

# Adoration - *Entering Father's Presence and rest through adoration, praise, thanksgiving, and worship*

## 6 Tools

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### T1. Adoration Prayer Guide:

- Come as a child to a Father Who delights to spend time with you (See "Why Pray" Part 1, T1)
- Budget at least 30 - 60 mins for times of devoted prayer
- Find a quiet place (secret chamber) (Mt 6:1-12)
- Stir up your heart with faith by reading Father's promises about His goodness and greatness in your life (See T3, T4, T5, T6)
- Have some praise songs and scriptures on hand, that reflect Father's Presence and works in your current life situations (See T3, T4, T5, T6)
- Use the biblical creative ways of expressing praise which you enjoy most (See T2)
- Spend 20 - 30 minutes in praise, or praise until you feel your Spirit carried into God's Courts - a place of freedom, of peace, and of joy

### T2. Biblical, creative ways of expressing praise

- Singing: Psalms 9:2,11; 40:3; Mark 14:26
- Audible praise : Psalms 103:1
- Shouting: Psalms 47:1
- Lifting up of the hands: Psalms 63:4; 134:2; I Timothy 2:8
- Clapping: Psalms 47:1
- Musical instruments: Psalms 150:3-5; Ps 149:3
- Standing: II Chronicles 20:19
- Bowing: Psalms 95:6
- Dancing: Psalms 149:3
- Kneeling: Psalms 95:6
- Lying down: Psalms 149:5

### T3. Examples of prayers of praise & thanksgiving

Abba, I love You, and I love being with You. I love Your goodness and the simplicity of enjoying You enjoying me enjoying You enjoying me. As I again step into this new day of warfare, I acknowledge that each day is a battle, but the battle is not what we I often think. It is a battle to simply abide in Your great love; warfare to abide in Your ample provision; warfare to abide in Your overcoming joy; warfare to abide in Your peace that passes all understanding and warfare to abide in Your life-giving light. It is not that You have made it hard Abba, nor that it is in reality hard; but we are in ourselves weak and the great deceiver knows how to get me to take my eyes off You, knows the areas of my mind that are not yet fully renewed, knows where our [my] revelation of You is incomplete and where he can get me into wrong patterns of thinking which take us me out of that secret place of abiding in Your great love, in Your great peace, in Your wonderful light.

But Abba I praise You that the battle is won; the outcome is decided. I thank You also Abba for Your chosen process by which you manifest Your wisdom and your victory: which is that I, your little one, stand in faith in You – Who You are, what You have done, and what that means for me.

I trust in You Abba to strengthen me with might in my inner man, by the Great Holy Spirit, that the Almighty Lord Jesus Christ will dwell in my heart through faith, that I will be rooted and grounded in love because of Your love, so that I will have power to know experientially the boundless love of Christ which is beyond all knowledge and be filled to all fullness with Your life and being, oh God. And in that place of Your power I will stand in victory. Thank You Abba that in my great weakness I can trust in the simple and immeasurable power of trusting You to grant me a spirit of wisdom and revelation in

the intimate knowledge of the heart and mind and nature and being and purpose and works of my Lord Jesus, so that I will know the greatness of my calling, how inconceivably much You treasure us, Your inheritance, and how boundless is Your might towards Your children who are in Christ Jesus. Thank you Abba that in the true knowledge of You as Abba and the Lord Jesus as King, in that knowledge in my inner man alone is victory and strength and honour and might and joy and peace and all love. Thank you for the simplicity Abba of Your provision, through the knowledge of You and the Lord Jesus in my inner man.

Thank You Abba for providing for and strengthening me in every area, through Your great and precious promises and the power of Your Great Holy Spirit Who brings Your promises alive in me with power, so that I will walk in the great might of Your grace and Your favour, not in the weakness and limitations of my own soul.

Thank You Abba for my Great Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You that because Jesus died on the cross for me, to pay the price for my sins, You have forgiven me for every sin, past, present and future; that You have removed them as far from me as the East is from the West, that you no longer count those sins against me, that there is in Christ NO condemnation for sin, because Christ already bore my condemnation; that You don't treat me according to my sins, but according to your boundless and unending love. Thank You that because You want to be pleased with my life, you have made me a new creature, made me born again of the DNA of Christ, made me new and righteous in Christ; that You have taken the old man and crucified him with Christ, and buried him with Christ, so that the new man can abide in Christ and live and die in Christ. Thank You for giving me a new nature that desires holiness and goodness and all that

pleases You, so that I can come to you without guilt or shame, because by Your power at work within me, I desire what is good and pleasing to You. Thank you Abba, that even when I mess up, the blood of Jesus is sufficient, He has paid the price, mighty is His blood to cover all my sins as I confess them and turn from them. Thank You that because of the power of the blood of Jesus, nothing can now separate me from Your love – neither angels nor demons nor things living or dead, or heights or depths nor things present or future, nor anything else in creation can separate

me from Your love. Abba, thank You for the great and priceless and eternal salvation of my soul from the fires of damnation. Thank You that while I was yet a sinner and rebel against You, then You sent Your son Jesus to die for me, so I could know You, and come boldly and with full assurance of faith into Your Presence, to sit at Your feet and know Your loving comfort and the power of Your love. Thank You for all You did for me, through the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection.

## T4. The 7 Redemptive names of God<sup>1</sup>

### Jehovah-Jireh

"*the Lord will provide*" (Genesis 22:13,14).  
i.e., will provide a sacrifice.

Abba, I worship You as my Great and Perfect and Gracious Provider. You alone are my source of all good things. You alone formed all things on the face of the earth so that I now have food and drink and a home and family. Because of You, I have a job, education, health, legs and arms that function, a mind that functions, people who love me and care for me, and every other blessing in my life. Thank You, my provider, for every good thing in my life.

### Jehovah-Rapha

"*the Lord that healeth*" (Exodus 15:26).  
That this refers to physical healing the context shows, but the deeper healing of soul malady is implied.

Abba, I worship You as my Healer. Thank You because You are my Healer, Jesus bore all my sicknesses and diseases on the cross (Isa 53), and by His stripes I am healed (Mat 8:17), because he bore the suffering and sickness I deserve, it is no longer just for me to bare that sickness. I praise You my God and Healer for divine health and wholeness of soul, spirit and body, in the name of Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from the 1917 Scofield Reference Bible Notes]

### Jehovah-Nissi

"*the Lord our banner*" (Exodus 17:8-15).  
The name is interpreted by the context. The enemy was Amalek, a type of the flesh, and the conflict that day stands for the conflict of (Galatians 5:17) the war of the Spirit against the flesh. Victory was wholly due to divine help. Abba, I worship You as my defender and strength, my overcomer, my shield and fortress. Thank You that You send Your angels before me, and by Your Spirit You hedge me in on all sides, and protect me from the works of wickedness. Thank You that You are a loving Father, a good Father, and therefore a Great Protector.

### Jehovah-Shalom

"*the Lord our peace,*" or "*the Lord send peace*" (Judges 6:24).  
Almost the whole ministry of Jehovah finds expression and illustration in that chapter. Jehovah hates and judges sin (Genesis 2:1-5). Jehovah loves and saves sinners (Genesis 2:7-18) but only through sacrifice (Genesis 2:19-21). See also: Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:14; Colossians 1:20.

***[follow pattern from above: apply this aspect of Father's nature to your own life. What does it mean to you that He is "the Lord Our peace" to you? What effect will that have on your life when that is real. What situations will change, because of that? Praise Him for this truth]***

### Jehovah-Ra-ah

"*the Lord my shepherd*" (Psalm 23.).  
In Psalm 22, Jehovah makes peace by the blood of the cross; in Psalm 23, Jehovah is shepherding His own who are in the world.

***[follow pattern from above: apply this aspect of Father's nature to your own life. What does it mean to you that He is "the Lord my shepherd" to you? What effect will that have on your life when that is real. What situations will change, because of that? Praise Him for this truth]***

### **Jehovah-Tsidkenu**

"*the Lord our righteousness*" (Jeremiah 23:6). This name of Jehovah occurs in a prophecy concerning the future restoration and conversion of Israel. Then Israel will hail him as Jehovah-Tsidkenu—"the Lord our righteousness."

***[follow pattern from above: apply this aspect of Father's nature to your own life. What does it mean to you that He is "the Lord my righteousness" to you? What effect will that have on your life when that is real. What***

***situations will change, because of that? Praise Him for this truth]***

### **Jehovah-Shammah**

"*the Lord is present*" (Ezekiel 48:35). This name signifies Jehovah's abiding presence with His people (Exodus 33:14,15; 1 Chronicles 16:27,33; Psalm 16:11, 97:5; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5).

***[follow pattern from above: apply this aspect of Father's nature to your own life. What does it mean to you that He is "the Lord is present" to you? What effect will that have on your life when that is real. What situations will change, because of that? Praise Him for this truth]***

## T5. The names of God

### a. The Titles of Jesus from the book of The Revelation

- Ω Jesus Christ
- Ω The faithful witness
- Ω The first begotten of the dead
- Ω The prince of the kings of the earth
- Ω He that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood
- Ω Alpha and Omega
- Ω The beginning and the ending
- Ω The Lord
- Ω Which is, and which was, and which is to come
- Ω The Almighty
- Ω The first and the last
- Ω One like unto the Son of man
- Ω He that liveth and was dead and am alive forevermore
- Ω The one who has the keys of hell and death
- Ω He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand
- Ω He that walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks
- Ω The Spirit
- Ω He that hath the sharp sword with two edges
- Ω The Son of God
- Ω The one with eyes like a flame of fire
- Ω The one with feet like fine brass
- Ω He that hath the seven Spirits of God
- Ω He that is holy
- Ω He that is true
- Ω He that hath the key of David
- Ω He that opens and no man shuts and shuts and no man opens
- Ω The Amen
- Ω The faithful and true witness
- Ω The beginning of the creation of God
- Ω The Lion of the tribe of Juda
- Ω The Root of David
- Ω A Lamb as it had been slain with 7 horns and 7 eyes which are the seven Spirits of God
- Ω The Word of God
- Ω King of Kings
- Ω Lord of Lords
- Ω Root and offspring of David
- Ω Bright and morning star



### c. The descriptive names of God

- *Alpha and Omega* – Rev 21:6
- *Ancient of Days* – Dan 7:9
- *God’s Anointed* – Psalm 2:2
- *Author & Finisher of Faith* – Heb 12:2
- *Author of Salvation* – Heb 5:9
- *Begotten of God* – 1 Jn 5:18
- *Bread of Life* – Jn 6:35
- *Bright & Morning Star* – Rev 22:16
- *Captain of Lord’s Host* – Jn 5:15
- *Chief Cornerstone* – 1 Pet 2:6
- *Christ Jesus the Lord* – Rom 8:39
- *Counselor* – Is 9:6
- *Dayspring* – Lk 1:78
- *Daystar* – 2 Pet 1:19
- *Deliverer* – Rom 11:26
- *Emmanuel* – Mt 1:23
- *Everlasting Father* – Is 9:6
- *Faithful & True* – Rev 19:11
- *First and Last* – Rev 22:13
- *Glorious Lord* – Jam 2:1
- *God of Israel* – Is 45:15
- *Great God* – Tit 2:13
- *Great High Priest* – Heb 4:14
- *Head of the Body* – Col 1:18
- *Heir of all Things* – Heb 1:2
- *Holy One of Israel* – Is 41:14
- *Hope of Glory* – Col 1:27
- *I AM* – Jn 8:58
- *Image of Invisible God* – Col 1:15
- *Jesus Christ Your Lord* – Rom 1:4
- *Judge of Israel* – Mic 5:1
- *Lamb of God* – Jn 1:29
- *Life* – Jn 14:6
- *Light of the World* – Jn 8:12
- *Living Bread* – Jn 6:51
- *Lord God Almighty* – Rev 4:8
- *Lord of All* – Acts 10:36
- *Love* – 1 Jn 4:8
- *Man of Sorrows* – Is 53:3
- *Master* – Mat 23:10
- *Messiah* – Dan 9:25
- *Mighty God* – Is 9:6
- *Most Holy* – Dan 9:24
- *Only Wise God* – 1 Tim 1:17
- *Physician* – Lk 4:23
- *Prince of Peace* – Is 9:6
- *Prophet* – Deut 18:15-18
- *Propitiation* – Rom 3:25
- *Redeemer* – Is 59:20
- *Resurrection* – Jn 11:25
- *Rock* – 1 Cor 10:4
- *Root of Jesse* – Is 11:10
- *Savior of the World* – 1 Jn 4:14
- *Seed of David* – Jn 7:42
- *Good Shepherd* – Jn 10:11
- *Son of God* – Rom 1:4
- *Son of Man* – Acts 7:56
- *Son of the Highest* – Lk 1:32

## T6. Scriptures - God's Majesty

### a. The Majesty of the Son of God

- **Rev 1:10-18 (ESV)** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches... Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
- **Col 1:15-20 (ESV)**: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
- **Heb 1:1-4 (ESV)**: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### a. The Majesty of Father God

- **(Da 4:34-37)**: At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?" At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.
- **(Eze 1:26-28)** And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human

appearance. And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face...

## T7. Scriptures - God's goodness

### a. Psalm 27:1-6

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be  
afraid?*

*When evildoers assail me to eat up my  
flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they  
who stumble and fall.*

*Though an army encamp against me, my  
heart shall not fear; though war arise  
against me, yet I will be confident.*

*One thing have I asked of the Lord, that  
will I seek after: that I may dwell in the  
house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon His beauty and to inquire in  
his temple.*

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the  
day of trouble; he will conceal me under  
the cover of his tent; he will lift me high  
upon a rock.*

### b. Psalm 91:1–16

#### My Refuge and My Fortress

**91** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most  
High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my  
fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."  
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the  
fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.  
4 He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
5 You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor the destruction that wastes at  
noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.  
8 You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.  
9 Because you have made the LORD your  
dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—  
10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.  
11 For he will command his angels concerning  
you  
to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will  
trample underfoot.  
14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will  
deliver him;

I will protect him, because he knows my  
name.  
15 When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.  
16 With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.”

## c. Psalm 23

### The LORD Is My Shepherd

1 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*  
2 *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*  
*He leads me beside still waters.*  
3 *He restores my soul.*  
*He leads me in paths of righteousness*  
*for his name’s sake.*  
4 *Even though I walk through the valley of the*  
*shadow of death,*  
*I will fear no evil,*  
*for you are with me;*

*your rod and your staff,*  
*they comfort me.*

5 *You prepare a table before me*  
*in the presence of my enemies;*  
*you anoint my head with oil;*  
*my cup overflows.*  
6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*  
*all the days of my life,*  
*and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD*  
*forever.*

## d. Romans 8:28–38

<sup>28</sup> *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* <sup>29</sup> *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* <sup>30</sup> *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.* <sup>31</sup> *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* <sup>32</sup> *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* <sup>33</sup> *Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.* <sup>34</sup> *Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is*

*interceding for us.* <sup>35</sup> *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* <sup>36</sup> *As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;*  
*we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

<sup>37</sup> *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* <sup>38</sup> *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

# Confession: *Cleansing from sin & a guilty conscience through prayers of Confession and Repentance*

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## **TOOL 1 – THE ALTAR PRAYER GUIDE**

### **1. Preparation**

Begin in a spirit of sonship and faith. Delight in dealing with sin. Remember:

- The Lord only chastises those He loves. Because of His love for you, He is raising you up as a son in His own image. That includes maturing your character and godliness
- The Lord loves you too much to leave you in bondage to sin. Dealing with sin increases the Lord's Presence in your life, freedom, joy, peace, and fulfillment. Sin is a curse to you – it is stealing and destroying in your life, and the lives of those you love. Continuing in sin is like keeping as a constant companion a buffoon who constantly robs and beats those you love, and you. It is stupid and we only do it if deceived.
- Your sins have already been dealt with on the cross. The price has been paid. Forgiveness is already yours for any sins you are genuinely repentant of.

### **2. Prayers of Forgiveness**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal any people you have not yet forgiven
2. When feeling convicted of any person you have not yet forgiven for hurting you:
  - Confess the sin of not forgiving this person to the Lord. Acknowledge it is evil and destructive
  - If you are having trouble forgiving your offender, strengthen your spirit to forgive by:
    1. Reading Mathew Ch 6:9-15, and Mt 18:21-35.
    2. Thanking the Lord for His forgiveness of your sins, and for sparing you the fires of hell which would be your just condemnation for your many sins
  - Out loud, declare (to heavenly witnesses) that you choose to fully forgive your offender
  - Pray for Father to bless your offender. Try pray for at least 3 specific needs you know them to have
  - Commit, by faith in the empowerment of His Spirit in you, to respond in love to your offender in future
  - Ask Father to release freedom in your heart from all bitterness, resentment, or ill-will of any sort towards your offender

### **3. Prayers of Confession & Repentance**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal any sins
2. Spend time "listening" for conviction – the Holy Spirit will reveal any areas where the Lord is not pleased. Some useful tools include:

- Reading a suitable passage of scripture, e.g. the Sermon on the Mount, Rom Ch 12-16; or a short Epistle like 1 John, Colossians, or Ephesians
  - Reflecting on your day, or week, and especially relational conflict
3. When feeling convicted of any particular sin
- Confess this sin to the Lord. Acknowledge it is evil and destructive
  - Out loud, renounce this sin, declare that you break agreement with this sinful practice
  - Commit to the Lord to stop committing this sin, by His power
  - Thank the Lord for His forgiveness
  - Ask the Lord to show you the sort of response to similar temptations He wants to empower in you by His Spirit
  - Thank the Lord for His New Covenant commitment to write His ways on your heart, and to empower you by His Spirit to live righteously (Ezek 36:27-29; Jer 31:31)
  - Commit, by faith in the empowerment of His Spirit in you, to respond as He has shown you in future to similar temptations
  - If you still feel conviction, ask the Lord to reveal if there remains any lack in repentance. If not, simply praise God, proclaim “I am forgiven in Jesus name”, quoting 1 John 1:9
    - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn 1:9)*

## TOOL 2 – THE BIBLE’S EXAMINATION GLASS: SERMON ON THE MOUNT SUMMARY (THE BELIEVERS’ RULE OF LIFE )

### The beatitudes

- a. Mt 5:1-12 - Have the right heart attitudes  
*(poor in spirit; mourn over sin; meek; hunger for righteousness; merciful; pure in heart; peace-makers; willing to endure persecution for righteousness' sake)*
- b. Mt 5:11-12 - Rejoice in persecution for association with Jesus
- c. Mt 5:13-16 - Be salt and light to the world. Let your light be seen (i.e. let your faith in Jesus be evident to all around you)

### Doing the Law

- d. Mt 5:17-20 - **Do and teach the mosaic law, until all is fulfilled**
- e. Mt 5:21-26 - Do not be angry without a cause, and settle quickly with anyone you have offended
- f. Mt 5:27-30 - Do not lust, and fully and finally cut off / uproot all causes of sin in your life
- g. Mt 5:31-32 - Do not divorce, or marry someone divorced  
*(note: this is a new covenant instruction)*
- h. Mt 5:33-37 - Do not make oaths; let your yes and no be simply yes and no
- i. Mt 5:38-42 - Do not retaliate, do not resist evil against you, give to anyone who begs from you, or asks for a loan
- j. Mt 5:43-48 - Love and pray for your enemies
- k. Mt 6:1-4 - Give to the needy in secret, not before men
- l. Mt 6:5-15 - Pray in secret, pray simply, according to the pattern of the Lord's prayer; and forgive others
- m. Mt 6:16-18 - Fast in secret
- n. Mt 6:19-34 - Seek treasures in heaven, not on earth. Do not serve money. Seek first the Kingdom of God
- o. Mt 7:1-5 - Do not judge others. First judge yourself, then with humility help correct heal brothers

- p. Mt 7:6 - Don't cast precious truths to those motivated by their appetites
- q. Mt 7:7-11 - Ask, seek knock
- r. Mt 7:12 - "So: ..." Do unto others as you would have them do to you

"for this is the Law and the Prophets"

**Closing:**

- s. Mt 7:13-14 - Enter the way to Life by the narrow gate
- t. Mt 7:15-20 - Beware of false prophets. Recognise them by their fruits
- u. Mt 7:21-23 - Not all who say "Lord, Lord", will enter the Kingdom
- v. Mt 7:24-27 - Build your life on these words, and you will stand in the day of tribulation

**Response of the crowds:**

- w. Mt 7:28-29 - Crowds marveled, for Jesus taught with authority

# Prayer and proclamation: Tool 6

## *Walking in fellowship with God & in the power of His Word*

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To walk in divine peace and blessing is to walk with God, and to walk with God is to walk in divine peace and blessing. Father is the source of all goodness, life, love, joy and peace, so to walk with Him (communing with Him, abiding in Him, filled with His Spirit) is to walk in those things. To knit our heart together with His is to be connected to the flow of eternal life which is in Him. Our healing (spiritual, emotional, physical) takes place in fellowship with Jesus because He is our Healer. He is the fountain of life and drinking of Him brings healing.

***BUT:** Amos 3:3 - "Can two walk together, unless they be in agreement?"*

To walk with the Lord we need to be in agreement with Him.

*Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (Jos 1:7–9)*

We need to think God's Word, speak God's Word and act God's word, to walk in the unlimited power of His grace to overcome every obstacle and threat and danger. We need to abide in His Word. Our thoughts,

desires, plans, purposes need to align with His heart. We need to think, speak ("confess") and do His truth. Or to put it the way John puts it:

*"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my word [or commandments], ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. (Jn 15:7–11)*

The mature Christian life is aligned with the Word of God, by faith in His faithfulness. Growing in maturity is growing in grace, is aligning our life to Father's promises in His Word.

Yet we so often slip into unconscious patterns of **anti-Word** thinking, speaking, and being.

*Malachi 2:17 - 3:13 - "Ye have wearied the Lord with your words, yet you say, wherein have we wearied the Lord?... 'Your words have been stout against me'"*

When we are negative about life and situations and outcomes, when our lips spout not words of praise and faith and hope but of pessimism and complaint, when we accuse "life" of being unfair against us, our words are "stout against the Lord", because basically we are accusing Him and grumbling against Him, as the Israelites did. When I complain about my workload

being impossible, I am accusing Father of being a hard task-master. When I complain about being unable to sleep, I am accusing Father of not giving sleep to those He loves.

Instead, when, despite circumstances, I make my words agree with His words, I am walking in agreement with Him - I am abiding in His Word - and then I can walk WITH Him, in fellowship with Him.

*But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be [sozo'd]. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is [sozo'd].*

Salvation [being sozo'd - saved, healed and delivered] comes from believing and confessing the same thing as the word of God says - from a heart filled with faith that overflows with words of faith. In other words, experiencing the grace of God comes from abiding in the Word of Christ through faith and letting the Words of Christ dictate what we think, feel, speak and do, rather than letting circumstances dictate what we think, feel, speak and do. We experience the power of God for salvation when we confess His words of salvation with our own mouths, from a heart of faith.

*And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. (Re 12:11)*

The evil one schemes constantly against us (Eph 6:10-20), and his schemes are to get us to believe contrary to

the word of God - to question and doubt God's promises and goodness and faithfulness in every situation and so deny the goodness and power of God through our believing and doing. But we overcome the devil's schemes by the blood of the Lamb, and the WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY (Rev 12:11), by which we confess Father's promises to us in Christ, and His sure faithfulness to those promises, so that there is a release of power by which we are saved.

*As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you (Nu 14:28)*

According to our confession of faith, so shall it be. As the Israelites accused God that they would die in the wilderness, so they did die in the wilderness. As Caleb and Joshua said God would deliver them and give them victory in the land, so He did deliver them and give them dominion in the land.

- <sup>1</sup> *My son, forget not my law;  
But let thine heart keep my commandments:*
- <sup>2</sup> *For length of days, and long life,  
And peace, shall they add to thee.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:  
Bind them about thy neck;  
Write them upon the table of thine heart:*
- <sup>4</sup> *So shalt thou find favour and good understanding  
In the sight of God and man.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
And lean not unto thine own understanding.*
- <sup>6</sup> *In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
And he shall direct thy paths.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Be not wise in thine own eyes:  
Fear the Lord, and depart from evil.*

<sup>8</sup> *It shall be health to thy navel,  
And marrow to thy bones.*

This scripture tells us that our medicine (what brings “health to thy navel” and “marrow to thy bones”) for vexed souls and tired bodies is letting our response to every single situation be governed by the fear of the Lord and consequent departure from evil. The Fear of the Lord is living in the knowledge that He is the governor of the universe, He has full and final authority, His Word is true, and therefore ultimately we simply trust and do what He says, and therefore we also confess what His Word confesses, and nothing contrary. To do this, we need to fill our hearts and minds with the truth of Jesus. “Sanctify them in thy truth; Thy Word is truth” (Jn 17). Jesus tells us that we will be set apart to Father’s destiny for is by the truth of the Word. As we fill ourselves with the Word, we will be transformed into the new spiritual creatures God has made us to be – His offspring, made in His holy nature (Rom 12:1-4).

*For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ... so faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Ro 10:8–17)*

We need to be walking in faith, and in the confession of faith in Father’s promises through the Word of God. We need to be walking in agreement with God, in word and deed. We need our hearts to be filled with His truth and promises, and then our minds and mouths and lives to express those truths. For that, we need to fill our

hearts with the truth so it is what governs our way of being, so that in every circumstance, we walk by faith and not by sight.

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# 1. In Christ, I have PEACE WITH GOD AND INTIMACY WITH GOD

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## SUMMARY:

- Christ HAS fully paid the price for every sin I have or shall ever commit
- More than that, He has given me a new status: the status of one who has never sinned before and has a track record of perfect obedience
- And, He has given me a new nature: the nature of one who hates sin and loves to please God
- Therefore, I now have peace with God, intimacy with God, and in fact I have become God's dwelling place, and a son and heir of God
- Father desires for me to have deep intimacy with Him through Christ
- The guarantee and evidence that I have received this grace, am a son, am appointed to know God and walk with Him, is my experience of His Spirit in me
- Therefore, no matter how dark things seem, I can always draw near to Father in intimacy
- My part is to remain in the light by abiding in obedience, repenting of sin, and remaining in intimacy with Him. All of this is the natural result of simply abiding in Christ
- And all of this, by the grace of God, I shall do - because I have been given grace to abide in freedom

## SCRIPTURES:

- **Christ HAS fully paid the price for every sin I have or shall ever commit**
  - ❖ *And ye are complete in him, which is he head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col 2:10–15)*
- **More than that, He has given me a new status: the status of one who has never sinned before and has a track record of perfect obedience**
  - ❖ *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. (Ro 3:21–25)*

❖ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Co 5:17–21)*

■ **And, He has given me a new nature: the nature of one who hates sin and loves to please God**

❖ *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness... For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ... But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. (Ro 6:17–22)*

❖ *For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)*

❖ *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of*

*sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Ro 8:1–11)*

■ **Therefore, I now have peace with God, intimacy with God, and in fact I have become God's dwelling place, and a son and heir of God**

❖ *"There is therefore NOW no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom 8:1)*

❖ *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace... For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God... In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Eph 2:13–22)*

❖ *Father... has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (Col 1:12)*

■ **Father desires for me to have deep intimacy with Him through Christ**

❖ *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall*

*each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*" (Je 31:31–34)

❖ *According to the riches of God's glory [may He] grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Eph 3:16–21)

■ **The guarantee and evidence that I have received this grace, am a son, am appointed to know God and walk with Him, is my experience of His Spirit in me**

❖ *By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit* (1 Jn 4:13)

❖ *In him [I] also, when [I] heard the word of truth, the gospel of [my] salvation, and believed in him, [was] sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.* (Eph 1:13–14)

■ **Therefore, no matter how dark things seem, I can always draw near to Father in intimacy**

❖ *in [Christ] we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.* (Eph 3:12)

❖ *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*(Jas 4:7)

❖ *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* (Heb 4:16)

■ **My part is to remain in the light by abiding in obedience, and confessing and repenting of sin, and to remain in intimacy with Him. All of this is the natural result of simply abiding in Christ**

❖ *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 Jn 1:7–9)

❖ *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.* (Ps 91:1)

■ **This, by the grace of God, I shall do - because I have been given grace to abide in freedom**

❖ *For [I] did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but [I] have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ* (Rom 8:15-17)

## 2. In Christ, I have SUFFICIENT and EVER-INCREASING FAITH to walk in grace

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### Summary

- I am God's creation and I am created as a faith-creature – to live by faith.
- My measure of faith comes from Father, He decided how much I should have
- My faith works. Father didn't mess up when He made me; He made me right; if I need faith to work, I have faith that works because Father made me His child, and a creature of faith. In fact, He gave me the same spirit of faith as the Lord Jesus
- From His infinitely generous heart towards His children, He has given me sufficient faith
- Father causes my faith to increase, by His Spirit ministering His Word to me
- Father has given us His Spirit specifically to release revelation and faith in our lives
- My part is to spend time in the Word of God, so that my faith can increase

### Scriptures

#### ■ We are God's creation and we are created as faith-creatures – to live by faith.

- ❖ *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10)*

❖ *The just [those justified in Christ] shall live by faith (Rom 1:17)*

#### ■ My faith comes from Father, He decided how much I should have

❖ *"God hath dealt to every man his measure of faith" (Rom 12:3)*

#### ■ My faith works. He didn't mess up when He made us; He made us right; if we need faith to work, we have faith that works because HE made all His children as creatures of faith. In fact, He gave us the same spirit of faith as the Lord Jesus

❖ *"We have that same spirit of faith [as Jesus']... we also believe and therefore speak" (2 Cor 4:13)*

#### ■ From His infinitely generous heart towards His children, He has given me sufficient faith to live by faith

❖ *The just shall live by faith (Rom 1:17)*

❖ *"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 Jn 5:4-5)*

#### ■ Father causes my faith to increase, by His Spirit ministering His Word to me

- ❖ "...as your faith increases..."(2 Co 10:15) (i.e., faith DOES increase)
- ❖ "Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of God" (Rom 10:17) (i.e., faith increases from receiving revelation from the Word of God)

## SUMMARY

- It is Jesus' will that I love others with a great and sacrificial love
- It is not only a commandment but my new nature in Christ. By the saving grace of God in my life, my nature has been changed; I have been born again of the seed of God, in God's image, 'in true holiness and righteousness'. That means Father has made me a new creature with His nature, which is love. My new nature is love!
- Therefore I am now unable to live without loving. Though my BC self (flesh) is unable to live as a creature of love, by grace when I walk in my new nature in Christ, I am made not only able, but unable to do any other
- My part is simply to abide in Christ, to walk in the Spirit, and the fruit of love will manifest in my life

## SCRIPTURES

### ■ It is Jesus' will that I love others with a great and sacrificial love

- ❖ *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of*

### ■ Father has given us His Spirit specifically to release revelation and faith in our lives

- ❖ "The Spirit searches the deep things of the heart and mind of God... Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God" (1 Cor 2:10-12)
- ❖ Jesus gave me "another Helper, to be with [me] forever, even the Spirit of truth" He will teach [me] all things and bring to [my] remembrance all that [Jesus] has said to [me]" (Jn 14:16,26)

### ■ My part is to spend time in the Word of God, so that my faith can increase

- ❖ "Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of God" (Rom 10:17)(i.e., faith increases from receiving revelation from the Word of God)

## 3. In Christ, I have the capacity to LOVE others with a great, supernatural, sacrificial love

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*the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. (Jn 15:12–17)*

■ **It is not only a commandment but my new nature in Christ. By the saving grace of God in my life, my nature has been changed; I have been born again of the seed of God, in God's image, 'in true holiness and righteousness'. That means Father has made me a new creature with His nature, which is love. My new nature is love!**

- ❖ *"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts." (Je 31:31–34)*
- ❖ *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Eze 36:24–31)*
- ❖ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2 Co 5:17)*
- ❖ *you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; (1 Pe 1:23)*
- ❖ *the new self [has been] created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:20–24)*

■ **Therefore I am now unable to live without loving. Though my BC self (flesh) is unable to live as a creature of love, by grace when I walk in my**

**new nature in Christ, I am made not only able, but unable to do any other**

- ❖ *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. (1 Jn 3:9)*
- ❖ *"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13)*
- ❖ *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)*
- ❖ *"this mystery ... which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col 1:27)*

■ **My part is simply to walk by the Spirit, and the fruit of love will manifest in my life**

- ❖ *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Ga 5:16–25)*

## 4. In Christ, the Spirit of God is always leading me

### SUMMARY:

- Father has PROMISED that a key feature of the new covenant in Christ is that He will make Himself heard by me - I WILL hear His voice leading me.

- This is fulfilled by Christ in me. Jesus is my Shepherd - He makes Himself heard and leads me not because I am strong to listen and follow, but because He is mighty to make Himself heard and to lead.
- Therefore, I am constantly being led by the Spirit of God. The Spirit is leading me to follow after the things of the Spirit. It is not hard to hear the Lord's voice and follow Him. It is a guarantee to all sons desiring to follow Jesus, that He will lead us by His Spirit.
- My part is to be continuously led by the Spirit – to not mind the desires of the flesh for the things of the flesh, but instead to “walk after” (follow the yearnings of) the Spirit, pursuing the things of the Spirit (i.e pursue God's pleasure, not my own carnal pleasure).

## SCRIPTURES:

### ■ Father has PROMISED that a key feature of the new covenant in Christ is that He will make Himself heard by me - I WILL hear His voice leading me

- ❖ *...Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, But thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. (Is 30:18–21)*
- ❖ *But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, And write it in their hearts; And will be their God, And they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the*

*Lord: For they shall all know me, From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: For I will forgive their iniquity, And I will remember their sin no more. (Je 31:33–34)*

### ■ This is fulfilled by Christ in me. Jesus is my Shepherd - He makes Himself heard and leads me not because I am strong to listen and follow, but because He is a Mighty Shepherd, mighty to make Himself heard and to lead

- ❖ *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me...I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.” (Jn 10:14–30)*

### ■ Therefore, I am constantly being led by the Spirit of God. The Spirit is leading me to follow after the things of the Spirit. It is not hard to hear the Lord's voice and follow Him. It is a guarantee to all sons desiring to follow Jesus, that He will lead us by His Spirit

- ❖ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that*

are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but **they that are after the Spirit [seek] the things of the Spirit**. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But **if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live**. For as many as are **[continuously] led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Ro 8:1–17)

- **My part is simply to be continuously led by the Spirit – to not mind the desires of the flesh for the things of the flesh, but instead to follow the yearnings of the spirit after the things of the Spirit (i.e pursue God’s pleasure, not my own carnal pleasure)**

❖ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ... the righteousness of the law [is] fulfilled in us, who walk not*

*after the flesh, but after the Spirit*. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but **they that are after the Spirit [seek] the things of the Spirit**. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. ... Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live. For **as many as are [continuously] led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**. (Ro 8:1–17)

## 5. In Christ, I have STRENGTH FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

### SUMMARY

- God calls His people to do things that are impossible in the natural, but possible through Him
- In Christ, all things He calls me to are possible. My strength is not the issue. HIS STRENGTH is the issue. Me doing it is an illusion for the eyes of the world. By the eyes of faith, it is the Almighty, my Father of boundless might, doing it in and through me. In Christ I have might, because might is not about physical strength but about knowing God
- In Christ I have supernatural endurance because He renews my strength

## SCRIPTURES

### ■ God calls His people to do things that are impossible in the natural, but possible through Him

❖ *“The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits” (Dan 11:32)*

### ■ In Christ, all things He calls me to are possible. My strength is not the issue. HIS STRENGTH is the issue. Me doing it is an illusion for the eyes of the world. By the eyes of faith, it is the Almighty, my Father of boundless might, doing it in and through me. In Christ I have might, because might is not about physical strength but about knowing Father.

❖ *“I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13)*

❖ *“[Jesus] grace is sufficient for [me]: for [His] strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong” (2 Co 12:9–10)*

❖ *“God is my strength and power: And he maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds’ feet: And setteth me upon my high places. He trains my hands for war so my arms can bend a bow of bronze” (2 Samuel 22:33–35)*

❖ *“The Lord is the strength of my life” (Psalm 27:1)*

❖ *“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” (Mk 10:27)*

### ■ In Christ I have supernatural endurance because He renews my strength

❖ *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Is 40:28–31)*

## 6. In Christ, I have FREEDOM FROM SIN / THE FLESH and power to overcome satan and every habitual sin / addiction and demonic pattern of ungodly thinking and behaviour

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### SUMMARY

- Father's wonderful will and purpose for me is that I walk in perfect freedom from the curse of bondage to darkness / sin in this life
- To accomplish His will He has done two things: First, He has regenerated me with a new nature that is perfectly holy, with His Law / Counsel as the fabric of my new heart (my spirit man);
- ... Second, placed in me His Spirit to work in me for holy living - so that my new covenant and life principle is not obedience to law (which tends towards sinful desires), but walking in fellowship with God by His Spirit in me / His life power in me / His grace (which tends towards holiness). This is His PROMISE (an unbreakable and eternal covenant) that HE HIMSELF will work in us every moment so that we will live a life that is pleasing to Him
- As a consequence, I AM free from all sin. By doing those 2 things, chiefly by granting the Spirit of Christ to dwell in my heart and be my source of life, Father has set me free from the power of sin, and all bondage to sin. I am no longer captive to sin. Unlike before, when I was in bondage to sin with no choice in the matter, now I have real freedom to choose sin, or freedom from sin.
- Father God has already conquered all the powers of hell that might come against us. This victory is worked out in time and space by the Spirit of Christ living in us
- The forces of hell now have no power over us but what we give them by having faith in them rather than in God, and aligning our will with them rather than with God. The old man who was in bondage to hell has been crucified; the new man walks in freedom from the forces of hell. Father now calls us to choose not to live like the old man, but to walk in the new power of Father's divine life, in holiness
- It is not hard to make the choice to refuse sin, and to walk in divine life. Because of the new nature Father has given me, together with His Spirit working by His boundless might within me so that my life will be pleasing to Him, it is easy to overcome sin by Father's power. Father has already given me all the resources I need to overcome sin - chiefly His Spirit - which I simply access by faith. It is as easy as changing a garment in my spirit: laying aside the old nature and putting on the nature of Christ. I don't have to fear bondage to any sin at all. Having understood the will of God to set me free from all bondage to all sin, I can simply yield in trust to His power at work in me because Father is continually working by His Spirit, so that I will conform to the ways that please Him
- We are never tempted beyond our ability to escape because escape is not by our power but by God's. Every temptation comes with the power of God to escape - we may not feel the power of God at first,

but the second we reach out for it, there it is, mighty to save

- The devil will try to convince me I don't have the power even to trust in God for His power to overcome sin and the devil, but that is a lie. I CAN resist the devil, because Jesus strengthens me to do so. My weakness in resisting the devil is not the issue; Christ's strength to empower me to resist is the issue

## SCRIPTURES

### ■ **Father's wonderful will and purpose for me is that I walk in perfect freedom from the curse of bondage to darkness / sin in this life**

❖ *He chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Eph 1:4)*

- Note: God's will is that we be holy and blameless before Him. Not blameless only – being imputed righteousness – but holy also, being our heart's desires and lifestyle.

❖ *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, (Eph 4:11–13)*

- Note: It is God's will and intent that we all attain to maturity (in faith and capacity to live out our God-given identity) to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

❖ *"...walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father" (Col 1:9-20)*

- Note: It is God's will that our lifestyle be worthy of the Lord Jesus, that the way we walk (our steps) be pleasing to God and that our lives are fruitful, being filled with every good work. All this, not by human strength but by the divine empowerment of the Almighty.

❖ *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. (1 Th 5:23–24)*

- Note: The Spirit (through Paul) is praying this for born again believers, who have already been justified by the blood of Jesus. If they have already been justified – all guilt for sin being taken away – then prayers for them to be cleansed of sin by the blood of Jesus are both unnecessary and useless. What then can this prayer for them to be 'wholly sanctified' (or 'made holy in every way' – Louw Nida) and 'preserved blameless until Jesus returns' mean? Firstly, it is God's will for our lives – hence the Spirit prays for it. Second, it tells us that being preserved blameless until the coming of Jesus is not a result of being initially justified in Christ. It is an additional work of God continued after the justification of the believer. Third, it is not something that will take place without prayer, otherwise why would the Spirit (through Paul) pray for this? Being free of the defilement of sin is an ongoing work of God in answer to prayer. Finally, most importantly, 'Faithful is he that calleth you, who also

will do it'. We cannot strive for this, we must seek and trust God for this.

❖ *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Isaiah 61)*

- Note: Father's will is that we (formerly the broken-hearted before the healing of Christ) should be known as 'oaks of righteousness' – that our righteousness would tower to the skies, visible far off, sturdy and unshakeable despite the great storms of life.

■ **To accomplish His will He has done two things: First, He has regenerated me with a new nature that is perfectly holy, with His Law / Counsel as the fabric of my new heart (my spirit man);**

- ❖ *And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live...And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. (Dt 30:1–10)*
- ❖ *...put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:22–24)*

❖ *"this is **the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts." (Je 31:31–34)*

■ **... Second, placed in me His Spirit to work in me for holy living - so that my new covenant and life principle is not obedience to law (which tends towards sinful desires), but walking in fellowship with His Spirit in me / His life power in me / His grace (which tends towards holiness). This is His PROMISE (an unbreakable and eternal covenant) that HE HIMSELF will work in us every moment so that we will live a life that is pleasing to Him**

❖ *"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ... and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. (Eze 36:24–31)*

❖ *For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)*

❖ *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by his life.**" (Rom 5:10)*

❖ *"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That just as sin reigned unto death, even so **grace now reigns through***

*righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Ro 5:20–21)*

- **As a consequence, I AM free from all sin. By doing those 2 things, chiefly by granting the Spirit of Christ to dwell in my heart and be my source of life, Father has set me free from the power of sin, and all bondage to sin. I am no longer captive to sin. Unlike before, when I was in bondage to sin with no choice in the matter, now I have real freedom to choose either sin or freedom from sin (by faith).**

- ❖ *By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who **walk** not according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**. ... to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ... [I], however, [am] not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in [me]. ... if Christ is in [me], although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in [me], he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to [my] mortal [body] through his Spirit who dwells in [me]. (Rom 8:3-11)*
- ❖ *"Sin **shall not** have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Ro 6:14)*
- ❖ *"Where the Spirit is, there is **liberty**" (2 Cor 3:17)*
- ❖ *For the law of the Spirit of life **has** set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (Ro 8:2)*

- ❖ *"We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him" (1 Jn 5:18)*

- **Father God has already conquered all the powers of hell that might come against us. This victory is worked out in time and space by the Spirit of Christ living in us**

- ❖ *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col 2:10–15)*
- ❖ *"Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world" (1 Jn 4:4)*
- ❖ *"Christ in [me], the hope of glory" (Col 1:27)*
- ❖ *"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 Jn 5:4-5)*
- ❖ *"God ALWAYS causes us to triumph in Christ (2 Cor 2:14)*

- **The forces of hell now have no power over us but what we give them by having faith in them rather than in God, and aligning our will with them rather than with God. The old man who was in bondage to hell has been crucified; the new man walks in freedom from the forces of hell. Father now calls us to choose not to live like the old man, but to walk in the new power of Father's divine life, in holiness**

❖ *Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:22–24)*

- Note: this pair of injunctions is aimed at born again believers. So then, these actions must be chosen as acts of the will, even once we have been born again. The born again believer must 'put off the old self' and 'put on the new self'. This implies that there are frequently times when we are wearing the old self and not the new self and it is in fact a choice we must make, to put on the new self. By faith in what God has done, we can walk in the fullness of the reality of our new nature in Christ, but apart from a conscious faith choice we can get trapped in a rut of an old man/ fleshly lifestyle. Therefore, we must 'put off the old self' and 'put on the new self'.

❖ *"walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Ga 5:16–25)*

- Note: as per the comment above, this injunction is aimed at born again believers. So then, this action must be chosen as an act of the will, even once we have been born again. The born again believer must choose to walk by the Spirit and thereby avoid gratifying the desires of the flesh. This implies that there are times when we are not walking by the Spirit and must choose to do so. By faith in what God has done, we can walk in the fullness of the reality of our spiritual nature in Christ, but it is a faith choice.

- **It is not hard to make the choice to refuse sin, and to walk in divine life. Because of the new nature Father has given me, together with His Spirit working by His boundless might within me so that my life will be pleasing to Him, it is easy to overcome sin by Father's power. Father has already given me all the resources I need to overcome sin - chiefly His Spirit - which I simply access by faith. It is as easy as changing a garment in my spirit: laying aside the old nature and putting on the nature of Christ. I don't have to fear bondage to any sin at all. Having understood the will of God to set me free from all bondage to all sin, I can simply yield in trust to His power at work in me because Father is continually working by His Spirit, so that I will conform to the ways that please Him**

❖ *For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)*

❖ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Pe 1:3–4)

❖ Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:22–24)

❖ "walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Ga 5:16–25)

❖ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (Eph 5:8)

- Note: It is in light of the fact that we are light already, that we are called to walk, by faith in our true nature in Christ, as children of light. Know the great and boundless power of what Christ has done, and simply walk in the power of it.

■ **We are never tempted beyond our ability to escape because escape is not by our power but by God's. Every temptation comes with the power of God to escape - we may not feel the power of God at first, but the second we reach out for it, there it is, mighty to save**

❖ Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Co 10:12–13).

❖ For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)

❖ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. (1 Jn 3:8–9)

❖ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (Jas 4:7–8)

■ **The devil will try to convince me I don't have the power even to trust in God for His power to overcome sin and the devil, but that is a lie. I CAN resist the devil, because Jesus strengthens me to do so. My weakness in resisting the devil is not the issue; Christ's strength to empower me to resist is the issue**

❖ "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13)

# 7. In Christ, I have VICTORY AND POWER TO OVERCOME ALL SPIRITUAL OPPRESSION AND to obtain victory in WARFARE

## SUMMARY:

- The devil can never win in my life unless I let him - I have been permanently freed of the devil's power
- Nothing and no one can thwart Father's plan for my life, that I walk in victory over evil and sin
- Even when the devil appears to be winning in my life, Father ultimately uses those very circumstances to bring victory and honour, every time
- Even when I go up against great and mighty giants, they are counted as nothing by the Lord Who carries me and wars on my behalf

## SCRIPTURES:

### ■ The devil can never win in my life unless I let him - I have been permanently freed of the devil's power

- ❖ "God ALWAYS causes us to triumph in Christ (2 Cor 2:14)
- ❖ "When he ascended on high he led captivity captive" (Eph 4:8)
- ❖ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is

God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."



- ❖ The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 Jn 3:8)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels



nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Ro 8:31–39)

- Note: What then is this victory? Paul says in all these things we are more than conquerors. He says nothing – not even the assault of angels, of demons, of anything in all creation – can separate us from the love of God. That means victory is not the absence of these things; no, indeed we can expect to be in these things. Victory is that, when in these things, we will not be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Victory is remaining in the love of God because it is the most precious of all things and the very thing to hold onto at all costs. Victory is knowing that no matter what we experience, God is for us and in the end our hope in Christ – our ultimate deliverance, our ultimate inheritance and eternal life of peace and joy everlasting - is as secure and certain as He is the Rock of ages.

❖ *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. (Ps 27:1–6)*

■ **Nothing and no one can thwart Father's plan for my life, that I walk in victory over evil and sin**

❖ *“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. (Da 2:20–22)*

❖ *blessed [be] the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”” (Da 4:34–35)*

■ **Even when the devil appears to be winning in my life, Father ultimately uses those very**

**circumstances to bring victory and honour, every time**

❖ *“He works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called for His purposes” (Rom 8:28)*

■ **Even when I go up against great and mighty giants, they are counted as nothing by the Lord Who carries me and wars on my behalf**

❖ *And you murmured in your tents and said, ‘Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.” ’ 29 Then I said to you, ‘Do not be in dread or afraid of them. 30 The LORD your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place. (Dt 1:26–31).*

## 8. In Christ, I have **AUTHORITY** to destroy the works of the devil

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### SUMMARY

- The work of Christ in this world is to destroy the works of the devil
- I am in Christ Who has all power and authority, and I therefore share in Christ's victory and authority over evil
- Christ Has commissioned me to do His works of destroying the work of the devil in people's lives, primarily by discipling people, leading them in to freedom from the devil's works through their knowledge and obedience to the Gospel
- Father has given me authority and faith and grace to be EFFECTIVE in doing His work, by His supernatural power working through me

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❖ *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: ... And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col 2:10–15)*

❖ *[God] has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ...Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church" (Col 1:9–20)*

❖ *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (Eph 2:4–6)*

#### ■ Christ Has commissioned me to do His works of destroying the work of the devil in people's lives, primarily by discipling people, leading them in to freedom from the devil's works through their knowledge and obedience to the Gospel

❖ *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to*

me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:16–20)

❖ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (Jn 8:31–36)

■ **Father has given me authority and faith and grace to be EFFECTIVE in doing His work, by His supernatural power working through me**

❖ Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. (Eph 4:7)

❖ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, (Eph 4:11–13)

❖ For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.(1 Co 4:20)

❖ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” (Mk 16:17–18)

❖ Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast

into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mk 11:22–24)

## 9. In Christ, I have constant access to perfect divine WISDOM AND DIRECTION

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### SUMMARY

- Father deeply desires to teach us wisdom so we will walk in His ways
- Therefore, Father has given us His Word, the Spirit of Wisdom -which is Christ dwelling within- and grace to ask for still more wisdom in any situation
- More than that, He Himself, in His perfect wisdom, will guide us as we trust in Him
- My job is simply to fear the Lord, and bend my heart to hear His instruction. He will ensure that I then walk in all wisdom, and so wisdom will guard my ways

### SCRIPTURES

#### ■ Father deeply desires to teach us wisdom so we will walk in wisdom

- ❖ Wisdom crieth without; She uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: In the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? And the scornors delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. (Pr 1:20–23)
- ❖ "be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...and increasing in the knowledge of God; (Col 1:9-20)

- ❖ Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! (1 Co 6:2–3).

#### ■ Therefore, Father has given us His Word, the Spirit of Wisdom -which is Christ dwelling within- and grace to ask for still more wisdom in any situation

- ❖ "*Christ has become unto us... wisdom from God*" (1 Cor 1:30)
- ❖ "*We have the mind of Christ*" (1 Cor 2:16)
- ❖ "*The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple*" (Psalm 119:130)
- ❖ *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.* (Jas 1:5)
- ❖ "*Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.* (Da 2:20–22)
- ❖ For He says, "*Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*" (Eph 5:14)

#### ■ More than that, He Himself, in His perfect wisdom, will guide us as we trust in Him

❖ *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths" (Prov 3:1-8)*

■ **My job is simply to fear the Lord, and bend my heart to hear His instruction. He will ensure that I then walk in all wisdom, and so wisdom will guard my ways**

❖ *The secret of the Lord is with those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. (Ps 25:14)*

❖ *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, And hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, And apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, And liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, And searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt:*

- *thou understand the fear of the Lord...*
- *...and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: ...*
- *...He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.*
- *...He keepeth the paths of judgment, And preserveth the way of his saints.*
- *...Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, And equity; yea, every good path.*
- *...When wisdom entereth into thine heart, And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;*

- *Discretion shall preserve thee, Understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, From the man that speaketh froward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, To walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, And delight in the frowardness of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, And they froward in their paths: (Pr 2:1-15)*

## 10. In Christ, I have PEACE and total deliverance from FEAR, STRESS AND ANXIETY

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### SUMMARY

- The Lord does not want me to be anxious, but rather to walk in constant peace. PEACE is His provision and plan for my life
- Christ has given me the infinite peace and rest of His own heart
- My role to walk in rest and peace, is to pray, hand my cares to Him, walk in Jesus' teaching, and abide in the secret place of intimacy with God
- I can find refuge from causes of turmoil in God. I don't need to worry about challenges that are way to big for me, because it is not about my ability to do (power) but about GOD's ability to do by His mighty power
- I CAN lay hold of and abide in the peace Christ has given me; I CAN give me cares to Christ; I can run into the refuge of my Saviour and God, because Jesus strengthens me to do so. My weakness in doing these

things is not the issue; Christ's strength to empower me to do so is the issue

## SCRIPTURES

### ■ **The Lord does not want me to be anxious, but rather to walk in constant peace. PEACE is His provision and plan for my life**

- ❖ *The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything (Php 4:5)*
- ❖ *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Ga 5:16–25)*
- ❖ *For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. (1 Co 14:33).*

### ■ **Christ has given me the infinite peace and rest of His own heart**

- ❖ *"God hath not given us a spirit of fear, but of POWER and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Tim 1:7)*
- ❖ *"Peace [Jesus] gave to me; [His] peace, [He] gives me" (Jn 14:27)*

### ■ **My role to walk in rest and peace, is to pray, hand my cares to Him, walk in Jesus' teaching, and abide in the secret place of intimacy with God**

- ❖ *The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your*

*requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (Php 4:5–9)*

- ❖ *"Cast your cares on Him, for He cares for you" (1 Pet 5:7)*
- ❖ *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

### ■ **I can find refuge from causes of turmoil in God. I don't need to worry about challenges that are way to big for me, because it is not about my ability to do (power) but about GOD's ability to do by His mighty power**

- ❖ *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High,*

*who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. (Ps 91:1–13)*

❖ “God is my strength”

- **I CAN lay hold of and abide in the peace Christ has given me; I CAN give me cares to Christ; I can run into the refuge of my Saviour and God, because Jesus strengthens me to do so. My weakness in doing these things is not the issue; Christ's strength to empower me to do so is the issue**

❖ “I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13)

## 11. In Christ, I will live a life of ANSWERED PRAYER as I yield to Father's teaching me by His Spirit how to pray

### SUMMARY

- Father WANTS to answer our prayer for good things
- Father has therefore given us our great High Priest Jesus, so that in His name He can answer our prayers in

- righteousness and use us as His vessels to do His works through our prayers which are according to His will
- All I need to do is walk in a spirit of ongoing repentance of sin (no agreement with sin, total agreement with Father's righteousness, commitment to walk in His grace to overcome sin and live a life worthy of Him) and in the consciousness of my righteousness in Christ alone and therefore believe I will receive the answer to my prayers, and He will surely hear my prayers and answer
- Though in my natural self I am unable to fulfill these requirements, by grace I am made able. In Christ, by the grace of His Spirit, I am well able to walk in a spirit of repentance, to trust Father for His grace and for answered prayer, and to pray according to His will

### SCRIPTURES

- **Father WANTS to answer our prayer for good things**

❖ *And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you. And therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: For the Lord is a God of judgment: Blessed are all they that wait for him. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: Thou shalt weep no more: He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; When he shall hear it, he will answer thee. (Is 30:18–20)*

❖ *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a*

serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! (Mt 7:7–11)

■ **Father has therefore given us our great High Priest Jesus, so that in His name He can answer our prayers in righteousness and use us as His vessels to do His works through our prayers which are according to His will**

- ❖ *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (Jn 14:12–14)*
- ❖ *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14–15)*
- ❖ *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. (Jn 15:7–9)*
- ❖ *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14–15)*
- ❖ *Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe*

*that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mk 11:22–24)*

- ❖ *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. ... The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. (Jas 5:13–17)*
- **All I need to do is walk in a spirit of ongoing repentance of sin (no agreement with sin, total agreement with Father's righteousness, confession of sin and commitment to walk in His grace to overcome sin and live a life worthy of Him) and in the consciousness of my righteousness in Christ alone and therefore believe I will receive the answer to my prayers, , and He will surely hear my prayers,**
- ❖ *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn 1:9)*
- ❖ *If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! (Ps 66:18–20)*
- ❖ *Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. (1 Pe 3:7)*

❖ *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14–15)*

■ **Though in my natural self I am unable to fulfill these requirements, by grace I am made able. In Christ, by the grace of His Spirit, I am well able to walk in a spirit of repentance, to trust Father for His grace and for answered prayer, and to pray according to His will**

❖ *"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13)*

❖ *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Ro 8:26–27)*

## 12. In Christ, I have all provision to live in perfect JOY in any and all life circumstances

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■ **Father's intent for the Christian is to be filled with supernatural joy, quite despite all worldly trials**

❖ *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Ga 5:16–25)*

❖ *If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (Jn 15:10–11)*

❖ *"walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father" (Col 1:9-20)*

■ **Therefore, Jesus ministry to me includes breaking the power of depression which had rights over my life under the law of sin and death, and replacing it with the oil of gladness, which comes with salvation from the darkness of unrighteousness, and liberation into the Spirit of Life**

❖ *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Isaiah 61)*

- It is my role to walk in the Spirit, not the flesh, and to rejoice at all times – especially in trials - trusting in Father's sovereignty and goodness and my new freedom in Christ, even in great trials

❖ *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Ga 5:16–25)*

❖ *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (Php 4:4)*

❖ *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers trials; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (Jas 1:2–4)*

- Though it is not natural to rejoice in trials and walk in the Spirit, by the might of Christ I am able

❖ *"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13)*

❖ *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)*

## 13. In Christ, I have supernatural wholeness, which is 'zoe life', including spiritual, emotional and physical healing and health

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**Surely, he has borne our  
 sicknesses and diseases, and  
 carried our griefs and sorrows; ...  
 and with his stripes we are healed.**

Isaiah 53:4-6



### SUMMARY

- Father desires that I have an eternal quality of life, a rich vitality by His life within me. He imparts to us a new life in Christ, that is a divine quality of life, not merely an eternal duration of life
- Father also desires to be the Healer of His covenant people
- This wholeness and divine quality of life which comes through Jesus, includes physical and emotional healing
- Physical healing is a DEFINITE promise to all Christians, in Christ

- Healing is a gospel justice issue: just as my sin was borne on the cross so that it is no longer just for me to carry my own guilt, so also my sickness was born on the cross so it is no longer just that I should carry my own sickness. Jesus already bore it, it has been taken away from me
- My part in walking in this divine wholeness is simply to walk in the 'Law of the Lord', because healing, wholeness, vitality, and prosperity flow from meditating on and doing His Law
- Under the New Covenant walking in the "Law of the Lord" is not being under Mosaic Law, but under the Law of the Spirit of Life – it means walking in the Spirit, in fellowship with God, which requires walking in agreement with His Word because we are happily and totally under Christ's Lordship
- Therefore, divine health in our mortal bodies (as with all the blessings of the gospel) is a benefit of actually walking in the Spirit
- That is why it is biblical, even under the New Covenant, that carnal living by believers leads to sickness (although it is certainly not true that all sickness in believers is because of carnal living)
- It is not hard for me to walk in the Spirit because it is truly my new nature to do so, by the might of His grace in me

## SCRIPTURES

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## **quality of life, not merely an eternal duration of life**

- ❖ *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:4–6)*
- ❖ *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **I give them eternal life**, and they will never perish (Jn 10:27–30)*
- ❖ *And this is eternal life, **that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom you have sent. (Jn 17:1–3)*
- ❖ *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Pe 1:3–4)*
- ❖ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life** and have it **abundantly**. (Jn 10:10)*
- **Father also desires to be the Healer of His covenant people**
  - ❖ *If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, **I will put none of these diseases upon thee**, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for **I am the Lord that healeth thee**. Ex 15:26 (KJV)*
  - ❖ *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his*

benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalms 103:1-5

■ **This wholeness and divine quality of life which comes through Jesus, includes physical and emotional healing**

- ❖ *But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. (Mal 4:2-3)*
- ❖ *Surely, he has borne our sicknesses and diseases, and carried our griefs and sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:4-6*
- ❖ *And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her... That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." (Mt 8:14-17)*
- ❖ *By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit... those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the*

mind on the Spirit is life and peace.... 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Ro 8:3-11)

■ **Physical healing is a DEFINITE promise to Christians, in Christ**

- ❖ *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. James 5:14-15*
- **Healing is a gospel justice issue: just as my sin was borne on the cross so that it is no longer just for me to carry my own guilt, so also my sickness was born on the cross so it is no longer just that I should carry my own sickness. Jesus already bore it, it has been taken away from me**
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- **My part in walking in this divine wholeness is simply to walk in the 'Law of the Lord', because**

## healing, wholeness, vitality, and prosperity flow from meditating on and doing His Law

- ❖ *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps 1:1–3)*
- ❖ *My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Prov 4:20-22*

## ■ Under the New Covenant walking in the "Law of the Lord" is not being under Mosaic Law, but under the Law of the Spirit of Life – it means walking in the Spirit, in fellowship with God, which requires walking in agreement with His Word because we are happily and totally under Christ's Lordship

- ❖ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

## ■ Therefore, divine health in our mortal bodies (as with all the blessings of the gospel) is a benefit of actually walking in the Spirit

- ❖ *But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. (Mal 4:2–3)*
  - ❖ *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Ro 8:1–11)*
  - ❖ *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. (2 Co 3:6)*
- ## ■ That is why it is biblical, even under the New Covenant, that carnal living by believers leads to sickness (although it is certainly not true that all sickness in believers is because of carnal living)
- ❖ *Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the*

Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. (1 Co 11:27–32)

❖ For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (Ro 8:1–11)

■ **It is not hard for me to walk in the Spirit because it is truly my new nature to do so, by the might of His grace in me**

❖ "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13)

❖ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Php 2:13)

## 14. In Christ, I have perfect material provision according to Father's will and plans for my life: as I seek first the Kingdom and with faith-filled prayer, I lack nothing

# I need for the life appointed to me

## SUMMARY

- It has always been the desire of the Lord desires to provide for His righteous covenant people
- Righteous covenant living is (under the NEW covenant) living by faith in justification in Christ alone. The New Testament reveals that saving faith (faith that accesses grace) is for those who walk after the Spirit, not the flesh. That is, true saving faith is evidenced by being led by the Spirit / in practice dwelling in God's Kingdom, under the reign of the King, serving the King, and hence seeking first the Kingdom of God
- Therefore, since provision is for Father's righteous ones, Father provides for ALL the needs of His children who are led by the Spirit, seeking first the Kingdom of God
- My provision is in Father's promises, which are all available to me in Christ, through faith

## SCRIPTURES

- It has always been the desire of the Lord desires to provide for His righteous covenant people
  - ❖ "The Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more

*prosperous and numerous than your fathers... The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (Dt 30:1–10)*

- ❖ *"I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. (Eze 36:24–31)*

- **Righteous covenant living is (under the NEW covenant) living by faith in justification in Christ alone. The New Testament reveals that saving faith (faith that accesses grace) is for those who walk after the Spirit, not the flesh. That is, true saving faith is evidenced by being led by the Spirit / in practice dwelling in God's Kingdom,**

## **under the reign of the King, serving the King, and hence seeking first the Kingdom of God**

- ❖ *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. (Jas 2:14–26)*
  - **Note:** that in this passage, the benefits of the gospel are not due to those who believe in Christ's atonement without acting on that faith and living out their new identity as God's children, but only to those who act out of faith in their new identity in Christ, as God's children, and therefore imitate God in serving others and not self.
- ❖ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin;*

but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.** (Ro 8:1–11)

- **Note:** As with the above passage, here again the benefits of the gospel are not due to those who believe in Christ's atonement without acting on that faith, but only to those that live out their new identity as God's children, who discard the carnal mind and walk by the Spirit, being spiritually minded. That is because true faith in Christ always results in being born again of the Spirit and living as sons of God, practically living in the Kingdom of God which means living with Jesus as King, yielding to His Spirit in practical day to day living, submitting the heart and mind to the Spirit of God. By implication, this means rejecting the spirit of the world which seeks the things of this world. The benefits of this passage are not for worldly Christians who profess faith in Christ but live for the comforts and pleasures of this world, but only for those who are "spiritually minded" (seeking first the Kingdom of God).

■ **Therefore, since provision is for Father's righteous ones, Father provides for ALL the needs of His children who are led by the Spirit, seeking first the Kingdom of God**

- ❖ *"Therefore, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you" (Matt 6:25-33)*
- ❖ *"My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19)*

❖ *"To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ... [Father ] has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph 1:1-3)*

■ **My provision is in Father's promises, which are all available to me in Christ, through faith**

- ❖ *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, **through** the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that **by these** ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Pe 1:3–4)*
- ❖ *For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. (2 Co 1:20–22).*

## 15. In Christ, I have good SLEEP

### SUMMARY

- Father gives sleep to His beloved who entrust their lives to Him

### SCRIPTURES

- ❖ *"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Ps 4:8)*
- ❖ *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays*

awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. (Ps 127:1–2)

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father" (Col 1:9-20)

## 16. In Christ, I am a FRUITFUL servant for the Kingdom

### SUMMARY

- Father chose me before the foundation of the world to go and bare fruit
- It is Father's will that I bare fruit
- My part is simply to abide in intimate communion with Him and in His Word (walking according to His Word); His part is to bare the fruit by the power of His Word in me

### SCRIPTURES

#### ■ Father chose me before the foundation of the world to go and bare fruit

- ❖ *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. (Jn 15:16).*

#### ■ It is Father's will that I bare fruit

- ❖ *"...walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

#### ■ My part is simply to abide in intimate communion with Him and in His Word (walking according to His Word); His part is to bare the fruit by the power of His Word in me

- ❖ *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. (Jn 15:1–10)*
- ❖ *"the word of the truth of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you (Col 1:5–6)*
- ❖ *...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. (Da 11:32)*

# Creating your own prayers of proclamation

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Whenever you find the devil oppressing you in any area of life, remember we are creatures of faith: we live by the Word of God and so we think, confess and do the Word of God. We are not moved by circumstances, we are moved by the Word.

- ❖ *Go to scripture and find what Father promises for you in that area of life*
- ❖ *Write it out for yourself*
- ❖ *Meditate on how this reveals Father's goodness towards you and provision for you*
- ❖ *Underline and meditate on all words which indicate the definite nature and present fulfilment of Father's promise*
- ❖ *Underline and meditate on all words that indicate the tense of His promise (past / present / perfect). You might need to do original language word studies to accurately understand the tense*
- ❖ *If His promise is past, or present, or perfect, receive it by faith*
- ❖ *Confess this promise constantly, every time you think of this area of concern*