

FIVE KEYS TO VICTORY PT. 2

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

I. Five Keys:

- A. SUBMIT TO GOD.....RESIST THE DEVIL (Part 1)
- B. DRAW NEAR TO GOD (Part Two)
- C. CLEANSE YOUR HANDS...PURIFY YOUR HEARTS (Part 3)

II. DRAW NEAR TO GOD:

A. When we became Born Again Jesus provided the means by which we may Develop an intimate relationship with God The Father:

1. Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

a. **“made us kings and priests unto God”**

(1) Many believers stop with a relationship with Jesus as their Savior

(2) But: Jesus is also the Door, unto The Father: Jn 10:7 & 9

(a) Jesus is the Door the entrance to a intimate relationship with God Our Heavenly Father

(1) Jesus has made us “kings and priests unto God”

(2) James 4:8 instructs us to **“Draw near to God”**Our Father

III. Spiritual keys: how to draw near to God our Father:

A. #1 **HOLINESS**

1. Ps 99:9 For the Lord our God is holy.

2. 1 Peter 1:16 Be ye holy; for I am holy.

a. If we are going to draw near unto God, living a holy life is a must

B. Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness, without which no one**

will see the Lord:

1. We are told to pursue two things as Christians:

- a. “peace with all people
- b. “holiness”

- (1) in a day where believers have gone overboard in seeking prosperity & blessing
- (2) they have forgot that it requires **Holiness in our life**, in order to have the blessing of The Lord rest upon our life
 - (a) If we want to see God move in our life: it requires holiness
 - (b) If we to come into the presence of God: it requires holiness

C. When we become Born Again, we become the Temple of The Spirit of God

1. 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

a. Listen to the instruction in the next verse, now that we have become The Temple of God thru the new birth:

- (1) “ For the **temple of God** (the born again believer) is **holy**, which temple you are.
- (2) Eph 2:21 “in whom the whole building (the born again church) being fitted together, **grows into a holy temple** in the Lord,

(a) **We are to grow in holiness**

(1) 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things are of God,

(a) this does not take place all at once or over night

(b) but as you mature spiritually, you personally grow into a holy Temple

(1) victory over sin manifests in our life

(2) carnality & fleshly habits pass away / out of our life

D. Listen to the **names of the Spirit of God** that dwells in us:

1. **HOLY SPIRIT**: He is called “**HOLY**”

a. Jesus said John 20:22 "Receive the **Holy Spirit**.

2. Rom 1:4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the **Spirit of holiness**, by the resurrection from the dead.

3. Now that we are saved, and have become the temple of the Holy Spirit
We must live a life that is pleasing to Him:

a. Eph 4:30 And **do not grieve** the Holy Spirit of God,

b. Amp Trans: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him]

E. In order to live a holy life we must become spiritual, not religious:

1. **Confess your sin**:

a. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Understand The **Blood of Jesus** makes us holiness & enables us to draw near To God:

a. Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ**.

3. **Develop a life in The Word of God**: it washes & cleanses us

a. Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be **holy** and without blemish.

(1) old things, sin, habits, carnality...things that grieve the Holy Spirit will not pass away from our life, if we do not develop a life in the word

3. **Develop a Prayer Life**, it release God's GRACE which empowers us to live Holy:

a. Heb 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace, (PRAYER)** that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(1) **“GRACE TO HELP”** / DWELL

IV. Spiritual keys: drawing near unto God

A. #2 “**WAIT UPON THE LORD**”

1. Isa 40:31 But those who **wait on the Lord** Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

a. Def **WAIT**: patiently tarry, to wait for, to wait upon

B. When the scriptures speak of waiting upon the Lord, it is not speaking of idleness

1. Rather it is referring to **Seeking God**

a. When we are waiting upon The Lord, Seeking God it is not prayer as usual:

(1) it is a time when we are not petitioning God with prayer requests about our needs, or circumstances, or praying for others

(2) it is not seeking God to do something for you

(3) it is not seeking for things

(4) Rather it is a **SEEKING OF HIM**

2. We go from seeking His **HAND** which release His blessings upon us

a. to seeking God's **FACE**:

(1) Ps 24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who **seek Him**,
Who seek Your face. Selah

(a) Def Face: person, heaviness

(1) those who Seek God's face are seeking Him / His heaviness / glory

(a) one of the words for glory is **kabod**: the weightiness of God

(b) will we be a part of that generation who seeks Him / His face?

(c) Num 6:25 The Lord make **His face shine upon you**, And be gracious to you;

(1) Aren't you tired of only experiencing the hand of God coming out From behind the veil of the holy of holies

(2) will you dare to hunger for Him to the point will you will press into the new and living way Jesus has made available to us: so we may seek & see God's face / Heb 10:20

(3) and experience His heaviness / glory / his face shining upon our life

C. Nothing will transform our life to be like Jesus, more than a hunger to seek God's face:

1. Judg 6:22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face."
23 Then the Lord said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, **you shall not die.**"
24 So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

a. **Gideon** thought that his life was over because he seen the Angel of The Lord Face to face (Jesus)

(1) Spiritual principle in seeking God's face: flesh / old man / Adamic nature
Carnality / sin dies in the presence of God's face & we become like Jesus

b. Moses is another example of spiritual hunger & dying to self, as he sought The face of God:

(1) Ex 33:18 And he said, "Please, show me Your **glory.**"

(2) Note how God relates seeing His glory to His face:

Ex 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see **My face**; for no man shall see Me, and live."

21 And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the Cleft of the rock,

Ex 34:29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that **the skin of his face shone** while he talked with Him.

30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, **the skin of his face shone,**

Ex 34:35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the **skin of Moses' face shone**, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

(3) I want you to know there is still a "**Place by Me**" / the **cleft of the rock**

(a) It is called IN CHRIST

(1) Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.

(b) It is called being seated with Him / Jesus in heavenly places Eph 2:6

(1) that we can come to this day / draw near to The Lord & seek His face

- (2) experience His glory
- (3) and be transformed into His / Jesus image
 - (a) Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- (1) If Moses under an Old Testament Covenant can seek The face Of God & have God's glory rest upon him, to the point he had To wear a veil over his face
- (2) How much more should the Born Again believer, be conformed into The image of Jesus, that when the world looks upon us:
 - (a) **THEY SEE JESUS**

V. Spiritual keys: draw near to The Lord

A. #3 **BE STILL**

1. **Ps 46:10** Be **still**, and know that I am God:
 - a. "**Cease striving** and know that I am God;
 - b. "**Stand silent!** Know that I am God!
 - c. **Let go** of your concerns! Then you will know that I am God.
 - d. "**Desist**, and learn that I am God,
 - e. "**Step out of the traffic!** Take a long, loving look at me,
2. Listen to what Jesus said in the midst of a storm:
 - a. Mark 4:39 **Silence! Be still!**
 - (1) Hush / be quiet: quit complaining, whining, etc.
 - (2) stop everything / get out of the business of life
 - (3) push all you cares aside
 - (a) **Time to Be Still & seek the face of God**
 - (b) and tell Him:
 - (1) All I want is you
 - (2) I cannot go on without your presence in my life
 - (3) show me Your glory
 - (4) just WORSHIP HIM
 - (5) tell Him how much you love Him
 - (6) tell Him how much you need Him
 - (7) tell Him that you cannot & will not go on without His presence
Resting upon your life

VI. James 4:8 Draw near to God and **He will draw near to you**

A. God said / God promises; if we would draw near to Him:

1. **“HE WOULD DRAW NEAR TO YOU”**

a. Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

b. Jer 29:13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 I will be found by you, says the Lord,

B. PLAY SOUND TRACK: CALL OUT HIS NAME