THE POWER OF HOLINESS

Jesus prayed alone to maintain His ministry anointing.

JN 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, **he departed again into a mountain himself alone**.

It was prophesied before His birth that He would be known as the Son of the highest (Luk 1:32)

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and **of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

Although He was called the King of Kings during His earthly ministry, He needed to concentrate on His daily mandate; His relationship with God. When the people wanted to make Jesus a king (Jn 6:15), He departed to a mountain to pray.

MAT 9:30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, "See *that* no man know *it*"

Mat 12:16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

Those with an anointing to heal the sick need not advertise it.

MAT 8:3 And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, "I will; be thou clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4And Jesus saith unto him, "See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

MK 3:11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. 12And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

Christ will only acknowledge holiness; rewards will be given on that basis.

MAT 7:22 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" 23"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Believers have been given discernment to read the character of spiritual men:

2 COR 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

ROM 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through vou, as it is written.

Sanctification maintains our relationship to God:

PSA 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

1 PET 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

TIT 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

PSA 104:2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Holiness and darkness are incompatible: God's clothing is His radiance of glory.

1 JN 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

We are His firstfruits of holiness; we were born of His holiness.

JAS 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren. 17**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 18Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that **we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**