

VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Root of Our Culture's Spiritual Malaise

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Ephesians 4:30-31

Getting to the Root of Our Culture's Spiritual Malaise

Our country and the world are in a moral free fall. There is a pervasive spiritual malaise in the hearts and souls of the peoples of the earth. Yet at the same time, the Gospel is spreading like wildfire across the globe — Persia, India and African countries to name a few. How do we reconcile these two opposing forces? In both, there is an underlying causal factor that points to the Holy Spirit. In times of increasing wickedness, God's grace also abounds, it increases.

*“But then Law came in, [only] to expand and increase the trespass
[making it more apparent and exciting opposition].
But where sin increased and abounded, grace (God's unmerited favor)
has surpassed it and increased the more and superabounded.”*
Romans 5:20

Wickedness and pervasive sin are a function of disconnect from God and rejection of the Holy Spirit. *This* is at the core of the moral and spiritual malaise, the sickness in the soul of our land.

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Conversely, the Gospel is brought to the world only through the witness of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:3 confirms this:

“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”

Paul is reiterating what Jesus told His disciples the night before He offered Himself up for humanity:

*“When the Helper comes,
whom I will send to you from the Father,
that is the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father,
He will testify about Me.”*

John 15:26

Violations Against the Holy Spirit

Through the Holy Scriptures, we can identify several specific kinds of violations against the Holy Spirit:

- ◆ Grieving the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Blaspheming Against the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Lying to the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Resisting the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Dishonoring the Holy Spirit

Grieving the Holy Spirit:

“But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.” Isaiah 63:10

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Malice: "Desire to inflict injury, harm, or suffering on another, either because of a hostile impulse or out of deep-seated meanness."¹

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

"Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.¹ He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.'" Mark 3:28-30

"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven." Matthew 12:31

Blasphemy: "Impious utterance or action concerning God or sacred things; an act of cursing or reviling God."²

Lying to the Holy Spirit

"But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?'" Acts 5:3

The Holy Spirit was with Peter and the Holy Spirit was *in* Peter. So lying to Peter was effectively lying to the Holy Spirit. Ananias and his wife Sapphira were part of the unified community. They knew Peter was anointed. What self-deceit would cause someone to lie to the Holy Spirit?

Resisting the Holy Spirit

"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did." Acts 7:51

¹ <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/malice>

² <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/blasphemy>

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“They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the Lord of hosts.”
Zechariah 7:12

Dishonoring the Holy Spirit

“Do not quench [stifle, extinguish, subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the Spirit.” 1 Thessalonians 5:19

“Then Peter said to her, ‘Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well.’”
Acts 5:9

What ways do we put the Spirit of the Lord to the test?

“I will put my Spirit within you.”
Ezekiel 36:27

Throne of Mercy to Repent for Violations Against the Holy Spirit.

This is a protocol going before God's Throne of Mercy to repent for all the violations against the Holy Spirit in our country, within the Body of Christ and God's Holy Church. We cannot take away the judgment from people who choose to violate the Holy Spirit, but repentance can mitigate judgement on the collective bodies for which we are standing in the gap.

Ezekiel 22:30 is at the core of our Intercessory calling: *“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before*

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Me for [the sake of] the land, that I would not destroy it, but I found no one [not even one].” We intercede to stop the destruction of our country and to bring God's Grace and Mercy to our nation and its people.

1. Going Before God's Throne of Mercy.

Lord God Adonai, I come before Your Court of Mercy and ask that the courts be seated and the books be opened, according to Daniel 7:10. I come before Your Throne of Mercy as an Intercessor, standing in the gap for my country [name it], for the Body of Christ and for Your Holy Church, to repent for all the violations to Your Holy Spirit. I am truly ashamed for how we have mistreated Your precious gift, el Ruach HaKodesh.

Lord God Adonai, I put on the robe of Yeshua's righteousness according to Isaiah 61 and I loose the Blood of Jesus Yeshua over myself to enter into Your Court of Mercy sanctified, in praise and thanksgiving, in love and gratitude. I recognize and accept that You Lord God Adonai, have also clothed me with the garments of deliverance and covered me with the robe of acts of loving kindness according to Your Word in Isaiah 61:10.

It is now clear to me that the precious gift of Your Holy Spirit has been mistreated, misunderstood, disrespected, used and dishonored. I now see how these violations against the Holy Spirit are at the core of our country's and culture's moral decay and spiritual sickness. I now understand how and why the enemy snake has been allowed to slither into Your Holy Church, as wolves disguised as shepherds, as wickedness parading as holy stewardship. It is in response to Your spiritual law, including violations against Your Holy Spirit.

Dear Heavenly Father, please receive my sincere repentance for all the ways Your people and the people of my country have grieved the Holy Spirit, blasphemed the Holy Spirit, lied to the Holy Spirit; mistreated, used,

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disrespected and dishonored the Holy Spirit. He is Your precious gift to us from Your heart to ours, and should be deeply cherished and guarded.

2. Repentance to Remove Legal Access.

Lord God Adonai, I come in the name of Jesus Christ Yeshua to sincerely repent and apologize for all the ways I, my lineage, Your Ekklesia and my countrymen have committed violations against Your Holy Spirit, el Ruach HaKodesh. Now that my eyes are open and the veils are falling from my eyes and heart, I see just how pervasive are these violations. They are even baked into our culture. God forgive us. Have mercy on us Lord God.

I understand that *repent* means to turn away from, to change and transform my mind and way of living. It is a commitment to cease and turn away from activities and habits that are detrimental to my spirit which was made in Your image. In my repentance here, standing in the gap as an Intercessor, I also commit to sharing these revelations with others, especially other Believers. I commit to bringing to their awareness the ways that we violate and disrespect the Holy Spirit, so that they too shall repent of these cruel practices; and importantly, cultivate new virtues in developing a sincere relationship with the Holy Spirit, heart to heart.

I renounce and repent for treating the Holy Spirit like a vending machine, to get the fruits of the spirit that we seek, like the gift of prophecy. Dear God my Father, I am truly sorry for all the ways prophecy has been marketed that it can be taught to anyone if they pay the price. The Holy Spirit is not a thing. He is not a means to a personal, self-serving end. I repent for how the Holy Spirit has been disrespected by people seeking the fruits and gifts of Him, whilst bypassing actually cultivating a true relationship WITH Him. God please forgive us.

Holy Lord God Adonai, I repent for not believing, for denying and/or for forgetting that there IS a witness to everything I say and do in my life, and

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that is Your Holy Spirit. When I lie to someone, I am lying to You. When I mistreat *“the least of Jesus’ brothers, that I do unto Him”*.³ I repent for not seeing and honoring the sacredness in others, thereby dishonoring their indwelling spirit. Ananias and Sapphira lost their lives because they lied to Peter. It was You that they actually lied to⁴, because Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit.⁵ It was especially grievous because *“the company of believers was of one heart and soul”*⁶. I now understand from this story how vital it is to keep a clean and honest heart. I now understand that this is actually the doorway into a true relationship with the Holy Spirit. I repent for all the ways we have tested the Holy Spirit, believing we could get away with it.⁷

***A clean heart is the doorway to a true relationship
with the Holy Spirit.***

3. Plead Guilty.

Dear Heavenly Father, for everything I have repented and renounced here, I plead guilty on behalf of myself, the Body of Christ and my country. I present the Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Yeshua as atonement.

Lord God, I ask for redemption from the curse, by the Blood of Jesus Yeshua, that according to Colossians 2:13-15, every case and ordinance against me has been nailed to the cross with the shed Blood of Jesus

³ *“And the King will reply to them, Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least [in the estimation of men] of these My brethren, you did it for Me.”* Matthew 25:40

⁴ *“You have not [simply] lied to people, but to God.”* Acts 5:4

⁵ *“Then Peter, filled with [the power of] the Holy Spirit...”* Acts 4:8

⁶ Acts 4:32

⁷ *“Then Peter said to her, ‘How could you two have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look! The feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.’ And at once she fell down at his feet and died.”* Acts 5:9-10

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Christ Yeshua. I ask for mercy on us, mercy on Your people and mercy on my country for these grievous sins against Your Holy Spirit.

4. Petitions.

Dear Father God, I present the following petitions for why You should help us atone for our violations against the Holy Spirit and why You should help me to cultivate a truly holy relationship with Your Holy Spirit.

These petitions are based upon Your Word, which is the legal document of our Covenants with You.

The Holy Spirit Enters Us Through Our Heart

Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word in Galatians 4:6 makes it clear You send Your Spirit into our hearts — not our minds, tongues or ego: *“Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’”*

Dear Father God, I now comprehend that one of the greatest ways we have sinned against the Holy Spirit is by not having a clean heart, a humble and contrite spirit to enter into a true and pure relationship with the Holy Spirit. We have not discerned that a clean, pure and kind heart are hallmarks of being genuinely baptized in the Holy Spirit, not merely speaking in tongues or giving prophetic utterances. Indeed, Paul warned us in 1 Corinthians 13:1-2: *“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, **but do not have love, I am nothing.**”*

So without love in our hearts, we are nothing. Apostle Paul teaches us in Romans 5:5 that God's love is actually poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Himself. *“And hope does not put us to shame, because God's*

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love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Now I understand that a loving and kind heart are home to the Holy Spirit. Conversely, a stoney heart cannot house the Spirit of Holiness. It's always been about Love.

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Hebrews 10:14-17 teaches us that the Holy Spirit testifies to our sanctification in Christ Jesus: *“For He has perfected forever, in one offering, those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit is testifying to us: for after it He said, ‘This is the covenant which I shall make with them after these days, says the Lord: putting My Teachings upon their hearts and I shall write them upon their minds and I shall never, ever remember their sins and their iniquities.”*⁸

Heavenly Father, make of me a clean heart, according to Ezekiel 36:25-27: *“Cleanse me O Lord, give me a new heart and put a new Spirit within me and take away the stoney heart from my flesh and give me a heart of flesh. Put Your Spirit within me and cause me to walk in Your statutes that I will keep and do Your judgments.”* Give me anew Your Spirit in my heart as a pledge, according to 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 which says: *“Who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.”*

Dear Lord God, I commit to walking in Truth with all of my heart, according to 1 Kings 2:4, *“So that the Lord may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’”*

⁸ Jeremiah 31:33

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The New Covenant Holy Spirit Guides Us Into All Truth

Truly Lord God, Your Spirit has always been with us. It “*hovered over the deep*” in Genesis. King David spoke of Him in Psalm 51:13: “*Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.*” Yet something changed with the advent of the New Covenant. You brought us the ability to have an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit like never before. Now He has been made available to all of us, regardless of stature or status in the Body of Christ. This is what we have taken for granted. God please forgive us.

John 15:26-27 describes the new, personal access to the Holy Spirit that accompanies the New Covenant: “*When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*” Thank you Lord God, for this profound gift of ‘equal access’ under the law of the New Covenant.

John 16:13-15 describes this new *experience* of the Holy Spirit with the New Covenant: “*But when he, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.*” Father God, make me an instrument of Your Holy Spirit, that my thoughts, words, actions and deeds are truly one with Your Spirit, Your Holy Spirit.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Dear Heavenly Father, help me to attain the fruits of the Spirit, which are actually virtues of noble character. I now understand that truly noble character must be on the foundation of a clean and pure heart, that truly loves as Jesus loves, as You love us, to honor His commandment to “love

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one another as I have loved you."

Help me Lord God, to be worthy to attain all the gifts of the Spirit, according to Galatians 5:22-23: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."*

I now understand Father God, that **living** the greatest Commandment is the entryway into oneness with the Holy Spirit. As Luke 10:27 reminds us: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."*

True Circumcision

Dear Father God, please circumcise my heart, my ego and my mind; meaning, please remove anything that stands in the way of a pure relationship with You and the Holy Spirit. As Philippians 3:3 says: *"For we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh."* Heavenly Father, I give over my fleshly confidence, my confidence in my flesh mind and ego, to make room for living truth in the Holy Spirit, who leads us into ALL Truth.

Circumcision requires surrender. Surrender requires humility. Humility requires recognizing my weaknesses. Now I see how Your Spirit can help me in my walk to deeper circumcision; I am not alone. For Romans 8:26-27 says: *"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."* Search my heart Holy Spirit. Intercede for me Holy Spirit. I trust you and want to be one with You.

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God I Trust in Thee

Dear Heavenly Father, I now realize that only to the extent that I trust in You, do I allow the Holy Spirit into my heart and life. I commit to Proverbs 3:5-6: *"I trust in the Lord with all my heart and shall not lean on my own understanding. In all my ways I will acknowledge Him, and He will make my paths straight."*

I proclaim Psalm 62:8: *"I shall trust in You Lord God at all times; I shall pour out my heart before Him; God is a refuge for me. Selah."*

I draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having my heart sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and my body washed with pure water, according to Hebrews 10:22.

We Are All David

Psalm 51 is a plaintive cry from King David after he was severely reprimanded by the Prophet Nathan for having his lover Bathsheeba's husband intentionally killed on the battlefield. After the horror of the ramifications of his crime began to sink in, David is filled with remorse. He cries out to God, repenting for his wicked sin. He pleads with God not to take the Holy Spirit from him. This means David has known and been in a relationship with the Holy Spirit. He recognizes the value of the Holy Spirit in his life. He also asks God to renew his own spirit.

Verse 6: *"Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part [of my heart] You will make me know wisdom. We petition:* Dear Lord God, I give over to You anything in me that is not truth, not from or a part of Your truth. As I surrender this to You, make me know YOUR wisdom, Your truth, Your Spirit of Truth.

Verse 7: *"Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." We petition:* Dear Lord God, cleanse my heart and soul,

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my mind and thoughts. Sanctify me Lord God. Make me white as snow in purity.

Verse 8: *“Make me hear joy and gladness and be satisfied; Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.”* **We petition:** Dear Lord God, as I surrender all of me to You, I make room for peace and joy of the Lord.

Verse 9: *“Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.”* **We petition:** Dear Lord God, thank you for blotting out my sins as I sincerely repent for my mistakes and transgressions, for my weakness of flesh and mind.

Verse 10: *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right and steadfast spirit within me.”* **We petition:** Dear Lord God, I now realize that out of Your mercy for me, You will create and create yet again a clean heart in me. Your mercy is truly profound. There are no words to express my gratitude for Your mercy, Your grace and Your love.

Verse 11: *“Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”* **We petition:** Dear Lord God, in Your mercy, do not let me go from You, do not allow me to be far from You ever again. Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me!

Verse 12: *“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.”* **We petition:** Dear Lord God, on account of Your mercy love, after every storm, every trial, test and tribulation, there is restoration. Thank you for restoring me to joy, to the joy of salvation in You. Let Your mercy love fill me with a willing spirit that will bring me strength and perseverance to always complete the race at hand, to be victorious in You.

Verse 13: *“Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted and return to You.”* **We petition:** Dear Lord God, this verse teaches me that I am called to pay it forward, with mercy and love. I

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commit to sharing the message of Your mercy, the good news of salvation and the reconciling love You have given us through Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Thanks and Gratitude

Dedicate time to thank the Lord after all of your petitions.

- ◆ Thank you Lord God for receiving my sincere repentance and my petitions.
- ◆ Thank you Heavenly Father for giving me the great gift of Your Spirit of Truth, the Holy Comforter, and for helping me to cherish this gift in my heart always.
- ◆ To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and upon the Earth, forever and ever! AMEN!!

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### ***The Sealing Prayer:***

*“For this reason I kneel before the Father,  
from whom every  
family in heaven and on earth derives its name.  
I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you  
with power through His Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.  
And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,  
may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people,  
to grasp how wide and long and high and deep  
is the love of Christ,  
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge —  
that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

Ephesians 3:14-19

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