Father I pray for all who hear this message that we each receive your grace and mercy to understand and discern between good and evil and be given the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to make you, Lord God Almighty, first in our hearts. May we have the grace to recognize every idol in our hearts that we may depart from them. That we may know these things are gifts given to us by you to be enjoyed, and not made into something that we regard as more important than you. May we each receive our first love, Jesus, and the hope which is eternal in HIM, the faith to perform his works through obedience to the Holy Spirit and the grace to believe. May you give each of us a heart that is for You.

in Jesus name amen

#### Matthew 6:19-21

**19** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: **21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**22** The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

**<u>24</u>** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Is our heart set to the treasures on the Earth, of this world? ? ? Do we treasure what other people think of us ? Do we treasure our reputation in the eyes of others more than what God thinks of us? Do we treasure being better than others? Do we treasure the fact that we might be more intelligent than our neighbor? or know more about God than them? do we treasure how good we look or how attractive we are or how good a job we have? Or how much stuff we own? Do we compare our success with that of our neighbor? Is our worth found in our flesh life?

### MORE THAN WE TREASURE GOD IN OUR HEARTS?

Mark 13:31 31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

The things of this world ------ It will all pass away ------ it's all temporary

GOD IS ETERNAL AND WE ARE IN JESUS AND JESUS IS ETERNAL ------ THESE OTHER THINGS WILL PASS AWAY ------ GOD WILL NOT

TREASURES OF THIS EARTH ARE WOOD HAY AND STUBBLE AND ARE TEMPORARY AND WILL BE BURNED UP ------ where is our heart?

1Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay **than that is laid**, <u>which is</u> Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

These things that we have here in this mortal body and on this earth are gifts that we can use to glorify God, but they are not what we are to set our heart on. We use them to Glorify God and not ourselves. We use them to place treasure in heaven for eternity through obedience to Gods word and obeying the Holy Spirit. These other things will be burned and be gone, what will be left is what we have used our gifts and talents to achieve for the glory of God, in obedience to Gods WORD, and in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Why waste what God has given us on ourselves(our vanity) when we know it has NO eternal value. What we do must be for the glory of GOD. Things not given to the glory of God, give glory to devils(who drive us to glorify ourselves) because it brings glory to them when they can mock God at their ability to draw us away from him to worship them and to worship self. ! This is why we must die to self lest we give satan glory which belongs to God. Lest we make satan our father instead of God.

Jesus died for us to be free ------ are we going to continue in our vanity? bringing glory to ourself and satan? It has no value! it is vain it is worthless.

**<u>IPETER 2:24</u>** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should **live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Who is righteous? **Jesus**! All our righteousness is found in Jesus always, and to be part of his righteousness we must do so in **faith** in HIM AND WHAT HE ALREADY DID FOR US. Our glory is who we are in him/**his glory(in us)**. Our own glory is filthy rags we have all fallen short of the glory of God but jesus didn't, -- he fulfilled the law for us and we are righteous through his finished work and sacrifice and atoning blood. There is no way to heaven but by faith. Not in ourselves or our carnal abilities and gifts ------ but simply by faith. Our gifts and abilities we can use to bring God glory by obeying the Word and the HOLY SPIRIT who will lead and guide us to bring God glory through FAITH (and only faith). If we do it for our own glory our reward is now and temporary and short lived and of no eternal value and is vain.

#### ROMANS 3:21-26

21 But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all **those who believe**; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitation in His blood **through faith**. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Well if it's by faith, it's by believing Gods word and then obeying the Holy Spirit, because faith without works is dead.

# JAMES 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

#### JAMES 2:22 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Well what does this mean? It means we read the Word of God and then obey it, ------ and as we obey----- THIS IS FAITH in action ----- we read the Word and BELIEVE the Word AND THEN WE ADD THE WORKS WHICH IS to **OBEY**. When we obey ------we prove our faith is genuine. (by our works) And as we obey, the Holy Spirit is then able to guide us from one victory to the next victory, to the next, to the next and the next. IF WE DON"T BEGIN TO OBEY THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT SEES THAT WE HAVE NO FAITH AND SO OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS IN OURSELF, BECAUSE OUR LACK OF WORKS(OBEDIENCE) PROVES WE HAVE NOT BELIEVED OR THAT WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN BECOMING LIKE JESUS. Our works are then found to be in ourself. To be burned.

How will we obey the Holy Spirit if our heart is set on the things of this life(the carnal fleshly life) if we don't understand that this is idolatry. We are born again! Our life is now found in JESUS and JESUS is in heaven and is eternal and in us. And he wants us to be there with him for eternity as part of his family.

**Isaiah 29:13** 13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

The bible teaches if we do not forgive others, we are not forgiven. If we judge others we will be judged. Fear God and obey. Why bring judgment on ourselves because we chose to be disobedient and judge our brother? Why remain unforgiven by God because we choose not to forgive. Why give satan glory by obeying him? why harden our hearts. why allow devils to reside in our flesh and **torment our minds** and lives?

Fear God! He means what he says.

<u>Colossians 3:5-10</u> <u>5</u> Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: <u>6</u> For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: <u>7</u> In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. <u>8</u> But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. <u>9</u> Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man with his deeds; <u>10</u>** And have **put on the new** *man*, which is **renewed** in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

So we read this ------ and fearing God (knowing that he puts his Word above his name) and because we believe the Word, we move in Faith by OBEYING THE WORD through the power and conviction of the Holy Spirit. Because if we are <u>not</u> obeying these things,--- the Holy Spirit will convict us as we read. So we listen to the Holy Spirit and ask him to help us to escape the things that we should not be doing. So we are then made righteous through FAITH and OBEDIENCE to the HOLY SPIRIT. Our righteousness is then found in Jesus because our victory has come through faith and the works of the Holy Spirit in our life. We have nothing to boast about because God has done it all. ALL WE DID WAS OBEY and it his Him who gives us the power even to be able to obey. We choose the good, he does the rest!

If we try to escape these things in our own strength we have failed to walk in Jesus finished work and failed to walk by faith. We are trying to be righteous in our own strength

and this does not glorify God. It is a trap and snare. <u>Choose to obey</u> then ask the Holy Spirit to help because Jesus paid the price for this already. When we read the word and hear the conviction of the Holy Spirit, we repent and ask forgiveness and for healing, which has already been given and is there to be RECEIVED BY FAITH!

ALL the promises of God are available, every one of them! and given to us who believe! <u>But</u> we don't receive these blessings until we use our faith. The blessings do not BECOME OURS until we take hold of them by faith. They just sit there useless and unused. FAITH! As we believe, obey and receive the promises by faith we begin to move into Gods rest.

**HEBREWS 4:1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.\_

\_\_\_\_\_So let us fear God and obey the Holy Spirit as he refines(as GOLD AND SILVER) us into the Image of Jesus through the sanctification process.\_\_\_\_

# 2 Timothy 2:20

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

**Malachi 3:2** But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

All our worldly glory will be burned and worthless at our lives end

What we did in obedience to the Holy Spirit through our knowledge of Gods will, which we find in the WORD of God (whom Jesus is), at the end of our lives will be fruit which will last forever.

What the world teaches us is important ------ is often <u>not important to God.</u>

We must recognize what God says, <u>is important</u>! ------what the WORLD TELLS US is important is <u>usually not important</u> ------ The world is full of lies lies and more lies ------Gods Word does not lie! Let our minds be renewed by the washing of the word. WE NEED GODS WORD ------TO KNOW WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOREVER/ETERNALLY

**<u>1Corinthians 3:14-15</u>** If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. **<u>15</u>** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

If we bring glory to ourselves ------ this is temporary -----/ wood / hay /stubble, to be burned! PRIDE!

God is eternal ----- if we bring glory to God ------ this glory will never fade. This glory is in heaven FOREVER in Jesus and we are in him and he is in us

The world teaches us to glorify ourselves ------ take this to heart -----satan wants us to become great in our own eyes and other peoples eyes ------ why? So that our fruit is WORTHLESS! Our own glory is worthless. And he is a deceiver and wants us to glorify him by obeying him and doing his works. give all glory to God always for all that we do.

All our lives we are taught to impress others/ to look good to others and have them look up to us and think we are more important and better than others ------ THIS IS NOT FOUND IN GODS WORD!!!!!!!!! satans <u>LIES!!!!!!</u> WORTHLESS! If we do things to make ourselves look good in other peoples eyes or have them think how good and holy we are ------ if that is our motive and desire ------ satan has tricked us!!!!!

Our flesh feels really good when we do this ------ because the devils in our flesh want us to feel good when we do this! NO GOOD THING DWELLS IN THE FLESH!

**Romans 7:18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not

HOW DO WE STOP BEING TRICKED?

We read the Word ----- when we see what it tells us to do ------ we decide to do it.

We obey the gentle conviction of the Holy Spirit as he uses the Word to teach us how to walk in faith, because we are born again in the Spirit, we are babies/children in the Spirit, and we need to be taught to walk in faith by the Holy Spirit, just as we had to learn to talk and walk when we were babies in this world. We are now children in the Spirit/ our Spirit/born again man.

#### Galatians 4:19

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

<u>Matthew 18:3-4</u> <u>3</u> And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. <u>4</u> Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**Wood Hay and stubble** ------ our own glory/pride/self works and the things of this world is work that will be burned. It has no eternal value

These are the things we do in our own strength and might and intelligence and even good deeds done with self righteousness/to make us feel we are right with God. When Jesus has already made us right!

If is is not done to the glory of God IT HAS NO ETERNAL VALUE!

**Zechariah 13:9** And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall **call** on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall **say**, The LORD *is* my God.

If when we try to obey we find that WE HATE OBEYING ------ THATS BECAUSE satan DOESN'T WANT US TO OBEY ------ our flesh/our soul/even our mind hates it ---because the devils that reside in our flesh ------ DON'T WANT US TO OBEY! They speak in our minds constantly trying to keep us in unbelief and doubt and fear and anger and every other evil. We defeat them by believing what God says ----and coming out of agreement with anything in our minds that is contrary to the Word of God. We Battle them in our minds and resist their evil desires and thoughts.

THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEIR COMFORTABLE HOME IN WHICH THEY LIVE ------ THEY WANT YOU TO AGREE WITH THEM ------ WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE WORLD ----- They want us to keep doing what we've always done and thinking like we always thought. THEY WANT US TO THINK WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT IS GOOD AND RIGHT ACCORDING TO <u>THEM</u> and according to <u>mans</u> wisdom

TO FULFILL THEIR DESIRES ----- wood and hay and stubble desires!\_

ANYTHING BUT OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!!!!

Anything but what will lead us to heaven and eternity with our awesome God! They want to drag our soul to the lake of fire where they are going to be.

**<u>1Peter 1:7</u>** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Gold and silver is refined by fire and not burned up ------ it is refined and the dross removed.

Sin and wickedness and evil is the dross. Notice evil is the opposite of live if we choose evil then we are not choosing to live ------ evil live

**Daniel 12:10** Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand**; but the wise shall understand.

The wise will allow the Holy Spirit to help remove the dross

We know the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord and if we fear the Lord we will want to obey his word, just as if we fear our earthly father we will choose to obey him. It says the wicked will do wickedly/they will do what is right in their own eyes. but the wise will understand.

**Job 28:28** And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

So if God is set in our heart, we will depart from evil and set our mind on eternal things wherein is God. Again we will depart from evil and live. and if we depart from evil we will be given understanding. none of the wicked will understand. Because the wicked will not choose to obey the Holy Spirit and depart from evil.

**Ephesians 4:18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

They are ignorant of the need to obey, because their heart has idols placed higher than God, and so their understanding is darkened by the devils in their flesh! WE MUST HAVE GOD FIRST IN OUR HEART! And we must obey!

<u>Colossians 3</u> <u>1</u> If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. <u>2</u> Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. <u>3</u> For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. <u>4</u> When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Our pride has NO place in him ----- he is our life! our life is found in HIM Anything not found in Christ, is our flesh life / our carnal life / our pride and reputation and SELF --- wood/hay/stubble

to be burned, of no eternal value

**<u>Philipians 2:7</u>** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him **the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:

If Jesus did this ----- then if we are to follow him we will do the same.

This is how we obey the Holy Spirit. We read the Word and recognize the things it tells us, the things we find hard, it's hard because satan will try to withstand us when we obey the Holy Spirit. Our flesh will withstand us and make us hate to obey.

#### LOVE IS HARD

# PRIDE AND REPUTATION LAST IN THIS LIFE / THEN WILL BE BURNED UP! FAITH HOPE AND LOVE LAST ETERNALLY

<u>Matthew 7:13</u> Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <u>14</u> Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it**.

FEW FIND IT BECAUSE IT IS HARD AND NARROW ------ THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL LEAD US INTO THIS HARD NARROW WAY ------ THE WAY JESUS WENT

The Broad way to destruction is the way of wickedness and disobedience, It is not where the Holy Spirit will guide us. If we disobey the Spirit we cant be lead through the narrow gate which leads to life.

<u>Matthew 7:24-27</u> 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

#### <u>JOHN 15</u>

**13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. **14** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. **15** 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. **16** 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 the Father in my name, he may give it you. **17** These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Jesus is the Word and when we read the word the Holy Spirit will be encouraging us to <u>obey</u> the WORD. This is how we learn to hear the Spirit/ when we read the Word.

Remember we know the Holy Spirit because we know the Word of God and the two will never disagree. Things like forgive/ do not judge others/ patience/ long suffering/ not gossiping/ loving those who hate us/ AND GIVING ALL GLORY TO GOD and knowing that when we read the word the Holy Spirit is <u>not condemning</u> us but guiding us gently out of sin. satan condemns ------ his voice sounds like this. "YOUR A SINNER AND GOD

HAS NOT FORGIVEN YOU". "YOU DON'T DESERVE FORGIVENESS" "GOD DIED FOR OTHERS BUT NOT FOR YOU" satan is a liar and deceiver.

#### **GOD SAYS:**

**ROMANS 8:1-8** <u>1</u> *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <u>2</u> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. <u>3</u> 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: <u>4</u> That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <u>5</u> 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. <u>6</u> For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. <u>7</u> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity

# against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. $\underline{8}$ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Believe** what God says and resist that devil. How can we resist? By believing what God says and applying faith to tell that devil to go to his condemnation through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus condemned sin in the flesh! Are we going to believe a lying devil or believe God. Did Jesus die for naught?

Use faith ----- resist and command that spirit to go to the Lord Jesus for judgement.

Every Spirit that brings evil thoughts to our mind needs to be resisted and commanded to leave in Jesus name. We do not want their foul thoughts any more!

We want Christlike thoughts and we cast down every wicked imagination that the devils put into our thoughts and minds.

We take back our land/our soul/ our mind/ and our will.

This glorifies God. He sacrificed his only Son so we would have the power to do this! Let us not waste this!

Faith without works is dead, use faith and deal with that lying spirit through the awesome HOLY SPIRIT.

Use faith to condemn those devils in the flesh.

Judge them. Jesus condemned sin in the flesh. If our heart is to depart from this sin then it is not us that is sinning but the devils in our flesh which we have not yet defeated through the power of the cross and the power of the blood of Jesus.

**LUKE 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

We **Believe** this promise, and **claim** this promise **through faith** by **using the promise** to crush every spirit that battles against our mind in the **POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT/HIS WORKS** 

#### Use the promises ------ don't let them sit there unused! Believe them and USE them by faith

**JAMES 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you

Father I pray for all who hear this message that we each receive your grace and mercy to understand and discern between good and evil and be given the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to make you, Lord God Almighty first in our hearts. May we have the grace to recognize every idol in our hearts that we may depart from them. That we may know these things are gifts given to us by you to be enjoyed, and not made into something that we regard as more important than you. May we each receive our first love, Jesus, and the hope which is eternal in HIM, the faith to perform his works through obedience to the Holy Spirit and the grace to believe. May you give each of us a heart that is for You.

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