"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."

Hebrews 12:14

Read: Matthew Chapter 5, Galatians Chapter 5, 2 Samuel Chapter 22, Psalm 37

#### What is Holiness

Holiness is a lack of opposition to God and being able to reject the 'created good', that which is created by and through man's fallen nature. It is the state of naturally choosing what is purely of God and not choosing what is deleterious, not highest, best for us. It is choosing all and only what is supportive of our divine nature and eschewing, rejecting what is not supportive of our divine nature. It is participating in God's divine nature. "Be ye holy as I AM holy." It is all virtues, no vices.

#### Virtues ~ Virtuous

Holiness is when all actions are virtues and virtuous. It is when the soul is adorned with all of the virtues. It is living the fullness of the virtues of faith, hope and charity. Charity is love in action. Charity is wishing the good for another, loving others as God loves them. It is possessing the heart of God in loving others.

Holiness is a soul free of pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony and sloth; and all of their cohorts.

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### **Demonic Attack as Instrument for Sanctification**

It is ever so profound that we can transmute demonic attacks into instruments for our own sanctification. We do this by identifying what is our core, fundamental vice or weakness and its accompany cohorts. If it is pridefulness or boasting, we may get attacked by the jezebel spirit and/ or the leviathan spirit. For example, staying in offense is a form of egoism that these and other spirits confront.

We are confronted with the chinks in our own armor. We respond with the opposing virtue, such as humility or forgiveness. We replace resentment with charity. When we persist in applying a virtue, with love, to a situation or as a response, its opposing vice will dissolve.

Identify your core defect or weakness.	
✓ Identify its opposite virtue/s.	

**∼**Apply that virtue as your response to attacks and challenges.

# **The Pathway to Holiness**

- 1. Holiness come from Virtues
- 2. Virtues come from the Beatitudes
- 3. Beatitudes come from 2 Samuel 22 and Psalm 37 on Deliverance from Demonic Attack
- 4. Virtuous Response to Demonic Attack Strengthens Virtues & Dissolves/Conquers Defects
- 5. Which Brings Holiness

Virtuous Response to Demonic Attack Dissolves Defects
&
Strengthens Virtues Which Brings Holiness

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

Colossians 3:12

#### Throne of Grace for Sanctification for Holiness

This is a protocol going before God's Throne of Grace to ask for God's help in our sanctification for holiness.

## 1. Going Before God's Throne of Grace

Dear Heavenly Father, I put on the robe of Jesus Yeshua's righteousness according to Isaiah 61 and I loose the Blood of Jesus Yeshua over myself to enter into Your Court of Grace sanctified, in praise and thanksgiving, in love and gratitude.

I come before Your Throne of Grace to ask for Your sanctifying grace, Your loving support for my path to holiness. I now understand that any defects, vices and leaven in me, are magnets for the demonic. I now also understand that all things work together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purposes. So, demonic attacks, trials and tribulations are a hidden grace opportunity for me to strengthen my virtues, to overcome my defects and vices and therefore realize the holiness to which You have called me. In this way, I am no longer a victim but a conqueror in Christ Jesus.

Dear Heavenly Father, I ask for Your grace and Your help in fully realizing holiness as my highest God destiny. You have exhorted this invitation to "be ye holy as I AM holy" throughout Your Word, and I now realize this is the way to be truly one with You, in the deepest, richest relationship with you; to be holy as You are also holy. Now we are true kinfolk.

### 2. Petitions for Holiness

Dear Heavenly Father, I stand before You and ask You to bear witness to my commitments to holiness and to receive my petitions for Your help in attaining holiness.

## Galatians 5:13-26 Provides a Roadmap to Holiness.

## **♦ I Shall Use My Freedom for Good.**

- ◆ "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love." 5:13
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to using my God-given freedom to serve You through serving others, to choosing Your desires for my life and body rather than my own flesh desires.

## ◆ I Shall Love as God Loves, True Charity.

- ◆ "For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 5:14
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I now understand that charity is love in action, not just an emotion or feeling.
- → Heavenly Father, fill me with YOUR version of love for Your sons and daughters, for the unloveable, for those who oppose me and test me. Give me Your compassion and mercy, to see others as You see them and love them as You love them.

# ◆ I Shall Not Consumed by Resentments.

- ◆ "But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another." 5:15
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I repent for holding on to resentments and offenses. These are bitter seeds of the ego. I reject them now. If they come calling, I shall rebuke them as spirits that are lies from the enemy.

## ◆ I Shall Walk by the Spirit.

- ◆ "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh." 5:16
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I choose Your Holy Spirit over my flesh desires. I commit to choosing daily, hourly, what are YOUR desires for me, for my body and for my life.

## **♦ I Shall Live in the Spirit.**

- ◆ "For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law." 5:17
- ◆ Dear Father God, I want to live by the Spirit, Your Holy Spirit. Help me to do so now! I choose to live in the Spirit of God, not the spirit of man. I choose true freedom!

## **♦ I Reject Vices.**

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I renounce and reject the deeds of the flesh which are magnets for demons. These include: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 5:19-21

# ◆ I Choose the Fruits of the Spirit.

◆ Dear Father God, I choose the fruits of Your Spirit, which are *love*, *joy*, *peace*, *patience*, *kindness*, *goodness*, *faithfulness*, *gentleness*, *self-control*; *against such things there is no law*. 5:22-23

# **♦ I Crucify Flesh Desires.**

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to crucifying my flesh, as one who belongs to Christ Jesus, crucifying my flesh with its passions and

desires. Help me to do so. Jesus, help me in this walk for holiness. 5:24

# **♦ I Am One With the Spirit.**

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I want to be one with the Spirit, Your Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Father God, I now realize that "If I live by the Spirit, I shall follow the Spirit as well. 5:25

## ◆ I Shall Stay Focused on Pleasing God.

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to "not being boastful, challenging others, envying others." 5:26
- ◆ Rather I commit to staying focused on pleasing You.

### I Throw Off All Hindrances

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to Hebrews 12:1-2, that since I am surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, I am throwing off everything that hinders me and the sin that has so easily entangled me. I shall run with perseverance the race marked out for me, fixing my eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith.
- ◆ Dear Lord Jesus, perfect my faith!

#### I Commit to Virtues

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to attaining the virtues Your Word exhorts in Colossians 3:12-17: "Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, I clothe myself with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. I bear others and forgive anyone who has a complaint against me or I them; bearing others, and forgiving others as I also need forgiveness.
- ◆ I put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. May the peace of Christ control my heart, to which I was also called, in one body; and I am thankful. Let the word of Christ Jesus richly dwell within me with all

- wisdom, teaching and admonishing with others, with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in my heart to God.
- ♦ Whatever I do in word or deed, I shall do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- ◆ Father God, I commit to the attainment of the seven noble virtues: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. Galatians 5:22

## I Have Victory in Christ Jesus

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus made a way for us, made a way for me to overcome this world and embody holiness, as He did. I take hold of His victory as the promise of my own victory.
- ◆ For John 16:33 says: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
- ◆ Revelation 3:12 promises: "The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name."

### I Choose YOUR World Lord God

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, 1 John 2:16 declares: "For all that is in the world —the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I choose Your World over the standards and norms of this world; and proclaim Romans 12:1-2: "I present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You Lord God, which is my spiritual worship. I shall no longer be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of my mind, that by testing I may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

### Selflessness Leads to Holiness

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I plant the holy seeds of Philippians 2:3-7 into my heart and commit to watering them with love and devotion to you: "I shall do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than myself. I shall look not only to my own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- ◆ Father God, I commit to emulating Christ Jesus, by continually emptying myself and taking the form of a servant, as Jesus himself did.

### I Replace Vices with Virtues

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I take hold of Ephesians 4:31-32 and I put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander from me, along with all malice. I commit to being kind, tenderhearted, forgiving of others, as God in Christ forgave me. In so doing, I replace my vices with virtues.

## I Shall Serve Others Through Love

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Galatians 5:6, 13&14 sum up the totality of Jesus' teachings: "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. Serve one another through love. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
- ✦ Heavenly Father, I understand this is not human love with its conditions and limitations. This is loving as YOU love. Put Your heart in mine, that I may love others as You love them. Then I will understand and experience Your depths of compassion and mercy, forgiveness and forbearance. Then I will take nothing personally, as Christ Jesus lives in me and Your love in me and for me are the only truth that matter.

# The Lord Rewards Righteousness

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, when David was under siege, You came to his aid. You rewarded his righteousness. This passage demonstrates that

attacks, trials and tribulations can bring purification to the soul and rewards.

- ◆ I pray his petitions in 2 Samuel 22:21-30 that they will edify my spirit and purify my soul to bring a harvest of holiness: "The Lord has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I am not guilty of turning from my God. All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees. I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin. The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight. To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. You save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low. You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall."
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I now understand that true humility and purity of heart are the greatest weapons of spiritual warfare. They can stop an attack before it begins. They can cause arrows to fall in midflight. "No weapon formed against me shall prosper", as I remain in radical humility.

#### The Beatitudes Virtues

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Jesus gave us the playbook for attaining holiness in His Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. I speak these blessings into my own heart and soul and will feed them with daily humility, devotion and love.
  - ◆ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - ◆ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
  - ◆ Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.
  - ◆ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
  - ◆ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

- ◆ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ◆ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ◆ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ◆ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- ◆ Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### 3. Thanks and Gratitude.

- ◆ Thank you Abba Father for receiving me before Your Throne of Grace and receiving and answering my petitions for holiness.
- ◆ To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and Earth forever and ever! Amen!

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# **Sealing Prayer**

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.

For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

But if you bite and devour one another,

take care that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you,

that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well.

Let's not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

Galatians 5:13-26; 6:8