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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 1

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

Introduction

The heart of humans is the central and vital part of our body. It is the indispensable quality of mankind that determines our characters. Heart is the core of our existence, because it is abstract and intrinsic in nature. Therefore, it can be described as the center of a person's thoughts and emotions.

The soul/spirit is the invisible and spiritual part of the human heart. So, we can only communicate with God in spirit, because He is a Spiritual Being. You have the choice of allowing God or Satan to rule/reign in your heart, but the best is to prepare your heart for the Lord, rather than mortgage your soul to the Devil. If you prepare your heart for the Lord, you will be rewarded in this world and heaven.

Serve God in spirit: God is a Spirit, even if we cannot see him but He sees us; He knows everything and He can do anything; **that is the reason that humans must prepare their hearts for the Lord their God. God is the source of life for all who live on this earth, so listen to what He says by preparing your heart for Him. God gave life to every living soul, and breath to everyone who is walking in this world;** according to the scripture which says "Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it." **Isaiah 42:5.** **Since the only way that God can communicate with humans is through the Spirit, why not prepare your heart for the Lord?** As it is written in the Book of John that, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." **John 4:24.**

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It is evident from the aforementioned passages that **God is a spiritual Being and the source of life, yet He is invisible to mankind. For this reason, do not allow yourself to be controlled by emotion or feeling. You must put your emotions in check; else your heart will mislead you. You must never turn your anger against God. You must neither attack nor oppose God with whatever you say. Whatever the circumstance, you must never vent your rage against God, or denounce Him:** according to the Book of Job which says "Why does your heart carry you away, and what do your eyes wink at, that you turn your spirit against God and let such words go out of your mouth?" **Job 15:12-13**. Hence, **you must not be angry with God, instead prepare your heart for Him. Never allow excitement or wild ideas to make you turn your spirit against God.**

Love God with your heart: The Bible stated that "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." **Deuteronomy 6:5**. **Prepare your heart for the Lord, and let your soul yearn for Him throughout your existence. In order to prove that you love God, your soul must crave to be in the church, singing to your Creator with all your heart. A burning desire to be in the presence of God, is a way to prove that you have prepared your heart for your Maker:** according to the Bible passage which says "My soul longs, even faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." **Psalms 84:2**.

Let your heart be blameless and wholly devoted to the Lord. Be committed to the Lord, living by His laws, and follow His commands with all your heart. It is your duty to be faithful to the Lord, and obey His statutes. As it is written, "Let your heart therefore be loyal to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day." **1 Kings 8:61**. **Are you faithful to God? Do you always obey His commands? Are you keeping His Word? You must prepare your heart for the Lord, if you don't want to spend your eternity in hell.**

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God cannot be deceived: You can deceive people but you cannot deceive God, because He searches and examines the minds of humans. The Lord probes the heart and discerns hidden motives of mankind. So, the Lord knows whether you prepare your heart or not. He knows your thoughts and deeds; therefore He will give to everyone what they deserve. The Bible testified to this fact by saying "I, the Lord search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 17:10. Since God investigates the heart and gives people rewards according to their actions, don't you think it is time to prepare your heart for the Lord, so that you will be rewarded?

If you forget the Lord, or refuse to prepare your mind for Him; there will be consequences. Hence, always keep the Lord who empowers you to make wealth in your thoughts. It is inevitable for you to earnestly 'bear in mind' that God is the One who strengthens you in order to prosper; according to the, scripture which says "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18. Do not forget God who gives you the ability to produce/acquire wealth and become rich. Therefore, you must prepare your heart for the Lord, if you want to be successful during your lifetime.

You must neither defy nor rebel against God: Many people in the world who claim to be Christians are resisting the Lord through their conducts, and they are indirectly challenging His authority. Are you among those who are daring God? Are you resisting the Lord or you are obeying His commands? Are you one of those who are rebelling against the Lord? Do you turn your back on the Lord? Do you turn aside and wander away from God? Let this moment be your turning point, and return to God. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; they have revolted and departed. They do not say in their heart, 'Let us now fear the Lord our God, who gives rain, both the

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former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest." **Jeremiah 5:23-24**.

Are you among those who never thought to honor God, despite all that He has done for them? Are you living in awe of the Lord who blessed the works of your hand? Hence, do not abandon the Lord; instead prepare your heart for Him. You must pay attention to the Lord and you must neither ignore Him nor refuse to listen to Him. Do not be like those mentioned in the Book of Proverbs which says, "Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded." **Proverbs 1:24**.

For this reason, **dedicate and sanctify yourself to the Lord, else you will be penalized**; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, "Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your hearts, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings." **Jeremiah 4:4**. **Prepare your heart for the Lord today, so that His anger will not come upon you.**

Control your Heart: The Bible stated that "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." **Genesis 6:5**. Are you among the morally corrupt people? Are you depraved or upright? Do you think that the ideas of your mind are harmful to others? Is everything that you imagined evil? Do you think the inclination of your heart is evil? Then change immediately before it is too late.

Despite the fact that God did not spare the ancient world, wickedness and immorality are widespread; to the extent that multitude of people are departing from the righteous path. The situation in the world today is worse, because people are longing for lustful and sinful things. Nowadays, many in the world are craving for vanity rather than the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Numerous people have inflamed their hearts with contrary and disgusting things. Countless people lack the willpower to resist the Devil,

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who is instigating them to perform shameless things. The Lord mentioned this issue by saying "'How degenerate is your heart!' says the Lord God, 'seeing you do all these things, the deeds of a brazen harlot.'" **Ezekiel 16:30.**

Do you have a weak heart that can be easily manipulated by Satan? Do you have an inconsistent heart? You must purify your filthy heart with the Blood of the Lamb before you can prepare your heart for the Lord. It is then that your plea will be answered promptly by the Lord. It is essential for you to prepare your heart, so that the Lord will give you a favorable answer whenever you pray to Him. Hence, offer your heart to the Lord, whenever you lift your hand in prayer to God according to the Bible passage which says, "Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven." Lamentations 3:41. Are you praying regularly to God? Time has come for you to open your heart to Almighty God your Creator.

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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 2

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that we must not allow our hearts to be troubled, instead, we should prepare our hearts for the Lord.

Do not let your heart be troubled

Humans need to realize that everything in this world will come to an end, but only the saving power of the Lord will remain. **Everyone on this earth will die like flies, but the victory of the Lord alone will last eternally. The heavens will disappear like smoke, the earth will wear out like clothing and the earthlings will die like gnats, however the Salvation and Justice of the Lord will endure forever.** The Bible corroborated this fact by saying “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My Salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be abolished.” **Isaiah 51:6.**

Since this world will not last forever; why not prepare your heart for the Lord in order to live eternally? The only way to be saved is to prepare your heart for the Lord. You must prepare your heart for the Lord if you don't want to perish with the world, or die for enemies to mock. Jesus Christ instructed us to neither be afraid nor distressed instead, we must have confidence in God and prepare our hearts for Him. The Book of John chronicled the directives by saying “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” **John 14:1-3.**

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Are you still agitated despite the guarantee of your Savior? Are you worried and upset instead of trusting the Lord? Are you disturbed by your situation? Your issues are minor before the Lord, so prepare your heart for the Lord and rely on Him. Hence, come close to God with a contrite heart and He will reciprocate the gesture by coming close to you. Are you coming nearer to God or you are moving away from Him? As it is written, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:8. Are you one of those who are following the sinful ways of the world and God at the same time? Is your loyalty divided between God and the world? Are you one of the hypocrites who are confessing God, but their acts speak differently? You must purify and prepare your heart for the Lord before it is too late.

Set your heart on the Lord: The best thing that can happen to anyone is to set his/her heart on the Lord. There is abundance of joy and peace in focusing your mind on the Lord. Humans must stop making the vanity of this world their focal point; rather they should make God their center of interest. We need to realize that the worldly things have temporary values, and they don't last forever, while the heavenly things have higher values and last eternally; so it is time for you to be thinking about the heavenly things instead of the earthly things. The Bible testified to this fact by saying "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2.

Do you set your love on heavenly things or not? Are your thoughts fixed on heavenly things or earthly things? Do you keep your mind on the highest gifts of heaven or not? The time has come for you to fill your heart with heavenly things, and stop spending your time worrying about perishable things of this world. Therefore, do not set your mind on your wealth. You must never rely on extortion or have false hope in robbery. One of the ways to prove that you set your heart on the Lord is not to have confidence in violence, or depend on dishonesty. Never rely on

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your power or ability instead, rely on the Lord. The Bible stated that “Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.” **Psalm 62:10.**

Do not focus on extortion to make you rich; instead focus your mind on the Lord. Even if there is increment in your wealth, you must never make it the center of your life. Do not make your riches your focal point or human beings your center of activities; instead focus your mind on the Lord and make Him your center of attention. Inasmuch as humans are mere mortals, you must neither set your mind on them, nor make them your center of interest; according to the scripture which says “What is man, that You should exalt him, that You should set your heart on him.” **Job 7:17. Heed the warning by setting your mind on the Lord and His heavenly kingdom.**

Surrender your heart to God: People need to realize that it is either you surrender your heart to the Lord, or you mortgage your heart to Satan. Those who surrender their hearts to God will live forever, and reign with their Maker perpetually; while those who mortgage their hearts to the Devil will be condemned to perdition. Many people are adamant and they have false confidence because of their wealth or position in their community. Numerous people rely on their security outfit for safety and protection; instead of giving their mind to the Lord. Countless people are deceived by their fame and connections, so they are not willing to surrender their hearts to the Lord. This is to inform them that whether they live in the bunkers or fortified mansions, it is no barrier for death to sneak in and take their lives, then, they will be condemned to eternal punishment and damnation after death; unless they surrender their hearts to the Lord.

The Book of Jeremiah clarifies this fact by saying “Your fierceness has deceived you, the pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill! Though you make your nests as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there,” says the Lord.”

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Jeremiah 49:16. Are you fooled by your arrogance that you can escape hell if you don't surrender your heart to the Lord? Are you deceived because of your prowess and the fortune that you are controlling? You will be brought crashing down unless you surrender your mind.

Those who are living a luxurious life, who are dwelling safely, who are saying calamity will not befall them are deceiving themselves; unless they surrender their minds to the Lord, calamity will surely befall them. The lovers of pleasure who think that they are too powerful and secure for disaster to happen to them; will be plagued with catastrophe unless they surrender their hearts to the Lord: according to the Book of Isaiah which says, "Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow nor shall I know the loss of children" Isaiah 47:8-9. The only way for you to avoid disaster is to surrender your heart to the Lord.

Hence, do not think that you are immune to tragedy, but depart from immorality, and surrender your mind to God. You must abstain from idolatry and turn your heart to the Lord. As it is written," 'Now therefore' he said 'put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel.'" Joshua 24:23. Are you ready to pledge your loyalty to the Lord? You must flee from the contrary things and turn yourself entirely over to the Lord. Since the eye of the Lord is bitter toward idolatry and bloodshed; refrain from these vices, turn to the Lord with all your heart, and you will be rescued from your adversaries.

Samuel advised the people of Israel to take the same step in order to be delivered from the Philistines; according to the scripture which says "Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying 'If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only, and He will deliver you from the hand of the

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Philistines.” **1 Samuel 7:3**. If you want transformation in your life, you must direct your heart to the Lord and serve Him. You must dedicate yourself completely to God, in order to have breakthrough. If you want your problems to be permanently resolved surrender your mind totally to the Lord.

Repair your defective heart: Anyone born of a woman or carried out of a woman’s womb through a cesarean section operation is a sinner; hence our hearts are imperfect before the Lord. However, we can correct this imperfection by abstaining from sins and purifying our hearts with the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Whoever fills his/her heart with the law of the Lord and obey His instructions is the person that prepared his/her heart for the Lord. The footsteps of such a person will not falter and he/she will never take a wrong step. God Himself will be directing the footsteps of such a person and not one of his/her steps will slip; according to the Book of Psalms which says “The law of his God is in his heart, none of his steps shall slide.” **Psalms 37:31**.

Do you know that if you keep the instructions of the Lord you will not totter? Are you living right in order to demonstrate that you have prepared your heart for the Lord? If you are ready to surrender your heart to the Lord, you must learn the teachings of the Lord and never depart from it.

You can show that your heart is fixed on your Maker by praising and thanking Him. Your mind must be unwavering before you can declare that you have prepared your heart for the Lord. You can exhibit your faithfulness to the Lord by singing songs of His praise. One of the ways to indicate that your heart is prepared is to sing and give Him praise; according to the scripture which says “My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.” **Psalms 57:7**.

Is your heart committed to God? Then, thank Him and sing His praise, so that the secret petitions of your heart will be realized or

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fulfilled. If you enjoy serving the Lord, He will give you whatever you ask for. God will give you what you want, if you take pleasure in Him, as long as it will not make you to stray or cause your downfall. If you want God to grant your heart desires, seek your happiness in the Lord. As it is written, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4. Do you enjoy serving the Lord? Are you happy in the Lord? Prepare your heart for the Lord so that the requests of your heart will be realized or fulfilled.

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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 3

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that many people are unprofitable and the foolish at heart will be recompensed by the Lord.

Many people are unprofitable

It is noteworthy that numerous people in the world today are not useful to the Lord God their Creator because of their stubbornness. Many are not beneficial to mankind due to their rebellious attitude towards God. Nowadays, the majority of people are obstinate like their ancestors, instead of preparing their hearts to know God. The hearts of most people are not right with God, and they will neither obey Him nor loyal to Him. The Book of Psalms explained this scenario by saying, “And may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.” Psalm 78:8.

Have you prepared your heart to follow God? Is your heart loyal to God? Are you one of those who refused to obey God, or give their hearts to Him? Do not be stubborn, but prepare your heart for the Lord today, so that you will not become completely worthless in His presence. The sinful people who stubbornly follow their own desires and/or worship other gods will become good for nothing. If you don't want to become completely useless in the presence of the heavens, listen and obey the words of the Lord. The only way for you to be profitable is to follow the instructions of the Lord. The Bible testified to this fact by saying “This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.” Jeremiah 13:10.

Are you walking in the imagination of your heart? Do you always do what you want instead of what pleases the Lord? Are you living

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according to your lustful inclinations? You must stop pursuing the vanity of this world or contrary gods, if you want to be profitable during your lifetime. You can only be fruitful among the Christendom, if you are obedient to the directives of the Lord.

Beware so that you will not be deceived by Satan. Make sure that you are not enticed by the glittering of this world, or turn aside from the Lord. You must be steadfast and careful; otherwise, your heart may be led astray to commit abominable things. You must be watchful in order not to fall into a temptation that will make you to turn your back on the Lord. Don't be fooled, or tricked by anything in this world to provoke the anger of the Lord; according to the Bible passages which says "Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, lest the Lord's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you." Deuteronomy 11:16-17.

You must be cautious so that you will not be seduced by contrary and lustful things that can make you to depart from the righteous path. You must be committed to the Lord, before He will preserve your life, and bless the work of your hands. If you don't want to die an untimely death, prepare your heart for the Lord. Hence, shun your youthful passions and start living right in a manner that is in conformity to the will of God. Abstain from adolescent cravings, and start living a virtuous life. Avoid the lustful desires that are causing the downfall of Believers in droves, and strive for uprightness that is acceptable in the presences of God; according to the scripture which says "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord with a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22. Stay away from anything that stimulates lusts, else you will be judged.

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The foolish at heart will be recompensed

Many people in the world are disrespecting God by their conducts, and they think that they will go scot-free. Numerous people who are condemning God by their utterances and actions, who think that they will not be held accountable are deceiving themselves. Are you among those who are despising the Lord? Are you renouncing God secretly? Are you rejecting your Creator by your acts? Do you believe that you can treat/regard the directives of the Lord with disdain, or look down on His statutes without being punished? If you spurn the Lord your Maker, there will be consequences; according to the Book of Psalm which says “Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, ‘You will not require an account.’” Psalm 10:13.

Do not think that you will not be recompensed for all your contrary conducts because God sees them; therefore it is better for you to repent and turn to God. The Lord will require accountability, so stop reviling God. Any criticism of the Lord is unacceptable, most especially in an abusive or insulting manner; else you will be penalized. The wicked people who think that God has hidden His face because of the sins of the world, and He neither see their deeds nor take action, are deceiving themselves. God is watching us, He sees whatever we do and we will be judged; according to the scripture which says, “He has said in his heart, ‘God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see’” Psalm 10:11. Are you one of those who are saying in their hearts that God has forgotten the earthlings, and He doesn’t see what is happening on earth? Repent and prepare your heart for the Lord before you are recompensed.

Numerous people are not aware that God is planning disaster instead of good, for the disobedient and the stubborn people. These people should turn from their evil way, and do what is right. God is ready to punish the people that are supporting, encouraging, and promoting abominable things. Christians should

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pay attention to this warning, instead of stubbornly following their evil desires. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying “Now speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord; “Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.”’ And they said, ‘That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart.’” **Jeremiah 18:11-12.**

This is the end-time, so are you ready to change your conducts and your works? Is reformation of your ways and actions paramount in your heart? Since you now have the knowledge of what will happen, why not amend your ways and improve your relationship with God? Are you ready to turn to God or you wanted to continue walking after your imaginations and continue to do what you want? Are you sticking to your lustful plans, or you are ready to yield? It is time for you to correct your habits, and change your actions for the better, else you will be penalized.

God will repay people for their vile conducts. Those whose heart longs for repulsive things will be punished. You must cease pursuing disgusting things, and abstain from abhorrent acts, if you don't want the anger of the Lord to come upon you; according to the Book of Ezekiel which says, “But as for those whose hearts follow the desire of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads, says the Lord God.” **Ezekiel 11:21. Are you devoted to abominable things? Is your heart yearning for loathsome things? Stop all your repulsive practices and prepare your heart for the Lord, else you will be held accountable.**

Hence, reconcile with Your Creator today by preparing your heart for Him, and all your past sins will be completely forgiven. Then, God will halt his judgment and waive your punishments. However, the righteousness of the righteous person will not save him/her once the person falls into sins, instead the person will be

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punished accordingly. Therefore, the most important thing is for you to prepare your heart for the Lord. If you are a sinner; if you have prepared your heart for the Lord, make sure that your heart does not stray, else you will be penalized; according to the Bible passage which says “Therefore, you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: ‘The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.’” **Ezekiel 33:12. Do not forget that you must prepare your heart for the Lord, if you want to inherit the kingdom of heaven, and reign eternally with the Lord God your Creator.**

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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 4

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

We shall continue with our discussion by mentioning that we need to learn from the mistakes of the people that have fallen, and change before it is late.

Learn from the mistakes of the fallen

There are many people mentioned in the Bible that fell from grace to grass. Numerous people that God loved and installed in leadership and enviable positions have fallen, due to negligence and disobedience. Even some anointed and ordained people mentioned in the Bible fell in the presence of God, because of pride, or trying to please humans rather than the Lord God who bestowed His Spirit upon them. At this junction, we need to mention that the fact that you currently have gifts of the Holy Spirit does not mean that you cannot fall in the near future; unless you are cautious, and make sure that you do not depart from the righteous path.

Countless people started their Christianity journey on a right footing, but ended their journeys in hell, which means, the successful beginning of a relationship/journey does not imply that the relationship/journey will end successfully with/in joy. Inasmuch as starting a relationship/journey is not enough, but he who successfully completed it will be praised. **Is your relationship with God active or dormant? Are you faithful in your relationship with God? Are you enduring suffering and temptations so that you will successfully end your journey in heaven? We pray that Satan will not ruin whatever that is delighting God in your life.**

The fall of Lucifer: The Devil fell in the presence of God due to pride. Satan was an archangel in heaven before he fell. He was an angel of high rank that usually sings praises of God in heaven, before he fell in the presence of Almighty God the Creator of all things. The

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determination of Lucifer was to climb up to heaven and establish his throne above the highest stars created by God. Satan thought that he would sit like a king and rule on the sacred mountain in the remote parts of the north where the gods assemble. **The intention of the Devil is to ascend much higher than the clouds to the highest heavens, and be like the Most High and living God. Lucifer fell instead, and he was brought down to Sheol,** the remote and innermost recesses of the region of the dead. Satan fell from grace to grass, and he was condemned to the deepest part of the world of the dead.

The Book of Isaiah chronicled this event by saying “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.” **Isaiah 14:12-15**. Do not forget that “**God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble**” **James 4:6**. **Learn from the fall of Lucifer, so do not be arrogant, haughty, or pompous throughout your lifetime, else you will fall from grace to grass. We pray that you will neither be rejected in the presence of the heavens nor spurned by the Lord.**

King Saul: **The first mistake of King Saul was his unlawful sacrifice.** When he waited for Samuel for seven days, he made a burnt and peace offerings, **which is unlawful for him to perform except the priests. Saul took this action to appease and please the people who were with him. This unlawful conduct made the Lord not to establish his rule over Israel forever, and he was replaced with another leader.** The Bible explained this incident by saying “And Samuel said to Saul, ‘You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him

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to be the commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.” **1 Samuel 13:14.**

Instead of seeking the face of the Lord by repenting and staying out of trouble, maybe the Lord will have a change of heart, Saul got into more trouble by his disobedience conduct. Saul disobeyed the directives of the Lord when he was instructed to destroy the Amalekites and their possessions. Saul spared Agag king of the Amalekites and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs and things of value **1 Samuel 15 6-9.** **God then rejected Saul as king due to his disobedience.**

Samuel confirmed his rejection when he made these statements, “But Samuel said to Saul, ‘I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.’ And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. So, Samuel said to him, ‘The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you, today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.’” **1 Samuel 15: 26-28.** **Learn from the mistakes of King Saul and make sure that you do not displease God to please humans. What God is expecting from you is to do what is right and acceptable; rather than bringing nauseous sacrifices and filthy/bloody offerings. Pay attention to this warning if you don’t want to be rejected like Saul.**

King Solomon: God loved King Solomon and He bestowed unprecedented wisdom, knowledge and understanding on him, because he did not ask for wealth, or long life, or the lives of his adversaries; instead, he asked for wisdom to govern the people with justice and to know the difference between good and evil. **God also gave him unparalleled riches and exceptional wealth. However, when he was old, his wives led him to worship contrary/foreign gods.** The Bible corroborated this fact by saying “For it was so, when Solomon was old that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.” **1 Kings 11:4.**

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Solomon fell in the presence of God, due to his idolatry activities.

The scripture stated that “Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, ‘Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and the statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.’” **1 Kings 11:11**. God did not take away the whole kingdom from the son of Solomon, because of His promise to David and for the sake of David **1 Kings 11:13**. **Learn from the fall of Solomon; therefore you must not support, or encourage, or participate in idolatry and bloodshed.**

King Rehoboam: At this point, it is notable to know that **it is a sin, if you don't set your heart to seek and honor the Lord. It is an offense if you are not determined to worship the Lord and make sure that your heart yearns for His desires. Therefore, it is evil if you do not dedicate yourself to serving the Lord and obey Him throughout your existence.** The Bible confirmed that Rehoboam was an evil king by saying, “And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord.” **2 Chronicles 12:14**. **It can be deduced from the passage that it is evil for anyone not to prepare his/her mind for the Lord. The lesson from the fall of Rehoboam is that you must seek and worship the Lord with all your heart, before you can be admitted into the kingdom of heaven. Hence, if you don't want to fall in the presence of God; you must resolve to be obedient, loyal, and follow the Lord throughout your lifetime, immaterial of your situation.**

Change before it is too late

Nowadays, many people are claiming to be righteous, and numerous people even present themselves as holy. These people need to realize that all their righteousness is like a polluted garment. All humans are dirty with sin, and all the right things that we have done during our existence are like filthy pieces of cloth. All of us have been sinful; even our best actions are filthy in the presence of our Creator. However, God is using grace to accept our deeds. Inasmuch as mankind is infected and impure with sin,

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then humans should not rely on their righteousness; according to the scripture which says “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fades as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” **Isaiah 64:6.**

What the Lord desire is for everyone to repent and be saved, because God does not have pleasure in deaths of sinners, but for sinners to repent and live; according to the Bible passages which says, “‘But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?’ says the Lord God, ‘and not that he should turn from his ways and live?’” **Ezekiel 18:21-23.** **Repent and prepare your heart for the Lord, so that you will not die but live.**

The thief on the cross at the right hand side of Jesus Christ repented at the zero hour, and he was accepted into the Glorious Home. The Bible attested this fact by saying, “Then he said to Jesus ‘Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’” **Luke 23:42-43.** For this reason, pay attention to this call to repentance; which says, “‘ Now therefore,’ says the Lord, ‘Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.’ So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.” **Joel 2:12-13.** **Therefore, repent today, and prepare your heart for the Lord. Do not procrastinate, because tomorrow might be too late.**

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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 5

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

We shall continue with our discussion by mentioning some of the steps to be taken in order to prepare your heart for the Lord.

Remove evil from your heart

No one can claim to prepare his/her heart for the Lord, if the heart of such a person is filled with evil. The Lord opposes those who do evil. God despises evil people, and He will wipe them all from the earth, unless they repent quickly. He will remove the memory of the evil people from the earth, unless they change and turn to Him. The Bible stated that “The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.” **Psalm 34:16.** **You must prepare your heart for the Lord, if you don't want the Lord to blot out your name from this world. You must have a pure heart so that your memory will not be wiped out. A clear conscience is what will prevent the elimination of your memory from the earth and forgotten by the world.**

Are you plotting sinful schemes in your heart? Are you one of the people whose imaginations are wicked? Are you always in a hurry to do evil? Anyone whose heart plots evil and his/her feet race to do wrong cannot claim to prepare his/her heart for the Lord; according to the scripture which says “These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are the abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devices wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil...” **Proverbs 6:18.** **Are you ready to stop making evil plans? When are you going to desist creating wicked plots? Don't you think it is time for you not to be eager to do mischief? Since the Lord hates a heart that is crafting evil plans, why not cleanse your heart?**

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Do not emulate your ancestors evil conducts: Are you like your ancestors who neither listened nor paid attention to the Lord, but lived according to their sinful plans? Don't you learn from the stubbornness of your forefathers? Do you want the same fate to befall you? Are you ready to give your heart to the Lord or indulge in a lustful lifestyle? Do you want progress or regression in your life? Then stop following the stubborn desires of your evil heart; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward." Jeremiah 7:24. You must remove evil from your heart, if you don't want your situation to worsen.

Change today and turn to God, if you don't to be penalized and suffer the consequences of your evil conducts. If you remain adamant, then calamities will come upon you instead of blessings. You need to eliminate evil thoughts and plots from your heart, if you don't want to be punished for violating the covenant of God. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear; but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done." Jeremiah 11:8. You must prepare your heart for the Lord, if you don't want the curse associated with His covenant to plague you.

Many are worse than their ancestors: Repent and turn to your Creator today. Listen to the voice of the Lord that is speaking to you through this publication. We are proclaiming to you to turn back from your evil ways and deeds. Don't be stubborn like your forefathers, who were warned by the prophets to give up their evil and turn back to God, but they paid no attention; the Bible chronicled this event by saying, "Do not be like our fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds." 'But they did not listen to Me,' says the Lord." Zechariah 1:4. Are you ready to turn from your sinful ways, and stop all your evil practices? Are you prepared to

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obey the messages of the Lord delivered to you today that instructed you not to live evil and sinful life anymore? If you are obedient, it will demonstrate that you are not among the people who are worse than their ancestors; since multitude of people in the world today are doing worse things than their forefathers.

Nowadays, numerous people are living according to the stubbornness of their evil hearts, instead of paying attention to the statutes of the Lord. Their only defense is 'It is my life, and I can do whatever I like.' Some people also have the perception that whatever that is legal in their State is okay. They have forgotten that the fact that something is legal in their State does not mean it is right, or acceptable to the Lord. The scripture testified against these people by saying "And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me." Jeremiah 16:12. Are you following your evil desires, instead of obeying the Lord? Hence, live according to the way that they Lord required and ordered, so that you will be successful in your Christianity journey.

Obey the Lord and walk according to His commands, so that good things will happen to you; according to the Bible passage which says "But this is what I commanded them, saying 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.'" Jeremiah 7:23. Do not stray from the righteous path, so that things will go well for you. You must walk in obedience to all the commands of the Lord in order to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Assist others instead of planning evil: Humans should not devise evil in their hearts against one another, because it is an abominable act before the Lord. Let no one imagine evil in his/her heart against his/her neighbor; but such a person should love his/her neighbors. Stop making plans to hurt each other, instead be nice and kind. You must not hurt anyone including the widows, the orphans and the foreigners; according to the scripture which says,

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“Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.” **Zechariah 7:10.** **Are you planning to harm other people? You must neither mistreat anyone nor scheme against others; but assist them in order to please God.**

You must stop lying or telling half truths. Christians must not think of injuring anyone and they should abstain from acts of perjury. **The Christendom must cease plotting harm against one another, because it is detested by the Lord.** Believers, do not make plans to hurt your neighbors, and do not give false testimony, because these things are disgusting to the Lord. As it is written, “Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; and do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.” **Zechariah 8:17. Time has come for the Beloved to be honest and assist one another; instead of seeking the downfall of one another.**

Honor the Lord and serve Him faithfully: One of the sacrifices that are acceptable to the Lord is a heart broken with sorrow for sin and thoroughly penitent. We need to realize that preparation of one’s heart for the Lord, without humility is in vain. The way to prepare your heart for the Lord in order to please Him is to feel sorrow deep in your heart for your iniquities and change. The scripture stated that, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart —These, O God, You will not despise.” **Psalms 51:17. When was the last time that you are sorry for your sins? Are you ready to exhibit signs of remorse for your transgressions? Your sacrifice must be a humble spirit and a repentant heart, before it can be acceptable to God. Therefore, honor the Lord in whatever you are doing and serve Him faithfully.**

Remember that the goodness of the Lord is uncountable in your life; therefore, **fear Him so that He will do more for you.** If you think carefully about the great things that the Lord has done for you, then you will realize that you need to prepare your heart for Him; according to the Book of Samuel which says “Only fear the Lord, and

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serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.” **1 Samuel 12:24.** **How much do you pay to the Lord for your soul? Do you pay anything to the Lord for protecting and preserving your life? If you pay nothing for this magnanimous grace; then you must prepare your heart for the Lord in humility and assist others.**

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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 6

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

We shall continue with our discussion with the continuation of the steps to be taken in order to prepare your heart for the Lord.

Be attentive and consider your fate

Humans must be attentive to the plights of others in order to please God. You must show concern for people and consider your own future before you can claim that you have prepared your heart for the Lord. Anyone who is neither thoughtful of the needs of the people around him/her nor heedful of their problems is a selfish person, and such a person has broken the command of the Lord: which says, ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ Therefore, you must be considerate, and think about your own destiny, before you can profess to prepare your heart for the Lord.

Consider your future and be blessed: Mankind needs to realize that God made our hearts, so He understands everything that we do. **The Lord created our hearts and nothing that we do can be hidden from Him.** Since God is the One who formed our hearts, He will consider all our works whether good or bad; according to the scripture which says, “He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works” **Psalms 33:15.** **Inasmuch as the Lord knows whatever that you are doing, why not consider what will happen to you at the end of your journey in this world?**

Many people who were defeated by their problems cannot comprehend what happened; while numerous people are relishing in their present triumph instead of thinking about their future. **We pray that God will give you the wisdom to understand and discern what will become of you, based on your deeds and conducts.** If you are wise, you will figure it out that you must obey the commands of the Lord, in order to have a bright future. The Bible stated that “Oh,

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that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" **Deuteronomy 32:29**. **Do you always think about the final outcome of your actions and reactions? Do you always consider your future and destiny, whenever you are making decisions?**

It is time to wake up from spiritual slumbering and consider what your end will be; so that you will not be cursed, but blessed by the Lord. You must care for the spiritually weak and poor before the Lord will rescue you in time of trouble. If you want God's grace and compassion, consider the helpless. Anyone who is considerate of the less privilege will be saved in the day of adversity; according to the Bible passage which says. "Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." **Psalm 41:1. **You must be concerned about the poor, if you want to be happy and fortunate. You must be nice and kind to the destitute, before you can receive heavenly assistance.****

The righteous are generous: Many people neither know the Lord as their God, nor understand Him. **Going to Church regularly or attending prayer sessions are not an indication that you know God;** because many Christians are not learning the statutes of the Lord, and they are not reflecting on them. **Are you among the novice who doesn't understand the Lord? When was the last time that you think deeply about the commands of the Lord?** The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider." **Isaiah 1:3**. **Are you knowledgeable enough to understand that it is the Lord that is sustaining you? Do you recognize the care of God for you? Do you know that God caters for you? If so, you too must be generous to others.**

You need to give liberally to fellow Believers. It is your duty to be openhanded with your adequate resources, and give to the people in need. If you are a Believer, you will share your material possessions with the less privileged. For you to prove that you

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love other people according to the commandment of God; you must have compassion on others and assist them; according to the scripture which says, “But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?” **1 John 3:17.** **Are you ready to share your wealth with the poor? Are you prepared to assist the helpless? Are you determined to fulfill the commands of the Lord?**

One of the best ways to prove your righteousness is to care for the rights of the poor. If you are not concern about the rights of the less privileged, it demonstrates that you are a wicked person; immaterial of your confessions or professions. As it is written “The righteous considers the cause of the poor, but the wicked does not understand such knowledge.” **Proverbs 29:7.** **Magnanimity and caring about justice for the poor are the necessary conducts, for people to prove that they are godly and righteous.**

Therefore, notice that God is kind and also very strict. He will punish the disobedient people, who stopped following Him. You must appreciate the gracious kindness of God. He will be compassionate and gracious to you, if you continue to abide in His grace by faith and obedience to Him; otherwise, you will be punished harshly. **God is (stern) serious and unrelenting, especially in the assertion of His authority and exercise of discipline concerning the disobedient who fell into spiritual ruin.** We pray that you will neither fall into spiritual ruin or stumble in the presence of God; however, you must be obedient, in order to qualify for the grace and the kindness of the Lord; according to the Book of Romans which says, “Therefore consider the goodness and severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.” **Romans 11:22.**

You must be obedient, and continue to trust in the kindness of God, in order to escape punishment. So, those who ignored the Lord should think carefully about their acts. They need to reverse their course, else they will be punished. The people who are

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disregarding the Lord must change, and pay close attention to Him, else the severe hand of judgment will descend upon them; according to the Bible passage which says, "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver." Psalm 50:22. Repent, all of you who abandoned God; before judgment and punishment come.

Abstain from ungodliness

Every form of ungodliness is wickedness, and it is not acceptable to the Lord. Ungodliness is disregarding God and disobedience of His commands.

- Anyone who is not worshiping the Lord in truth and spirit is an ungodly person.
- Neglect of the work of God and opposition to His words/laws is ungodliness.
- Lack of reverence for God and absence of devotion to your Creator is ungodliness.

Ungodliness is sin before the Lord; so, avoid useless talk and godless chatter that can make you to fall into sin. It should be noted that irreverent and empty speeches always produce more godlessness. Christians must keep away from godless and worthless conversations, because they lead people into ungodly conducts. The Bible stated that "But shun profane and idle babbling, for they will increase to more ungodliness." 2 Timothy 2:16. Since the ungodly people cannot claim to prepare their hearts for the Lord, do not pay attention to futile/vain words. It is time for Believers to abstain from pointless and foolish discussions, so that they will not be driven farther away from the Lord their God, and incurred His anger.

We need to understand that the indignation of God will be displayed against all the ungodly behaviors and the injustice of human beings who silence the truth with injustice. God is not pleased but angry with all the wicked and evil things that sinful

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people do to crush the truth. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” **Romans 1:18.** **Are you repressing the truth by your immoral lifestyle? What steps have you taken to hinder or conceal the truth? Are your conducts stifling or choking the truth? What are you plotting to make the truth inoperative? You must change now, and start living a godly life, before the wrath of the Lord comes upon you.**

The only way to escape the anger of the Lord is to reject immoral desires, by living a decent and honest life. **Christians must renounce all ungodliness and worldly pleasures; instead they should live discreet, upright and godly lives with a purpose that reflect spiritual maturity.** Leaders of Christianity must give up passionate desires and embrace godliness by living sensible, self-controlled and devout lives. The Book of Titus mentioned that we are taught by the grace of God to live a temperate life by saying, “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.” **Titus 2:12.** **Are you ready to depart from sinful pleasures, and start living morally? We pray that God will strengthen you to live according to the confession of your faith in Jesus Name. Amen.**

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Topic: Prepare your heart for the Lord – Part 7

Bible Reading: Job 11:13-19

We shall continue with our discussion by mentioning the benefits that will be received by people who prepare their hearts for the Lord.

Benefits of preparing your heart for the Lord

Preparation of your mind for the Lord is very beneficial, because it is for your well-being. **It is to your advantage, and for your sake of entering the Glorious House, if you prepare your heart for your Creator.** There are many benefits that will accrue to anyone who prepares his/her heart for the Lord; and some of them are the following:

The special people of God: Christians have declared and affirmed on the day that they were saved that the Lord is their God, and they have promised to walk in His ways, and obey His decrees, commands, and regulations by doing everything He tells them. This action prompted the Lord to accept them as His own people and special treasure. It is for this reason that God made them to transcend in praise, reputation and glory. The Bible attested to this fact by saying “Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.” **Deuteronomy 26: 17-19. Are you acting in conformity with your affirmation? Are you walking in obedience to God as promised? Do you think your lifestyle pleases the Lord? You must prepare your heart for the Lord in order to be famous and be His personal possession.**

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God will be good and kind to you: God is kind to the upright people. In fact, **He is good to the virtuous people whose hearts are clean. The Lord is good to the Christians, especially those who prepared their hearts for Him;** according to the scripture which says “Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are pure in heart.” **Psalm 73:1.** Since God is good to only the people who have pure hearts, so prepare your heart for Him. **Are you a person of integrity? You must be honest, before God can be merciful and good to you. Do not forget that your motives must be decent before the Lord will be gracious to you.**

The prerequisite for the Lord to have compassion on you is to prepare and purify your heart. You can not expect the Lord to do good to you, if you refuse to obey His commands. The scripture testified to this fact by saying “Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.” **Psalm 125:4.** **Are you moral and just in your ways? Are you principled without traces of compromise? Do not forget that uprightness must be your watchword if you want God to be good to you, and cater for your needs.**

God will bless the work of your hands: God will bless the work of your hands, by sending the rain at the right seasons; so you will have enough food, wine, and olive oil; there will also be plenty of grass to feed your cattle; if and only if you are obedient and **prepare your heart for Him;** according to the Bible passage which says “And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine and your oil.” **Deuteronomy 11:13-14.**

You must prepare your heart before God will look after you. Obedience is what will make the Lord to take care of you. You will be happy and sheltered by God’s favor, if you fear Him and live according to His commandments. As it is written “Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.” **Psalm 128:1.** **Are you**

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worshipping the Lord in obedience? Are you living by His commands? You will be joyful and fortunate, if you follow His ways: because you will witness the physical manifestation of the Lord in your life.

If you prepare your heart, you will prosper spiritually by possessing the happiness produced by God's favor, and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of your outward conditions; according to the testimony of Jesus Christ which says "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8. Do you have moral courage? You will be spiritually mature, if you have godly characters. If you possess integrity, you will be happy during your lifetime and admitted into the kingdom of God.

You will be granted longevity and prosperity: God will neither reject you when you are old, nor desert you when your stamina is reduced, if and only if you prepare your heart for Him. The requirement for you not to be abandoned when your strength is failing is to purify and prepare your heart for the Lord. One of the benefits of preparing your heart for the Lord is that He will not set you aside. It is inevitable for you to prepare your heart for your Creator, so that He will neither send you away from His presence when you grow old nor leave you when you are weak. The Book of Psalm corroborated this fact by saying, "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails." Psalms 71:9. You must be obedient to the Lord, if you don't want to be discarded in your old age. God will grant the feeble people who prepare their hearts, strength and stamina, such people will not die in their prime, but live to a ripe old age.

One of the benefits to be derived for preparing your heart for the Lord is that; you will live a long life, and your body will be strong until the day you die. Disability and infirmity will neither affect you nor have dominion over your physical body. As it is written, "You shall come to the grave at a full age, as a sheaf of grain ripens in its

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season.” **Job 5:26.** The only way not to be under the sway of the darkness is to prepare your heart for the Lord. **Anyone who wants to be fruitful and healthy in his/her old age must prepare his/her heart for the Lord.**

If you want to produce fruit in your old age and remain strong, then fear the Lord. Obedience to the Lord will fill your life with spiritual vitality and verdure of contentment. **By preparing your heart for the Lord, you will continue to grow in grace and prosperity in your old age;** according to the Book of Psalms which says, “They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.” **Psalms 92:14.** **For you to be useful for the Lord and remain healthy; you must purify your heart.** You must prepare your heart for the Lord, before you can tap into these benefits.

You will inherit the earth and heaven: Do not forget that if you prepare your heart for the Lord, you will be saved on earth. If you want to inherit the land where you are presently dwelling you must have unshaken faith in the Lord, and pin your hope on Him. For you not to be destroyed or driven away from your current location, you need to prepare your heart for the Lord. **For you to flourish and inherit the earth, instead of being eliminated, you must purify your heart for the Lord;** according to the scripture which says, “For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.” **Psalms 37:9.** We pray that you will neither perish nor be destroyed in Jesus name. However, you must claim your benefit, so that you will be permitted to mingle with the heavenly beings, and inherit the kingdom of God.

God will give you access to His presence; you will govern His house and be in charge of His courts; if you are obedient by preparing your heart for Him. God will be gracious to you, and He will fulfill His promises stated in the Book of Zechariah in your life: which says, “Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall judge My house, and likewise have charge of my courts: I will give you places to walk among

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these who stand here.” **Zechariah 3:7**. If you want to be given authority over the Temple/Church of God; purify your heart. If you want God to hear your prayers, just as He hears the prayers of the angels, be obedient. **You must serve God with a pure heart and carefully keep His requirements before these promises will come to pass in your life.**

Finally, it is time for mankind to realize that the world is passing away together with its forbidden cravings, but whoever carries out the purposes of God will remain forever. The world and the passionate desires it causes are disappearing, however, anyone who obeys God will live eternally. **This world is fading away, along with everything that people crave; so, Believers should do what pleases God in order to live perpetually.** As it is written; “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” **1 John 2:17**. For this reason, **Christians must keep their hearts energized and firmly committed to God.**

The Beloved must patiently keep their courage, because the Lord’s return is near. Did you establish your heart for the Lord? Is your heart strengthened for the coming of your Savior? Since the coming of the Messiah is at hand, did you confirm with final certainty in your heart? Do not give up, because Jesus Christ will soon be here; according to the Book of James which says, “You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.” **James 5:8**. Christians must keep their hopes high and prepare their hearts, for the Lord is coming to take the Beloved home. **We pray that you will be among the Beloved who will accompany Jesus Christ home.**

The Seal: Job 11:13: “If you would prepare your heart, and stretch out your hands toward Him.”