree**

**Normal Christians produce both good and bad fruit.** To deal with such a tree, we should follow Jesus' example and **attack the root system** or **source** feeding the bad fruit, instead of attacking the fruit or branches. In this way we starve the bad fruit by cutting off its source of nutrients.

**They saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.** (Mark 11:20) [Emphasis ours]

If we spend all our time **plucking or hacking** at the fruit, and don't deal with the roots, the **plant may produce more** fruit than ever. The same principle applies to deliverance, restoration, and healing. **Unless we have dealt with the root of a sin issue, the fruit of sin could multiply.**

**Root cutting requires digging beneath the surface and removing the roots of evil.**

### **GENERATIONAL SIN AND INIQUITY**

**Sin is an act** or acts in violation of the laws of God. It is wrongdoing, frequently bringing about **unpleasant consequences**. The word **sin**, in Genesis 4:7 and many other times in Scripture, means an **offence** and its **penalty or punishment**. (Strong's H 2403)

**Iniquity is the inclination to sin.** It also means **wickedness**, or the quality or **state of being wicked**. The word **sin**, in Genesis 4:7 literally means to **absorb or take in like a sponge** or a wick. **Iniquity** can also be **received from our fathers**, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers.

### **Spiritual Death Transmitted**

God discusses the transmission of generational iniquity in Exodus 20:5.

**“I...am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the**

**third and fourth generations** of those who hate Me.” [Emphasis ours]

This statement indicates the **fathers** had taken **iniquity into themselves** and that **iniquity is transmitted to their children** through their blood. (Also Exodus 34:7; Numbers 14:18)

**Medical science** tells us a **baby receives the life, or blood, from the father**. In accordance with **Scripture**, the spiritual component of **sin and iniquity, spiritual death, is transmitted** from the father to the child **by the blood**.

## **Blood Iniquity Accumulated**

Because iniquity is being passed down to the third and fourth generation, we note that there is a **dovetailing of generations**. This means we can follow this chain all the way **back to Adam** and the iniquity for which he is responsible.

The **first root of sin** and iniquity originated **with Adam** and has been **passed down** to each succeeding generation. It wasn't a simple accumulation, as in one, two, three, etc; it was a **geometric progression of two, four, eight, sixteen, etc**.

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth...the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5-7)

The flood greatly diminished the multiplication factor. However, fathers in later generations passed their iniquities to the ones that followed. The spiritual components of sin and iniquity continue to accumulate. It is because of God's mercy that we can be freed from the iniquity we inherited.

This is why the **virgin birth was so important**. If Jesus had been fathered by a mortal man, He would have carried the man's core of iniquity.

**Scientists** have been trying to find the **homosexual gene**, the **murderer gene**, the **rapist gene**, the **robber gene**, etc. In our opinion, they will not find them. **Iniquity is a spiritual condition (genetics)** resulting from action against God's laws.

Normal people could perceive **this to be unfair**, and we agree. The answer is found in Exodus 20:6, [God is] "showing mercy to thousands [of generations], to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

That means the **blessings of Abraham** are passed down to his physical, and spiritual, children. It also means that we can receive the **blessings purchased by Jesus** when we accept Him. **That isn't fair either, but we like it!**

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## **Cultural Sin and iniquity**

Throughout Scripture, partial or **whole tribes, people groups, cities, and nations** suffered because of **their sin and iniquity**. God told those Jews living in Egypt that because they also worshipped other gods they **would cut themselves off** and **become a curse and a reproach** among all the nations of the earth.

We find **judgments on Ammon, Moab, Edom, and Philistia**, in Ezekiel 25. In Matthew 11:20-24, **Jesus rebuked** the cities of **Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum** in which great works were done; and still they did not repent. **Towns not receiving the seventy** were to experience grave consequences in Luke 10:10-12.

**God** made His appearance in a **clay body** and **was rejected by people** who would not repent. **He cried in mourning** for all the **judgments** that must come **upon the earth**. (Luke 13:34-35)

## **Cultural Beliefs and Distinctions**

In our years of ministering to a large number of people, we have discovered **another aspect** of **generational and cultural iniquity**. It has to do with such things as **astrological signs, personality types, emotional inclinations, cultural distinctions, or psychological categories**.

Some **people** seem to receive great **significance** because of their connection with certain **families, historical figures, royal houses, or various ethnic groups**. While we acknowledge an interest in these things, **they should not be the source of our identity as Christians**.

Whether it is a **royal bloodline, a secret organization, or a career path**, it can **represent identity and destiny**. If a person is convinced this identity establishes **his or her significance**, he or she will hold onto it, no matter what. This is a **problem** if the identity and destiny is **assigned by man, and not by God**.

It is time to evaluate. Are we blindly accepting the **world's labels** as descriptions or **definitions of who we are**? How do they **compare** to what **our Creator** says about us?

**If** any of these **counterfeit identities or destinies** still have **control** our lives, **we need to get saved**. As we receive the **mind of Christ** and accept the **identity and destiny** established by the Manufacturer, all else should fade to insignificance.

## **We Can Be Free**

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people.** (1 Peter 2:9, AB) [Emphasis ours] (Also Ephesians 1:3-8, 2:4-10; Romans 8)

You were **redeemed (ransomed)** from the **useless (fruitless) way** of living **inherited** by **traditions** from [your] **forefathers...but [you were purchased]** with the **precious blood of Christ** (the Messiah). (1 Peter 1:18-19, AB) [Emphasis ours]

Through the blood of Jesus, **we are freed from the bondage to generational and cultural iniquity.** Jesus was the perfect, sinless sacrifice that, **once and for all**, wiped away the power of iniquity.

The key is that **WE**, as Christians, have to **appropriate the power** of the **shed blood** of Jesus to **cleanse** us from **all the power of sin and iniquity** in our lives. We will be systematically doing that throughout the rest of this teaching.

### **Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I proclaim the destruction of all generational and cultural curses upon any part of my life or being.**

**I renounce all generational and cultural sin and iniquity I inherited from all my ancestors. I claim the power of the blood of Jesus Christ for the destruction of all spiritual connections between any of the sins of my ancestors and me.**

**I renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with traditions, cultural heritage, birthrights, nobility, royalty, significance, blessings, and gifts I have received as a result of my physical bloodline, ancestry, or culture. I bind and renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom that I received from my earthly parents by any means.**

**I renounce all sinful personality traits associated with any people group. I renounce viewing anyone as being less or more intelligent, important, or valuable than me. I renounce all pride, arrogance, attitudes, expectations, perceptions, beliefs, and lies that have deceived any part of my soul or humanity.**

**I renounce any royal spirits, spirit guides, and familiar spirits I have received from my earthly ancestry or by any other means. I renounce all real or perceived benefits I have received from these sources in any way, and I renounce giving any part of my soul, humanity, or energies over in return.**

**I now command everything serving Satan's kingdom to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being; release everything claimed as a result of sin; and go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them. I also command Satan's kingdom to give the Lord Jesus Christ everything received from me as a sacrifice because He has paid for all my sins.**

**I claim back all my soul and humanity killed, stolen, or destroyed. I ask the Lord to restore to me all my soul, humanity, gifts, abilities, dignity, self-respect, health, wellbeing, and my true identity and destiny as His child and friend.**

**I proclaim that I am a child of God Almighty, the King of the universe, and that is my source of royalty and heritage. I am also a member of the body of Christ and this fact defines my identity and destiny.**

**I ask You, Heavenly Father, to do whatever it takes to manifest these things and make me whole, as You created me to be. Thank You. Amen.**

### **Who Can We Pray For?**

**These Root Cutting Prayers can be modified, just slightly, or similar prayers can be created** that will affect the lives of others. The people for whom you pray do not have to be present for your prayers to be effective.

We believe there are **rings of authority in prayer**. Our greatest authority is in our own life. The next greatest authority would include our spouse because we are one flesh, and our children, our under-age children particularly. Parents also have **spiritual authority** and responsibility in the case of **adopted children** or blended families.

Beyond our immediate family would be **extended family members**. The **next** group might include **church members** and **friends**. These prayers would have some effect, although not as much as if they prayed for themselves.

We also pray these prayers for **unsaved** loved ones and **others we want to see saved**. This might give them enough freedom to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. We have received testimonies suggesting this is true. In every case, having their agreement helps.

### **SOUL TIES AND SPIRITUAL TRANSFER**

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**Soul ties and spiritual transfers are alluded to** in Scripture in several places. For the purposes of praying effectively, we have **given this label** to a process we don't fully understand.

## Godly Soul Ties

God created a **system to join us** together in ways **we do not understand** for **our good**, to **strengthen** and **protect us**, as with close friends and relatives. In many places the Bible describes **connections between people** and says that, as Christians, we are all members of one body.

As **the body is one** and **has many members**, but all the members...**are one body**, so also is Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) [Emphasis ours]

**If one member suffers, all the members suffer...if one member is honored, all the members rejoice** with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26) [Emphasis ours]

Now **the multitude** of those who believed were **of one heart** and **one soul**. (Acts 4:32) [Emphasis ours]

Of course, since we are not connected physically we **must be connected** in some other way through the power of the Holy Spirit (Also, Ephesians 2:18-22)

Earlier, in the Old Testament, such **soul links** are also mentioned.

The **soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David**, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. (1 Samuel 18:1) [Emphasis ours] (knit = woven together as a tapestry.)

David...said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, **my heart shall be knit to you**." (1 Chronicles 12:17, AB) [Emphasis ours]

"If **your brother**, the son of your mother, **your son** or **your daughter**, the **wife** of your bosom, or **your friend** who **is as your own soul...**" (Deuteronomy 13:6) [Emphasis ours]

## Satan's Counterfeit or Ungodly Soul Ties

**Satan is not the Creator**. He can **only imitate** something that God has created. It is reasonable to believe he would **counterfeit**, **pervert**, and **defile** what God has done. Logically, he would choose a **harmful method** that would serve **his purpose** of bringing **death** and **destruction**.

We conclude there are **spiritual connections** and **soul ties** between people, places, objects, substances, animals, beings, or

things. **Some are good** and **some are harmful**. Our goal is to maintain those that are beneficial, and **sever the harmful ones**.

## Sin and Iniquity in the Flesh

**Sin dwells in our flesh. Remember Paul and the thorn** in his flesh? **Paul laments** about the **sin that dwells in his flesh** in Romans 7:17, 18, 20, and 23. Remember, the word sin here, not only means the act of sin, but the **spiritual consequence (the creature that comes in)**.

This seems to be true for **any normal Christian**. We **have sin that dwells in us**, just as Paul did.

## Spiritual Transfer

The Lord has commanded us to **refrain from sexual impurity**. Why? One of the Ten Commandments tells us not to commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14) God **seems to lump together fornication, adultery, harlotry, with all sexual impurity**. (1 Corinthians 5:1, 6:18-19; Ephesians 5:3)

Once again, let's look at it scripturally. **Sin dwells in us, in our flesh**, the same way Paul had the messenger from Satan dwelling in his flesh.

We know that the Law is spiritual; but **I am a creature of the flesh** [carnal, unspiritual] having been sold into **slavery** under [the control] **of sin**. (Romans 7:14) [Emphasis ours]

**Perhaps the quickest way to spiritually connect** with someone is through **sexual relations**. In some translations of the Bible, the word *joined* is translated as cleave, which means **to become one**. Based on this, *in marriage* doesn't mean you go through a legal ceremony; it **means to join sexually**.

When two become one in marriage, **they become one flesh**. (Matthew 19:5-6) [Emphasis ours]

For the purpose of this discussion, we include **all sexual relations: man-man, woman-woman, or man-woman**. When two people join together, they become one flesh and *spiritual stuff* migrates. This is evidenced by:

God gave them up to **vile passions...women exchanged...men...burned in their lust for one another, men with men... and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error...God gave them over...to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all**

**unrighteousness...**(Romans 1:26-31) [Emphasis ours]

It would be like combining two glasses of water, putting one color of dye (iniquity) in one, another color of dye in the other, and pouring them together. As this relates to the **spiritual issue**, once the iniquities are **combined**, the result would be terrible.

**This was disastrous** for mankind **until Jesus sprinkled His blood** on the mercy seat, because **it was impossible to undo the spiritual damage** done in the joining.

### **Many Generations Defiled**

Do you not know that **he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her?** For **“the two,”** He says, **“shall become one flesh.”** (1 Corinthians 6:16) [Emphasis ours]

Each time **we join** with another person **we receive into ourselves the iniquity** they carry. If they joined with **many others**, they received the iniquity of each of those others, as well as from everyone with whom those others joined. Then, from one joining, **we receive it all**. The numbers are **exponential**.

Some of them may have had **sex with dogs and cats**, they may have **committed murder**, or they may have done other things we never considered doing. Then we **pass it to our spouse** and to **any children** conceived after our sexual encounters outside marriage. Think of it. **A whole generational line can be defiled** when one person joins with one prostitute.

The message here is that, although the physical consequences of promiscuity can be grave, indeed, the spiritual consequences (the creatures that come in) are much worse.

### **Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I proclaim the destruction of all ungodly soul ties, demonic connections, and spiritual transfer between me and any other person, place, object, substance, or being, by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.**

**I renounce and bind everything serving Satan’s kingdom that I have received from any other person or source at any time, by any means, including sexual relations. I command all these to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being and go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.**

**I renounce giving anything to Satan’s kingdom as a result of my sin. I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to give the Lord Jesus Christ everything received from me as a sacrifice,**

because He, alone, has paid for all my sins and He, alone, is worthy to receive these things.

I reclaim all my soul and humanity, including everything killed, stolen, or destroyed, and everything turned over to Satan's control through any ungodly soul tie or ungodly spiritual connections.

Heavenly Father, I praise You for the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I give You all honor and glory for freeing me from spiritual bondage associated with these things. Amen.

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## **DEDICATIONS AND BAPTISMS**

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In the world systems, there are different kinds of dedications serving to **establish claims and authority**. In our Scriptures, dedications can mean to **cleanse, consecrate, or sanctify**.

Because of the dominion given to us, **we can dedicate anything**. People, things, and actions can be dedicated. We find examples of this in the Bible. In 1 Samuel 1:11, Hannah dedicated **her male child** to God, even before he was conceived.

Joram brought with him **articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze**. King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated. (2 Samuel 8:10-11) [Emphasis ours]

Then the children of Israel...celebrated the **dedication** of this **house of God** with joy. (Ezra 6:16) [Emphasis ours]

As Christians, we believe it is important to **use our authority** to dedicate our **families, properties, business, and ourselves** to God. By failing to do so, we may be dedicating them, **by default, to the god of death**. We believe Satan might be given legal claim on parts of a person's soul or life as a result of such **default dedications**.

### **Questionable Dedications and Baptisms**

Dedications and baptisms to false gods and entities other than the living God have been common throughout history.

In Daniel 3:1-3, the **statue of Nebuchadnezzar** was dedicated, and all the people were ordered to worship it.

In Jeremiah, the Lord determined to burn the city because the **children of Israel** offered, or **dedicated, incense to Baal** and

**drink offerings to other gods.** (Jeremiah 32:29) Based on His response, it is apparent the Lord views dedications as being significant.

Since the children of **Israel did not have the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus**, the Lord cautioned them strongly against commerce with pagan peoples. **Things** they would receive through such trade could be **defiled**, or **infested**, with **spiritual influences**.

When **God instructed** His people to **destroy all these infected things**, including people, His **motivation was love**. They had no way of being freed of demonic bondage, **once they were infected**. The **only solution was death or destruction**.

There are groups, around the world that reject the Lord Jesus Christ. Today, through systems such as Oriental martial arts, Yoga, and other similar spiritual activities, **people dedicate their bodies or energies**. Some **people dedicate their children to statues representing dead people**.

## Oaths and Pledges

Some **people bind themselves** through membership in **religious organizations** without realizing the spiritual implications of such dedications. If people **have been deceived into dedicating their families and businesses**, they may be serving Satan's agenda without knowing it. **Jesus warns us to be sure the light in us is not darkness or false light.** (Matthew 6:23)

Therefore **take heed** that the **light** which is **in you** is not **darkness**. (Luke 11:35)  
[Emphasis ours]

**People swear oaths** and **make pledges** to **entities** such as **nations, governments, financial institutions, corporations, or military organizations**. These proclamations may give that entity, **or the spiritual power over that entity, influence** over their lives.

## Christian Baptism

Far more powerful are the dedications of Christians who are dedicating their lives, families, businesses, and possessions to God. These **dedications give God an opportunity to bring blessings into a person's life**.

In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist describes two kinds of baptism: "I indeed baptize you with **water** unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I...He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit** and fire." [Emphasis ours]

In the modern Christian church, to be baptized is usually to be immersed in or washed with water. We believe this particular **baptism symbolizes our sharing in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus**, our Savior. (Romans 6:3-4) This symbolizes our **being born again**. (Matthew 3:11)

Jesus said we are to *render unto Caesar what is Caesar's*. (Matthew 22:21) Therefore, we must **honor legal contracts** and **debts** we have incurred according to the laws of the land.

We must also **dedicate** every part of **our being**, all of **our energies**, and every part of **our lives** to our Creator. In doing so, we can *render unto God what is God's*. This is a good time to pray.

### Sample Prayer:

**I proclaim, by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, the destruction of all baptisms and dedications placed upon my life or being at any time, by any means, subjecting me to the power or control of Satan's kingdom.**

**I renounce and nullify all oaths, pledges, and contracts between any part of my being and any entity that binds me spiritually to Satan's kingdom. I renounce any claim of ownership of any part of my life or being by any spiritual or temporal entity, corporation, government, organization, or financial institution.**

**I bind and renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom that is affecting my life or being as a result of any of these things. I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being, now, and go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.**

**I command that all my spiritual, emotional, and physical energies, received by Satan's kingdom, be given to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He paid for all my sins, and is the only One worthy to receive them.**

**Because of the finished work of the Lord, I reclaim all of my heart, soul, mind, nervous system, organs, and body parts, as well as everything killed, stolen, or destroyed as a result of sin.**

**I proclaim that every part of my spirit, every part of my soul, every part of my body, and every part of my life is dedicated exclusively to the Lord. I belong entirely to Him, because I have been bought by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## CURSES OF GENDER, IDENTITY AND DESTINY

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A curse is a **wish** or **proclamation, prayer, or invocation for harm or injury**, intended to **cause torment**. It could also be to

**call upon divine or supernatural powers to send injury, to cause evil, or afflict.** (Merriam-Webster)

There are a **number of words used for curse** in both the **old and new Testaments**. The primary words share general meanings that include: to **bitterly curse**, to **malign**, to **stab with words**, to **bring into contempt**, to **despise**, **vilify**, to **doom**, to **speak evil of**, or to **swear or proclaim an oath**. (Strong's)

There is ample evidence the **Bible** credits **blessings and curses** as **having powerful consequences**. One example is that of Balak, who called upon a man named Balaam to curse the children of Israel. (Numbers 22-24)

## Power of the Tongue

The way we express ourselves is very important.

Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**. (Proverbs 18:21) [Emphasis ours]

The writer is not speaking to Christians because there weren't any. He is speaking of **normal people** in clay bodies. God gave people **dominion** in the **physical realm**. We use words to communicate with one another, to express our feelings, and to **cause things to happen**.

The **tongue...defiles the whole body...and it is set on fire by hell...It is...full of deadly poison...curse men...Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing**. (James 3:6-10) [Emphasis ours]

Jesus said,

“Out of the abundance of the heart **the mouth speaks...I say to you that ...men...will give account...in the day of judgment...by your words**, you will be **justified**, and **by your words** you will be **condemned**.” (Matthew 12:34-37) [Emphasis ours]

**Words** can also be used to **stimulate** beneficial or **sinful reactions** and **emotions** in others.

Curses can be specific formulas **intended to cause misfortune, harm, or evil**, or they can be **thoughtless words** spoken **seriously**, or **in jest**. The results can be equally devastating. Because they are based in sin, **curses bring consequences**.

## Curses Through Family Line

God the Father and Jesus **proclaimed** and described the consequences for various forms of rebellion. They singled out specific bloodlines, **people groups**, cities, and nations.

Specific or **general curses** can also affect us **because of something spoken or done generations ago**. In Genesis 9:25-27, **Noah curses** his grandson, **Canaan**, and **all his descendents**.

In the story of Esau and Jacob, **Esau** didn't receive the blessing **he wanted** from his father. He had **sold his birthright to his brother**, Jacob, for a bowl of food. (Genesis 25:29-34)

The **perceived curse Esau received** was in the form of a **lesser blessing**. As a result, all that came from **his bloodline** have **inherited his curse**. (Genesis 27:14-41)

How a **person perceives** and **acts upon** what is spoken can be the key to how the curse will manifest.

## Power of Names

The Hebrew **word** most often used for **name** means a **memorial of individuality, honor, authority, or character**. (Strong's, 8034) God placed great importance on names and their declaration of **identity and destiny**.

A change of name can represent a **curse**. This would be the case where **Lucifer was renamed Satan**.

Usually, these **new names**, given by God, were a **blessing**. This is similar to the process of being **born again** as a child of God. We receive one identity and destiny as a child of darkness; later we receive the **new identity and destiny** as a **child of light**. Other **examples** of a new identity and destiny are:

"Nor shall your name any longer be Abram...but your name shall be **Abraham**...for I have made you the **father of many nations**...As for Sarai your wife...her name shall be...**Sarah**..." (Genesis 17:5, 15, 19, AB) [Emphasis ours]

[The Man] asked him, "What is your name...he said, Jacob...He said, Your name shall be called **no more Jacob**...but **Israel**...for you have...**power with God and with men**." (Genesis 32:27-28, AB) [Emphasis ours]

## Curse of Names

Among the children of Israel, when a child was born, the parents spent **eight days** in fasting and prayer to determine the child's

name. People can also give their children names that have nothing to do with the identity and destiny God has for them.

Although names are supposed to bless our identity and destiny, they can also be a curse. The name **given to a child** can **defile** true **identity, destiny, and gender**.

A name given a **baby in the womb** could define the baby as an **unwanted problem**, an **accident**, a **mistake**, or the **wrong gender**.

Because they were **given the message** they shouldn't have been conceived or born, they might **live** with the **curse of abortion**. They typically **experienced abortion** in **relationships, education, marriages, careers, hopes, and dreams**.

### Curse of Nicknames

When we were born, the name placed on our birth certificate became our **legal identity**. Often, as we grow up, **other names replace it**. We can be given nicknames by family members and other authority figures.

A nickname is a name **added to**, or **substituted for**, the proper name of a person, as in **affection, ridicule, or familiarity**.

These *new* names **can seem funny** at the time. Most often, they **represent a curse** of identity and/or destiny. When other people use these names, the impact on us is **dependent upon their authority, or significance**. When **we accept** and use them, the impact is much greater.

### Curses by Others and Counterfeit Healing

We can be cursed by others without being aware of it. These curses can range from the **incantation of a witch** to the mindless, **angry curse of a stranger** we may have offended.

Some things are not intended as curses, but they are just as devastating as those that are. Well-meaning **parents** may take their children to **spiritists** for **healing and blessings**. **All forms of witchcraft and magic** produce **demonic infestation** affecting our bodies and souls. As Christians, we have the dominion and authority to declare our freedom from all these things.

We are given many opportunities to **accept curses** by things presented to us through **the media, governmental entities, the medical establishment, schools, and churches**. TV commercials tell us it is **flu or allergy season**. If we **accept these predictions** and **associated curse**, we may hurry to purchase our drugs so we will have them when we are afflicted.

Have you ever been in a public place when someone next to you sneezed or coughed in your face? Did you immediately feel the tickle in your throat accompanied by the thought that you just *caught* the flu? In reality it takes days for the flu virus to manifest, but you *received* it in about three seconds.

Now, when the **initial thought of sickness** flashes into our heads, we reject it. Scripture tells us to **take every thought into captivity**, and it's our job to do so.

## Curses from Family Members

**We believe it is normal for parents and other authority figures to say hurtful things that function as curses to children.**

God proclaims, “...Their **throat** is an open tomb; with **their tongues** they have **practiced deceit**, the **poison of asps** is under their **lips**, whose **mouth** is full of **cursing and bitterness.**” (Romans 3:12-14) [Emphasis ours]

This is a description of **mankind in general**; so it also applies to families. (Also, Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3; 5:9; 140:1-3; 10:7; Ecclesiastes 7:20-21; Romans 3:10-18)

**Parents frequently** don't tell the child **what they did** was bad. They tell them **they are bad, stupid, or ugly**. These things, proclaimed by **voices of authority**, become **spiritual daggers** thrust deep **into the hearts** of children.

In some cases, **curses are invoked** with **trauma inducing actions** as well as with words. Over time, these activities generate **expectations of further defilement and abuse**. Victims frequently verbalize these expectations **perpetuating the curses**.

## Purchasing Curses for Ourselves

We can **request or pay for curses** upon ourselves, our families, our churches, or businesses. Anytime we **ask spirits** to reveal the future or hidden knowledge, it is **divination**. The Lord has some hard things to say about it.

“There shall not be found among you anyone who...practices **witchcraft**, or a **soothsayer**, or one who **interprets omens**, or a **sorcerer**, or one who **conjures spells**, or a **medium**, or a **spiritist**, or one who **calls up the dead**. For **all** who do these things **are an abomination** to the LORD.” (Deuteronomy 18:9-12) [Emphasis ours]

When we **engage** in these practices, we **allow spirits** associated with them to have **influence** in our lives. **Talking to spirits of dead people, seeking secret knowledge or wisdom, or entreating them to influence events,** is called **necromancy**. Some religious "Christian" entities encourage this activity.

When **king Saul** went to the medium to call up Samuel from the dead, **he received the curse** of the impending defeat of his army and of his and his sons' deaths. (1 Samuel 28:5-19)

God commanded that **anyone found practicing or purchasing** works of magic and witchcraft **should be killed**. He knew better than anyone else, the **terrible consequences** people would experience as a result of **using spiritual or demonic powers**.

## Cursing Ourselves

**Our own voice** is the **most powerful voice** in the world **for our soul**. Therefore, the **most powerful curses** are those we place upon ourselves. They may include **vows, oaths, and proclamations** we make at any time in our lives.

**Death and life** are in the **power of the tongue**. (Proverbs 18:21) [Emphasis ours]

Our **expectations** can function as either blessings or curses. We are also reminded by Matthew 12:34-37, that **we are cursed and blessed by our own words**.

"Those things which proceed out of the mouth **come from the heart**, and they **defile** a man." (Matthew 15:18-20) [Emphasis ours]

Because the children of Israel were functioning in **rebellion** with their **mouths**, **God honored their proclamations** that they would die in the wilderness.

"Just as you have **spoken** in My hearing, **so I will do to you**." (Numbers 14:28-29) [Emphasis ours]

When we take a **negative view** of our abilities and ourselves, we are expressing **our faith in negative** things. The **false identities** and **destinies** we ascribe to ourselves **during self-talk**, which don't line up with who God says we are, **function as curses**.

**Our actions** can also bring curses upon us, according to Scripture. In the book of Deuteronomy, God describes the blessings to be received by those who do His will. He also describes **the curses** that will fall on **those who rebel** against His laws and statutes. (Deuteronomy 27-28)

## Cursing Others

Another way we can **curse ourselves** is by **cursing others**.

Your own heart has known that even **you have cursed others**. (Ecclesiastes 7:22) [Emphasis ours]

There have been times in all our lives when we have **cursed others** with **our words or actions**, by being **critical or judgmental**, by **using names**, or by **putting others down**.

We **thoughtlessly proclaim curses** into our **families, cities, governmental institutions, and schools**. As **Christians, our words have great power**.

The consequences are not always readily apparent. They do have an effect on our lives. We have been told that **even as we sow, so shall we reap**. Remember what Jesus said about **receiving back what we have given out**. (See Job 4:8; Hosea 10:13)

“Just as **you want men to do to you, you also do to them...Give...for with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you**.” (Luke 6:31,38) [Emphasis ours]

**Death and life** are in the power of the tongue, And those who **love it** will eat **its fruit**. (Proverbs 18:21) [Emphasis ours]

## Curses of Physical and Emotional Trauma

There is an issue that concerns **physical and emotional trauma**. Generally, our lives are punctuated by **violence, accident, disease, or injury**. These events can begin in the womb.

While technically not curses, these experiences establish beliefs and expectations. We can **curse ourselves** through **our attitudes, beliefs, and expectations**.

Times of **great physical and emotional stress** seem to affect us spiritually, as well. **All sin reactions to pain and trauma** give the **enemy** of our soul **legal right** to afflict us.

Fear represents the negative side of faith.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because **fear involves torment**. (1 John 4:18) [Emphasis ours]

## Substance Abuse, Escape

We all **want to survive** and **have our needs met**, so we find creative ways to meet them. We believe **all sin** is based on these **primal needs** and **our perception** of what it takes to provide

them. As a result, many of us have used, or abused, **drugs, alcohol, or other chemical substances** in an **attempt to escape physical or emotional pain.**

We may use **daydreaming** and other **methods of escape**, defined as **dissociation**, to avoid dealing with physical or emotional traumas. This pattern of behavior probably begins very early in life. **This doesn't make us bad; it makes us normal.**

When we relinquish control of our mind and nervous system through the use of substances or behaviors, we open the door for tormenters. Opening this door can function as a curse.

We believe God gave us the **ability to escape** because He knew **how hard life would be.** Before we accepted Jesus as our Savior, our options were limited. Now the **Lord provides our place of escape.** (Psalm 91:1-3)

## **We Have an Alternative**

We may **need to repent** of the idle words of our mouths. It is **our responsibility** to use **our words** in agreement with Christ. (I Timothy 6:3-5) Scripture tells us we have the power.

They **overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb and by the **word of their testimony.** (Revelation 12:11) [Emphasis ours]

We should be the voice of our God here on earth. We need to be sure **our prayers are not waging war against God's will**, and **our voices are not being used by Satan** to further his kingdom.

We are to **speak psalms, songs, and spiritual blessings to one another**, to our **towns and cities**, and to our **governmental leaders.** (Colossians 3:16; Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28; I Peter 2:17)

The Lord has chosen to **use our prayers to further His will** on this earth. If we don't know how to pray, we can tell the Lord we want His will to be done.

Jesus instructed His disciples,

**"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...(Matthew 6:9) (Luke 11:2)**

**Imagine** what would happen if every person prayed this prayer once each day. We don't have to know what His will is. When we ask that His will be done in **every strata of life**, we **empower Him to cause those things to occur.**

## In Conclusion

The things we have **heard** and **accepted as truth** for ourselves can keep us in bondage until we realize all **curses are lies**.

**As he thinks in his heart, so is he.**  
(Proverbs 23:7) [Emphasis ours]

If this is true, and we know it is, **attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, and expectations** can all function as **curses**.

We have had and will have an abundance of opportunity to receive curses. **We can be free** of their effects by **not giving place** in our **lives** or **beings** for them to gain entry.

**A curse without cause shall not alight.**  
(Proverbs 26:2) [Emphasis ours]

We can be free of all **manifestations, symptoms, illusions, body memories**, and everything serving Satan's kingdom received into our body or soul. We can also **be free** of any **negative spiritual effects** of **hospitalizations, surgeries, medical procedures, dental procedures, all associated medications, narcotics, inoculations, drugs, or any other physical substances** that have **gained access to our bodies**.

**We can be free** of all the **sin thoughts, feelings, emotions, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, and expectations** that **have become curses in our hearts and lives**.

### Sample Prayer:

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce all the lies of Satan's kingdom and all names and nicknames I've received from any source that are not in agreement with my true gender, identity, and destiny as a child of God.**

**I also renounce all curses I have received from, or through, ancestors, family members, authority figures, friends, or anyone else. I renounce all familiar spirits representing any of these people, all their words, and their influence.**

**I renounce and proclaim the destruction of all curses associated with ungodly or counterfeit healing, witchcraft, and magic placed upon my life or being at any time, by any means, including by my own words, actions, or beliefs. I renounce and nullify all curses I've placed on anyone else's life or being by my words or actions.**

**I renounce all the curses I have placed upon myself through my words, actions, or beliefs. I renounce giving control over any of my soul or humanity to Satan's kingdom as a result of pronouncing or receiving these curses.**

I now proclaim the destruction of all curses resulting from spiritual, emotional, and physical traumas I have experienced, and all the spiritual components of these traumas. I command the destruction of all the effects of abandonment, betrayal, victimization, and abuse. I renounce all forms of dissociation and sinful escape, and command all their effects to be destroyed.

I command the destruction of all curses associated with ungodly healing and spiritual infestation, affecting my body or soul, as a result of any hospitalizations, surgeries, medical procedures, dental procedures, medications, narcotics, inoculations, drugs, alcohol, or through other physical substances that have gained access to my body.

I proclaim the destruction of all thoughts, feelings, emotions, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, and expectations that have become curses in my heart or in my life. I now renounce and command the destruction of all manifestations, symptoms, illusions, pain, and body memories, along with all triggers such as sights, sounds, smells, tastes, sensations, and stimulations, by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I claim the power of the blood of Jesus Christ over all these curses and bind everything serving Satan's kingdom that has been attached or assigned to me, in any way, by these curses.

I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being, as well as the lives and beings of any others I have cursed, and go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

I claim back every part of my soul and humanity: everything I've lost or given away, and everything that has been killed, stolen, or destroyed.

I proclaim that everything I received from Satan's kingdom is now replaced with healing, restoration, light, and life, by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**

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As we said earlier, the name, Jesus, comes from the Hebrew word, meaning savior. In Greek, *Christos* is **the Anointed, the Messiah**, and refers to **one commissioned by God** for a special task.

**Antichrist**, the Greek word *antichristos*, is defined in Strong's Concordance (Greek, 500) as "**an opponent** of the Messiah." Vine's Dictionary tells us the term can also mean "**instead of Christ**" (NT Words, p.30). (**Would diminish** the role and **importance** of Christ as the Messiah) Anti means "**opposite**,

instead, or because of.” (**Would replace** or **imitate** the true Christ) [Emphasis ours]

As John says in the Scriptures below, many antichrists are in the world already.

The Antichrist is coming, even now **many antichrists have come.** (1 John 2:18) [Emphasis ours]

For many **deceivers have gone out into the world** who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver **and an antichrist.** (2 John 7) [Emphasis ours]

### **Antichrist Denies Messiah**

An antichrist denies the Messiah’s existence.

The **fool has said** in his heart, “**There is no God.**” (Psalm 14:1) [Emphasis ours]

We don’t believe we should argue with a fool.

**Do not answer a fool** according to his folly, **lest you also be like him.** (Proverbs 26:4) [Emphasis ours]

“**Do not give what is holy** to the dogs; **nor cast your pearls before swine,** lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.” (Matthew 7:6) [Emphasis ours]

**We don’t believe in atheism,** because God has proclaimed His own existence. We do believe those who claim not to believe are **simply rejecting Him** or **they hate Him.**

The **heavens declare** the glory of God; and the **firmament shows** His handiwork. (Psalm 19:1) [Emphasis ours] (Romans 1:18-21, 10:18)

### **Antichrist Diminishes the Work of Jesus**

An antichrist diminishes the finished work of Christ. This religious spirit acknowledges Christ, but **requires works and the law to perfect salvation.** This is in **direct opposition** to the Scriptures!

They have a zeal for God...seeking to **establish their own righteousness,** [they] have **not submitted** to the righteousness of God. (Romans 10:2-4) [Emphasis ours] (Also, Romans 11:6)

There are many places in **Romans** chapters 3-11 which clearly state that **salvation** and **righteousness** are **GIFTS of God!** (Romans 3:21-24,26,28,30; 4:2-3,5,16,23; 5:15-16,18-24; 6:22-23; 8:9-11)

### **Antichrist Attempts to Replace Christ**

An antichrist is the **replacement** for, or **imitation** of, **Christ**, the Messiah. There are **deceiving spirits** which **imitate** the **manifestations** and **gifts of the true Holy Spirit**, such as with the slave girl in Acts 16:16-18.

The coming of the **lawless one** is according to the working of Satan, with all **power, signs, and lying wonders**. (2 Thessalonians 2:9) [Emphasis ours]

“For **false Christs** and **false prophets** will rise and **show signs and wonders to deceive**.” (Mark 13:22) [Emphasis ours]

If we worship **supernatural manifestations** rather than the God of Creation, we are **worshipping antichrist**. We need to proclaim that we will only receive what comes from the God of Creation. Otherwise, we could receive **spiritual gifts** from spirits of antichrist rather than from the Holy Spirit.

### **What About Created Ones?**

God also gave them up to uncleanness...[those who] **worshipped** and **served the creature rather than the Creator**. (Romans 1:24-25) [Emphasis ours]

**Flee from idolatry**. (1 Corinthians 10:14) [Emphasis ours]

Here is **more replacement**. We believe it is a problem when the **approval** and **acceptance** of **those around us** is more important to us than our Creator. The Bible says that God will give us up to the uncleanness brought about by **our own idolatry** of **people** or **things**.

It is also possible to **slip into idolatry** through our **unwillingness to forgive** when **we allow others**, who may have hurt us in some way, to **define our identity** and **control our destiny**.

### **What Is Love?**

Too often, “**I love you,**” means: “**I lust you,**” “**I want to possess you,**” “**I need you,**” “**I need you to need me,**” or “**I want to control you,**” (all of which are **promoted** by the **gospel of Hollywood**). These indicate **sicknesses of the soul, emotional starvation, cravings, and yearnings**.

When we interact with other people, we are **often striving to have these needs met**. However, no other human being can possibly fill our hearts with all the things we so desperately need. **Seeking these things from people is futile idolatry. Only our Creator, and the Father of our spirits, is big enough to provide them.**

## **How About Created Things?**

The **worship of false gods** represents even more **replacement** and **is idolatry**. It doesn't matter what, or who, the god is. **Anything** that has become of **primary importance** in our hearts can **become** a god for us. Often we **measure our worth** or **establish our significance** by the **things we idolize**.

It doesn't matter whether a spirit of antichrist comes as the **opponent**, the **alternative**, or the **counterfeit** of the real Christ. **Any time we worship anything**, or anyone, other than the true God of creation, we are worshipping antichrist and we are **functioning in idolatry**. Here is another opportunity to pray.

### **Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I now renounce all the false gods of humanism and any other religious system or organization serving Satan's kingdom. I renounce the Antichrist, the False Prophet, Hades, Death, and the Dragon.**

**I renounce the dead Jesus still hanging on the cross, the angry father in heaven who would reject me, the voice of the accuser pretending to be the true Holy Spirit, all unclean religious spirits, all the religious people, and all familiar spirits.**

**I renounce all the deceiving spirits that represent ancestors or any dead person. I renounce all the lies, deceptions, and illusions of any religious organization or training I have received.**

**I renounce all attitudes, beliefs, perception, expectations, and programming I received due to my involvement with any religious organization.**

**I renounce all the rituals, ceremonies, oaths, proclamations, laws, requirements, and obligations connecting any part of my being to Satan's kingdom. I renounce all responsibilities placed upon me by any religious system.**

**I also renounce all forms of witchcraft, magic, manipulation, control, intimidation, violence, guilt, condemnation, and the need to perform, or to do things, in order to receive acceptance and approval.**

**I renounce everything associated with any religious belief system that defiled my true identity, destiny, or gender, including all spirits, attitudes, perceptions, strengths, and competition.**

**I renounce all forms of spiritual armor, protection, powers, strengths, abilities, weapons, and everything else I have received from Satan's kingdom in order to survive, protect myself, or provide for my own needs.**

**I renounce all spirits that imitate the true Holy Spirit and His manifestations or gifts. I renounce anything else I have received which would deceive me or draw me away from fellowship with my heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I renounce receiving any spiritual energy from Satan's kingdom into any part of my body or being, through deception or as an act of my will. I renounce giving worship, idolatry, or sacrifice to anything or anyone other than my God, the Creator and Father of all things, and the Lord Jesus Christ. I renounce giving any of my spiritual, emotional, or physical energies, by any means, to serve Satan's kingdom.**

**The Lord Jesus Christ has paid for all the sins of the world including my sins; therefore, I command all these sacrifices be given to Him, as He is the only One worthy to receive them.**

**I command everything associated with these prayers, serving Satan's kingdom, to release everything belonging to me, leave every part of my life and being, and go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends it. Amen!**

## SECTION THREE: THE SOUL

### DEFINING THE SOUL

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There are many words for *soul* and *heart* used in Scripture. We have selected those most commonly used in our studies.

#### **Soul in Hebrew**

In **Hebrew**, the word is *nephesh*. It means “**soul; self; life; person; heart**. (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, H 5315) [Emphasis ours]

“The Hebrew contrasts two...concepts which are not found in the Greek and Latin tradition: ‘**the inner self**’ and ‘**the outer appearance**’ or, as viewed in a different context, ‘what one is to oneself’ as opposed to ‘what one appears to be to one’s observers.’” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary, OT pp 237-38) [Emphasis ours]

#### **Soul in Greek**

The **Greek** word is *psuche*. (Strong’s, G 5590) It denotes “‘**the breath, the breath of life,**’ then ‘**the soul,**’ in its various meanings... the **natural life** of the body; **the...invisible part** of man...**the seat of personality**...by which he **perceives, reflects, feels, desires**...the seat of **will** and **purpose**...of **appetite**...**persons, individuals**...‘**the inward man**’...” [Emphasis ours]

“...Hebrews 4:12 suggests the extreme difficulty of distinguishing between the soul and the spirit.... Generally speaking, the **spirit** is the **higher**, the **soul** the **lower element**. The **spirit** may be recognized as the **life-principle bestowed on man** by God, the **soul** as the **resulting life** constituted in the individual, the **body** being the **material organism animated by soul and spirit**.” (Vine’s, NT pp 588-89) [Emphasis ours]

#### **Heart in Hebrew**

**Heart in Hebrew** is *leb*, (Strong’s, H 3820) and it means “‘heart; mind; midst’... ‘Heart’ is used first of man in Gen. 6:5. [It] may refer to the organ of the body... or it may also refer to the **inner part** or **middle** of a thing...It can be used of the man himself or his personality...**The seat of** desire, inclination, or **will**...the seat of **emotions**...the seat of **knowledge** and **wisdom** and as a **synonym of ‘mind**.’...the seat of **conscience** and moral **character**...It may refer to the seat of rebellion and pride... [Emphasis ours]

“Because of his natural ‘heart,’ man’s only hope is in the promise of God...The heart...is **the fountain of all he does**, all his **thoughts, desires words**, and **actions** that flow from **deep within him.**” (Vine’s, OT pp 108-9) [Emphasis ours]

Proverbs 20:27, says the spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the **inner depths of his heart.** [Author’s paraphrase] The literal translation speaks of the **rooms of the belly.** So our **heart apparently consists of multiple compartments.**

## Heart in Greek

Heart in **Greek** is *kardia*, (Strong’s, G 2588) “‘the heart’...the chief organ of physical life...man’s **entire mental and moral activity**, both the **rational** and the **emotional elements.** In other words, the heart is used figuratively for the **hidden springs** of the personal life.

“The bible describes human depravity as in the ‘heart,’ because **sin** is a principle which **has its seat in the center** of man’s inward life, and then ‘**defiles**’ **the whole** circuit of his action.

“On the other hand, Scripture regards the heart as the **sphere of Divine influence.** In the New Testament it denotes **the seat of physical life... moral nature and spiritual life, the seat of grief... joy... desires... affections... perceptions... thoughts... understanding... reasoning powers... imagination... conscience... intentions... purpose... will... faith.**” (Vine’s, NT p 297) [Emphasis ours]

## Definition of *Mind*

The word “**mind**” is *dianoia*, (Strong’s, G 1271) in Greek means “‘... a **thinking through, a meditation, reflecting, signifies...**’the faculty of **knowing, understanding, or moral reflection’....**” (Vine’s, p 408) (Also see Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27 and Acts 8:37) [Emphasis ours]

“**When renewed** by the Holy Spirit, the whole **mind set changes** from the fearful, negative of the carnal mind **to the vibrant, positive thinking of the quickened spiritual mind.**” (*Spirit Filled Life Bible*, NKJV in Word Wealth, Mark 12:30) [Emphasis ours]

We believe the **mind, soul, and heart** represent the **three levels** of the **inner court** of the New Covenant temple; the mind being the shallowest, the soul next, and the heart the deepest.

## Planting Seeds in the Soul

Planting seeds in the **soil of our souls** can be done in the same way seeds can be planted in the dirt of the earth. We believe this is the context of the analogy being presented by **Jesus** about the **mustard seed.** He speaks of **faith** that **cannot be planted** in the

**dirt, but in the soul.** (Matthew 13:31-32, 17:20.; Mark 4:31-32; Luke 13:18-19)

There are Scriptures that tell of **good trees** producing **good fruit** and **bad trees** producing **bad fruit** in Matthew 7:17-18. In the context of these Scriptures, Jesus compares people to trees.

**For every tree is known by its own fruit...A good...brings forth good; and an evil man...brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:43-45) [Emphasis ours]**

It follows, then, that bad trees grow from seeds that are bad and good trees, from seeds that are good.

## **Germination and Growth**

**Germination and growth** are stimulated by environment. External pressures, good and bad, **can** serve as **spiritual or emotional nutrients** causing germination and growth of seeds.

## **Fruit Development**

The **seeds planted deep** within our being develop into plants. They **produce fruit** that will affect every aspect of our lives.

**“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” (John 15:1-2) [Emphasis ours]**

Here, Jesus demonstrates that a tree can have **bad branches**, which need to be removed, and **good branches** that will be saved.

Unless we can remove the bad parts and stop the production of bad fruit, there is no reason to expect any change for the better.

## **EFFECTS OF SIN ON THE SOUL**

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### **God Commands**

Jesus said to him, “You shall **love the Lord** your God with **all your heart**, with **all your soul**, and with **all your mind**.” (Matthew 22:37) [Emphasis ours]

Many times in Scripture **there are commands to love, serve, or praise the Lord** with all our **heart, soul, mind, will, and strength**. (See Deuteronomy 4:29; 6:5; 10:12, 13:3; 26:16; 30:2,6,10; Joshua 22:5; 1 Samuel 12:20,24; 1 Kings 2:4; 8:23,48; 2 Kings 23:3; 2

**Chronicles 6:38; 15:12,15; 34:31; Psalms 9:1; 111:1; 119:2,34,58,69,145, 138:1; Proverbs 3:5; Jeremiah 24:7; Joel 2:12; Zephaniah 3:14)**

This presents a problem because, if we are told to **do something** this many times, **it must be possible NOT to do it.**

## **Conflict in Our Soul**

**Is Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), formerly called Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD), identified biblically?** We believe it is. Some of our evidences are in the following Scriptures.

With flattering lips and a **double heart** they speak. (Psalm 12:2) [Emphasis ours]

Purify your hearts, you **double-minded.** (James 4:8) [Emphasis ours]

[Judah has] “committed adultery with stones and trees...Judah has not turned to Me with **her whole heart**, but in pretense,” says the Lord. (Jeremiah 3:8-10) [Emphasis ours]

Search me, O God, and know my heart. (Psalms 139:23)

The **heart is deceitful** above all things, and **desperately wicked**; who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9) [Emphasis ours]

If anyone among you...**deceives his own heart**, this one's **religion is useless.** (James 1:26) [Emphasis ours]

All the Scriptures speak to the fact that we have **hearts** or **souls** that can **respond** in **at least two ways** concerning God. In our opinion, the Scriptures validate the existence of the phenomenon called dissociation. There is still **one soul**, but **parts of it can be responding in conflicting ways.** We believe this is the source of much **conflict in our hearts.**

## **Sin Causes Damage to the Soul**

How many times have you heard people say these things? “**She made me mad. He made me sad. They offended me. He broke my heart. Someone hurt my feelings. That** tickled me to death. **You** scared me to death. I'm just looking for **someone to make me happy.**” Notice that it's *always* **someone else** doing it. Someone else, whom **we have allowed to function as God in our life, is responsible.**

We have to get it straight. **Who is responsible for our sins?**

I said, "Lord be merciful to me, **HEAL MY SOUL for I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU.**" (Psalms 41:4) [Emphasis ours]

Heal, *rapha* means to **mend**, to cure...heal, **repair, make whole.** (Strong's, H 7495) {Emphasis ours}

God says **He forgives** our sins when **we confess our sins, not** when we **blame someone else** for them.

How many times have you heard **someone proclaim** they have a **broken heart** and we assumed it was just a figure of speech? We don't think it is. We believe the **psalmist** was either **speaking** from **personal knowledge**, or was **inspired by the Holy Spirit.** We believe **it is possible** to have a **broken heart.**

The **Lord is near** to those who have a **broken heart.** (Psalms 34:18) [Emphasis ours] (Also Psalms 51:17; 69:20)

"Broken, *shabar*, to **burst, break (...in pieces...), broken, crush, destroy, hurt...tear.**" (Strong's, H 7665) [Emphasis ours]

"Sometimes it is used...to describe a '**shattered**' heart..." (Psalm 69:20; Ezekiel 6:9)." (Vine's pp. OT 24-25)

There is good news. God gives a promise.

**He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.** (Psalms 147:3) [Emphasis ours]

## Can We Lose Control of Our Soul?

We believe **we can lose control** of our souls. We're told,

Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary **the devil** walks about like a **roaring lion**, seeking whom **he may devour.** (1 Peter 5:8) [Emphasis ours]

Devour, here, means "to **drink down, gulp or swallow up.**" (Strong's, G 2666) [Emphasis ours]

**WHAT** is it Satan wants to **devour**? He is a **spirit being** and would have no use for flesh. We believe it is **spiritual energy** he seeks, and/or **control of our soul** and humanity.

**Peter is talking to Christians.** We conclude that, through sin and deception, **control of parts of our soul** can be *lost* to us. The one receiving control is Satan or a representative of his kingdom.

**Jesus** seemed to **confirm** this when He said,

"**What will it profit** a man if he gains the whole world, and **loses his own soul?**" (Mark 8:36) [Emphasis ours]

This word *lose* includes the concepts **to damage**, **to suffer loss**, or to be **cast away**.  **Casting away control** of the **soul** is a function of **free will**.

“Behold, **all souls are Mine**; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine.” (Ezekiel 18:4) [Emphasis ours]

Does the Scripture in Mark suggest that we **would cease to have a soul** as a part of our being? **All the souls** belong to God. Therefore, **we cannot sell** or **give our soul away**. The only thing we can do is **temporarily give away control** of **parts** of our **soul**.

**Many** of us have **chosen** to **give up gifts** and **abilities** that made us the unique person God created. These gifts may be **part of His master plan** for eternity. **If we have lost them** so they aren't available, **we cannot contribute** our part to the plan.

### **Soul Damage Affects the Body**

We are convinced that damage to the soul affects the body also.

A sound heart is life to the body, but **envy is rottenness to the bones**. (Proverbs 14:30) [Emphasis ours]

Here, the contrast is focused on the sin of envy, but we believe it would be appropriate to **apply it to any sin**. **James** tells us that when we are **guilty of one sin**, we are **guilty of all**. (James 2:10)

A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by **sorrow of the heart** the **spirit is broken** (Proverbs 15:13)...[and] a **broken spirit dries the bones**. (Proverbs 17:22) [Emphasis ours]

In these cases, the word *broken* would be more accurately defined as **smitten**, **afflicted**, or **stricken**. (Merriam Webster's) We conclude that a **soul** functioning **in sin** will generate effects that are **detrimental to the body**, such as **sickness** and **disease**. The soul that is restored produces the **emotions** and **responses** that are **good for the body** and **promote health**. This is suggested by,

I pray that you may **prosper in all things** and **be in health**, just as **your soul prospers**. (3 John 2) [Emphasis ours]

We believe this prayer applies to anyone.

The **prospering** of the **soul** will **help heal the spirit** of the crushing and bruising it has experienced.

He who raised Christ from the dead will also give **life to your mortal bodies** through **His**

**Spirit** who **dwells in you.** (Romans 8:11)  
[Emphasis ours]

In this case, life includes **strength** and **vitality**, so it is reasonable to expect this for all of us who are parts of His body.

### Hasn't the Work Already Been Done?

We have heard, "**Put the old, unpleasant stuff under the blood and move on.** As Christians we have all died and been raised up with Jesus. What is the good of dredging it all up again?"

From an **eternal perspective, we are a new creation.** We also have a **fouled-up soul** with **old, non-beneficial programming** that causes us to **perceive** everything in a **distorted** way.

Painful memories, old hurts, fears, and destructive life patterns **need to be healed, not covered over** or **lightly dismissed.** God seems to concur when, through His prophet, He says,

**"They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace."** (Jeremiah 6:14) [Emphasis ours]

### Old Programming Verses God's Truth

It is apparent that our view of sin and God's view are totally different. God often sees sin in those things we believe are good.

We are **all** like an **unclean thing**, and all **our righteousnesses** are like **filthy rags.** (Isaiah 64:6) [Emphasis ours]

Our views are often based upon old, **distorted programming.** When we do **good things** with the **wrong motivation**, He looks upon them and **holds His nose.**

Paul said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels...have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries ...all knowledge...all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but **have not love, I am nothing...**" (1 Corinthians 13:1-2) [Emphasis ours]

There appear to be levels of consciousness of which we are not aware.

The **heart is deceitful** above all things, And desperately wicked; **who can know it?** (Jeremiah 17:9) [Emphasis ours]

**"From within, out of the heart** of men, **proceed evil...**All these **evil things** come

from within and **defile a man.**" (Mark 7:21-23) [Emphasis ours]

As [a man] **thinks in his heart**, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7). [Emphasis ours]

As a result, **we respond** to other **people, events** in life, and even **God**, in **sinful ways** we don't understand.

## **Work Out Our Own Salvation**

We are called to participate in the process of securing our freedom. Satan can't really own anything God has given to us. However, we will receive the **consequences of our sin**.

We've **never seen** the **verse** that tells us, *just put it under the blood, and move on*. We are aware of other proclamations:

**Work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12) [Emphasis ours]

**Confess** your trespasses **to one another**, and pray for one another, that **you may be healed**. (James 5:16) [Emphasis ours]

But **we have renounced** the **hidden things of shame**. (2 Corinthians 4:2) [Emphasis ours]

**Instead of hiding** those *things of shame*, we are to **bring them out into the light** and **renounce** them. That is how **we take control** over parts of our soul **away from the accuser**, and still **his voice**. Our heavenly Father will always honor our decisions and choices.

There is **very good news**. **If we have given control** over parts of our soul or humanity to our enemy, **it is time to renounce the contract**.

**He restores my soul**. (Psalm 23:3) [Emphasis ours]

The **gifts** and the **calling** of God are **irrevocable**. (Romans 11:29) [Emphasis ours]

**The authority we were given over our soul is still ours.**

### **Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I confess and renounce the sins that have broken and shattered my heart. I confess and renounce the hidden things of shame that have given Satan's kingdom legal rights against me. I renounce all forms of demonic goodness: self-righteousness, self-justification, self-deception, religious observances, and the light, which is really darkness.**

**I renounce the mind of the flesh, which is hostile to God. I renounce believing or proclaiming that others are responsible for making me sin. I am responsible for all my sinful words, actions, and reactions. I renounce giving anyone power over me by proclaiming they are responsible for me.**

**I claim the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as payment for all the sins that Satan would claim over any part of my soul or humanity. I command everything serving Satan's kingdom, all its influence and control, and all its effects in my life to go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends it.**

**I renounce giving any sacrifice, including any spiritual, emotional, or physical energies, as well as gifts, abilities, or any part of my soul or humanity, over to Satan's kingdom.**

**I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to give the Lord Jesus Christ everything received from me as a sacrifice, because the Lord Jesus Christ is the One who paid for all my sins, and He alone is worthy to receive these things.**

**Heavenly Father, I ask You to shine Your light of truth and search my heart so I will know where I have deceived myself. I ask You to resolve the conflict in my soul so I can be free of double mindedness. I ask You to restore health, lost as a result of my sins, to my spirit, soul, and body. I ask You to make me prosper and be in good health as my soul prospers.**

**I ask You to help me perceive, react, and respond to myself, to others, to events of life, and to You the way I should. I ask You to heal, to make whole, my broken heart. I ask you to reclaim everything belonging to me that has been devoured by Satan and his kingdom.**

**I ask You to restore everything associated with my true identity and destiny, everything I lost or gave away, as well as everything that has been killed, stolen, or destroyed because of my sins.**

**I ask You, Heavenly Father, to do whatever it takes to make me whole, so I can love, worship, and serve You with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength; so I can be all You created me to be and be raised up to the highest and best place You have created for me. I want nothing less and I give you permission to do this work in my life. Thank You. Amen.**

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## **METHODS OF DISSOCIATION**

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**“In dissociation, there is disconnection in the mental processes that can produce memory lapses or memory changes...affecting**

**our sense of personal history and identity.”** (Sidran Foundation)  
[Emphasis ours]

**We learn to dissociate as children to survive** because of hurtful experiences, fear, and trauma. As adults we seek **sources of escape** such as **fantasies, imaginations, sleeping, movies, books, TV, music, videos, magazines, pornography, computers, video games, virtual reality, drugs, alcohol, food, sex, sports, or shopping.**

Someone might think that these choices of escape represent **harmless pastimes**, but we don't think that conclusion fits with Scripture. The Lord told us to come to Him.

**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call...So shall I be saved...(Psalm 18:2-3)** [Emphasis ours]

Before we became Christians, our options were limited, **but now we have the Lord.** When we **choose to go someplace else**, we are **rejecting the help He would provide.**

### **Dreams, Fantasies, and Imaginations**

Through **our imaginations and scenarios, we can imagine** living in our own world, and **we can create** whatever circumstances we want. We can use **these abilities to function righteously or in sin.** It is our decision.

**Meditate** on these things; **give yourself entirely** to them, that your progress may be evident to all. (1 Timothy 4:15) [Emphasis ours]

The problem is in **misusing an ability** given by the **true Creator.** When we try to **assume His role** in our lives, we are attempting to **compete with Him.** This guarantees our failure.

### ***God is Reality and Truth; Satan is Unreality and Deception***

If **God** is the **source of infinite light**, it is **reasonable** to believe that **His enemy** is the **source of darkness.** We should consider,

Therefore take heed that the **light** which is in you is not **darkness.** (Luke 11:35)  
[Emphasis ours]

Satan himself **transforms himself** into an angel of **light.** (2 Corinthians 11:14)  
[Emphasis ours]

When used in **sinful** ways, **fantasies, imaginations,** and **scenarios** can give Satan's servants opportunities to deceive us. They do this by **appearing to become** whatever we want, **seeming to assist us in our effort to be like God, the Creator.**

I fear...as the serpent deceived Eve...so **your minds may be corrupted...**(2 Corinthians 11:3)  
[Emphasis ours]

When we try to be a creator, we are trying to **replace God** in one of the roles only He can fill, and we are **functioning in idolatry,** in accordance with the **religion of humanism.**

Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry.**  
(1 Corinthians 10:14) [Emphasis ours]

### Consequences of Fantasies and Imaginations

Jesus addressed the issue of **imaginary activities.**

"I say to you that **whoever looks** at a woman **to lust for her** has **already committed adultery with her in his heart.**" (Matthew 5:27-28) [Emphasis ours]

The problem is **responding sinfully** to what we **see, hear,** or **imagine.** Jesus makes it clear.

"From within, **out of the heart** of men, **proceed evil thoughts...foolishness.** All **these evil things...defile a man.**" (Mark 7:21-23)  
[Emphasis ours]

**Resorting to forms of escape other than the Lord** of our salvation will put us into the control of Satan and his kingdom. We must, then, face God's judgment for our actions.

### Familiar Spirits

When we form **mental images** of people or characters with whom we identify **sinfully,** we may provide the enemy with opportunities to **come to us as familiar spirits.** They **appear** in our **mental images wearing masks** that **look like** people or characters. We call the images *constructs*.

These constructs are produced by some combination of **emotional and spiritual energies.** The energies are **generated in our minds** through **real-life** experiences **or** through **imaginary** encounters with these images.

**These ambassadors** for Satan's kingdom don't really care which sins we choose to commit. Their job is to deceive, motivate, and **stimulate us to commit more sin** and to **bring defilement** in every possible way.

These **familiar spirits** are very seductive and subtle, and **many people**, not just children, succumb. God tells us **these activities**, and the people who practice them, are abominations to Him.

There shall not be found among you...a **medium**, or a **spiritist**, or one who calls up the dead...all who do these things **are an abomination** to the Lord. (Deuteronomy 18:10-12) [Emphasis ours]

If we have allowed ourselves to become **subject to familiar spirits**, they have legal access to our minds, souls, and bodies and **will influence** our **thoughts, perceptions, beliefs, and attitudes**. These **familiar spirits** do this through their **interpretation** and **translation** of what we see and hear.

## Familiar Spirits of Death

**Through Adam, death is the first of our enemies** to have come into the world. It is the **spiritual entity** that becomes our master when we let it in. **We hear its voice** when it is outside wanting to come in, and we hear its voice after it has entered.

The apostle **Paul** wrote that **death is at work in us**. Paul proclaimed that it was not he that did evil. It was the **sin (death) that dwelt within him**, that **ever-present evil**. It was **the voice**, which was within him, constantly **prodding** and **insisting** he do its will.

Death impregnates the whole of creation with its influence and power. However, we can take heart.

The **creation...will be delivered** from the **bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God...we know that the whole **creation groans**. (Romans 8:21-22) [Emphasis ours]

Through death He [**Jesus**] might **destroy** him who had the power of **death**, that is, **the devil**, and **release** those who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime **subject to bondage**. (Hebrews 2:14-15) [Emphasis ours]

(Also, Genesis 2:17, 4:7; Romans 5:13-14; 1 John 3:8; John 10:10; Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 2:11-15; 1 Corinthians 15:26, 56-57)

## Idealized Unreality

Our ability to **create idealized situations** and **people** in our minds through a world of **dreams, fantasies, and imagination** is one most of us begin to use when we are children and continue

into our adult lives as a way of coping with difficult situations and people.

These **idealized creations** stimulate us to have **unrealistic expectations** of the world around us and ourselves. When anyone or anything fails to measure up, we become **disappointed** and **frustrated** or we **feel betrayed**.

We might also **clothe ourselves** with **demonic goodness** in the form of **self-righteousness** or **other idealized identities**.

We may prefer to focus on the **past triumphs** or **future possibilities**, because it **frees us** from the **challenges of the present**.

Better is the sight of the eyes [the enjoyment of **what is available** to one] than the cravings of **wandering desire**. This is also vanity...and a **striving after the wind** and a **feeding on it!** (Ecclesiastes 6:9, AB) [Emphasis ours]

“Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. **Sufficient for the day** is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:34) [Emphasis ours]

The **past is gone** and there's nothing we can do to change it. Jesus told us not to worry about tomorrow. We can plan for the future, but **we cannot live in it**. He instructed us to **live in today** and to seek His kingdom today, so **He can provide for our tomorrows**.

## **We Do Have Other Options**

God is our **refuge** and **strength**, a very **present help**...(Psalms 46:1-2) [Emphasis ours]

“He is my **refuge** and my **fortress**...” (Psalms 91:2) [Emphasis ours]

The **weapons of our warfare** are not carnal but **mighty** in God for...bringing every **thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5) [Emphasis ours]

Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true... noble... just... pure... lovely...of good report**, if there is **any virtue** and...**praiseworthy—meditate on these things**. (Philippians 4:8) [Emphasis ours]

**Keep your heart** with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23) [Emphasis ours]

We are **not required to give** anything to **those that want to destroy** us. The **Lord has invested** a great deal **into our salvation**. It seems appropriate to **call upon Him to help** us.

## Restoration of Our Souls

When the Lord gives us **a command**, **His righteousness** is on the line. He can only command of us what **He has made it possible for us to achieve**. More importantly, He is **obligated to help us** if we will humble ourselves and ask.

**There is good news!**

**He restores my soul; He leads me** in the paths of righteousness **for His name's sake**. (Psalms 23:3) [Emphasis ours]

There are two wonderful promises in this proclamation. First, He will **restore our souls**. The second promise may be even more important. Even when we fail to function perfectly, He will do His part **for His name's sake**.

Restore means to **turn back, bring back home again, carry back again, deliver again, fetch home again, pull in again, recall, recover, refresh, rescue, and retrieve, to cause to or make to return**. (Strong's, H 7725) [Emphasis ours]

Our question is, "**From where?**"

You desire truth in **the inward parts, and in the hidden part** You will make me to know wisdom (Psalms 51:6). [Emphasis ours]

**Hidden** means **kept secret, closed up, or shut up**. This suggests there **are SECRET PARTS** of our soul of which **we may not be consciously aware**. They could be **the HIDDEN PARTS** that  **dwell in spiritual and emotional prison cells and need to be rescued**.

The key to healing is **letting go of the illusions** so we can discover the truth.

You shall **know the truth, and the truth shall make you free**. (John 8:32) [Emphasis ours]

## Now What?

Lord, **be merciful** to me; **heal my soul...** (Psalms 41:4) [Emphasis ours]

I will walk in Your truth; **unite my heart.**  
(Psalms 86:11) [Emphasis ours]

In both of these cases, the plea is that **the Lord** will **unite**, cure, **repair**, or **make whole** the **heart/soul**.

“Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you**; not as the world gives do I give to you.” (John 14:27) [Emphasis ours]

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me **you may have peace.**” (John 16:33) [Emphasis ours]

**Peace** comes from a **primary verb** meaning, **to join**, prosperity, one, quietness, rest, **set at one again**. (Strong’s, G 1515)

May the **God of peace** Himself **sanctify you completely**; and may your **whole spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless. (1 Thessalonians 5:23) [Emphasis ours] (Also, Jeremiah 29:13-14)

We have an absolute promise from the One who knows our souls better than we may ever know them. If we will **allow Him** the opportunity, He is **willing to heal** and **restore our souls**.

#### Sample Prayer:

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I renounce the voice of the accuser and its function in my mind or mouth. I command the destruction of all demonic goodness or badness I received by competing with my God, the true Creator.**

**I renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with being a creator. I renounce all their power and control over any part of my life or being, and I renounce all contracts, vows, proclamations, and agreements I have made in my heart, or with my mouth, that have turned anything over to Satan or his kingdom.**

**I renounce the sinful use of dissociation and all forms of sinful escape. I renounce the use of daydreaming, dreams, fantasies, imaginations, drugs, alcohol, sex, food, shopping, movies, computer ventures and games, videos, books, sleep--everything I have used to escape real life and the pain, fear, and unhappiness of life. I renounce everything associated with illusions and unreality.**

**I renounce all realms of sinful escape in any time, space, or dimension. I command the destruction of everything created by any form of dissociation in which I have engaged; everything that represents real life, dreams, fantasies, or imaginations associated with people, places, objects, events, sights, sounds, smells, tastes,**

**feelings, emotions, body memories, sensations, and stimulations. I command the destruction of everything that would control, deceive, or hold any part of my soul captive.**

**I command all the spiritual components of these constructs to go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them. I command the destruction of all defilement and iniquity I have received through these activities.**

**I renounce all familiar spirits associated with dead people, ancestors, family members, authority figures, and other people or entities. I renounce being deceived by any familiar spirit or spirit guide. I renounce and proclaim the destruction of all masks and illusions that hide the true identity of any familiar spirits, or spirit guides, that have ever deceived any part of my soul or humanity.**

**I renounce all familiar spirits of death, the voice of death, the friendship of death, the counsel of death, the comfort of death, the place of death, the haunting fear of death, and the fear of life.**

**I renounce all the powers, strengths, abilities, comfort, all real or perceived benefits, and everything else I have received from any spirit guide or familiar spirit at any time during my life.**

**I renounce giving any idolatry or sacrifice, including any spiritual, emotional, or physical energies, as well as any part of my soul or humanity, over to anything serving Satan's kingdom.**

**I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to give the Lord Jesus Christ everything received from me as a sacrifice, because the Lord Jesus Christ paid for all my sins, and He alone is worthy to receive these things.**

**I claim the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as payment for all the sins that Satan would claim over any part of my soul or humanity. I command everything serving Satan's kingdom, all their influence, control, and effects in my life to go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.**

**Heavenly Father, I now place into Your hands all the parts of my soul associated with my efforts to function as the Creator. I relinquish this job, and the weight of responsibility for this job.**

**I ask You to restore to me all my soul, humanity, and everything associated with my true identity and destiny; everything I lost or gave away, as well as everything that has been killed, stolen, or destroyed.**

**My Lord, I ask You to cleanse my spiritual eyes, my mind, and my heart of everything that would deceive me and prevent me from seeing and knowing You as You truly are, or from seeing and knowing myself as You created me to be.**

**I ask You to give me the revelation that You are my Father and I am your child. I ask You to fill my heart with the revelation of how different You are from any other person or being I have ever known.**

**I ask You to flood my heart with Your presence and power, with Your perfect love, acceptance, approval, peace, joy, satisfaction, and security. I ask You to fill me with everything I have never received, everything necessary for me to be free from fear, emotional starvation, and all associated cravings and yearnings.**

**I ask You, Heavenly Father, to teach me how to trust You and how to escape to You. I want to know You as my Place of escape. Thank You. Amen.**

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## SECTION FOUR: SOUL FRUIT ISSUES

### Can You Be Like God?

The **promise of being like God** seduced Adam and Eve.

Mankind hasn't changed much over the generations. We want **instant food, relief** from pain, and **satisfaction**. We reject God's prescription for these things, thinking **we can do it** in a **better, faster, and more efficient** way.

When it was time for God's children to enter the Promised Land, the Lord explained:

**"I will not drive them**[your enemies] **out from before you in one year"** (Exodus 23:29-30); **"The LORD your God will drive out** those nations before you **little by little**; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become *too* numerous for you." (Deuteronomy 7:22) [Emphasis ours]

**We believe** He follows the **same plan** in the *Promised Land of our soul*. When He has taught us how to occupy what we've taken back from the enemy, He helps us take more. He has promised to complete the work He has begun in us. (Philippians 1:6) Our problems begin when **we want to take on the jobs** of the **Father**, as the **Creator** and **Judge**, the **Son** as **Savior**, or the **Holy Spirit** as the **Controller**.

**WE ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO DO ANY OF THESE JOBS!**

### CAN YOU JUDGE LIKE THE FATHER?

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#### Being Unforgiving

**Being unforgiving** is a **function of will**, because a **person is unwilling** to **give up resentment**, or to **grant relief from payment** of a perceived debt. An offender is **filled with bitterness**. These responses are based on judgments.

Scripture tells us what happens to us **when we are unforgiving**.

You are **poisoned by bitterness** and **bound by iniquity**. (Acts 8:23) [Emphasis ours]

**We will be turned over to the tormenters.**

His master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers** until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will **do to you** if each of you, **from his heart, does not forgive** his brother his trespasses. (Matthew 18:35) [Emphasis ours] (Also Mark 11: 24 and 25)

We must **forgive from the heart** if we want to be granted relief from payment, and set free from the consequences of our own sin.

“And **forgive us** our debts, **as we forgive** our debtors...if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:12-15). [Emphasis ours] (Also Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; and the parable concerning forgiveness in Matthew 18:21-35)

In order to be free, we must, Let all **bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking** be put away from you, **with all malice.** (Ephesians 4:31) [Emphasis ours] (Also Colossians 3:8; 1 Peter 2:1)

## Effects on the Body

When we are happy, cheerful, and full of joy, our **bodies produce endorphins** that are **medicine** for the body. (Proverbs 14:30, 15:13, 15:30, 17:22)

As we discussed in section two, **medical science and the Proverbs** indicate that **sinful reactions** can **produce poisons and toxins** in our body. Being angry with people doesn't hurt them; **it hurts us** and may **eventually kill us.**

Once again, **we see God's perfect system for motivating us** to do what is necessary to be free. We see that **pain can be used for good.** The **fiery serpents** were used for good, and **physical and emotional pain** produced by **the torturers** can be used for good. It can **motivate us to truly forgive** others and seek Him.

**The issue** always is: what kind of **relationship** do we have with **our heavenly Father?**

## Fearful Responses

We need to understand that **fear underlies** our **bitter and unforgiving heart.**

**Pursue peace...**lest any **root of bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by this **many**

**become defiled.** (Hebrews 12:14-15) [Emphasis ours]

People believe that sin is only committed when we hurt someone. **We also sin in the way we respond to being hurt. Fear, bitterness, and being unforgiving** as a result of what someone does to us **are sin.**

We believe **all sin is based in fear** and is associated with the **need for survival.** The motivations for our **fear responses** are typically based upon our **judgments and expectations.** This fear will also function as **idolatry** by making **others too powerful** in our lives.

Man dies in the **bitterness of his soul,** never having eaten with pleasure. (Job 21:25) [Emphasis ours]

We interpret this as meaning it is **possible to have good things** and **not be able to enjoy them,** because of **bitterness in our soul.** Can you see how **Satan uses the sin of judgment,** based in fear, **to cheat people** out of the good things of life?

## **We Assign Blame**

Frequently **we blame everyone else,** including God, for those things **we judge to be wrongs** in our lives. (Colossians 3:8,21; Matthew 5:21-22; Romans 3:13-14; Ephesians 4:31)

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever **you are who judge,** for in whatever you judge another **you condemn yourself;** for you who judge **practice the same things.** (Romans 2:1) [Emphasis ours]

The Scripture above indicates that **we are looking** at another person **as though** we were **looking in a mirror.** We respond because we are seeing, **reflected in someone else,** the things **we are ashamed of or dislike in ourselves.**

## **REJECTION AND ABANDONMENT**

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**Everyone** has experienced rejection. **In the Garden of Eden,** there was only **one law.** Adam and Eve **rejected it** and, in doing so, **rejected God.** As a result, they were cast out of the garden. At that time, **rejection** and the **fear of rejection** was planted **in the hearts of mankind.** (Genesis 3:6-24)

**We received rejection** when we were **forced out** of our **mother's womb.** As a **result,** we go through life **looking for approval** and **acceptance** from people. **If we are afraid** that

someone is going to reject us, **we judge and reject** them first. **We do the same thing with God, His law, and His rule.** (Hosea 4:6)

**Graciously God accepts** us in spite of our sin and rebellion. Our only hope is to dive into the arms of the One who said,

**“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**  
(Hebrews 13:5) [Emphasis ours] (Also 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 25:34; Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 15:7)

We ask the Holy Spirit to shine his light into your soul. We ask him to minister to you in a way that will change you forever.

## **SHAME, WORTHLESSNESS, AND PRIDE**

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Shame, worthlessness, and pride **have much in common.** No matter who we are, we all have the **same enemy** who tells us **there is something wrong** with us. It is usually **something we cannot change**, such as our **gender, true identity, true destiny, or family.**

**Some of us** have been told **we were a mistake or an accident.** We may **feel shame** as a result of **abuse or victimization.** We experience **feelings of degradation, self-hatred, self-condemnation, self-judgment, self-destruction, and self-defilement that cause guilt, betrayal, and rage.**

We may judge that it was **our fault** or that **we deserve punishment.** When we believe those lies, **we judge others, our heavenly Father, and ourselves based on those lies.** **We decide no one will ever love us, bless us, provide for us, so we respond in a variety of ways.**

### **Worthlessness or *The Tortoise***

In one extreme, we decide there is **no hope** because **we are worthless.** When we give in to **despair, fear of failure, fear of inadequacy,** and the **fear of worthlessness,** we may **attempt to compensate** for our hopeless state by being a **people pleaser** and/or **people hater.** This is **idolatry.**

### **Pride or *The Hare***

**The other extreme** is what we **call pride.** It produces a **false sense** of our own **importance or dignity,** and **arrogance.** If we view it as the **other side** of the **shame/worthlessness coin,** it makes perfect sense.

When **pride** comes, then comes **shame.**  
(Proverbs 11:2) [Emphasis ours] (Also Proverbs 13:10; 16:18; 29:23)

Conversely, pride is a **logical manifestation** of shame.

**Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels...And though I have the gift of prophecy...and though I have all faith...And though I bestow all my goods...and...give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.**(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)  
[Emphasis ours]

If we are doing *good things* for the wrong reasons, (such as **shame, fear, worthlessness, pride, or obligation**) our *good works* will be of **no value**. The only things **having eternal value** are those things **motivated by love**.

## Defilement

The words used for defilement, in both Hebrew and Greek, refer to **contamination, pollution, unholiness, and uncleanness**.

In our studies, we have determined that **we can defile ourselves, our flesh, the temple or God's house, our identity, our destiny, the land, holy places, food, garments, gold, silver, etc.** Although people and things can be defiled, they **retain the identity they had** before they were contaminated.

In this life **defilement is normal**. Our Father sent Jesus so we could be free of its effects. When defiling things are **done by or to us, we need Him** and the **power of a cleansing agent, His blood**.

## Wrong Perceptions

Proverbs 23:6-7, states that a person's **identity and destiny** can be **defiled by his perceptions because, as he thinks in his heart, so is he**. This can be accomplished through **messages** received while in the **womb**. It can be **through hatred of the image of father, mother, self, family, or others**. It can also be through the **perceived need** for something required for our survival. We can be **defiled** through **perceived inequities or lack of value of our true identity**.

## Idealized or Idolized Self

**Fantasizing** about being someone or something **other than who we are** may create **spiritual contracts and agreements** that can put us in bondage. We may see **ourselves as being stronger, smarter, bigger, smaller, more capable, more popular, or more attractive**.

These **idealized images** can take on the character of a rival. They become **the perfection** we can **never achieve**, created by imagination. **Because of self-hatred, self-judgment, and self-condemnation** we engage in **self-defilement, wanting to be**

**something or someone else. Because of our sin, we open the door and let that creature in to function as a familiar spirit.**

At some point, **the familiar spirit can assume the role, put on the mask, speak into our mind, and continually criticize and put us down.** It tells us we can never succeed. Because the **voice sounds like our own,** we believe it.

**If we believe we have no value or importance, we tend to feel despair, emptiness, and a sense of futility. In this process of striving we compete with the creation of our own imagination.**

## **Our True Identity**

When we know the truth of **who we really are,** we don't have to believe the lies. Luke 15:4-7, the parable of the lost sheep; Luke 15:8-10, the parable of the lost coin; and Luke 15:11-32, the parable of the lost son; give us **some idea of how valuable we are** to our Lord.

The **Lord your God is in the midst of you...He will rejoice over you with joy...in His love** He will be silent and make no mention [of past sins, or even recall them]; **He will exult over you with singing.** (Zephaniah 3:17, AB). [Emphasis ours] (Also Matthew 18:4; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:3-11)

**Instead of being motivated by the fear** generated by our belief of the lies, **we can love as we are loved** by our Creator, and relate to the rest of mankind in that love.

### **Sample Prayer:**

**I renounce the unwillingness to forgive and all idolatry, bitterness, anger, and the underlying fears that produce these responses. I renounce all the power of rejection and abandonment and the fear of rejection and abandonment.**

**I renounce believing the lies of Satan regarding my being rejected by God and my being unlovable or unacceptable. I renounce every voice or tormentor serving Satan's kingdom associated with any of these sins affecting my life in any way.**

**I proclaim that nothing I have ever done, or that has ever been done to me, defines who I am or assures that my past will always control me.**

**I renounce all constructs and images associated with any idealized image representing me, or any other person, place, object, substance, or being. I proclaim that everything spiritual I have received into or onto me, disguising my true identity, is now**

**destroyed by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I renounce every familiar spirit associated with any idealized image. I renounce all real and perceived benefits received from these spirits. I renounce all judgments, the need to compete, and everything else associated with these familiar spirits. I renounce everything I have received from Satan's kingdom that has defiled my true gender, identity, and destiny.**

**I renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with shame, defilement, worthlessness, victimization, helplessness, hopelessness, doom, self-hatred, self-rejection, self-condemnation, self-judgment, self-destruction, self-defilement, self-righteousness, pride, selfishness, self-exaltation, and self-pity.**

**I renounce giving anything to Satan's kingdom that serves as a sacrifice. I command Satan's kingdom to give the Lord Jesus Christ everything received from me as a sacrifice. He paid for all my sins and is the only one worthy to receive all these things.**

**I renounce everything I have received from Satan's kingdom associated with unforgiveness, blame, rejection, abandonment, and shame. I renounce, bind, and command everything associated with these sins, all their influences and effects that serve Satan's kingdom, to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being, and go now where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.**

**I renounce seeking my own lusts and desires. I renounce the need to be served and exalted. I proclaim that the Lord Jesus Christ is my Lord. In my own ability and power I am unable to accomplish any good thing.**

**I choose to humble myself and give all the glory and honor to my Father in heaven and the Lord Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the privilege of serving Him and being the tool through which He does good works.**

**Father, I choose to forgive those who have hurt, rejected, abandoned, shamed, or betrayed me in any way. I now place all these people in Your hands. I choose to let You judge them, and I ask You to deal with them in accordance with Your perfect will.**

**I ask You, by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, to cleanse me of everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with unwillingness to forgive, idolatry, bitterness, anger, rejection, abandonment, shame, worthlessness, and pride, as well as all underlying fears, influences, and effects.**

**My Lord, I ask You to restore to me everything I need to be whole and complete as You created me to be. I now proclaim that**

I am accepted and loved by my God and Father in heaven forever.

I proclaim the victory given to me by the Lord Jesus Christ. I am created in the image of God; and I am worth the life of His Son, Jesus, who gave His life for me, personally. I am a child of light given the power to overcome and triumph over the trials of this world. I am of God and have overcome because He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world. Amen.

## IMAGE OF THE FATHER

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The image of our earthly father **differs for each individual**. We have discovered that the father in any family unit is extremely important. We believe the **focus of the enemy** is to **distort and pervert the image of dad**. We can see how **Hollywood has contributed to this process by moving from *Father Knows Best* to *The Simpsons***.

### Believing Heavenly Father Is like Earthly Father

When dad fails to function in an appropriate way, his children interpret what happened with the help of *the voice*. It might say, “**See, this is the way all daddies are.**” *The voice* belongs to the **accuser, or death**, and its purpose is to put a **barrier of mistrust** between children and **any authority figures**. Ultimately, he wants to **destroy our relationship with our heavenly Daddy**.

Unfortunately, many fathers give *the voice* plenty of material with which to work. As a result, it is easy for a child to believe that the heavenly Father is responsible for all the bad things that have happened. At some point, we have to **forgive Him** for all those **bad things** for which **our hearts have held Him responsible**.

### Idealized Images Good and Bad

Sometimes children develop an **idealized image** of dad as someone larger than life. In the child’s mind, this image is clothed with **demonic goodness** and the **child idolizes it**. At other times, dad is seen as bad and is clothed with **demonic badness**. Then the **idolatry** is in the **form of hatred**.

The **idealized dad images**, and the **associated familiar spirits**, are **powered by sinful emotional energy** and are allowed to **redefine the identity and destiny of the child**.

Both problems have the same solution. There is only **One who is qualified to define** our identity and destiny. He is our **Creator and heavenly Father**. He is the only One who truly knows us. **We can ask the Holy Spirit** to show us if there is **any image of dad** the enemy could use to keep us in bondage.

## Who Am I Supposed to Be?

A boy influenced by an **idealized image** in his heart, might believe **he is supposed to be like this idealized image**. That is a **problem** because, if “good,” it is **impossible** and, if “bad,” it is a **curse**. The idealized image is larger than life in every way.

When a girl grows up being influenced by an **idealized image** of father, she might believe **she is supposed to find, and marry, a man who is like the image**. Her quest will also be a problem. If “bad,” it is a **curse**. If “good,” it is **impossible** to replicate an idealized image produced by the **creative abilities of a child**.

Both problems have the same solution. **All illusions and deceptions need to be destroyed**. Whatever the Holy Spirit has chosen to show us, it is time to be free and receive the Dad who will never change or be anything but a perfect Father.

## **BELIEVING HEAVENLY FATHER LIKE EARTHLY FATHER**

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We believe this prayer is important because **we need to be free of all illusions** whether they look good or bad. Let's pray.

### **Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I proclaim the destruction of all images, constructs, or illusions representing that man who was or is my earthly father.**

**I command the destruction of all demonic goodness and demonic badness associated with my earthly father, including any masks, eyes, hands, and all body parts. I command everything associated with this image to be destroyed, now, by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I command any familiar spirit representing my earthly father to be stripped of all illusions and deceptions by the light of truth. I proclaim that these familiar spirits shall never again function as my spiritual covering, my judge, controller, creator, or my God. I command the voice of any familiar spirit to be silenced. I command the destruction of all the power and influence of that voice, including all the curses associated with that voice.**

**I proclaim the destruction of all agreements and contracts I have ever made with any unclean spirits or familiar spirits associated with my earthly father or any other authority figure. I renounce everything I received from these spirits and I renounce giving anything in return as a sacrifice.**

**I command all energies of sacrifice received from me by these familiar spirits and Satan's kingdom to be given to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He alone has paid for all my sins and He alone is worthy to receive these sacrifices.**

**I command everything serving Satan's kingdom, including all familiar spirits, associated with any idealized or counterfeit father, to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being and go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I reclaim all my soul and humanity that I lost or gave away to any familiar spirit named or associated with my earthly father or any other authority figure. Amen.**

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## **CAN YOU SAVE LIKE THE SON?**

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### **Failure Motivating Actions**

Failure is an issue frequently found hiding among the rest. We believe it can be traced back to the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve might have heard the voice of the serpent saying, **"You fools have failed. After all God did for you, you betrayed His trust. You are no longer worthy of His love."**

**The creature behind the voice is still very active. We believe we all hear him making accusations in our minds. He *accuses other people* and God of doing the things he does. He *accuses us* of being weak, shameful, inadequate failures. He *accuses us before God*.**

### **Fear of Failure**

**Failure and the fear of failure** are extremely powerful in our lives. Many of us live in a world of **procrastination** as a result of **the fear of failure**. We may be trapped in a lifestyle, job, relationship, career, or church affiliation we hate. **The fear of failure, responsibility, or even success, can immobilize us.**

**Do not cast away your confidence...**"if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." (Hebrews 10:35-39) [Emphasis ours]

### **Need to Be Perfect**

Many people feel they are expected to be perfect. Their parents always demanded perfect performance in any endeavor. In our view, **procrastination** is a symptom of **perfectionism** and a result of the fear of failure.

Many people go through life **unable to function** in even the most fundamental ways. They don't balance their checking account or pay their bills on time. It is very hard for them to keep a job because **they believe that anything short of perfection is failure.**

## Need to Perform

As a result of these pressures, often we feel the **need to perform** in order to **justify our existence** or **receive approval and acceptance**.

## Competition Produces Hopelessness and Despair

When we grow up being told we cannot succeed, we, eventually, **give up**. The message may be that **we can never hope to do something well enough, fast enough, thoroughly, or successfully enough**.

A **competitive situation** may be set up with **someone older, more experienced, or gifted** in certain areas than we, such as older family members or peers.

**In our families, in schools, in the world of business, finance, social situations, and even in our churches, we are consumed with the desperate need to win at something—anything!**

Competition is Satan's method of **guaranteeing our failure**. We can compete with dad's job, lust for money, his bottle of liquor, hobbies, hunting, gambling, or even, Mom, for dad's attention, love, acceptance, or approval. When we realize we **can't compete successfully, hopelessness and despair** become the primary motivating forces of our lives. **People who live in the need to be perfect, need to perform, hopelessness, and despair, need to find a way to survive. If we can't trust in anyone else to help us, we are forced to become our own savior.**

## Are We Institutionalized?

The **illusion of security** is a trap and causes us to be **institutionalized** in our thinking.

Many of us have been **institutionalized by our own beliefs, attitudes, and expectations**. The **prisons we create** in our minds represent **comfort zones**, protecting us from failure. It is often **easier to quit short of the finish line, so we don't have to face the threat of losing**.

## Fear of Success

**Being institutionalized** can also cause us to **fear success**, as it represents the need to **step out of our comfort zone**. If we risk, we have the **possibility of success**, but, in our minds, we **also risk the much greater potential for failure**. Frequently, this occurs when we have been **programmed for failure** from childhood, through various types of experiences.

But **this isn't the only problem. Success can also mean we take on terrible responsibility**. This **responsibility** has to do with **the**

**potential failure of dealing with success**, because **success represents responsibility**. We find ourselves **caught between the fear of failure and the fear of success**. If we **can't trust anyone else** to save us from this **predicament**, we **attempt to be our own savior**. As strange as it may seem, being our own Savior might mean **sabotaging our own success**.

## **Self-Destructive Behavior**

**Most people** grow up **without the love, acceptance, and approval** needed for a **healthy, well-adjusted soul to thrive**. These people live with what we call **Empty Heart Syndrome**, which can manifest as **lust**. The **manifestations we view as lust** includes such things as **adultery, fornication, homosexuality, sexual fantasy, erotic dreams, masturbation, pornography, prostitution, licentiousness, over indulgence of the flesh, and cravings**.

If we have been **sexually molested** or abused, we may have begun **masturbation** at an early age. There is a great amount of **shame** involved in these activities, because we are convinced we are the only one experiencing such **feelings and degrading thoughts**.

Somewhere in our lives, usually during our pre-teen or teen years when our hormone levels are going wild, we receive the message that **we will never have our needs met**. We may resort to alcohol, drugs, sexual perversions, or lust. We may become **sexually active** or begin to masturbate **in order to meet those needs** ourselves. These **self-destructive behaviors** are representative of **our attempts** to be **our own savior**.

## **Satan, the Blackmailer**

The **voice of the blackmailer** is very active to **maintain secrecy**. As long as such things are kept hidden, we are under the power and control of the enemy.

There is a tendency to **continue** in a **downward spiral of perversion**. We have **feelings of self-hatred, self-condemnation, self-judgment, failure, guilt, despair**, and the **increasing drive to do more to feel better**. (See Romans 1:24-32 and 1 Corinthians 10:6.)

We can be free of the blackmailer's tyranny. Our Lord promises to provide for all our needs.

**My God shall supply ALL your need...by Christ Jesus**. (Philippians 4:19) [Emphasis ours]

We can **stop trying to do a job we are unable to do** and have never been equipped to do. **He is the only One** who can **satisfy**

**the cravings** of our hearts. He wants to pull us into His embrace and give us all the love for which our hearts desperately yearn.

...Christ suffered for us in the flesh...we have spent **enough of our past**...when we walked in **lewdness, lusts...and abominable idolatries**. (1 Peter 4:1-3) [Emphasis ours]

As **His divine power** has **given to us** all things that pertain to **life and godliness...having escaped the corruption** that is in the world **through lust**. (2 Peter 1:3-4) [Emphasis ours] (Also, Galatians 5:16-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; James 4:17; Philipians 2:15; 2 Timothy 2:21-22)

## Emotional Vampirism

When we, usually as **children, are asked to provide** for others in **inappropriate ways**, we are being subjected to **vampirism**. Usually called incest, this is more noticed as a sexual issue, but it is **much more common** when related to emotional issues.

In such cases, **we may take on jobs** along the way for which we are hopelessly inadequate such as **provider, peacemaker, comforter, companion, confessor, confidant, or savior**. We **often feel compelled to do these jobs for our parents and family members**, and, of course, for everyone else we meet. In addition, we begin to **feel responsible for their inadequacies and failures**.

In this situation, our **failure is guaranteed**. **None of us is qualified to be the Savior**. There has been only One. In this case, the **failure is in trying to be a savior for others**.

## Emotional Starvation

One of the consequences of being *vampired* is **emotional starvation**. Since we are asked to provide for the emotional needs of others, **we are not allowed to have feelings, emotions, wants, or needs** ourselves. As a result, **we search for ways to get our own needs met**. Often, **we also become emotional vampires**. This is what we call **codependency**. We seem always to be saying, **“I need you to need me so I won't starve.”** In this case, the failure is in trying to find someone to be **our savior**.

## Refuse Satan's Offer!

If we are willing to **give up all the jobs** at which we cannot succeed and **take the jobs the Lord has equipped us to do**, we will be able to say, with confidence,

**"I can do all things** through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)  
[Emphasis ours]

**Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I renounce believing the lies spoken into my mind by the voice of the accuser. I command the destruction of everything associated with being a failure. I command the destruction of all the power of the fear of failure.**

**I renounce allowing the fear of failure to control my life or immobilize me. I renounce allowing the fear of responsibility or the fear success to immobilize me. I renounce the need to be perfect, and everything serving Satan's kingdom that is affiliated with perfectionism or procrastination. I renounce believing that anything less than perfection is failure.**

**I renounce the need to perform as a means of justifying my existence or in order to receive love, approval, and acceptance.**

**I renounce believing that I have to compete and win to be acceptable or lovable. I renounce believing that if I don't win I am unacceptable. I renounce all the power and influence of helplessness, hopelessness, despair, and the desire to die. I renounce giving away my faith and confidence as a result of perceived failure.**

**I renounce the illusion of security associated with being institutionalized. I renounce all the thoughts, feelings, emotions, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, and expectations, as well as body memories designed to control me, keep me in bondage, and keep me institutionalized.**

**I renounce being imprisoned in my comfort zone and quitting short of the finish line, so I don't have to face the threat of losing. I renounce the fear of success and the fear of responsibility associated with success. I renounce sabotaging my own success as a result of fearing responsibility.**

**I renounce the fear, and associated torment, that my spiritual, emotional, or physical needs will never be met. I renounce all the self-destructive behavior I've engaged in as a result of the fear of never having my needs met.**

**I renounce all forms of lust stimulated by this fear. I renounce all the cravings and yearning associated with these lusts and abominable idolatries. I renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with all these lust inspired activities.**

**I renounce all the feelings and degrading thoughts associated with these lusts. I renounce the voice of the blackmailer and the need to maintain secrecy. I renounce all the feelings of self-**

hatred, self-condemnation, self-judgment, failure, guilt, despair, and the drive to do more to feel better about myself.

I renounce all the jobs associated with emotional vampirism. I renounce being the provider, peacemaker, comforter, companion, confessor, or savior for those who were unable or unwilling to love me, provide for me, protect me, comfort me, or give me the honor and respect I deserve as a child of God.

I renounce all these responsibilities and the weight of responsibility I have taken upon myself. I renounce all the influences and effects of emotional starvation. I proclaim that from now on I shall reject the jobs that represent guaranteed failure. I will only do those jobs that the Lord has equipped me to do. As a result, I proclaim that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!

I renounce believing that I am not allowed to have feelings, emotions, wants, and needs because I exist to provide for others. I renounce functioning as an emotional vampire in order to get my needs met. I renounce depending on other people to function as my savior.

I command everything serving Satan's kingdom, associated with these prayers, to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being and go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

Heavenly father, I proclaim that I shall trust You to supply all my needs by Christ Jesus. I proclaim that You are my Savior and You are the only Savior of the world. I choose to trust You to do all those things I am not qualified to do.

I trust You to fill my heart with all those things I never received so I can be free of fear and emotional starvation. Please fill my heart with the revelation that You are the Provider for the world as well as my infinite Provider. Thank You! Amen.

## **CAN YOU CONTROL LIKE THE TRUE HOLY SPIRIT?**

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### **Control Is**

Various issues of control are at work in all the sections we have covered thus far. In **striving for control**, we seek all the power of the Judge, the Savior and different aspects of the Holy Spirit.

Typically, we grew up in **dysfunctional** households. We may **not** have been able to **trust our parents** because they were **drug addicts, alcoholics, abusers, molesters, betrayers, abandoners, or rejecters**. Maybe, they were simply normal imperfect beings.

If we have **no reason to trust the father image** in any form, whether **pastor, teacher, boss**, or our **Father in heaven**, we will

**not submit** to any other **authority**. If we are **not willing to give control** to anyone else, **we're considered rebellious**.

## **Injustice Produces Rebellion**

This is our paraphrase of Scripture. **If a father exasperates his child with commands, demands, or unjust treatment, it will produce vengeful anger** in the heart of his child. (Ephesians 6:4) We are convinced **this need for vengeance manifests as the sin of rebellion**. We believe the **normal response to perceived injustice, is rebellion**. This brings us to the issue of witchcraft.

## **Rebellion Equals Witchcraft**

**Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...** (1 Samuel 15:23) [Emphasis ours] (Also Isaiah 30:1; Deuteronomy 9:7, 18:9-14)

**We need to understand the scope of this definition. Functioning in rebellion includes the need to manipulate and control others through witchcraft.**

**Rebellion is also the same as lawlessness. Control, rebellion, and witchcraft are woven together as in a cord. All three of these are lawlessness because in each, "I want my will to be done."**

## **Important Vows**

**If we have been abused** in some way, we want to make sure we won't be abused again. **We may vow** never to let anyone hurt us again. We **mistakenly believe** that such vows **put us in control**.

**Quite the opposite is true. Sinful vows** give the enemy an **open door to torment and control us** in a variety of ways. This could **include gender defilement** or rejection. This would apply to both men and women (Ahab and Jezebel), with the rejection of God's laws.

## **Gender Defilement**

The **spirit of defilement** does **not necessarily** manifest as **homosexuality or lesbianism** but would **work tirelessly to pervert any godly relationship**. For **protection or survival** we might receive **demonic armor, protection, powers, strengths, abilities, or weapons**. In doing so, **we give away** the things of **our natural birthright, identities, and destinies** and make it **impossible to receive all that Jesus has for us. The result is:**

An evil man **seeks only rebellion**; therefore a **cruel messenger will be sent against him**. (Proverbs 17:11) [Emphasis ours]

**“That isn’t fair,”** we protest, **“I was the victim. Do I have to pay twice for something someone else did to me?”** The answer is **no!** The enemy cannot torment us because of someone else’s sin. **However, our sinful reactions to injustice** (such as **outrage, rebellion, bitterness, or offence**) invite torment. Our enemy can only use **OUR SINS** as his legal claim against us.

## **What Is Honor?**

Many times, **children** are told they must **honor their parents**. Many times, **wives** are told they must **honor their husband**. The problem is, we don't seem to have a clear idea of what this means. If we're being commanded **to engage in sinful activity, we need to consider it carefully.**

When we **participate in sinful activities** with anyone, we **become a party to the sin**. Even if we are **not actively participating**, the law says we are **accomplices** and **are also guilty**. We can also function as an **enabler** for those **determined to engage in sinful activities.**

We should **separate ourselves** from **sinful activity** and proclaim, **“Who are my parents, my family, or my friends, but those who do the will of my Father.”** (See Mark 3:31-35) Jesus said this concerning His mother in order to protect His righteousness.

Following Jesus’ example and for the sake of **our righteousness**, we should **never** be a party to someone else's **sin, even if that someone** is our **father, mother, spouse, or family member**. When **Peter** was commanded by the **spiritual authorities** never to preach or heal in the name of Jesus, he had to choose between the dictates of men or **honoring the spiritual authority or God. He chose to honor God.**

God tells us to **give honor** to **all people**, because all people are made in the likeness of God. **We honor** the right of **other people to function** in their own **sinful lifestyle**. **We honor their right** to make really **bad decisions** and **live with the consequences** of those **decisions**. That is how **we give honor**. **There is nothing in the Bible instructing us to sin in order to please others.**

## **We’re Never in Control**

**We are never in control.** We live in a **world influenced by supernatural** forces. There are **supernatural beings** on one side who want to **destroy** us. There are **supernatural beings** on the other side **who want to help** us.

**In trying to control** everything, we **open the door** for the **enemy of our soul** who is waiting for us to sin, so **he will have access and the opportunity to control and influence** us for our harm. **His single motivation is to kill, steal, and destroy!**

Stand fast...and **do not be entangled** again with **a yoke of bondage**. (Galatians 5:1)  
[Emphasis ours]

**Relinquishing control** to the Lord allows **Him** to work in our lives because **He loves us unconditionally** and wants to **bleed us** and **give us true freedom and peace**. In spite of the fact that **we are never in control**, we must choose whom we would rather have in control.

**Come to Me...and I will give you rest**. Take My **yoke** upon you...and you will find **REST FOR YOUR SOULS**. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)  
[Emphasis ours] (Also, 1 Corinthians 6:17, 19-20; Galatians 5:16-26)

Which is better for us?

**Sample Prayer:**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I renounce believing that my God and Father cannot be trusted to control my life. I renounce the fear of relinquishing control to God.**

**I renounce believing that everyone who represents the father image is the same, and I renounce my refusal to submit to these authorities. I renounce vengeful anger and everything spiritual associated with it that I received because of unjust commands, demands, or treatment.**

**I renounce everything associated with the sin of rebellion, which is as the sin of witchcraft. I renounce the need to manipulate and control other people, events, or the issues of life. I renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with all forms of witchcraft, magic, and lawlessness.**

**I renounce all the sinful vows, oaths, or proclamations I have made, with my mouth or in my heart, in the mistaken belief they will put me in control. I renounce opening the door for my enemies to torment and control me.**

**I renounce all forms of gender defilement. I renounce giving Satan's kingdom control over any part of my soul or humanity, as well as anything associated with my true identity or destiny provided by my God.**

**I renounce all forms of demonic armor, protection, powers, strengths, abilities, and weapons I have received from Satan's kingdom in order to establish my control, to survive, protect myself, or provide for my own needs.**

**I renounce engaging in sinful activities through the belief that I must honor those involved. I renounce being an active**

participant, an accomplice, or an enabler of these activities. I renounce seeking acceptance and approval by engaging in sinful activities.

I proclaim that I shall separate myself from sinful activities and those involved. I will protect my righteousness, regardless of who wants me to engage in sinful activity. I will give honor to all people by honoring their right to make bad decisions and live with the consequences.

I renounce believing the foolish idea that I can be in control. I renounce opening the door to the enemy of my soul and, in doing so, giving him control and influence in my life.

I proclaim the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to nullify all of Satan's claims against my mind, body, life, or being.

I bind everything serving Satan's kingdom associated with control, rebellion, witchcraft, lawlessness, and all associated fears. I command all these to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being and go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

I now relinquish control to my heavenly Father and asked Him to do His will in my life. I proclaim that I choose my God to control my life and I ask Him to free me from all bondage to fear. I choose His yoke so He can give me rest for my soul.

My Lord, I ask You to clothe me with Your armor of light, power, protection, strengths, abilities, weapons, and with glory, righteousness, and royalty so I can see and know myself as You know me. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

## **CONTROLLING THROUGH SICKNESS OR INJURY**

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There is **another aspect of control** that we need to discuss. Many of us have **used sickness or injury to control, manipulate, or punish** others. We may have **wanted attention** or we may have wanted to see **people prove** they care about us. We may have been seeking **sympathy** or trying to **escape** from responsibilities.

In doing so, whatever the reason, we have **opened the door** to the enemy and **given him some control** of our bodies and souls. He may **make us sick when we want**, but he will also **make us sick when he wants**, such as just before: church, **an important ministry** session, a Christian event, or a Bible study.

### **Sample Prayer:**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I renounce ever desiring any form of sickness, infirmity, or death for any reason. I renounce giving death, sickness, disease, injury, or infirmity a

place in my body or soul. I renounce all the perceived benefits I received.

I renounce giving control of any part of my soul or body to Satan's kingdom as an act of my will, through programming, or by any vows spoken aloud or in my heart.

I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to which I have given access to my soul or body, including all sickness, disease, manifestations, symptoms, illusions, and body memories to go now where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

Heavenly Father, I ask You to flood my body and soul with Your light, life, healing, and restoration. I ask You to cause Your will to be done in my life. Thank you Lord. Amen.

## **DESIRE TO BE THE JUDGE, SAVIOR, OR CONTROLLER**

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Now we must deal with the *umbrella* sin of wanting to be like the Judge, Savior, or Controller.

### **Sample Prayer:**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I renounce the voice of the accuser and its function in my mind or mouth. I command the destruction of everything associated with being a judge, a savior, or controller that has been applied to any part of my being.

I renounce all my efforts to be a judge, savior, or controller like my God. I command the destruction of all demonic goodness or demonic badness I have received associated with all my efforts to be a judge, savior, or controller like my God.

I renounce everything serving Satan's kingdom, including all familiar spirits, associated with being a judge, savior, or controller. I renounce all their power and control over any part of my mind, body, life, or being, and I renounce all contracts and agreements I have ever made with them. I renounce everything I have received from them along with all perceived benefits.

I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to give the Lord Jesus Christ everything received from me as a sacrifice, because He alone has paid for all my sins and He alone is worthy to receive all these sacrifices.

I proclaim the destruction of all constructs and images that represent real life, dreams, fantasies, or imaginations. I command the destruction of all demonic goodness or demonic badness and everything that would control, deceive, or hold any part of my soul captive.

I renounce all sinful feelings, emotions, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, expectations, lies, illusions, and all the

responsibilities I have taken upon myself for anyone else. I renounce the power and control of these things. I renounce all forms of defilement, everything I have received from Satan's kingdom.

I proclaim my freedom from the power of sins and their control in my life through the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I choose to maintain my own vessel in sanctification and honor for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, who bought me with His shed blood.

I command everything serving Satan's kingdom to leave every part of my mind, body, life, and being and go, now, where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

Heavenly Father, I ask You to cleanse my spiritual eyes, my mind, and my heart of everything that would deceive me concerning who You truly are, or concerning who You created me to be. I ask You to fill my heart with the revelation that You are my Father, my Brother, and Friend; an understanding of how different You are from anyone I have ever known; and the certainty that I am Your child.

My Lord, I now place into Your hands all the parts of my soul associated with my efforts to function as a judge, savior, or controller. I relinquish these jobs and the responsibility for these jobs.

I ask You to fill my heart with Your perfect love, acceptance, approval, peace, joy, satisfaction, and security; with everything necessary for me to be free from fear, emotional starvation, and all associated effects; with the revelation of how valuable and important I am to You and Your kingdom.

I ask You to restore everything associated with my true identity and destiny; everything I lost or gave away; as well as everything that has been killed, stolen, or destroyed because I was trying to be a judge, savior, or controller. I ask You to make me whole so I can be all You created me to be. Thank You. Amen.

## **YOU CAN BE EVERYTHING HE CREATED YOU TO BE!**

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### **Righteous**

In Romans 3:21-26, we find that faith in Jesus Christ causes **the righteousness of God to be given to all who believe.**

In Romans, chapter four, God **imputed righteousness without works.** We are **justified by faith** and we **receive peace with God.** His **gift of righteousness** is given as an act of abundant grace

## Free from Law of Sin and Death

In Romans, chapter 8, Paul proclaims there is **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus. The **law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made us **free** from the **law of sin and death**.

## Heirs with Christ

He continues by telling us that the Holy Spirit tells our spirit the truth: we are children of God. If **we are His children**, we are **heirs of God** and **joint heirs with Christ**. We are told that we will suffer with Him but we will also be **glorified together with Him**.

The Spirit searches our hearts and minds and makes intercession for us, according to the will of God. Even when we are not praying for ourselves, He is praying for us. This is how He will be able to complete that work He has begun.

## Guaranteed God's Love

In Romans, chapter 5, we learn that God **commanded His love toward us** before we even had relationship with Him. **We were reconciled** to God by the **free gift** that provides our **justification** despite our many sins.

Because of all this, we know that all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. He **foreknew** us and **predestined** us to be **conformed** to the **image of His Son**. We have been **called, justified, and glorified!** We are given the guarantee that **nothing can separate us** from the **infinite love of God!** (See Romans 8:28-30; 35-39)

When Joshua led God's people into the Promised Land, God told them they would take it as they were able to **occupy it**. Our goal is to possess all the spiritual land and all the **land of our soul** the Lord has given us.

**He is teaching us** how to **give up the jobs** associated with being the **Creator, Judge, Savior, and Holy Spirit**. He is **teaching us** how to **let Him do those jobs** so we become more victorious in our lives.

We believe that as we go through the ministry of **deliverance and restoration, our inclination to sin will be greatly reduced**.

## His Divine Nature

**He has promised us**, in His Word, that He is **taking us**,  
...from **glory** to **glory**...(2 Corinthians 3:18) [Emphasis ours]

In 2 Peter 1:3, we are told He uses **His own divine power** to give us **everything pertaining to life and godliness**. **Through the knowledge of Him** who has **called us to glory and virtue**, we might **become PARTAKERS OF HIS DIVINE NATURE!!**

**When we know Him as Father, Brother, and Friend**, we are able to establish a greater level of **fellowship with Him**. **The goal is to reflect Him, represent Him, channel Him, and allow Him to exalt us to the highest and best place He has for us**. One more time, let's pray.

**Sample Prayer:**

**My God, Father, and Savior, I acknowledge You as the only Lord over all creation.**

**I praise You for the gift of righteousness. I praise You for justifying me and for the gift of peace. I praise You for the amazing gift of love and the promise that nothing can separate me from Your infinite love!**

**I thank You for adopting me and making me a joint heir with the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank You for completing the work You have begun in me and I ask You to do whatever it takes to complete that work.**

**I know that all things work together for my good because I love You and I am called according to Your purpose. Please teach me how to take Your yoke so my soul can finally be at rest in You.**

**I ask You, Lord of heaven and earth, to restore to me everything I need for Your perfect will to manifest fully in my life. I choose to rely on You to raise me up to the highest and best place You have created for me. I trust You to do these things for Your namesake because I want to reflect, represent, and glorify You.**

**Thank You for everything You are and everything You do!  
Amen!**

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## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS**

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### **(Initial) SPIRITUAL CLEANSING FOR PROPERTIES OR HOMES**

By the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, I (we) now proclaim the destruction of the power of death and defilement giving Satan, or his kingdom, authority on, or over, this property (and/or home). I (we) now nullify the power of shed blood, all abominations, described in Leviticus 18, and all dedications, serving Satan's kingdom, placed upon this land or property. I (we) proclaim all sin or iniquity affecting this land or property has been paid for by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I (we) proclaim that all sin energies and sacrifices produced on, or concerning this property, now belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He paid for all the sins of the world and is the only one worthy to receive them. I (we) now proclaim that this property (land, home, etc.) is dedicated exclusively to the service and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I (we) now proclaim that all spiritual openings, or doorways, allowing ingress or egress for anything serving Satan's kingdom, to or from this property (home, basement, building, etc.), are now closed and shall remain closed and sealed by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I (we) proclaim that anything, serving Satan's kingdom, which has gained access to this property (etc.) and/or any person, place, object, substance or being on this property, is now bound and assigned to go wherever the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

I (we) now ask the Lord Jesus Christ to flood this land and property with His cleansing fire, destroying everything serving Satan's kingdom, and filling every person, place, object, substance and being with His infinite light and life.

### **SAMPLE WARFARE PRAYERS FOR DAILY USE**

#### **Binding Spirits in Individuals**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I (we) now bind every spirit or power, serving Satan's kingdom, attached to, or dwelling within, \_\_\_\_ (person or group). I (we) proclaim that nothing serving Satan's kingdom can manifest or function in or through \_\_\_\_ for the next twenty-four

hours, or control, communicate with or influence any other person, place, object, substance or being.

### **Destroying Ungodly Soul Ties and Demonic Connections**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I (we) now proclaim the destruction of all ungodly soul ties, ungodly connections and spiritual transfer between any person, place, object, substance or being on or within this \_\_\_\_ (home, church, building, property, etc.), with any other person, place, object, substance or being, by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I (we) bind everything, serving Satan's kingdom, associated with these connections, and assign them to go, now, wherever the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

### **Spiritual Cleansing of Homes, Property, Buildings, Workplaces, Etc.**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I (we) bind everything, serving Satan's kingdom, that has gained access to this \_\_\_\_\_ or to any person, place, object, substance or being in, or on, this \_\_\_\_\_. I (we) now proclaim that all sinful energies or sacrifices that have been produced on or within this \_\_\_\_ must now be given to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He, alone, is worthy to receive them. I (we) proclaim that everything serving Satan's kingdom must now leave this \_\_\_\_ and go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them, as this is holy ground dedicated to the service and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. I (we) proclaim that nothing, serving Satan's kingdom, shall be given access to this \_\_\_\_ throughout this day (throughout this night).

(Other things could be added to this prayer, if timely and appropriate, such as: [a] I (we) proclaim that any spiritual openings or doorways allowing ingress or egress for anything, serving Satan's kingdom, are now, and shall remain, closed and sealed, by the power of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. [b] I (we) claim every person on, or within, this \_\_\_\_, or who enters this \_\_\_\_ throughout this day (throughout this night), for the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. [c] You be creative)

