

Integrity in Heart and Walk

“I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praise. I will be careful to lead a blameless life—when will you come to me? I will walk in my house with blameless heart. I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil. Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.” (Psalm 101: 1-8)

The God we worship is a God of love, out of His love He created man on His own image as we can read here: *“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’” (Genesis 1: 27)* God created man on His own moral image, and He provided him with all what He required to be sustained physically and to keep the moral image and the character that God wanted man to keep and to be.

But in spite of all that man disobeyed God, and lost the moral image that God had ordained for him to have and to keep. However, God’s love continued even when man failed God. Therefore the Lord promised that from the descendant of the woman a Saviour will come that will crush the head of Satan the serpent (*Read Genesis 3:15*). God fulfilled His promise when HE sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)* Jesus died on the cross for our sins, so that everyone who believe in Him and follow His steps in life He will have eternal life. Jesus came down from heaven to bring us back to fellowship with God. So that we who believe in Jesus and follow His Word and commands in life, the moral image and character that God ordained for man will be restored in our lives.

The God we worship is a God of love as well as He is a God of justice. Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is not a license to abuse the grace of God and to live in sin. *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” (1 John 2:1)* We are called to live in holiness and not to sin. We are called to keep the moral image of God in our lives. God’s presence in our lives with the Holy Spirit, and with the help of God’s Word we will be instructed how to live for God and how to walk in His ways.

1- I will be careful to lead a blameless life: You are called to live a life away from the wicked ways of the world. You are called to be separated from all evil and crooked ways of Satan. You ought to give God the Lordship over your life and to be under His will, plan and purpose. Blameless life is a careful walk humbly with God away from pride, boasting and disobedient to His Word and commands. Allow God to mold you and direct you in the way that He wants you to go and to be.

2- I will walk in my house with blameless heart: In front of the people you are innocent and in the right picture because you know that everyone is observing you. You are careful to keep the image that honoured your prestige. But how about while you are home and away from the eyes

of the people, is the condition of your heart is blameless? Or you are thinking and planning evil thoughts in your heart, *“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)* God wants your heart clean from bitterness, hatred, theft thoughts, lustful imagination, revenge, unforgiveness and the rest of the evil thoughts and deeds that corrupt the perfect moral image that God design and plan for man to have. Therefore be careful that your heart is under God’s sight, He is examining your heart and He wants it to be clean.

3- I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me: God does not want you to look forward and to plan evil. Other they cheat, lie, steal, manipulate and play politics, other they fraud, bribe, follow corruptive ways of life, but you keep yourself pure and don’t be enticed with their ways and follow what they do. Keep yourself pure from evil, such things are not fit for you, your standard of life should be above such things.

4- Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil: You should not only keep your heart pure, but you ought to keep away from you those men who have wicked and perverted heart. You have to be away from them, because if you keep communication and fellowship with them that means you are approving their ways of life. People if they will see you keeping company with them they will get the wrong idea about you, and a wrong idea of what moral image the God we worship wants us to have and keep.

5- Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure: People who keep coming to you and keep telling lies and slandering others, and people who keep boasting and bragging of what they have and do, you have to face them and make it clear to them, *‘If you are coming and speaking lies and slanders other, and if you keep boasting and wants to show off, please do not come to me any more!’* You should not keep fellowship with evildoers and entertains evil.

6- My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me: You are responsible before God to search who are the faithful in the land and to keep fellowship with them. Those who are blameless and faithful they are the one whom you should keep ministering to you and serving you and nurturing you spiritually.

7- No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence: God call us to work with the faithful and to keep fellowship with them and do the ministry with the committed people to the Lord. No yoke and ministry with evil doers; even if they are believers but disobedient to the Lord and His Word we ought to discontinue our ministry and our service to God with them.

My dear and beloved: God had given His church authority to rebuke, correct and discipline those who are disobedient and to expel them if they continue in their evil way of life. Those who are disobedient to the Lord the church should not allow them to preach and teach the word of God because they are the bad examples. Be strong and courageous and obey God’s call for you, to be holy and take your full responsibility to keep holiness in God’s church as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I commit my life to abide with your Word and your command to me. Lord I repent from my sins _____ . I commit myself not to be yoked with disobedient people and to obey your commands to silence those who are wicked. Lord enables me to do that. Equip me and empower me with your Holy Spirit to obey you, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*