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### The Trap of Religiosity

Because we live in a carnal, secular world, everything becomes tainted by it. Our faith, our religion, our spiritual walk all become prey to the ways of this world. The trap of religiosity is to stay in a watered down spirituality, a spirit of religion, a modicum of connection to God, a bit of relationship with Christ Jesus; operating from carnal mind and not the spirit.

"He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way."

John 3:31

THE fundamental purpose of Strike Force of Prayer is to exhort and support intercessors and all believers to come into a true and deeper relationship with God our Father, Jesus our brother and Messiah; so that we are **operating from the spirit** — being spirit-led and spirit-filled. Then to intercede on behalf of our country as spirit-filled Intercessors.

"Which was not made known
to the sons of men in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit."
Ephesians 3:5

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THEN "we shall be like him". We are not here to just be "believers". Believing is of the mind; faith is of the heart; being like Him is of the soul and spirit.

The only way to be truly like Christ Jesus is to continually push past our comfort zones, conquer our habits, <u>deny our ego-mind</u> — to continually die to self and submit to Divine Will. Then, Jesus Christ shall be revealed in us; and the world will know Him through us.

Let Us Pray Together...

Dear Heavenly Father, it could be said that our whole Christian walk is for the purpose of preparing us for when Jesus Christ shall be revealed. For surely whether we are still alive here on earth, or have passed from this world, we will face Jesus Christ. And when we face Him, our own heart and soul shall be revealed, to be either condemned or commended.

He will see ... did I take every opportunity to die to myself, to die to my own ego, will and desires? Did I take every opportunity to seek and submit to your Divine Will? Did I wash myself of the world every day and choose your ways and Will instead? Did I live attached to my own opinions, stances and agendas? Or did I continually lay them at the feet of the Cross as dirty rags?

Did I respond to others treatment of me with ego and retribution or did I submit to your heart and hold my tongue? Did I pray for those who spitefully used me? Or did I curse and condemn them?

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Was I spiritually lazy and just did the minimal to 'get into heaven'? Or did I continually self-examine for my own shortcomings, my character flaws and bad ego-habits; and upon examining, did I take constructive action to cast them out?

Did I fall into the sloth of religiosity, appearing devout, faithful and sincere, but not actually following through with changed behaviors and habits in my life? Without conversion of my heart. God shall not be mocked... You have surely seen where I was sincere and when I was not and did not follow through on my repentance.

Help me, Heavenly Father, that Jesus shall be revealed IN me, that others will experience Him through me. This is surely the most powerful evangelizing to bring in the Great Harvest of Souls.

## Prepare For Your Commendation<sup>1</sup> From the Lord

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, if our Lord Jesus reveals Himself to me, how can I be ready and worthy? Truly. Like a special guest of honor, for whom I prepare my home, my menu, my own outfit to be the very best, how should I best prepare to face my Lord Jesus Christ?
- ◆ Search out my heart, my mind and thoughts, my intentions and desires, my habits and worldly activities, my agendas and personal will, my emotions including fear, doubt and apprehension and help me to empty out, release to the foot of the Cross, EVERYTHING that is not of You, for You, worthy of You and Your Son Jesus Yeshua.
- ◆ For 1 Corinthians 4:5 instructs: "Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Praise, approval, honor

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now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God."

- ◆ Lord Jesus, bring to the light of my own awareness, things hidden in the darkness within me, to be healed and dissolved, released from me. Cleanse, heal and purify my heart of any purposes that are not of You, for You, expressing You in and through me.
- ◆ Dear Father God, Jesus perfectly expressed You in human form and life because He only did what You, His Father, instructed him to do. As Jesus shared in John 14:10-11: "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves."
- ✦ Help me Heavenly Father, to be in You as Christ Jesus is in You; to not speak on my own authority but by YOU who dwells in me by Your Spirit.
- ◆ 1 John 2:28 instructs me: "And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming." I commit to abiding in Christ Jesus; help me Heavenly Father to do so.
- ✦ Heavenly Father, establish my heart blameless in holiness before You, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints, according to 1 Thessalonians 3:13.
- ◆ Lord God, Your Word in 1 Corinthians 1:1, 7 & 8 affirms that it is through sanctification — setting ourselves apart in You and for You, that we prepare ourselves for Jesus to be revealed: "To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours."
- ◆ As 1 Corinthians 1:7-8 continues.... that we do not lack any spiritual gift as we eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also

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keep us firm to the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus Christ, I commit to being blameless as I prepare to see You face to Face.

#### Jesus Revealed In Us

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, that Your Son Jesus Christ shall be revealed has several different meanings... that He shall be revealed to the world in His Second Coming; that He shall be revealed to the righteous in Christ; that He shall be revealed in his brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. When Jesus Christ is revealed in us, we become His promise: "These and greater works shall ye do", and we become His Way on earth to bring souls into your Kingdom.
- ◆ Indeed 1 John 3:2 makes a most profound prophecy: "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." I pray Lord God Abba, for your help, for the help of all your angels and saints, to be like Christ Jesus now here on earth; to be a living testimony to His divine incarnation as the Son of God.
- ◆ Lord God Abba, I commit to being the righteousness of God; as 2 Corinthians 5:21 declares: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." As the righteousness of God, let Christ Jesus be revealed through me, to bless and heal your children. I pray in Jesus' name.
- ◆ 1 Peter 1:6-7 exhorts: "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."
- ◆ I take hold of and proclaim 2 Thessalonians 1:10 that all believers in these times are amongst those saints in whom Christ Jesus shall be

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glorified: "When He comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed."

- ◆ Lord God, I intercede for my country America, that Christ Jesus shall be revealed in the hearts of all abiding here in this Great Revival of souls. That His revelation in their hearts will bring them into the Kingdom of Divine Will, Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven.
- ◆ We call forth Your Word in Isaiah 40:5 to be realized across our lands and across the world in these times we are living in, that "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Amen and Amen!

SEALING PRAYER

"But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is freedom.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,

are being transformed into the same image

from one degree of glory to another.

For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18