

# *SOUL & DNA*

## *Ties*

### *Part 4: Be Aware Of your Hidden Sin*



*"Let there be Light" – Gen 1:3*

## EXTRACT

This is the most important message that you as a believer shall ever read in your life. Please do not be sidetracked by the title of this teaching. I am sharing Godly truths with you – not from hearsay – but from my own experiences – how God dealt with me over many years as a believer showing me all the hidden sins that kept me in captivity.

We are captive because of a lack of knowledge.

Isa 5:13a Therefore my people are gone **into captivity** because **they have no knowledge**

But the prophet Isaiah goes on with more terrible news: “*Therefore **hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*** (Isa 5:14). Because of a lack of knowledge, hell enlarged and he that rejoice shall descend into it. I am not here to condemn you, nor is God condemning you. It is God's desire and His heart to set you free, henceforth these truths, when you open your heart that the Holy Spirit draws you into the truth and you acknowledge it – the truth shall set you free (John 8:32).

In meekness, I am giving these instructions under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit unto you and I am praying to the Holy Spirit peradventure will give you repentance to acknowledge of these truths (2Ti 2:24)

This is the good news, if you submit to God, asking Him to reveal to you all that is hidden, and you repent to the acknowledging of the truth, you shall recover yourself out of the snare of the devil who are taken you captive by him at his will (2Ti 2:26).

***This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Part in our series of Soul & DNA Ties dealing with hidden sin. I pray to the Holy Spirit that the eyes of your heart will be flooded with the light to reveal all your hidden sin in your life and in your generation – that it will come out of darkness into the light and be cleansed and washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ***

***– Amen!***

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### **INTRODUCTION**

“We are in a **spiritual battle** that manifests in the natural and the war is already won, if we would just start to apply the Blood of the Lamb, we would start to taste victory and freedom.” So whether we are aware of it, acknowledge it, like it or not - we are every second of each day for 365 days in a spiritual warfare and wrestling against principalities, rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. **KJV**

Eph 6:12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **TLB**

### **WE DO NOT WRESTLER WITH FLESH AND BLOOD - BUT AGAINST WORLD RULERS:**

Understanding this and how it works, using the weapons that God Almighty has given us, we can heal our souls and resist these attacks of the enemy daily. God is clear that we need to submit to Him and resist the devil and he will flee. If we do not know how to resist and or are unable to resist he will not flee because you are weak - weak in your soul.

**Jas 4:7** *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil*, and he will flee from you.



This is the most power weapon God has given us - **to pull down strongholds** which have formed in our minds over time - that is anything that is against the knowledge of God!

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of **strong holds**;) 5 Casting down **imagination**s, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the **knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The Bible give us knowledge and background of how the Tyrant Kings operated in the Old Testament. They were all world rulers and kings over nations.

### ***BATTLE AGAINST HIDDEN SIN***

For more than 40 years I had listened to the Ten Commandments in church being preached and still I was in bondage for 50 years. Until God came and dealt with my **hidden sin**. This is my prayer for you that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you all your hidden sins that the god of this world, Satan has blinded you with which have kept you in captivity. Holy Spirit I am asking you to reveal now to us all our hidden sin so we can confess them so you can clean, cleanse and sanctify us that each one of us can become holy and whole in Jesus Name!

### **Hidden Sin**

One of the most powerful illustrations of a believer – disciple be under the influence of different spirits, is the Apostle Peter. Remember our text that Paul is saying and there are many languages – many voices and none of them are without significant (1 Cor 14:10)?

Well, in the book of Matthews we find that Peter revealed Jesus Christ, under the **influence of the Holy Spirit**:



Mat 16:16 Simon Peter replied, **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.** 17 Then Jesus answered him, **Blessed** (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, **Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven.**

When Peter, under the influence of the Holy Spirit revealed the Son of God, Jesus said to him, Simon Bar-Jonah – that does not come from you – what you just have said came from my Father in the heaven, as no man can reveal such a truth to anybody accept the Holy Spirit!

A Few minutes later on in the very same chapter, Peter under the **influence of evil spirits standing in Jesus' way, walking and talking accordingly to men / the flesh: AND Jesus rebukes the devil!!**

Mat 16:21 From that time forth Jesus began [*clearly*] to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and the high priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised from death. 22 Then Peter took Him aside to speak to Him privately and began to reprove and charge Him sharply, saying, **God forbid, Lord! This must never happen to You!** 23 But Jesus turned away from Peter and said to him, **Get behind Me, Satan! You are in My way [*an offense and a hindrance and a snare to Me*]; for you are minding what partakes not of the nature and quality of God, but of men.**

Peter thought he is doing good by protecting Jesus, not knowing he is standing in the way for what the Son of man came for to do – an offense and a hindrance and a snare to Jesus. All this happens because Peter acted under the influence of an evil spirit, Satan himself and responded out of his carnal, flesh, soulish realm. Note, this is Peter, a disciple of Jesus, walking day and night with the Lord and who is under the influence - the one moment of the Holy Spirit and the very next moment yielding under the influence of darkness.



Similarly can we today as born again believers can be under this influence. And in many cases, we are not even aware of the hidden sin in us where we are TIED up in our SOULS and in our DNA's

At first, I did not know where to start with hidden sins – and it is if God was leading me with the Holy Spirit saying: “**Start at the beginning**”

## **PRIDE**

### **No, not the beginning of creation, but the beginning of hidden sin!**

There is a difference between the very first sin found in God's creation and the very first sin mankind did. Everything God created was perfect, beautiful and good – no very good – “**And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good (Gen 1:31).**”

Yes, even when God created Lucifer (*satan's name before the fall*), He created him full of wisdom, with perfect and with beauty and he was in the Garden of Eden of God, the anointed Cherub. He was perfect in his ways from the day that he was created

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, **full of wisdom**, and **perfect in beauty**. 13 **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God**; every **precious stone** was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou **art the anointed cherub that covereth**; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the **holy mountain of God**; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15a **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created,**



Until iniquity was found in him!

**Eze 28:15b till iniquity was found in thee.**

Lucifer sinned – because of “**pride**” and then “**rebelled**” against God and the Lord cast him away and destroyed Lucifer and Lucifer became satan.

Eze 28:16 Since your vast business dealings filled you with violent intent from top to bottom, you sinned, so I cast you away as defiled from the mountain of God. I destroyed you, you guardian cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. 17 Your heart grew **arrogant** because of your **beauty**; you annihilated your own **wisdom** because of your splendor. Then I threw you to the ground in the presence of kings, giving them a good look at you! 18 By all of your iniquity and unrighteous businesses you defiled your sanctuaries, so I'm going to bring out fire from within you and burn you to ashes on the earth before the whole watching world! **KJV**

16 Your great wealth filled you with internal turmoil, and you sinned. Therefore, I cast you out of the mountain of God like a common sinner. I destroyed you, O Guardian Angel, from the midst of the stones of fire.[c] 17 Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. Therefore, I have cast you down to the ground and exposed you helpless before the curious gaze of kings. 18 You defiled your holiness with lust for gain;[d] therefore, I brought forth fire from your own actions\* and let it burn you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those watching you. 19 All who know you are appalled at your fate; you are an example of horror; you are destroyed forever.”**TLB**

By the abundance of your trade, they filled you within with violence. So you have sinned. So I threw you out as a profane thing from the mountain of God. I made you vanish, guardian cheruv, from among the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was exalted because of your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. I threw you down to the earth. Before kings I set you up as a spectacle. **TLV**



Beware my friend for Lucifer fell because of his beauty and wisdom and his heart henceforth was exalted because of his beauty. Satan's sins were pride and covetousness. He desired God's throne and set his will against God's will. Five times he said, "***I will***" in this portion of Scripture. Today, man sins similarly: the refusal to do God's will, with the same attitude of "***I will***." Satan chose to ***rebel*** and it brought him down to hell. Men are making the same choice today and those who rebel will ultimately go down to the pit (hell) with the devil. Lucifer had been gifted with beauty and had walked upon the holy mountain of God. But even with all this, he was not content with his position and by trying to usurp God's authority, sin entered into him when he attempted to overthrow God's kingdom.

Don't you think it is absolutely arrogant and prideful that somebody can say that;

### ***"I'LL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH"***

Isa 14:12 "***How you have fallen from heaven***, Day Star, son of the Dawn! How you have been thrown down to earth, you who laid low the nation! 13 ***You said*** in your heart, ***I'll ascend*** to heaven, above the stars of God. ***I'll erect*** my throne; ***I'll sit*** on the Mount of Assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 ***I'll ascend*** above the tops of the clouds; ***I'll make myself like the Most High.***' 15 But you are brought down to join the dead, to the far reaches of the Pit.

### ***Definition of Pride***

Pride, conceit, ***self-esteem***, ***egotism***, vanity, vainglory imply an unduly favorable idea of one's own appearance, ***advantages***, ***achievements***, etc., and often apply to offensive characteristics.

Pride is a lofty and often arrogant assumption of ***superiority*** in some respect: Conceit implies an ***exaggerated estimate of one's own abilities or attainments***, together with pride: ***blinded by conceit***.

Self-esteem may imply an estimate of ***oneself*** that is higher than that held by others: a ridiculous self-esteem.





Egotism implies an **excessive preoccupation with oneself** or with one's own concerns, usually but not always accompanied by pride or conceit: His egotism **blinded** him to others' difficulties. Vanity implies self-admiration and an excessive desire to be admired by others: His vanity was easily flattered. Vainglory, somewhat literary, implies an inordinate and therefore empty or unjustified pride: puffed up by vainglory.

It is because of pride; followed by rebellion which caused the fall of Lucifer (*all rebellion has pride behind it*). All sin begins with our emotions. From our emotions we develop an excitement of the mind that is longing after – lust! The Greek word for “lust” is longing, especially for what is forbidden!

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the **lusts**<sup>G1939</sup> **of our flesh**, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

#### G1939

epithumia

ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah

From G1937; a **longing** (especially for what is **forbidden**): - concupiscence, **desire**, lust (after).

And we lust – longing what the **flesh desires** and what the **eye sees** and the pride of life. And these are doorways for demonic activities to enter the human nature and sin concepts.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and **the pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

The bad news of Adam & Eve who had sinned in the Garden of Eden is that we, mankind are all born with a corruptible seed of pride and rebellion – it is all tied up in our DNA (*as indicated in Part 3*). We are born with it and we need to clean our DNA of these evil, corruptible seeds. Just to illustrate how man constantly revealed a spirit of rebellion throughout the Bible we just look at the following:



- Israel - rebelled constantly in the desert: They made images of a calve to worship.
- They rebelled against Moses – and God’s wrath took out 14 700 – (Numbers 16:49).
- They demanded meat in the wilderness and God’s wrath came upon them and destroy many of them while the meat was still in their teeth (Numbers 11:33)
- They rebelled again before they were supposed to go into the promise land but refused to go because of the giants. (*Num 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! )*

### ***The Bible equates rebellion with witchcraft:***

1Sa 15:23 For **rebellion** is as the sin of **witchcraft**, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

### **HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE REBELLION?**

- The Old Testament used the Hebrew word **meri** that translates to the English word **rebellion**.
- The root of this Hebrew word, **mara**, means to be or cause to be bitter or unpleasant.
- It is also translated most often as change, disobedient, disobey, provoke, rebellious, and rebel.
- In the New Testament, similar words for rebellion are **disobedience** and sedition, both of which refer to rebelling against or undermining authority.
- Interestingly, the **Greek word for disobedience** comes from the same root for the word **disbelief** as described in an obstinate or **rebellious way**.

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY?**



Since rebellion is simply the **rejection of authority** it has wide reaching repercussions. Starting all the way back in **Genesis 1:26-28**,

- God gave man dominion over every living thing on the earth. With this **dominion**, comes **authority and responsibility**.
- For the person who has **dominion**, they have the **authority and responsibility** to oversee and manage whenever is in their domain.
- Likewise, God has ordained them to oversee and manage their dominion in a way that God oversees and manages His dominion.
- This requires consideration on the part of the person whom God has ordained those that have this **dominion to execute their authority in a way that demonstrates love for God** and love for their neighbor.
- For every living thing under this dominion, comes **respect** and **submission to authority** and **accountability**.
- **When there is a rebellion against authority then there is a rejection of the dominion given to the authority.**
- Likewise, with this rejection, comes a rejection of what God has ordained.
- **Therefore, rebelling against authority is rebelling against God.**

It militates against God's authority, God's law, and God's rule.

- Pride has been referred to as the "**complete anti-God state of mind.**"
- No sin is more offensive to God than the sin of pride.
- Pride was the first sin to destroy the **calm of eternity**.
- Pride **assaults God's throne** and asserts its independence in an attempt to dislodge God as the Sovereign of the universe.
- **Pride and lust** are root sins from which all other sins spring (1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and **the pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world. )

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## My Story

*I would like to share my own testimony with you when God started to reveal all my hidden sins to me over a 30 day period. I remember when I thought that was it, that night I asked God to reveal to me if there is still anything to repent on. It was a vision as I was talking to God and He just showed me a peacock – a male peacock with his tail flamboyant in the air. The moment I saw it, I said, God, yes I know what is a peacock – it is pride! (I was involved in an Agricultural ministry where we used a small booklet using pictures of various animals explaining what these animals representing in man’s heart. So the peacock was pride – even teaching this I did not even realise that pride was also in my heart). This was on the last day of the month of Cheshvan in the year 5777 (28 November 2016). The next morning, the very first thing was to work through all the definitions and scriptures on pride and I repented of all my pride and rebellion in my life. It was a 30 day spiritual battle and this very last day when God showed me the peacock and I repented of pride the next morning it was as if nature around my house and field were all at rest (even my own mother living with us, walked out that morning – **“something is different today – look how clean and calm this day is”**)*

*It was then that I firsthand experience it:*

**“Pride is the first sin to enter a man’s heart and the last to leave!”**

As I was writing here, I had to take a break – as the Holy Spirit took me to the scriptures of Adam & Eve who rebelled in the Garden of Eden against God, disobeyed His commandment not to eat of the Tree of Good & Evil. Then Cain rebelled and killed his own brother – still God came to Cain ministering to him and saying: The LORD said to Cain, *“Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, **will you not be accepted?** And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it”* (Gen 4:6-7).



It was God's intention for Adam & Eve to rule over satan and this is exactly what He tried to told Cain – to overcome sin and I will accept you. But mankind just goes on and one of Cain's descendants, Lamech, also killed a man and look at this man's arrogance and pride: "If you, Lord, can forgive Cain sevenfold, then you can forgive me seventy-sevenfold"

Gen 4:24 If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

It escalated to such an extent that God wiped out the earth, saving eight people and male and female of all the different animals and started over again. I believe because of disobedience to God, the children of Israel were taken away into captivity for 430 years and when Moses delivered them from Egypt, throughout scriptures (*read it for yourself from Exodus to Deuteronomy*) the people were just complaining, murmuring and rebelling. Even through the whole traveling process in the wilderness, God provided supernaturally for them, but still, before they needed to go into the promise land, they rebelled again, moaning and complaining;

### **The People Rebel**

Num 14:1 Then all the congregation raised a **loud cry**, and the people **wept** that night. 2 And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "**Would that we had died in the land of Egypt!** Or would that we had **died in this wilderness!** 3 Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be **better for us to go back to Egypt?**"

Throughout the wilderness the people used these words to go back to Egypt – similar to us today, we always want to go back to our old ways. God had had enough and He commanded them to turn back into the wilderness for 40 years where all these people who rebelled died and a new generation was brought into the promised land.



Num 14:11 And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? 12 I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

Num 14:25 in whose valleys the Amalekites and the Canaanites now live. **Turn back tomorrow and go into the wilderness** in the direction of the Gulf of Aqaba."

Num 14:32 You **will die here in this wilderness**. 33 Your children will wander in the wilderness for **forty years**, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last one of you dies.

Of which generation are you? Are you always moaning and growning, rebelling against God's voice, commandments, laws, and statutes? Or are you the generation with the spirit of a Caleb?

Num 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had **another spirit** with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

This spirit of rebellion lets you listen to the voice of unbelief and it cost the children of Israel a very high price – they never went into God's rest. Actually, God has sworn in His anger that they who do not believe shall enter into My rest.

Heb 4:3 We who have **believed are entering that rest**, just as he has said, "So in my **anger I swore a solemn oath that they would never enter my rest**," even though his actions had been finished since the creation of the world. ISV

This is God referring to this event at Kadish Barnea where the children of Israel moaned and murmured and rebelled because they did not mix their faith with God's promises, and He sent them back to the wilderness and swore that they would never go into my rest.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it**.



On that very same day, a day which was marked in Heaven before the foundation of the earth as a day of victory, a day to celebrate His goodness, it turned into a day of **destruction**. This day was the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av (*on the Hebrew Calendar*) – that is July-August on the Gordian Calendar and from that day on (still today the Jewish people do not acknowledge the Messiah) look what happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av

- 587 BC - The armies of Babylon destroyed Solomon's, Temple
- AD 70 - The Romans destroyed the 2nd temple
- Ad 135 - The final Defeat of Jews by Rome
- AD 1095 - The 1st Crusade is launched, which kills thousands of Jews
- AD 1290 - The Jews are expelled from England
- AD 1492 - The Jews are expelled from Spain
- AD 1942 - The Jews were deported from the Warsaw ghetto to the death camps
- AD 2005 - The expulsion of the Jews from Gaza began

### ***Why does this happen?***

- The 9 of AV was the date of Israel's sin of UNBELIEF at Kadish Barnea
- God had brought Israel out of Egypt by His mighty power
- He showed them His faithfulness in the wilderness and taught them at Sinai and revealed His glory
- Finally, He brought them up to the border of the Promised Land at Kadish Barnea
- The spies went in and brought back samples of the fruit of the land
- They said: "This is a wonderful, fruitful land just as God promised.
- But ten of the spies added, "We don't have the strength to take the land"
- Two of the spies gave the minority report, "God can give the land into our hands!"
- **As so often happens, there was a voice of faith and a voice of unbelief!!**



On the 9th of Av Israel chose to listen to the voice of UNBELIEF!

- The month of Av was originally intended to be the month that Israel entered the Promised Land
- God's plan had been that every year Av would be a month to celebrate His goodness!
- God designed Av to be the month to celebrate entering into the Promise land

God's Word is clear; "***Pride goeth before destruction***, and a haughty spirit before a fall (Pro 16:18). When pride appears, it is guaranteed that you will be destroyed if there is no repentance!

Let me show you a few more scriptures for you to listen to – to read – and evaluate for yourself how arrogant and prideful these words of the children of Israel sound against Jesus himself.

Jesus was teaching them at several occasions various things, but when He spoke, they rebelled and made these comments (***please go and read these chapters for yourself***):

Joh 7:20 "***You have a demon in you!***" the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

Joh 8:48 They asked Jesus, "Were we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and ***have a demon in you?***" 49 "***I have no demon,***" ***Jesus answered.*** "I honor my Father, but you dishonor me.

And when Jesus even tried to help them right – they went on saying: "***Now we know for sure***"

Joh 8:52 They said to him, "***Now we know for sure that you have a demon!*** Abraham died, and the prophets died, yet you say that whoever obeys your teaching will never die.





They called Him crazy!

Joh 10:18 No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do." 19 **Again there was a division among the people** because of these words. 20 **Many of them were saying, "He has a demon! He is crazy! Why do you listen to him?"** 21 But others were saying, "A man with a demon could not talk like this! How could a demon give sight to blind people?"

I am asking you today how will you feel if I approach you telling you that you have a demon in you and when you speak back, I just go on and tell you I definitely know now for sure that you do have a demon and you are crazy. Think about that. This is the Son of God the people are talking to – if this is not the ultimate pride in life than I do not know what pride is.

This is just another way of how the enemy attacks you and keeps you captive, in your finances, marriage, home, family and, health!

Pro 17:11 An **evil man seeketh only rebellion**: therefore a **cruel messenger shall be sent against him**.

Pro 18:12 Before **destruction the heart of man is haughty**, and before honour is humility.

Pro 28:25 He that is of a **proud heart stirreth up strife**: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

Pro 13:10 **Only by pride cometh contention**; but with the well advised is wisdom.



Remember these words “**strife**” and “**contention**” which are all there because of pride (***we will come back later to strife and it's causes***). Accept God's promises by faith and thereby you will walk out in freedom into your promise land. Do not let pride and rebellion let you listen to the voices of unbelief. This is now your chance to clean up all your ties.

***Pride has three characteristics:***

- Pride is trusting in your own strength
- Pride is trusting in your own righteousness
- Pride is trusting in your own wisdom

In Luke, Jesus talking to Peter – Simon – tells him that satan has a desire to sift him like wheat. This scripture clearly indicates how Peter trusts time and again in his own strength.

Luk 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fails not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. KJV

Just look at the word in other versions: satan asked, demanded and in the GNB version it says that satan even has received permission!

ASV) Simon, Simon, behold, Satan **asked** to have you, that he might sift you as wheat:

(ESV) “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan **demanded** to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

(GNB) "Simon, Simon! Listen! Satan **has received permission to test** all of you, to separate the good from the bad, as a farmer separates the wheat from the chaff.

(ISV) "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has **asked permission to sift** all of you like wheat,



(KJV) And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath **desired to have you**, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

The word “ask” here in the Louw Nida Greek Lexicon define it like this:

- “To ask for something and to receive what one has asked for – to ask for with success, to ask and to receive”.
- “In other words, satan asked and received permission to sift you like wheat”
- This is precisely what the GNB version stated: **“Satan has received permission to test all of you”**

And Jesus told Peter that all of you will run away and leave me for this is what the scripture says – when God kill the shepherd, the sheep will all be scattered!

Mar 14:27 Jesus said to them, "All of you will run away and leave me, for the scripture says, 'God will kill the shepherd, and the sheep will all be scattered.'

But Peter quickly replied to Jesus saying that I will never leave you, Lord.

Mar 14:29 Peter answered, "I will never leave you, even though all the rest do!"

But Jesus already knew:

Mar 14:30 Jesus said to Peter, "I tell you that before the **rooster crows two times tonight, you will say three times that you do not know me.**" 14:31 Peter answered even more strongly, "**I will never say that, even if I have to die with you!**" And all the other disciples said the same thing.

We all know that when that time came, Peter denied Jesus three times and the rooster crowed?

At another occasion when Jesus told his disciples that he will be put to death and raised from of the dead after three days, Peter again even rebuked Jesus saying to the Lord that this must never happen to you!



Mat 16:21 From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, "I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. ***I will be put to death***, but ***three days later I will be raised to life***." 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "***God forbid it, Lord!***" he said. "***That must never happen to you!***" 23 Jesus turned around and said to Peter, "***Get away from me, Satan!*** You are an obstacle in my way because these thoughts of yours don't come from God, but from human nature."

But Jesus knew the spirit to whom Peter yielded to and Jesus rebuked Satan!  
Beware that whoever thinks he is standing should watch out so he doesn't fall!

1Co 10:12 Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing securely should watch out so he doesn't fall. ISV

***Peter was just trusting in his own strength because of pride.***

As a child, I always thought Job did not do anything wrong and still, he lost everything and God restored Job at the end with more than what he lost. It was only recently that I learn this was not the truth. Satan came to the Lord saying that Job only serves the Lord because of the blessings he received from the Lord. And the Lord granted Satan permission to destroy Job's body and possessions, but not to take his life.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and ***Satan came also among them***. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And the LORD said unto Satan, ***Hast thou considered my servant Job***, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12 And the LORD said unto Satan, ***Behold, all that he***



***hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.***

Later on, it is clear that Job was righteous in his own eyes.

Job 32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job because he was ***righteous in his own eyes***. KJV

Job 32:2 But then Barachel's son Elihu from Buz, one of Ram's descendants, got really angry. He was furious with Job because he ***had been declaring himself righteous instead of vindicating God***. ISV

Just look at Job's words:

Job 33:8 "You spoke clearly so I could hear; I've heard what you've said: :9 'I'm pure. ***I'm without sin; I'm innocent. I'm harboring no iniquity inside of me.***

God asked Job where he was when He made the earth, laid down the foundations saying to Job: "have you ever commanded the morning at any time during your life?"

Job 38:6 On what were its bases set? Who laid its corner stone 7 while the morning stars sang together and all the divine beings shouted joyfully? 8 "Who enclosed the sea with limits when it gushed out of the womb, 9 when I made clouds to be its clothes and thick darkness its swaddling blanket, 10 when I proscribed a boundary for it, set in place bars and doors for it; 11 and said, 'You may come only this far and no more. Your majestic waves will stop here.'? 12 "Have you ever commanded the morning at any time during your life? Do you know where the dawn lives,

And God just went on with Job

Job 38:22 "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen where the hail is stored,

Job 38:24 Where is the lightning diffused or the east wind scattered around the earth?



Job 38:34 "Can you call out to the clouds, so that abundant water drenches you? 35 Can you command the lightning, so that it goes forth and calls to you, 'Look at us!'

Job 39:26 "Is it by your understanding that the hawk flies, spreading its wings toward the south? 27 Does the eagle soar high at your command and build its nest on the highest crags?

Job 40:8 Indeed would you annul my justice and condemn me, ***just so you can claim that you're righteous?***

***Clearly, Job had pride and trusting in his own righteousness***

***Peter and Job (only two examples we looked at) – repented – and God restored them miraculously.***

Our next example, demonstrating how king Ahab trusted in his own wisdom. Elijah killed 850 prophets of Jezebel and Ahab still remained with his more than 400 prophets. All of them falsely prophesied in favour of the king. So Jehoshaphat asked if there are not other prophets of the Lord that can speak the truth.

1Ki 22:7 But Jehoshaphat asked, "Isn't there a prophet of the LORD left here that we could talk to?"

Ahab told Jehoshaphat that Micaiah is still left, but that I (Ahab) hated him because he was always speaking evil to me (*the only prophet of God who is telling the truth*).

1Ki 22:8 "***There is still one man left by whom we could ask the LORD what to do,***" the king of Israel replied to Jehoshaphat, "***but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me.*** Instead, he prophesies ***evil***. He is Imla's son ***Micaiah***." But Jehoshaphat rebuked Ahab, "Kings should never talk like that."



Ahab erected altars for Baal – as we clearly see from 2 Kings 21 and was not worshipping the Lord. This is the reason why Micaiah could not speak any good to Ahab. Micaiah was seeing the Lord sitting on his throne with the entire heavenly army standing around the Lord on his right hand and on his left hand.

1Ki 22:15 When Micaiah approached the king, the king asked him, "Micaiah, should we go to war against Ramoth-gilead, or should I not?" "Go to war," Micaiah replied, **"and you will be successful, because the LORD will hand it over to the king!"** 16 When he heard this, the king asked him, "How many times do I have to make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth? Now do it in the name of the LORD!" 17 So Micaiah replied: I saw all of Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep without a shepherd. And the LORD told me, 'These have no master, so let them each return to his own home in peace.'" 18 Then the king of Israel told Jehoshaphat, **"Didn't I tell you that he wouldn't prophesy anything good about me, but only evil?"** 19 But Micaiah responded, "Therefore, listen to what the LORD has to say. I saw the LORD, sitting on his throne, and the entire Heavenly Army was standing around him on his **right hand** and on his **left hand**. ISV

The meaning for “right hand” refers to the armies of the light and “left hand” refers to the armies of darkness. Ahab not only erected the altars of Baal, but he also made his son a burnt offering, practiced witchcraft, using divination and consorted with mediums and spirit channelers!

2Ki 21:1 Manasseh began to reign at the age of twelve, and he reigned for 55 years in Jerusalem. His mother was named Hephzibah. 2 He did what the LORD considered to be **evil, following the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD had expelled in full view of the people of Israel.** 3 **He rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed.** He erected **altars for Baal**, crafted an Asherah, **just as King Ahab of Israel had done**, and **worshipped and served the stars of heaven.** 4 He also built altars in the LORD's Temple, about which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will place my Name." 5 He built two altars to every star in the heavens in the two courts of the LORD's Temple. 6 **He made his son into**



**a burnt offering, practiced witchcraft, used divination, and consorted with mediums and spirit-channelers.** He practiced many things that the LORD **considered to be evil** and **provoked him.** ISV

Just look at the next verses as the Lord gives permission to a spirit (a spirit on his left hand) to place a lie in the mouths of all of these prophets of Ahab.

1Ki 22:20 "The LORD asked, 'Who will tempt King Ahab of Israel to attack Ramoth-gilead, so that he will die there?' And one was saying one thing and one was saying another. 21 **"But then a spirit approached, stood in front of the LORD,** and said, **'I will entice him.'** 22 "And the LORD asked him, **'How?'** "'I will go,' he announced, **'and I will be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all of his prophets!'** "So the LORD said, 'You're just the one to deceive him. **You will be successful. Go and do it.'** 23 "Now therefore, listen! **The LORD has placed a lying spirit in the mouth of all of these prophets of yours, because the LORD has determined to bring disaster upon you."**

In James, it clearly indicates that when we have envy and strife in our hearts, this wisdom does not coming from above, but is earthly and devilish. Another version says "demonic"

Jas 3:14 But if ye have **bitter envying** and **strife in your hearts**, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This **wisdom descendeth not from above**, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

(ESV) This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, **demonic.**

So, even when Ahab gave his clothes to another soldier to destruct the enemy, look what happened: "A soldier drew his bow at random and released an arrow in the air – and that very same arrow struck the king of Israel – Ahab – and he died.





1Ki 22:34 But a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel between the scale armor and the breastplate. Therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and carry me out of the battle, for I am wounded." ESV

As scripture is telling us, where you find pride and you do not repent of it, you will be destroyed.

Pro 16:18a **Pride goeth before destruction** KJV

When we have pride, we really on our own strength, own righteousness and own wisdom as indicated by these three examples in the Bible. Henceforth, pride, which leads to a rebellious spirit will, if you do not deal with it, cause destruction.

## ***LUST OF THE EYE***

Many are aware that when Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. They became fearful, therefore the first sin that appeared on the earth is FEAR. This is what many believe, but in fact, it wasn't – the first sin ever took place in the Garden of Eden was "***lust of the eye***".

***1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.***

Eve saw that the tree was good – and that "***it was pleasant to the eye***" and had a ***desired*** and then she ate!

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be ***desired*** to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Because of the lust of the eye, she put the fruit in her mouth and ate, the ***lust of the flesh*** manifested! And the first sin entered mankind. Adam & Eve rebelled against



God and disobeyed God's commandment not to eat from the only tree in the Garden of Eden, and then fear entered into them. Never before had they experienced fear, but the moment they yielded to satan's voice, FEAR entered.

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, **and I was afraid**, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Fear is not an emotion but a spirit coming from satan. 2 Timothy is very clear that fear is a spirit as God tells us that He did not give us such a spirit, but the spirit that God gives, is a spirit of POWER, LOVE and a Sound Mind (self control).

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**, but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**.

## **DNA TIES**

The lack of knowledge keeps us in captivity.

Isa 5:13 Therefore my **people are gone into captivity**, because *they have no knowledge*: and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

And it is only the truth that can set us free.

Joh 8:32 And you will know the Truth, and the **Truth will set you free**.

A lack of knowledge is ignorance (a word that we have used throughout our teaching) – so let's define "ignorance"



## DEFINITION OF IGNORANCE

- Incomprehension, unawareness, unconsciousness, inexperience, innocence
- Lack of knowledge about,
- Lack of information about
- Lack of education
- Lack of intelligence, unintelligence, stupidity, foolishness, idiocy, brainlessness, mindlessness, slow-wittedness
- Informal thickness, dimness, dumbness, doziness
- "their attitudes are based on **ignorance and fear**"

Sometimes or so often I think we read the Bible and without noticing the meaning of scriptures and or word we bypass it and missing what God really want us to know. About 6 years ago God showed me that I had a **stubborn spirit** in me. AT that stage when I read it, I said to the Lord it sound a little bit hard to say that stubbornness is the same iniquity as idolatry! To tell the truth, looking back, I was very ignorant, not knowing what it meanT and not even knowing God's heart what He desired to do with me: Back then His heart was to cleanse me - sanctify me and to make me holy and whole again.

1Sa 15:23 For **rebellion** is as the sin of **witchcraft**, and **stubbornness** is as iniquity and **idolatry**. Because thou hast **rejected the word of the LORD**, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

It also indicates that rebellion is the same sin as witchcraft and this all because of us rejecting the Word of God. When the door opens because of pride, everything else follows. The sad news is that we are born with a spirit of "pride" as we have indicated how our DNA is tied up with the order of Baal. If we rejected the Word of God it means our nature is of the corruptible seed of Lucifer. **Man, these are tuff words and teachings.** We are living a spiritual death and sickness is a result, just as poverty, anger, strife, stubbornness, pride, rebellion etc.



God showed me because of my pride, rebellion followed and rebellion hardens the heart which causes stubbornness. Stubbornness, as we will see later, is a condition of the heart. This condition may lead easily to anger and strife. Scriptures all confirm this:

Pro 28:25a He that is of a ***proud heart stirreth up strife***

Jas 3:14 But if ye have ***bitter envying*** and ***strife in your hearts***, glory not, and ***lie not against the truth***.

Jas 3:16 For where ***envying and strife*** is, there is ***confusion*** and ***every evil work***.

Abraham knew this and told Lot “*let there be no strife between us*” because Abraham knew where strife or envy are, all evil works will be the result.

Gen 13:7 And there was a ***strife between the herdmen of Abram's*** cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

Gen 13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, ***Let there be no strife***, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

As I studied the scriptures everything came down to James 3:16:

**Jas 3:16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.**

### ***ALL EVIL WORKS!***

Yes, envy and strife are responsible for all evil works. For it brings confusion and where confusion is, it opens up another door for many things, like the Jezebel spirit to enter, and homosexuality because of rejection etc. Can you see the link?

***Pride – Rebellion – Stubbornness – Strife – Envy – Confusion.***



This scripture is the secret for **healing your soul**, breaking the **SOUL TIES** because all evil works come from our hidden sin - this is where envy and any strife are there is confusion and from confusion, all evil works sprout out. GOD is not the author of CONFUSION

1Co 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**Don't you dare to make the same mistake I made - you are holding the keys of your prison in your hands. Identify your hidden sins, acknowledge them and break all your soul ties and walk free with a healed soul.**

Let's define hidden sins so we can identify, acknowledge them and bring them to the light to confess them and expect healing from Jesus Christ!

#### **DEFINITION OF STRIFE**

- Angry or bitter **disagreement over fundamental issues; Conflict** - "strife within the community"
- Conflict, friction, discord, **disagreement**, dissension, variance, **dispute**, argument, **quarreling**, wrangling, bickering, controversy, contention
- Trouble or **difficulty** of any kind.

**When we hate somebody - strife will come in - Only with love, we can overcome it!**

Pro 10:12 ***Hatred stirreth up strifes***: but love covereth all sins.

#### **STRIFE; FRUIT A THE FLESH**

- Strife, as we read in Isaiah 54:15, is not of God but of **human origin** and is a fruit of the **carnal flesh of man**.
- This is why Paul chastised some of the Corinthians, writing "**for you are still of the flesh**."



- For while there are **jealousy and strife among you**, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way” (1st Cor 3:3).
- For those who have chosen to **reject Christ**, they “**did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.**
- They were filled with all manner of **unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.** They are full of **envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.** They are **gossips**” (Rom 1:28-28).
- Amazingly, God lists **strife alongside of murder**, maliciousness, deceit, malice, evil, and such other fruits of the flesh.
- Paul lists the works of **the FLESH which are those things that the UNSAVED** typically participate in like, “**idolatry, sorcery (towers), enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions**” (Gal 5:20) and

**Paul plainly says, “I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal 5:21).**

## **CONCLUSION**

- **The Christ-follower is not totally free from strife** but more often than not bears the fruits of the Spirit like “**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law**” (Gal 5:22-23).
- **Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.**
- Let each of you look not only to his **own interests** but also to the interests of others” (Phil 2:2-4) so we would do good to take the psalmist’s advice, “**Cease striving** and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth” (Psalm 46:10).



## DEFINITION OF ENVY

- A feeling of discontent or covetousness with regard to another's advantages, success, possessions, etc.
- An object of such feeling: Obsolute. - *ill will*.
- To regard (a person or thing) with envy: She envies you for your success. I envy your writing ability.
- The sin of jealousy over the blessings and achievements of others, especially the spiritual enjoyment and advance of the kingdom of Christ freely and graciously bestowed upon the people of God.
- Old Testament examples of the sin of jealousy include:
- The rivalry of Joseph's brothers over the favor that Joseph received at the hand of God ( Gen 37:12-36 ; Acts 7:9 ), and
- Saul's animosity toward David for his physical and spiritual prowess ( 1 Sam 18 ).
- Envy inevitably leads to personal harm and debilitation, affecting one's physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being ( Job 5:2 ; Prov 14:30).
- Unchecked, it gradually leads to a destructive and remorseful way of life ( Prov 27:4 ), and ultimately, to estrangement from God ( Rom 1:28-32 ).
- In the time of **Messiah's earthly ministry, it was the envy of the Jews** that led to the rejection and betrayal of Jesus into the **hands of Pilate for crucifixion** ( Matt 27:18 ).
- **Paul points out how the good news of the gospel was preached at times out of envy and strife ( Php 1:15 ).**

**NB! WE CANNOT PROSPER IF ENVY / STRIFE / BITTERNESS / UNFORGIVENESS ARE STILL IN OUR LIVES.**

- It has to do with how we are talking, thinking in our hearts and our emotions - even not against people, but **when we are alone and gossip**, making **negative comments out of frustration** we all open the door for the devil to come and steal, kill and destroy
- No wonder we are all bankrupt and have no prosperity!



- All problems are rooted from envy and strife!

**Your actions determine what you are yield to: Are we yielding to the flesh or to the Holy Spirit**

If you have emotions of anger, bitterness, you attract the forces of darkness which come through this open door to steal, kill and destroy!

Jam 1:20 For man's **anger** does not promote the righteousness God [*wishes and requires*].

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to **steal, and to kill, and to destroy**: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

**To whatever we surrender ourselves - we will become the slaves of. We yield to depression which is a sin.**

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that if you continually **surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness** (right doing and right standing with God)?

**God says to always rejoice in HIM**

Phi 4:4 **Rejoice in the Lord always** [*delight, gladden yourselves in Him*]; again I say, **Rejoice!** [*Ps. 37:4.*]

**In God, we find peace in the world of tribulation and trials**

Joh 16:33 I have told you these things, so that **in Me you may have [perfect] peace** and confidence. In the world you have **tribulation and trials and distress and frustration**; but be of good cheer [*take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted*]! For I have overcome the world. [*I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.*]





**God is saying not to be oppressed, depressed or distressed - but to TRUST and to RELY on HIM and always rejoice in HIM!**

Joh 14:1 DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (**distressed**, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and **trust in and rely on God**; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

Phi 4:4 **Rejoice in the Lord always** [*delight, gladden yourselves in Him*]; again I say, Rejoice! [*Ps. 37:4.*]

**When we do not rejoice in the Lord - He will hand you over to serve the enemy and we will live in shortages**

Deu 28:47 Because you did not serve the Lord your God with **joyfulness of [mind and] heart** [*in gratitude*] for the abundance of all [*with which He had blessed you*], 48 Therefore **you shall serve your enemies** whom the Lord shall send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and in want of all things; and He will put a **yoke of iron upon your neck** until He has destroyed you.

**Sin begins from our emotions – Lust is an emotion**

Jam 1:14 But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). 15 Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, **gives birth to sin**, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death.

**Walk and live in the Holy Spirit - otherwise, you will walk after the desires of the flesh**

Gal 5:16 **But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit** [*responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit*]; then you will certainly not gratify the **cravings and desires of the flesh** (of human nature without God). 17 For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [*Holy*] Spirit, and the [*desires of the*] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [*continually*]



*withstanding and in conflict with each other*], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.

**The devil is roaring like a lion - and he is constantly looking for open door to come in so that he can come and steal, kill and destroy**

1Pe 5:8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [*in fierce hunger*], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.

**Anything we say and do from of the flesh comes from a negative emotion and a critical spirit (criticizing, murmuring and complaining) which gives the devil a place (foothold).**

***Strife = Is to criticize***

## **DEFINITION OF STUBBORN**

- Unreasonably or perversely unyielding
- Suggestive or typical of a strong stubborn nature - *a stubborn jaw*
- Performed or carried on in an unyielding, obstinate, or persistent manner
- **Difficult to handle, manage, or treat**
- Proud and disobedient resistance to God's will and rejection of his commands.

## **STUBBORNNESS IS AN ATTITUDE OF HEART**

Jer 7:24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Deu 9:27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:



Jdg 2:19 But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Psa 78:8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Isa 48:4 Because I know that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead brass,

Jer 3:17 At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.

Jer 5:3 O LORD, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, **but they refused to take correction**. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent.

Jer 9:14 but have **stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals**, as their fathers taught them.

Jer 16:12 and because you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, every one of you follows his **stubborn, evil will, refusing to listen to me**.

Jer 18:12 “But they say, ‘That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.’”

Hos 4:16 Like a stubborn heifer, Israel is stubborn; can the LORD now feed them like a lamb in a broad pasture?

Zec 7:11 But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear.



**A STUBBORN PERSON IS DETERMINED TO DO WHAT HE OR SHE WANTS AND REFUSES TO DO ANYTHING ELSE:**

- They have huge arguments because they're both so stubborn.
- Things that are stubborn are difficult to move, change, or deal with
- What infuriates me is his stubborn refusal to admit that he's ever wrong
- Characterized by a refusal to change one's mind or course of action; dogged or persistent
- Difficult to treat or deal with, resistant to treatment or effort

**If possible - live peaceably with all men**

Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

***It does matter how we react or respond to everything in life***

- The way we respond will determine whether we draw God's blessings or not
- The devil however he will come to steal, destroy and to kill.
- It is to who you will yield - that you choose who you will empower!
- When life is good - You co-operate with God
- When your life is a mess it means you allow the devil in your life

***Be aware - satan himself can be transformed into an angel of light***

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

***Satan is the savour of death which leads to death and GOD is our savour of life and brings life. The choice is ours!***

2Co 2:15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?



***It is our attitudes that bring forth a smell - a fragrance - aroma which attracts or God or the devil!***

- When we are oppressed, the smell / fragrance / aroma of our spirit attracts the enemy - he comes to steal, destroy and to kill
- When we are walking with joy all the time that smell / fragrance / aroma of our spirit attracts GOD - the Holy Spirit

The devil is called **Beelzebub** = "*lord of the flies*"

- He and his hosts are attracted to decay
- Flies find a happy breeding ground in spoiled flesh and were multiplying in unbelievable numbers.
- Issues such as **bitterness, jealousy, and hatred** qualify as the decay of the heart that invites the devil to come and influence us.
- Fear is also a decay of the heart
- It attracts the demonic in the same way as bitterness and hatred
- Like flies know the scent of decaying meat, likewise Fear gives off a similar scent

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- Satan has no power except by our agreement
- Fear becomes our heart's response when we come into agreement with his intimidating suggestions
- God is concerned and warns us of the sin of unbelief - He can give us anything, but He wonders if He shall find faith on His return?

Luk 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he **find faith on the earth?**



**The following are key roots behind diseases;**

- Bitterness - Bitterheid
- Accusation - Beskuldigings
- Occultism - Okkultisme
- Envy - Afguns
- Jealousy - Jaloesie
- Rejection - Verwerping
- Unloving spirits - Ongliefde gees
- Addictions - Verslawing
- Fear - Vrees

**BITTERNESS**

- By holding onto bitterness - you are telling God He is not needed in this situation
- You have placed yourself in His shoes by judging someone else for what they have done
- Either to you or to someone close to you
- Your heart says: "God, I will execute judgment here"
- But Scripture clearly tells us vengeance belongs to the Lord
- Unless we forgive - God will not forgive us our sins
- Bitterness - rooted in unforgiveness must first be eliminated!

Mat 6:15 But if ye **forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

**ACCUSATION - BESKULDIGINGS**

- We have all experienced the destructive work of accusation
- It accuses us to ourselves, to others and to God
- Accusing spirits are subtle in their charges
- Remember - 90% truth mixed with just 10% lie still equals error



- This mixture is deadly because it can subject believers to condemnation instead of conviction

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:** for the **accuser** of our brethren is **cast down**, which accused them before our God day and night.

- It is important to distinguish between conviction & condemnation
- Conviction is specific and endorses our value in God
- Condemnation tends to be vague and brings with it feelings of worthlessness
- Conviction brings us to a point of wanting to get closer to God and in line with His word
- Condemnation drives us away from God and brings feelings of wanting to give up
- Some of the fruits of accusation:
  - Keeping record of wrongs
  - Murder with the tongue (gossip and slander)
  - Mind control
  - Scrambling thoughts
  - Chaotic thinking
  - Jumbled thought patterns
  - Misunderstandings
  - Projected fear
  - Accusing another of your own sin
  - Burden bearing and becoming co-dependent in another's sin by attempting to be their Holy Spirit



- Accusing someone - you are telling God He is not needed in a particular situation
- We place ourselves in God's shoes and decide what would be right or wrong for someone else
- We are telling God we will decide about good & evil here -
- Then you take great joy in sharing your "valuable" opinion with all!

1Co 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffeth up**, but **charity edifieth**.

## **OCCULTISM**

- Outwardly many things seems to be so right, but beware of our enemy's disguises as an angel of light

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**.

- In occultism, the real truth is obscured - something or someone has been set up to be your god!
- You are worshipping a part of creation while you may be under the impression you are worshipping God
- Be it blatant or subtle, it is still idolatry
- We are saying - this is where I place my trust, God - I do not need You anymore.
- Alternative medicine also provides an answer outside of God
- We are putting all our trust in a practitioner, his potions, and abilities, instead of in God

1Jo 4:1 Beloved, believe not **every spirit**, but **try the spirits whether they are of God**: because many **false prophets are gone out into the world**.





## ENVY (HEBSUG)

- Envy, jealousy, and covetousness take your eyes off of God and fix them upon a person, a place or a thing
- The person or material object will then become the source of your supply of value and fulfillment
- This is idolatry!
- God will not share us with false gods or idols

Jam 3:16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. KJV

Pro 14:30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

Job 5:2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

Luk 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness (hebsug): for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

- Whatever you worship is your god
- Thus God in His jealousy, will release you to your own devices without His protection
- If money is your god - then money will have to protect you!
- Envy produces strife
- Not listening to envy produces peace
- By harboring envy and jealousy - you compare yourself to others
- This brings discontentment as you accuse God of being a respecter of persons
- Your heart says - God I know my needs better than You do - why are You not supplying them?
- Envy and jealousy really are subtle forms of unbelief and doubt
- You do not really trust God to provide for you



Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be without **covetousness**; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

Pro 16:24 **Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.**

## **REJECTION**

- The Word of God tells us we are loved, adopted and accepted - but rejection has an assignment to steal those truths away from us

Pro 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his **infirmity** (swakheid); **but a wounded spirit who can bear?**

- We all know the deep sting of rejection - because we are all born with an innate longing for love and acceptance
- The effect of agreeing with rejection can be physically and psychologically devastating!
- Accepting rejection disagrees with who God says we are
- It places man's acceptance as more important than God's
- We are saying - God - You lied when You said that I was worthy - I would rather believe what other people think of me!
- Rejection will lead us on a desperate search - striving for the love that will complete us
- This love can't be found in people - places or things - BUT only in GOD

Eph 1:4 According as **he hath chosen** us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we **should be holy and without blame before him in love**: 5 Having predestinated us unto the **adoption of children by Jesus Christ** to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,



## UNLOVING SPIRITS

- The unloving spirit rejects everything God has said about you in His Word - You are fearfully and wonderfully made
- Replaces God's Word with Satan's blatant lies
- These deceptions will prevent you from loving God, loving yourself and loving other
- It blocks you from receiving this love as well as from giving it

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou **shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second *is* like, unto it, Thou **shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

- You only believe yourself - this can occur in 2 ways
- In one way - you may believe you are not worthy of God's love or acceptance
- In the other way you may believe yourself to be better than everyone else
- You are God's gift to mankind - this is self-idolatry - you are saying Step aside - God - I am in charge here

1Jo 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. **If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

## ADDICTIONS (VERSLAWING)

- One can be addicted to almost anything - drugs, alcohol, sex, food, shopping or anything to distract us from the feelings of being unloved!
- Each person is created to know and to receive God's perfect love
- When people have not received true, unconditional love as a foundation, they are always in search of getting a need fulfilled



- The need to know God's love can open us up to look for love in all the wrong places - this need leaves us vulnerable to the deception of Satan - who seduces us into believing the world offers us a better substitute

Gal 5:19 Now the **works of the flesh are manifest**, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication (hoerery), uncleanness, lasciviousness (losbandigheid),

- We are saying through our actions that God is not able to meet your needs
- We are saying - God - I need a fix that You can't supply - I will get it myself.
- Our comfort must be in God and not in people, places or things!

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

## **FEAR**

- Fear = being afraid, scared, worried, anxious and concerned that a bad thing is going to happen
- It is projecting into the future - fear then is the opposite of faith
- Fear and faith are equal - Both project into the future and both demand to be fulfilled
- The bottom line is - which authority are you going to listen to?

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**; but of **power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

- God's Word tells us 365 times not to FEAR - (one for each day of the year)
- By entertaining the spirit of fear our actions are saying you cannot trust God and you have to take control of your own life
- You are saying - God I just do not trust You - You can't meet my needs as my protector



Luk 12:22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

## **TRAUMA AND DOORPOINTS**

- Traumas and doorpoints are the incidences in your life giving entry to these bad roots
- These points of entry could be in your own life or in your family tree
- Different phases or events of life bring their own traumas
- Doorpoints around birth and early childhood could be issues of abandonment in the event of unwanted pregnancy
- This allows a spirit of rejection to enter into the unborn child
- When children going through their parent's divorce - they might question their own worth and this may give entry to unloving spirits
- Due to sickness - we may engage in alternative therapies - giving entry to occultist spirits

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*"I am the Bright Morning Star -  
Surely I come quickly"  
Rev 22:16, 20*