

To Know Him - Prayer and Purity

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READ Philippians 3:10-15 [For my determined purpose is] **that I may know Him**, and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection, and that **I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed to His death...**

Last week shared “Digging for Hidden Treasures.” Our search to know our Bridegroom King – the Prize/Treasure, and how in that process we are purified. How our sin is exposed and we begin to see our sin the way He does, and how covered in filth we really are when we measure it against His Holy standards, according to His Word.

Would like to continue to build on what I shared, in how our prayer and purity go hand in hand. It is impossible to separate the two. The purer our hearts are, the more He allows us to carry His burdens by touching His heart. That our purification process will ultimately lead us to becoming the Bride of Messiah, enabling us to come into full spiritual growth and maturity – into bridal love, through an intimate love relationship with our Bridegroom King Yeshua that can only be developed, nurtured, matured and maintained with a lifestyle of prayer. Prayer is the love language of heaven. It is how He is restoring all things on this earth, with a Bride who has made herself ready, one who will be without spot or wrinkle, one He will be equally yoked, to be used as mighty vessels of intercession, for the King’s purposes to be manifested here on earth, as they are in heaven. But we must be willing to go through the purification process – His way and not ours. If we are not, you may make it to heaven, but you will not be His Bride. To be His Bride, requires living a pure, holy life, as it directly affects our communication with the Lord Yeshua, and whether or not we will fulfill our destinies.

1 Peter 1:15-16 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

READ Matthew 5:23-25 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly...

Revelation 12:10 ...for the accuser of our brethren, who **accused them before our God** day and night

A precious sister in the Lord, wrote me and told me, after sharing with her that prayer and purity go hand in hand – that it was impossible to separate the two, **“that this was so true, but she had never heard anyone say that before and asked if I would share with her more on what the Lord has shown me about intercession.”** Honestly I was a bit surprised by these words. I say that with all humility. I just honestly could not ever see the two being separate. So let’s start with the definition of purity.

DEFINE PURITY: Freedom from foreign or inappropriate elements, anything that contaminates, pollutes, any admixture or modifying addition. Freedom from sin, guilt or evil; it is innocence, chastity, cleanness. The degree to which a color is free from being mixed with other colors, it is careful correctness, **incapable of taint as gold of rust, without moral defects.**

I ask the Lord often, if not more than once a day, please keep purifying my heart so I can touch yours. Keep purifying my heart so I can love you as you deserve. Make my heart pools of liquid transparent gold that I can love you as you deserve, for the purer my heart is, the more I can love you, and I am so far from loving you as you deserve. **I thank Him for the purifying moments. I want them, I ask for them.** I want to be able to touch His heart. I want to know Him and love Him as He deserves, He deserves no less.

The purer our hearts are, the more He allows us to touch His heart. He often touches His children’s heart, so often. He does this because He wants us all to say yes to the Bridal Invite (Matthew 22). He gives us so many opportunities to know Him. Many Christians today say they know Him. **Example:** If someone asked me do you know President Obama, my initial response would be to say yes. But the reality is that I know of Him. But I do not know Him! There is a huge difference. Do I know His personal likings, favorite foods? Do I know Him well enough to have a phone call with Him or invite Him to my house or He to invite me to His house? The answer is NO!

That is how it is in the Church today and what most Christians’ walks are like. They don’t really know the Lord Yeshua.

They know of Him, and they don't even realize the huge difference. It is sad and breaks the Lord's heart! They don't take the time to know Him, and He is much more available and accessible than any head of state or public dignitary! We as His Church have no excuse, none. It is our choice how well we get to know our Lord Yeshua, our Father, our Bridegroom. He is willing to reveal Himself as much as we want, but He has requirements. He has high and holy standards that He is not going to lower to meet our low life, or our idea of who we think He is, or how we think He should respond to us.

So He touches our hearts so often, beckoning us, wooing us back to truth, intimacy, purity and holiness. Usually, through the relationships in our lives – there is no greater way to be purified than by our loved ones, by those we have the most expectations of – those who should love us the most on this earth, but often fail to do so. It will always be our choice to go through the process, and it is not easy.

But who He allows to touch His heart is a whole other matter! We see this in Leviticus 21-22. There were high requirements for the priests who could minister to Him in the Holy of Holies. It could not be just anyone. Had to be a priest without blemish, and who had the qualifications.

READ Leviticus 21:16-23 No man of the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a blemish and is disfigured or deformed shall come near [the altar] to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire. He has a blemish; He shall not come near to offer the bread of His God...

Leviticus 22:20 But you shall not offer anything which has a blemish, for **it will not be acceptable for you.**

This prefigures/depicts the Bride of Messiah, who will be without spot or wrinkle. We are called to be kings and priest (**1 Peter 2:9** a royal priesthood, and **Revelation 5:10** kings and priest/decreeing/intercession). The priest's qualifications: only the purest could enter into the Holy of Holies and touch God's heart.

Isaiah 57:15 He is a High and Holy God, Who dwells in a high and holy place, whose name is Holy and who dwells with Him who is of a contrite heart and spirit.

He is not going to just let anyone touch His heart, nor will He give His burdens, or reveal His secrets as to how we can comfort His heart, if He cannot trust us. It is the same principle as with our human relationships. We don't trust just anyone with our most intimate details. This is because we don't want what is most precious to our hearts to be trampled upon and treated with carelessness or recklessness – to be ignored, disregarded. It is the same with the Lord, but even more so!

Psalms 24:3-4 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully.

It is with clean hands and a pure heart that we must come before Him, if we are to know Him and to pray His heart, so that we can comfort Him. This is the requirement if we are to co-partner with the King of Glory, calling into existence things here on earth that exist in the heavens, causing heaven and earth to collide, causing His Kingdom to come, and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. To hasten our Bridegrooms return. His Bride will settle for nothing less than to be found without spot or wrinkle, and she will go to every measure to make herself ready for her Bridegroom.

Our Bridegroom will have only a Bride that is passionately in love with Him alone. She will share Him with NO OTHER! Nothing else will satisfy her. Last time we asked the hard question: are we willing to become such peculiar creatures by the world's standards? We say yes, but our actions show if we do or not. **These are choices of obedience that will either move us deeper in Him or keep us right where we are at – we decide.**

Our lives must be saturated in prayer. It is what starts the Bridal process, along with a heart that wants truth. It is how we will know His heart. It is after much time in prayer that our hard hearts become softer. We are willing to yield to His correction, His discipline, His purification process. ***A divine love trap is set, and the deeper one goes into His love, the more you want it and you soon find that you can settle for nothing less than union with Him – this is not automatic at our new birth.***

Intercession requires us to come before Him, empty of self, without our agendas, and to be selfless, sacrificial, and wanting His burdens. It **requires we must come before Him in purity.** His Bride will be pure. She will not compromise His purity with mixture. **The Body of Messiah is full of mixture, filth and compromise.**

Lord personally spoke this to me in August 27, 2010. My own Bridal Invite came when the Lord asked...

“Will you come be My Bride?” Yes, Lord. “There is a high price, it is costly.” I said, “Yes, Lord, I don’t care what it cost me, You are worth everything.”

The Lord then started speaking to me about the Church, saying. **“How filthy she was. How so few will be His Bride as His Bride will be without spot or wrinkle. How they think they can mingle the Holy with their filth. I AM the Holy One who sits in the highest heavens and I can only mingle with the pure.”**

This is why you hear me say it often and can never emphasize enough, that it will cost one everything, if they are to become the Bride of Messiah. There is much misunderstanding about what God requires, and what costing us everything really means (**Luke 14:26, 27, 33**). His Bride will suffer greatly, but she trusts His ways are perfect and she will live a sacrificial life, becoming perfected in love, and following the Lamb wherever He leads.

Intercession not only requires us to come before Him in purity, but in humility, intimacy and obedience. With a heart longing to sit at the Bridegroom’s feet, with an undivided heart, aching to please Him. Whatever He wants, she wants – no matter the cost, out of her lovesick obedience to Him, knowing He requires her absolute and explicit obedience.

The Bridal call will only come through much prayer, fasting, and knowing the Word. Why it is so important to read and study the Word, and to have a disciplined prayer life, meaning one that includes both prayer *and* fasting.

I am trying to paint a picture for you. Once in this Bridal position – that speaks of an intimate bridal love relationship with Him, the Lord Yeshua will start to share His hidden secrets. He will be able to share with these broken, purified vessels His heart, His burdens. These pure vessels will have been refined 7 times over. They are the crucified ones that have gone through the fiery trials of affliction and have come out pure gold – molded, shaped, formed, conformed into His very nature, who have become His flames of burning love that will destroy all evil – displaying His excellencies in her and through her, in both realms.

Nothing would please the Bride more than to pray His burdens. It is not easy and often difficult. His burdens will crush our hearts if He does not enlarge our hearts to carry them. They can only be enlarged through the process of surrender, purification, intimacy; we must be clothed and robed in His humility and meekness, so He can reveal Himself to us, and then we can reveal Him to whomever He puts in our path. We need to be vessels where His liquid love flows out of us so strongly, restoring, redeeming, reconciling, and retrieving the lost treasures. These are the lives, souls and destinies that need to come back to the Bridegroom’s bosom! We are to set the captives free, so that the blind can see, the deaf can hear, the lame can walk and the dead can be resurrected, all for His glory. This must happen, for the Lamb to receive the reward of His suffering in the fullest measure from all nations as His rightful inheritance (Psalm 2:8). Thus, God’s eternal purposes are fulfilled, here on this earth, as it is in heaven. One eternal purpose is that the Son of Man will have a Bride, who is equally yoked to Him in word, thought and deed, and who will rule and reign with Him over all of creation, for all of eternity.

None of us are perfected in His love yet, but some of us are more so than others. Most have no idea how much this world influences their day-to-day decisions. Or how far this dark world currently is from His Kingdom and plans for us. The Lord Yeshua never compromised. He never let the world influence His decisions or teaching. He did the exact opposite. He used their false belief systems to show truth. He was persecuted often for this, and mostly from those in positions of authority, eventually to the point of death. He pointed out their hypocrisy. He was hated for His Truth and Purity. So will we be hated, if we choose to accept His Bridal invite, and some will be martyred over it, as we saw in Matthew 22:6.

2 Timothy 3:12 ...and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

We saw that the bridal invitation was a hard message. It meant being willing to give up everything: all human wealth (according to the specific call of the Lord on each bride), ambition, desires (apart from desires that sprang from His heart, and those which He is pleased to grant us), and intellect (but still using our minds for His Kingdom) to qualify for the invitation, and one had to be dressed in the right “clothing.” These are the Wedding garments that we have spoken about much in these teachings.

Time is running out. We must pray and seek His face like never before, while He can still be found.

Isaiah 55:6-8 *Seek, inquire for, and require the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake His way and the unrighteous man His thoughts; and let Him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, and mercy for Him, and to our God, for He will multiply to Him His abundant pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.*

The Church has mistakenly decided that our thoughts are His, and that our ways are higher. We must return to purity, with no more mixture. *Our thoughts and ways have led us so far from His truth.* His truth will be found in the deep place of prayer. You will be changed forever, if you choose this path. If not you will settle for the low life/mixture. He wants none to settle for the low life, nor will He ever accept mixture/compromise from His Bride. He has so much more for us than we could ever imagine.

1 Corinthians 2:9 tells us that no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no one's heart can imagine...

This world offers us nothing, yet we cling to it as if it is what sustains us. It feeds our minds, intellect, emotions, flesh, weaknesses, and pride. We tell ourselves, "I deserve this," or "that was not fair," or "I shouldn't have to do such and such."

There is good news. There is a Bridal company of forerunners, whom He has already raised and is raising up. They are coming forth in this hour as never before. He is using these crucified ones that have spent years in the fiery furnace of affliction, being purified, to help the Church to get where she needs to be. He is faithful, and He has a plan. His promises are Yes and Amen, and He alone is faithful to watch over His word to perform it – it will not return back to Him void. He is coming back for a Bride without spot or wrinkle. He's coming back for a glorious Bride who has made herself ready, and who has learned how to dress herself in her wedding garments. **He's not coming back for a sick, weak, broken Bride!** We have our part to do, and in His sovereignty, He has to complete us and baptize us in the fire. He can do anything with a willing, humble, obedient heart. Let's not ever limit our King, because He chooses the least, the most unlikely, most unqualified, the weakest of the weak, and the most despised to cause His power to be brought to perfection, and to cause His name to be glorified.

CLOSING: If I can try to summarize and I hope encourage you, let me say this. The Lord Yeshua's goal is to form us into pure golden vessels of noble use – profitable for the Master, ready for any good work. We must be ones who are willing to allow Him to purify our hearts/lives, all to qualify us to become His Overcomer Bride. So few are willing to go through the fiery trials of affliction. So few are willing to be corrected and this is why there are so few whom He allows to touch His heart. One must be pure and live a pure, holy, highly consecrated lifestyle unto the Lord. It is not easy, and I will say again, it is often painful and quite ugly as we go through this purifying process, when we see the reality of how He sees our lives, choices, sin, but it will be to so worth it. Because to know Him is everything, and all that we could ever need or desire is found in Him. **Paul had this understanding and burning desire as we read in Philippians 3:10-15.**

Our Bridegroom King is coming back for a Wedding and a War. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is just the beginning of ruling and reigning in the 1,000 year Millennium Reign (**Revelation 19:7-9**). It is a hard time right now for those in the fiery trial of preparation, but a very exciting time for those who of us who have made the choice to surrender all. Any affliction we have or are facing now will pale in comparison, when we stand with our Bridegroom in that final hour. When we appear with our conquering King, we will partner with Him to destroy all evil and to set the captives free and co-partnering with Him in restoring righteousness on the earth. **He will have a remnant that He can work through, establishing His rule and kingdom here on earth.**

If you want this, I encourage you to ask Him to put a raging burning love for His Word into your heart. To help you to know how to pray, how to comfort His heart, asking for His burdens, and to give you travail for our nation and for the Church. Keep asking Him to purify you that you can be all that He created you to be, **and embrace those times of purification.** Only out of His highest love does He allow them to come into our life (**Revelation 3:19** speaks of "only those I love.") This is so we can be like Him and can be walking, breathing examples of His liquid love that destroys all evil. For no evil can stand in the presence of His pure love; it must flee – it has no choice. The highest ministry His Bride will walk in is His ministry of Love!

If you are pursuing the Lord Yeshua, and you are facing fiery trials, whatever they may be, I want to encourage you. It is all good! It means He is preparing you to rule and reign with Him. You are a priceless, rare gem to your Beloved Bridegroom, our King Yeshua. You have infinite worth and value to Him and His kingdom. If you keep saying yes, whatever it may cost, you will come out gold, refined by His fire (**Isaiah 48:10**). **But time is short, so don't get discouraged,** but keep pressing in like never before. If you continue to hearken His voice, I promise you, He will not disappoint you!

Don't settle for less, nor let the enemy steal from you anymore, the high call on your life. The enemy is trying to prevent you from knowing Him in word, thought and deed, and to prevent you from ruling and reigning with Him for all of eternity.

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