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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER - PART 9 THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINSITRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Introduction to the Topic:

How To Walk In The Spirit

We left off last time looking at "how prayer can be offered up" to the LORD and how we can "pray in many different ways, in many varied expressions for any and all situations of life."

We're Talking About What is Referred to as; "Praying In The Spirit"

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Holy Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Holy Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Holy Spirit is, because He (the Holy Spirit) makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

God the Holy Spirit talks to God the Father

On my behalf and for my spiritual success in prayer and in life.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

#1 Prayer is the only "Operational Mode" for our Spiritual Life.

Jude 1:20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

#2 Prayer is the only "Source of Communication" to the High Command

John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

#3 Prayer is the only "Spiritual Adhesive" that binds Weaponry together.

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might... all of the spiritual armaments are here listed

Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the **Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

These are Guarantees that we have so that We can employ and enjoy Effective and Successful Prayer

What We Can Expect When We Become People of Prayer.

Daniel 6:1-28

And so it pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. 3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. :4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge to bring against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.":6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! 7 All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." 9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree. :10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. :11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.":13 So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives

from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day:14 And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. 15 Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed.":16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." 17 Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed. :18 Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?":21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.":23 Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.: 24 And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—them, their children, and their wives; (now that's social justice) and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den. :25 Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. 26 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end. 27 He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. :28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Now We Move On To What is Referred to As; "Walking In The Spirit"

(how to be a powerful Christian witness)

So Here We Go!

After that we have prayed, and now that we are in the mode of prayer, and we have determined to keep ourselves now in the theater of prayer - - so now we move forward as praying people into our daily walk with God

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER, WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

HAVING PRAYED

1.) We walk in clarity - not in confusion

"Can you answer me this question,
What is the True Color of a Flamingo?

What Is the True Color of a Flamingo? (it's not pink, red or orange)

The flamingo is basically colorless until it eats a diet that has within it a high level of carotenoids – once the carotenoids are ingested it transforms the color of the flamingo.

"You Are What You Eat"

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

The Christian Walks in Clarity Because the Ingested Word of God Becomes Our Pigmentation / Our Color.

This is a defining characteristic of the true child of God

Notice with me that Daniel had perfect Clarity as to what he was supposed to do.

1 Corinthians 2:13-15

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but (walk) according to the Spirit.

Clarity is Available to all who will seek the heart and mind of God for it - in His Word.

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Matthew 6:30-33

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? :31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?' or "What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

2 Corinthians 10:3

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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HAVING PRAYED

2.) We walk in confidence - not in defeat

Having Confidence in God's Word

Defunds Opposition. Disables the Critics. Confidence Renders Powerless - Satan himself.

confidence in the face of opposition

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.

Do not allow the enemy of your soul any high ground.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

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HAVING PRAYED

3.) We walk in resilience - not in weakness

resilience when under attack

resilience

The act of coming back or springing back into action, the ability to recover or rebound. To keep coming back.

1 John 4:1-4

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. :4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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HAVING PRAYED

4.) We walk in vision – not in the dark

By Dark I mean in ignorance and uncertainty.

Vision is an Interesting Thing.

Vision was once believed to be what you could see and how clear you could see it.

Today – vision is literally available even in the dark.

There is - Enhanced Vision / There is Night Vision.
There is - Digital Vision / There is - Visual Optic Imaging.

Little do people pause to think That there's - Spiritual Vision

The Kind of Spiritual Vision That Allows Us To See;

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Ephesians 5:8-12

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER, WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

HAVING PRAYED

5.) We walk in peace - not in anxiety

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:25-27

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

End of Study

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