A Call Unto Holiness

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Bible Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:7

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Prayer

Precious Father and King, we recognize Your Sovereignty over us, we proclaim Your Lordship from generation unto generations. We ask that tonight, shine Your Light and help our hearts with understanding in Jesus's name, Amen.

Study

I welcome you all in Jesus name, tonight we have a very crucial topic before us, and I would like it if we can follow duly because it is one of the most important things we need in our walk with God, and for those who would make heaven. As we all know that the sole purpose why we are all here is to prepare each other for the glorious kingdom of God and the place that the Lord Jesus Christ has gone to prepare for us. John 14

We would be considering Thessalonians 4:1-8, and our topic is gotten from verse 7 which says For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

I would like us all to read from verse one to verse 8 and then read verse 7 thrice slowly. Severally, we have talked about holiness here, in fact we explained it into details when we learned about sanctification. But I would like to freshen our memory about what holiness means once again. In a simple way, holiness is the quality or state of being holy, pure, just, clean, sanctified etc

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 KJV

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. [2] For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. [3] For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: [4] That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; [5] Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: [6] That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. [7] For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. [8] He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

We are being called unto holiness, which means that we are being called unto purity, sometime ago during the Word and Fire online transmitted teaching, we defined what purification means and it was explained to a large extent for those who were able to

connect, it's in line with tonight's study, so we would continue building on the foundation already laid now. The major reason why Jesus Christ came to this world is to die for our sins, so that we can become sinless, so that we can be reconciled back to the Father, so that we can be holy and righteous. Then if anyone does not work on this reality such a person would be living a wasted life, hence, living a holy life is tantamount for everyone of us. As believers, we should realise that holiness is not what we can achieve and remain in overnight, it requires constant check up and desire to continue in it. That is why a man cannot say that, I was holy yesterday so it is no longer necessary to be holy today. It is not so, it is something that ends at our last breathe or rapture. That is why we have to recognize that we are to possess God's character if we want to make heaven.

God is Holy: Leviticus 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. because God is Holy, that is why we also must be holy if we want to please God. Some people do say that it is not possible to be holy, but I tell you that it is a lie from the pit of hell. You and I have been called to holiness, if attaining Holiness is not possible, the Lord would not have commanded us to be. So we would consider the two positions of holiness as we continue. Therefore, let us see what Apostle Paul told the people at Thessalonica about holiness. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 KJV Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Firstly, he started by telling them to continue to walk to please God just as they had taught them (Thessalonians) and as they continue in it they would abound more and more, that is they would get stronger in the faith. So Apostle Paul did not stop there but went ahead to tell them what the will of God is to them in 1 Thessalonians 4:3 KJV For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: which means that, the question is not if God wants you and I to be sanctified (holy) but we should know that, that is what He wills for us, that is to tell us that holiness is not optional in our walk with God it is compulsory. And part of your bid to be holy is your ability to be able to abstain from sexual Immoralities. According to experience and observation, I have come to realize that for a man who is going to be holy and walk uprightly with God, he must avoid sexual Immoralities like plague because it drains and slows down one's walk with God. To know more about sexual Immoralities read our previous topic titled **sexual Immoralities.**

I must tell you that even the kingdom of darkness knows about this and they are using it seriously against ignorant Christians, listen, if as a child of God you still engage in Immoralities, you are endangering not only your destiny but also your life. I must be candid with you, before the Holy Spirit could give this kind of warning through Paul, we should know that it is a serious matter.

Beloved, I never really understood how detrimental sexual sins could be not until when a

girl with a marine spirit confessed to me about how some set of witches wanted to capture me, and since they could not, they decided to put something into a food, backing it up with a spiritual command that I must eat the food, and what they put in the food is to make me fall into sexual sin for them to be able to attack me. But thank God that the Holy Spirit in me rejected the food and I did not eat it, and not only that, the food got burnt both physically and spiritually. Beloved, run away from Immoralities they make you unholy and God has not called us to uncleanness but that we should be holy.

Let us move further by examining 1 Thessalonians 4:4 That each one of you should know how to possess (control, manage) his own body in consecration (purity, separated from things profane) and honor,

Is someone still with me?

Brethren, I want you to first of all know that living a holy life cannot be by mistake, a person cannot mistakenly live holy, it is an intentional matter, how alot of Christians are missing it these days is through the false teaching that there is nothing you can do to be holy before God, that in fact you do not have to do anything after salvation, and this has led to the negligence of playing their own part in their quest for Holiness. Philippians 2:12 KJV Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. There is a place of working out.

There are two positions of holiness which God has called us into

1. Inward Holiness

2. Outward Holiness

Our holiness must be complete before we can enter into the kingdom of God. If we are in any way short of any of these two positions of Holiness, we would be endangering our souls. The Bible says that no unclean thing would enter into the kingdom of God. That is why beloved, you have to listen attentively tonight, do not be deceived by many false teachings that are already popular. You can get defiled through what is in you and what is on you.

1. **Inward Holiness:** This refers to what is in you, the things that are not physical, nor visible to the human eyes.

(a) What is in your heart

(b) The kind if Spirit that is in you

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The word of God says in Matthew 15:19-20 KJV that, For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: [20] These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a

man. That is to tell you and I that there is no sin in this world that is not from the heart, if your heart is dirty, your actions would be dirty. If a thief wants to steal he would first of all think it in his heart and devise a way to carry out his plans before doing it. But if he cancels such evil thought quickly, he would not fall into the sin of stealing. If a man would fornicate, it must start from the heart, so having an impure heart will never offer you anything God in your journey with God but it will lead to impurities upon impurities. Matthew 12:34 KJV O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. This means that when you see a man saying unprofitable things, be rest assured that these are the things abounding in his heart, and these defile him, with such heart such a person will be unholy before God.

(b) **The kind of spirit that is in you**

This is a very common issue in the church of God which many are ignorant of, or should I say that they choose to be ignorant. There are many ignorant witches inside the church today. What I mean is that they have spirits other than the Holy Spirit living inside of them. Some people see themselves in dreams attending strange meetings in the river, in the sky(heavenlies), trees, rocks, etc yet they choose to assume that all is well. Some fly, swim and disappear in their dreams. While others only make evil wishes and they come to pass just as they have wished all these are the evidence of another spirit which is not from God working in the lives of people. Those with such spirits are unholy before God and will not enter the kingdom of God, even if they know about it or are ignorant about it. That is why we must strive to be free from all these spirits. Some were born into it, some got initiated into it as they grew up, some are inherited from parents and grandparents. Whichever, if you are not set free before rapture no heaven, and if death meets you in it, no heaven too.

We must make conscious efforts to see that we get delivered from every unclean spirit that is surfacing in our lives, these spirits pollute us and would never cease to present us dirty before God. I could remember sometime ago when a spirit wife was troubling me, this happened for years and because of her operation in my life, I could not live Holy, not until when I got radical in eradicating her out of my life that she left, now I am at peace. If you always have sex in your dream, be rest assured that there are some spirits against your holiness. This is the time to send them out of your life. If you masturbate, know that the spirit of Masturbation is after you, If you have the spirit of witchcraft, I tell you now that it does not pay you, just go for deliverance to be free because no matter how hard you strive to walk with God if that spirit remains in you, you will not enter heaven. *A call unto holiness.*

2. **Outward Holiness:** This means what is on you, that is, your appearance, it has to do with what you do with your body, how you present it before God and men. Many false teachers have told people that God is not concerned about their appearance and that He is only concerned with the heart. So they have now gone into immoral ways of presenting their bodies before God in unholiness and God has rejected them. Please run

away from anyone who tells you that God is not concerned about your appearance, such a person wants to send you to hell. Romans 12:1 KJV I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.** You can present your body in an unholy way and also in an unacceptable manner to God, it is quite unfortunate that many so-called believers these days do not want to hear anything about God's mind on how they present their bodies in dressing and actions. And the devil also has taken advantage of their stubbornness to continually pollute them through their use of demonic things. Spiritual people know that the devil has polluted almost everything on Earth so as to see that we all end up in hell, aside that, he has manipulated a lot of things to also make us stink before God, that is why a call is made to us unto holiness, you and I must determine to live Holy no matter what. Outward Holiness has to do with.

(a) What you do with your body

(b) What you put on your body

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This can be said to be the kind of things you use your body for, they can be sexual sins, tattoo, bleaching of the skin, transgendering, incisions, using it to act porn, or modeling, when the Bible is talking about uncleanness, it is talking about anything that pollutes you, and makes you dirty before God. No doubt these things make us stink before God, therefore if we are into these things we have to come out of them to live holy and acceptable in His sight.

(b) What you put on your body

It talks about everything worn on one's body as a whole, as a lady, you must not put on trousers, if you do so you are unholy before God. Deuteronomy 22:5 says it. Painting of any part of the body, e.g. face, lips, nails, eyes etc these things makes you unholy before God. Hair attachments, Transparent, tight fitted dressing etc makes one unholy before God. In fact, there are many defiling things currently in the world so I will say anything other than your simple clothes, shoes, and wrist watch should be avoided, barbing of hairstyles too can defile you, expensive dressing should be avoided, 1 Peter 3:3, 1 Timothy 2:9. Be natural as much as possible. Desire to live Holy and righteous. Let us all learn how to possess our own bodies in sanctification/Holiness. Romans 6:19 KJV I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: **for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.** Yield your body as servants of righteousness unto holiness. It is what you must determine to do, and must begin to do without postponement, God wants you Holy.

In conclusion,

Getting Holy is only easy when we seek for the help of the Holy Spirit, He is the one who would renew our minds and make those things which are difficult for us to let go easily done away with, however, we should not be adamant whenever He speaks to us but we should yield to instant corrections, so that we would be able to stand blamelessly before God at the end.

This is where we would stop our teaching for tonight. Thank you so much for your time. Please do ask your questions.

1. **Question**

Sorry Sir.I have a question: What is wrong with wearing expensive clothes, wrist watches, shoes and the likes?

Does it have any scriptural backings?

Answer

Yes, it has, 1 Timothy 2:9 KJV In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or **COSTLY array;**

2. **Question**

And what if I earn US$10 000 and buy a shirt for US$350. Did I say it is an expensive shirt compared with what I earn??

Answer

When a thing is expensive, the Holy Spirit in us will convict us that it is expensive. So discarding His voice would do much harm than good.

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