

WHO SHALL ABIDE

Part I of II

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*Psalms 15:1 "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle
who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"*

We are for the most part all striving for excellence in God. Our eyes are set upon the MARK OF THE HIGH CALLING which God has set for us to attain unto. Every soul is prescribed a different route by which he might attain to this mark therefore it hurts God's purpose for one person to force others to do things by his own method.

The question – who shall abide in God's dwelling place? Many will enter, but who will make it their PERMANENT ABODE? The Hebrew word used in this passage suggests not only an overnight dweller, but one making God's Holy Hill his home – his permanent dwelling place.

It is possible that God can dwell in a person and that person not dwell in God. It is possible that a person can have God in him and yet that person cannot abide in the presence of God for long. The presence of God is sometimes unbearable to some of us some of the time.

Moses absorbed so much of God's glory that his face shone when he descended from the mountain, and I do believe that God had to greatly insulate himself in darkness – thick darkness – in order that Moses could stand His presence. On one occasion when Moses asked God to let him see his face, the Lord covered him up in a rock with His hand, and when he removed His covering hand, Moses saw His back parts going away from him.

John the revelator looked upon the Glory of God shining from an angel (one of the saints used as a messenger) and was struck to the ground, having no strength to lift himself up.

Who will dwell in the Holy Hill of God? The answer to these questions will give us the formula prescribed of God for the OVERCOMERS;

1. HE THAT WALKETH UPRIGHTLY:

We would say that walking uprightly means living with integrity. Webster: - Unimpaired moral principles; honesty; soundness; the quality of being whole or undivided. Spiritual Integrity goes far beyond Webster's dictionary, because integrity in the Spirit has a more profound meaning than any moral concept dictates. The deep seated Christ likeness of the soul is not a moral effort but a metamorphosis taking place in the soul of the individual, which lifts the man from his basic human habitat towards the Divine.

The word "**walk**" means a continuous living experience. It is possible to be righteous sometimes, and not always righteous. "**Walketh**", suggests a continuous, steady, on-going relationship with God in uprightness.

2. HE THAT WORKETH RIGHTEOUSNESS:

It is not possible that Satan or his angels can work one ounce of righteousness. They can only do evil, they cannot do good. It is necessary to understand that two persons can do the same action, and yet one would be good and the other evil. Let us take an example: Two persons were anointed of God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of these turned it into a big business, using the Gospel as his stock-in-trade in order to make millions, the other preached with no other desire than to please God and to do His perfect will. The difference between these two is MOTIVE. Both were anointed of the Lord, and both preached, but one was using God while God was using the other. To one it was unrighteousness and to the other righteousness.

We see therefore, that working righteousness, is more than just doing works. There is a lot being done in the name of the Lord that is not in His nature. The word, "the name of the Lord" is a specific phrase which means the **NATURE OF GOD**. I once heard a preacher say he would "buff someone in the name of the Lord". That is an extreme case but I am sure we all have heard and seen such paradoxes.

Righteousness is the nature of God, it is not just works, but it must glorify God in intent and purpose and must be motivated of God himself. Sometimes we hear prophecies - "Thus saith the Lord," but the Lord did not say; it was more like what someone thought the Lord should say. Speaking the name of Jesus or of the Godhead or of the Holy Ghost in itself is not sufficient evidence to classify the speaker as one working righteousness. We must then be careful of our motive in doing works.

It is sometimes very difficult to decide whether a prophecy is of God or not - but the deciding factor is whether it glorifies God or it leaning towards human glorification in its emphasis. In works of charity it is sometimes much easier to see a double motive or just Christ. If we should open a Hospital as a

work of God it would have to be dedicated to the poor who have no money to pay for their care and if it must be financially profitable then it could not be of God. To be of God it would have to be absolutely of faith. "*Faith without works is dead*", BUT dead works are without faith.

Many Organizations speak of the love of God and the love for the brethren, BUT I find it difficult to believe, because LOVE must have certain works, and they are wasting money on many programs which are not directly involved with the souls of men while some God anointed and God appointed ministries are struggling for financial survival. Satan uses this as a temptation to God's appointed ministers to go into the money raising schemes.

3. HE THAT SPEAKETH THE TRUTH IN HIS HEART:

The heart is the center of man's spiritual life. It receives ideas and thoughts from outside sources; He receives suggestions, instructions, and temptations from the spirit world, But in his mind, emotions, will, and desires, he, and he alone must make the decision to do or not to do. The decision process within the human being is the heart.

Ecclesiastes 10:2 "A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart is at his left,"

The right hand here is depicted as the hand of the Spirit and the left hand the place of the flesh. A wise man's decisions therefore, is made in the Spirit while a fool's is made in the flesh. No man can lie to others unless he first lies to himself. Self deception is a common human malady. Facing up to the truth in one's own heart is in itself a cleansing of the Holy Spirit. It is not of man to search his own heart, but this only becomes possible through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

This word suggests that God is the only one who knows the heart and understands the workings thereof. Finally, the truth in ones heart brings enlightenment to the whole being and truly liberates the whole person. Anyone who is free, cannot take his brother prisoner.

4. HE THAT BACKBITETH NOT WITH HIS TONGUE:

Early in my Christian walk I discovered that God hated backbiting very, very much. His expressions to me concerning this and His rebuke of me when

I enter into it is so severe that I had to begin to seek into it what it really did. In my search I discovered an amazing and almost unbelievable situation:

In the human realm demons have little or no authority. Their only authority comes from human beings. They have no life or energy unless they receive it from the source of all energy which is God. They cannot face God, because His light and His glory is too much for them; they cannot return to heaven, therefore, they must receive their sustenance by tempting humans to submit to them, then feeding upon the energy and using the authority of man. The more authority one has the more they will get if you submit to them; the more energy one has the more they will get if you submit to them.

Whenever one submits to a demon or devil through lust or evil desires, then that person can be used of that devil to do his devilish work. Thus whether the person be a believer or not, he or she temporarily joins the hosts of hell and becomes a pawn in their hands to do their work. Before I proceed, let me give you scriptures to prove that Christians do work in the church as demons:

1 Timothy 3:11 “Even so must their wives be grave, not **slanderers**” (Gr. diabolous = Devil – used for Satan himself) “sober, faithful in all things.”

2 Timothy 3:3 “Without natural affection, implacable, **slanderers** ...” (Gr. diaboloi = Devil)-----

Titus 2:3 “The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not **false accusers**,” (Gr. diabolous) “not given to much wine, teachers of good things.”

This evil is widespread in the church. I find brethren involved so much in backbiting that they do not know that they are backbiting. They will approach you and say let us pray for brother so and so and before you know you are listening to all his business.

I FIND SOME BRETHREN SO INQUISITIVE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLES BUSINESS that they go to lengths to find out all they can about one another.

KNOWING ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER involves you legally from God’s point of view. God does not tell people about other people’s faults unless He knows that that person will lay down his life for the other. Any word which comes in the spirit and it puts down another is not of God.

THERE ARE SLANDERING SPIRITS WORKING IN OUR MIDST. We can drive them away by obeying the word of God. If there is anything told you about a brother or sister, then you have to try to help that person and never cover up for the person who tells you. “Now I am going to tell you something, but don’t tell anyone.” Your answer to that is please do not tell me; If you listen then you become a bond slave of the spirits that tell.

I KNOW MINISTRIES WHICH GO FROM PLACE TO PLACE with the intention of carrying good news, but their intentions are continuously frustrated by demons

which cause them to make trouble everywhere they go. They talk about the brethren and destroy and devour one another.

Devils of lust must find devils of lust in people upon which they feed. "DIABOLOUS" must find diabolous in you to be able to feed on you. When a slanderer or talker of just a good brother or sister being used of the devil is finished with you, you lose your peace and torment takes place of the comforting Spirit of the Holy Ghost. It leaves you weaker and open to attack from other spirits.

Even in reading this word someone will say, Oh, I know who that refers to, but in order to become OVERCOMERS we need the "*Truth in the inward parts.*" Open up and let the light of God shine in. We have been duped by Satan too long, and this is the time when Michael the archangel is casting him out of the temple of God. On page 86 of the "Pattern" we read of the "Abominable Fowls" from Leviticus 11. The first category on that page speaks of the "predators". There are predator spirits that are using men in the church, and before we can deal with this in the church at large we must deal with it in ourselves. **SPEAK THE TRUTH IN OUR HEARTS.**

Matthew 12:34-35 "O generation of vipers, how can ye being evil speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; And an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

Sometimes we wonder why the gift of the Spirit does not work as it ought to. The wrong use of the tongue can be a hindrance to the gift of the Spirit, especially when it is a gift which uses the tongue – Prophecy, Interpretation of tongues, Tongues, Teaching, Preaching, etc. The following scripture bears this point out:

James 3:11 "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"

3:12 "Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh."

I have seen good beautiful ministry gifts corrupted by evil thoughts and evil speaking. In my many years of ministry I have seen many ministries destroyed by listening to the wrong people and talking when they should have been praying. The worst thing that could be done to a preacher is to tell him or her the business of the congregation he visits. In one memorable instance I saw a messenger sent of God to a congregation with a true message - "There is a house dog", said he, "in this congregation, that will bring havoc among you." After the meeting, the very person who should have been corrected by the prophecy, took the prophet aside and showed him someone else as the "house dog."

Like the story of the young prophet and the old prophet, the young prophet was completely deceived. This is the reason why a Prophet is not just

one who prophesies; a teacher is not just one who teaches; a preacher is not just one who preaches; BUT the Prophet is one who attained a certain degree of excellence in God and has been called, trained, tried, commissioned and sent of God; so also in a lesser degree is the teacher and every other God anointed ministry. Men want to go before they are sent – What is the REWARD – nothing but hay, wood and stubble. Men are trading eternal things for trash. What does it profit a man if he should gain all the gold in the world and be a loser with God?

James 3:5-6 “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: So is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”

When a man is saved his tongue should also be saved, for that matter every member of his body should be saved:

Colossians 3:5 “Mortify therefore your members which are on the earth.....”

Romans 8:13 “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

5. HE THAT DOETH NO EVIL TO HIS NEIGHBOR:

This title does not suggest that we could do evil to our enemies but not to our neighbours; what it does suggest is that we should do no evil at all:

Matthew 5:43-44 “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that – hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”

Evil is continuously attacking the believer, and the idea is not so much to punish him or her, but it is to get the Christian to do evil in retaliation. There is no right about revenge. A blow struck in anger cannot be of God or righteousness. The child of God therefore is in a constant battle to keep himself from participating in evil. Devils will see to it that the word gets to you of what someone is saying about you, in order that you may say something against him. We see therefore, that evil is ever present with us and we must be on our double watch in order to overcome in this area.

God gives us a great deal of instructions pertaining to dealing with each other. Of course LOVE is the main ingredient in our human relationship one with another. Nevertheless, sometimes we do hurt those we love, sometimes inadvertently.

On this score, God placed four ordinances in the church (one is controversial). Each of these ordinances is a covenant with one another and with God. It is very important that we have the right relationships first at home and then with our neighbours (Christian brethren as well as sinners), then by these we learn to have too – right relationships with the world at large.

The **ORDINANCE OF COMMUNION** is directly aimed at us making a covenant with each other by the Blood and Body of Jesus Christ. The Blood is the Life which we share and the Body we are. (For further explanation please send for the tape on Communion.) **BAPTISM** is a covenant to follow Jesus in His ministry through His Body; **MARRIAGE** is a covenant with your partner to be one in Him; and **WASHING OF THE SAINT'S FEET**, though controversial it may be, does serve to bring the brethren together in love.

Tapes are available on the Ordinances. Please ask for the ones desired.

6. HE THAT DOES NOT TAKE UP A REPROACH AGAINST HIS NEIGHBOR:

So many times there are so many things said against brethren which are artfully contrived by Satan and his agents to discredit them, and the child of God who is naïve and gullible will believe them or some part of them, thus become a recruit of evil forces. The question is, How do I become a part of evil forces when I am not evil and do not desire to be? Anyone who becomes an accessory to any action before or after it is committed, legally is as guilty as the one committing the act. In some cases the act could not have been carried out without the help of the passive person who merely acquiesced.

Evil spirits cannot of their own accord hurt any human being, but when we give them the authority, then they can in our name do so. To hear a story about a person and to believe it and sometimes be hurt about it, and be upset with the person because of it, without any investigation or approaching the person, is indeed TAKING UP A REPROACH AGAINST OUR NEIGHBOUR.

The word of God declares that we should “*Love thy neighbour as yourself.*” The Apostles asked Jesus to explain who is classified as a ‘neighbour’- In reply Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan – One person passed the wounded man without rendering assistance, but the Samaritan helped him and bound up his wounds. This definition of ‘neighbour’ adds a new understanding to the word – not to take up a reproach against one’s neighbour. It is saying in effect, beware of how you take up a reproach against those who do you good. It is a common experience that those you seek to do the greatest good are sometimes the ones who level the most criticism at you. Out of the abundance of a good heart many times we over-extend ourselves to do good to others. Sometimes our efforts backfire leaving us looking not so good. God is saying to us look carefully at those who are trying to do you good,

and whether they succeed or not do not criticize them, because in so doing you will displease the Lord very much. Some very wise christians are not closely knit with the brethren, because there is yet in our midst the spirit that finds fault and go seeking for faults in those who seem to be walking strongly in the Spirit.

Those of us who read this message and can recognize this spirit in our selves are indeed blessed of the Lord, for this will be the beginning of the casting out of that spirit. The people of God must be completely free of all evil spirit activity soon and very soon. THE evil spirits are PREACHING through some of our brothers and sisters that there is NO EVIL SPIRIT and no DEVIL. They say the Devil is just the Adamic nature in man. Those who SUBSCRIBE TO THIS DOCTRINE ARE NOT HEARING FROM GOD, and we must pray that the Holy Spirit will quickly deal with them to deliver them from the clutches of the enemy before it becomes too late.

THERE ARE DOZENS OF SCRIPTURES WHICH CAN PROVE THIS evil doctrine to be evil, but I must only give you one and I am sure the Holy Spirit will do the rest. When God put Adam and Eve in the Garden there was no Adamic nature; the Adamic nature only came about after man had sinned, nevertheless, the Scripture records that the Devil was in the Garden before the Adamic nature:

Genesis 3:1 "Now the serpent was more subtil and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord had made. And he (Satan) said the to woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

The first step of being free of evil spirit manifestations is to know and acknowledge that there are such manifestations in us.

TO TAKE UP A REPROACH AGAINST ONE'S NEIGHBOUR is an evil spirit manifestation.

