TRUTH THEN PURITY

HEB 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, **and holiness**, <u>without which no man shall see the Lord</u>:

Some Christians fail to comprehend the truth of God's written Word. Except there is holiness in our life, we will not see God. (Heb 12:14)

MAT 5:88 "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

LUK 8:15 "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, **having heard the word, keep** *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

All carnality starts in the mind. Our thoughts must be held captive.

2 COR 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

All hidden things must be renounced. Hidden things breed dishonesty. Confession and exposure to His light breaks the power of deception.

- **2 COR 4:2** But have **renounced the hidden things of dishonesty**, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- JN 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33They answered him, We be Abrahams seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, "Ye shall be made free?" 34Jesus answered them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

If sin is our master, we are serving sin. A deep love for biblical truth and the subsequent submission to it will ultimately break the power of sin and bring total freedom. Obedience to the Word and its truth is the pathway to freedom.

2 THES 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The Greek meaning for the phrase: "deluding influence" is: activity of error.

Every area of our lives that has not yielded to truth has been substituted with "activity of error". This delusional way of life incurs the judgment of God. All believers are responsible to rid themselves of delusion and deception.

MAT 6:13 "And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil:** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

PRO 29:1 He, that **being often reproved** hardeneth *his* neck, **shall suddenly be destroyed**, and that without remedy.

Some are so deceived that they actually think it is acceptable to reject God's truth and accept Satan's lies and continue in the pursuit of dishonouring their bodies. This is what happened in Sodom and Gomorrah. Today, some church movements have accepted homosexuality as reasonable activity even amongst clergy. We must remember that God gave continual warnings to Sodom and Gomorrah; when God judged those cities only Lot and his family righteous survived.

ROM 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

The "everlasting gospel" is what impresses God; for after the 144,000 evangelists preach worldwide (Rev 14:3-5) God sends His angels to preach a final message to the nations, saying "fear God, give glory to Him that created all things". Those that disregard these angels message receive the judgment of God.

REV 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for **they are without fault** before the throne of God.

- Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
- **Rev 14:7** Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him**; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Acceptance of God's truth brings us into holiness. A walk of holiness frees us from "falsehood" thinking we will want above all else to live blameless before God. Man has become so arrogant he has lost the basis for knowledge of God.

ISA 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts**: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

- Isa 6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
- Isa 6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.
- Isa 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, **having a live coal in his hand**, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
- Isa 6:7 And **he laid** *it* **upon my mouth**, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and **thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged**.
- **Dan 2:20** Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: **for wisdom and might are his:**
- Dan 2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he remove kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
- Dan 2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

When Isaiah came face to face with God, he was convicted of his short comings; the inner man was "undone" in the presence of God's holiness. (Isa 6:5) Daniel recognized that God possessed wisdom and might. God gave heavenly wisdom to Daniel because he did not compromise. Please note the words "and knowledge to them that know understanding". Only those that know God increase in God's knowledge.

PRO 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

When people feel that they have obtained knowledge from God then their testimony will be believed. Oh, that we would invest in the truth of God, regardless of the personal cost.

- PRO 23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
- JN 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
- EPH 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having

spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.