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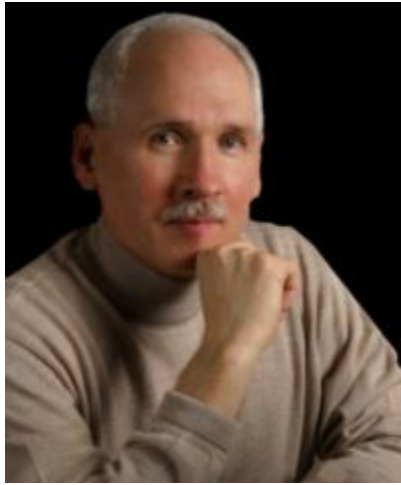
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The Complete Prayer Guide

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How much do you know about the change that needs to take place inside of you? Did you know that Satan etched his philosophy in the mind and that these scars are the wounds of the soul? Just like a scar on your arm or your leg is a lingering sign of injury, the scars on your soul are the lingering signs of the injury Satan inflicted upon you.

Every injury carries a memory that produced a thought pattern. The injury hurt so much you were determined not to experience that again. So now your thought patterns are about shielding yourself from more injury. God's plan is to heal your soul of these afflictive scars.

You might also think of your soul as a house and Satan as an arsonist. He set fire to your house and when you come into covenant with God, the Holy Spirit puts the fire out and begins the work of restoring and rebuilding your house. We can see why Satan resists tongues with his lie that it is not for you, thereby sealing your lips. He does not want the healing to begin.

In this guide to prayer you'll see why God trains you on two fronts:

- 1) To establish your need for the tool of tongues and how to use it.
- 2) To establish prayer and your contact with God (relationship) from the perspective of the new covenant.

This prayer guide is not meant to guide you into the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is meant for those who are already baptized of the Spirit and therefore pray in tongues. Read the free pdf ["The Seal of the Spirit"](#) to learn more about the 4 steps to come into covenant with God and how God seals your faith with the Holy Spirit.

Your concept of prayer changes as your mind is renewed to the covenant of Jesus Christ. If you are new to covenant faith, I recommend using the Priesthood Log and Notebook (included in this Prayer Guide). It will help you keep track of the tools of the covenant you are using and the grace of God you are receiving. You'll see the results of your prayers daily as you draw from the spiritual sacrifices you've offered to God, the chapters you've read in the Bible, the lessons you've studied, and the elements of the gospel you've reflected upon during the day.

In this Prayer Guide, you'll not only know how and why God wants you to pray, but learn the bad habits of prayer God is addressing for healing. We are in the season of transition for the church and God is breaking the idols of prayer that kept His saints hostage to false promises. God wants to free your faith to Him.

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The Spirit Must Effect the Change

When you come into covenant with God, you have many of the same questions that you had before covenant. Your questions stem from wanting to see change. How can God change me? How can I be the person God wants me to be? How can I use the gifts of God powerfully? How do I pray in the right way? How do I pray with great faith?

The first thing God does when you come into covenant with Him is to prepare you with knowledge. Knowledge gives wisdom to faith in that knowledge directs your steps. You begin by studying the 12 elements of the gospel. These are your foundation blocks. You're learning to observe Jesus in each block, from grace to the renewing of the mind, God is preparing truth in your heart to express Him.

You learn to use the first tool God gave you—the tool of tongues. You learn to observe Jesus in this tool. God separated you from the world unto Himself (sanctification) by baptizing you in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is there to effect a change.

This is the primary purpose of your union with God—for this change to take place. Your thinking changes from Satan's lie to God's truth, from Satan's perspective to God's perspective, from the expectation of Satan's promise to the expectation of God's promise by covenant.

Your faith changes. Faith used to be fueled by aspiration and now its fueled by grace. Satan's lie had developed a thought pattern that revolves around what you think about yourself, what you think about the world, and what you think about God, and how you expect to obtain your peace by these duplicitous philosophies. These thought patterns begin to change as we accept God's knowledge and begin to pray in tongues according to His will. And as your thoughts change, so do your prayers.

The little children of the faith are not very skillful in the knowledge of Christ and not very skillful in the tool of tongues, so at the beginning, it's understandable that your prayers are still very self centered.

As you begin to study the 12 elements of the gospel in the courses provided for you and God opens up your understanding and you begin to see how Jesus is the design of each element, pray that the Lord will continue to reveal Himself to you and help you observe Him.

There's a shift taking place. Before covenant, a person approaches prayers observing himself, observing what's wrong in the world, observing what seems contrary to God. Now you are observing Christ in each foundation stone and working prayer from the foundation of truth.

The Process of Change is Called Regeneration

We said that the primary purpose of your union with God is for change to take place. The process of this divine change and the fruit of it is called “regeneration” (Titus 3:5¹). God’s goal is to form Christ in you. That’s God’s divine purpose for praying in tongues.

Jesus said, “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15:8) God determined to know us by the fruit He would form within us by the work of His Spirit, and He determined that we would know Him by this same work of the Spirit.

Just like man digs in the earth for its treasures of gold, silver, diamonds, and precious jewels, so God also expects to draw from our souls the treasures of His kingdom, that fruit of the Spirit Paul wrote about in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, which is the virtue of Christ.

Just as there is a process that takes place for gold, silver, and precious jewels to be formed in the belly of the earth and a process to extract it, there is a process for Christ to be formed in the soul of man. The process begins with the baptism of the Holy Spirit by which you receive the prayer language of tongues.

Prayer (praying in tongues) is called a “tool” of the new covenant and is necessary for all believers to use this tool to touch Jesus so that He might in turn, touch you.

Knowing God’s purpose for the tool of prayer is the fruit bearing of the soul helps to direct your faith with the tool and help direct your thoughts while in prayer.

The Connection Between Tongues and the Work of the Spirit

We’ll now make the connection between praying in tongues and this work of the Spirit by reading Romans 8:26-29. We’ll read the scriptures first and then talk about them.

Romans 8:26-29

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

¹ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

In these verses, the Spirit of God, through Apostle Paul, is instructing the saints about the tool of tongues to help them understand what happens when they pray in tongues. Prayer is one of the nine tools of the new covenant that you use every day to serve God and know God.

As you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit within you searches your heart, examining each chamber of the soul, examining the destructive work done by the enemy within the caverns of your soul, and makes intercession for these infirmities according to the will of God.

What is the will of God? The will of God is to heal your soul of the afflictive fruits of iniquity and create in you the divine nature of Christ. This is the mind of the Spirit and this must be your mind as well. Look at the verses below. We've underlined the word "divine" in two places: the divine power for the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:3-4

³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

A daily transition daily takes place in your soul as the Holy Spirit circumcises your heart, heals your soul, and creates in you the divine nature of Jesus Christ. You need the divine power for the divine nature. That's why you're learning to use the tools of the covenant. I want you to see that although God initiates, authorizes, sanctifies, and empowers your salvation in Jesus Christ, there is a part you play—you respond in faith. You must consent to this work being done in you as God will not bless and benefit your soul with the things of Jesus against your will.

Faith is the exercise of your will to consent to Christ in the presence of His grace. That means, we are to observe Christ in His knowledge and His tools. As the Lord said through Isaiah, "Behold Me! Behold Me!" (Isaiah 65:1)

Faith is the exercise of your will to consent to use the tools God sprinkled with the blood of Jesus for your contact (union) with Him. We behold Jesus in His knowledge and His tools. Your prayer are reflective of this union you now have with God.

There's a part you play. God has called you to co-labor with Him. This is the intimate, living, vibrant relationship with God you were hoping for.

This focus on Jesus might seem backwards to you at first if you've been taught all along that the mind of God was to bring every situation into the orbit of your pleasure... if you've been taught that the mind of God was to work all circumstances towards favorable outcomes.

I'm talking here about resolve—and how the natural man is prone to approach God—from a position of need, using faith in a way that God had not intended—to resolve situations and circumstances—to move these perceived mountains.

You'll notice this more in certain Christian circles than in others, where believers are led to speak against their circumstances, quote scripture about the good things God wants them to have, about who they are in Jesus, and confess what they'd like God to do for them as if they are already in possession of it. This might mean saying you are healed of a sickness or disease before your body shows signs of healing or saying that you have money in the bank before your account actually grows.

The idea behind this damaging and false doctrine is to “create” a reality like God does, believing that the Holy Spirit follows your words (if your faith is strong enough). But that is not the duty of faith now in this second covenant.

That ability to create with the words of your mouth is something God reserved for you in the third covenant when He makes all things new and we are ruling and reigning with Him forever. He will seat each one of us upon the throne of His glory and we will be baptized into Him. Right now He baptized Himself into us for His divine work to take place in you. In the third covenant we will be immersed into Him.

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.” (Revelation 3:21)

So there is a “knowing” that you were created for greater things, a knowing that your thoughts are your word and your word is your oath and your oath serves you. This is the prophetic path in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Oath of God and His Word now gives substance to our souls.

As we serve God with His knowledge and tools, He creates in us His divine nature: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These virtues of Christ are the temperance of the soul and Jesus is the source. That is why Jesus is the will, power, and purpose of God.

The devil is aware that God created you with this deep seated “knowing” of your true potential. He was there when God made the promise to all souls and buried that promise deeply as a seed into the conscience of man. Can you see how the devil can tap into that awareness you have to exploit it?

The serpent suggests that your true potential can be released if you use his powers as a proxy for God's promise. The devil deceptively weaves these three powers—aspiration, principle, and imagination—into scripture to rule over reason.

Seducing spirits lend their power to human aspiration, principle, and imagination. Ministers think that what they feel in that is the anointing, but it is a seducing spirit.

You've now learned why God is smashing the idols of prayer (projection with the imagination) that have stood as strong holds of deception in the church for decades. These idols of prayer brought the faith of many to ruin. The idols of prayer do not reflect the will of God through Jesus Christ.

God is judging the false religious system for perpetrating this error upon His saints and He is calling all believers to flee from these lies, for they are faith in reverse—a reversal of faith where faith is made to serve the creature not the Creator. That is called feigned faith. The idol possesses not life. That is why it is called an idol.

Q. How often should I pray in tongues?

A. You may pray in tongues as often as you like. You can pray in tongues while doing tasks that don't require a lot of concentration, but it's important to carve out specific time in your day for prayer where you enter into your prayer closet.

A good example for us is Jesus. He separated Himself to His Father in prayer for an hour before His crucifixion. Set small prayer goals until you are able to pray an hour in tongues. Start with a prayer goal of 15 minutes and then increase until you can pray for an hour a day as Jesus showed us.

Matthew 26:36-41

³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

³⁷ And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

³⁸ Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

³⁹ And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

⁴⁰ And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Q. What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

A. The Spirit, through Apostle Paul, admonished that we “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), which simply means that we never stop giving ourselves over to prayer. Prayer (praying in tongues) is the most important tool of the new covenant.

Unceasing prayer also points to the eternal value God placed in all Jesus’ spiritual tools. These are the things of God’s library. His library is full of gifts to benefit your faith. His treasures never diminish in value; they don’t lose value, they only increase. Everything God gives to you is on a path of progression. It never ends because the knowledge that God has given you at this present time for your faith continues to increase in the fruit of that value, which will be beneficial in the Father’s heart—the baptism of light.

So that which is taking place in you now in the foundation of your heart will be beneficial for those things which are forever.

The Will of God, not the Will of Man

Notice that the scriptures in Romans chapter 8 that we just read, bear out that the Holy Spirit is making intercession for you according to the will of God—not the will of man. Your perspective changes when you ask, *who* is the will of God rather than what is the will of God for me. The who answers the what.

Jesus is the will and power of God. We build faith from the foundation, from the source. Jesus is the new covenant. The terms of the covenant represent His work in us and through us. That is, to transform the nature of man to reflect the divine nature of Jesus Christ.

As stated early, the daily process of this change is called regeneration and describes the fruit bearing of the soul. Your soul is like a treasure chest and when God sees you, He sees the work of the Spirit in you to form Christ in you. That is the mind of God for you and the Holy Spirit makes intercession for you to fulfill this purpose as you pray in tongues.

This is cemented in your understanding as your habits or prayer change from resolve to faith (observing Jesus Christ in His knowledge and tools).

God’s Strategy for Prayer

Because praying in tongues is oriented to the divine change it is tied into your daily growth cycle (revelation, resistance, and reward). You’ll learn more about the role prayer plays in your growth cycle in the course “[Why Christians Suffer](#)”.

God wants you to know that prayer is not isolated from the covenant and spiritual tools. Praying in tongues is one of the nine tools whereby we touch Jesus to experience the virtues (power) of His grace.

Jesus said, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." (John 15:16). All the saints are called and chosen of God (selected and separated from the world) for the purpose of bearing fruit to God. That is God's purpose for your life. Therefore all saints are called to use the same spiritual tools for fruit bearing.

You can reflect upon the tool of tongues according to God's purpose in Jesus Christ to use this tool with confidence. When you use this tool, the grace of God is released to you.

Just as each of the 12 elements of the gospel are joined together to express the work of Jesus in us, the 9 tools of Jesus' covenant are joined together to form the activity of our faith. Our faith needs to be active with the tools God sanctified for us to be joined to Him.

God put us in this environment of contradiction and darkness to test the choices of our faith to join ourselves to Him for our rest, light of truth and strength of will by each issuance of His grace.

When we pray, it is in the position of the one who is dependent on God, the giver and sustainer of life. We are acknowledging our need for His intervention and wisdom. We are acknowledging that He is our shield (our deliverance, protection, and sufficiency).

As we join ourselves to God through prayer, we know Him through the fruit that is born of these prayers, and we know Him through the edification and comfort and gifts of grace that accompanies prayer.

Q. How can I experience God's power in prayer?

A. God always empowers His will and we share in that power. This is why there's a divine connection between Jesus' knowledge, His spiritual tools, and our agreement to exercise our will to use these tools to express Him.

I want you to take the [Grace Wheel](#) (pg 42) and place it where you can see it when you're working on your Priesthood Log & Notebook (pg 40-41). As you're using the tools of the covenant – praying in tongues, offering spiritual sacrifices to God to testify of Jesus, studying His truth—I want you to notice the 9 operations of God in grace and how you are experiencing this power of God in grace.

To help you make those connections, think about your first experience with the grace of God when you were first illuminated and awakened by the knowledge of Christ and God was drawing you into covenant. Grace while awakening your soul was also...

- drawing faith from your heart... this is the power of God in grace.
- strengthening your will to consent... this is the power of God in grace.
- creating equity and harmony between you and God... this is the power of grace.

-- creating equity in you, between the part of you that thinks and the part of you that feels. Both these warring members of your soul are brought into harmony under the powerful influence of grace.

That power of God was present in His grace when you first came to Christ for salvation. That was grace for salvation... grace UNTO salvation. Now that you are in covenant with God the job of grace changes. Now God uses the same power of grace for growth.... grace UNTO growth.

2 Peter 3:18, “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”

For most, when they come to Jesus they do not come into covenant with God and therefore received no instructions in the doctrine of Christ by the apostles God restored to the church. Their first experience with grace was not a confession of Jesus Christ, to accept His testimony, but a confession of sin.

When not directed by ministers of righteousness, your conversion experience is interpreted by the natural man whose focus is on experiencing an emotional release from a guilty conscience. As confession of sin is made and the person is unburdening themselves of all their wrong doings, it feels good to get this off your conscience, but this isn't the power of grace.

The power of grace initially there to make Jesus known was buried as an emotional power took over. This emotional power made a lasting impression upon the minds of those in the current Christian culture as each came through this door.

From then on, worship services, evangelism services, and revival services had to have this same feel to it. Congregations were worked up into an emotional state and people were driven like cattle to the slaughter to repeat this experience they first had, thinking this is the power of grace.

The reason for God putting a stop to singing services and revival services is to give you a break from the constant bombardment of your emotions. You won't be able to taste the true grace of God until you break this spiritual addiction to this other manifestation.

So, back to our question, How can I experience God's power in prayer? You're learning to acquaint yourself with the power of God in grace for the first time and how God planned for you to experience His power in grace every time you use Jesus' tools. There's a transference going on in that and it's that simple. God couldn't have made it simpler for you to experience His power every day.

Praying in Our Own Understanding

Now, just because praying in tongues is the primary tool of the new covenant for regeneration, our prayers are not *exclusively* in tongues. We are to also pray in our own understanding. I Corinthians 14:15, “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also....”

Paul also wrote in Philippians 4:6, “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.”

Prayer through petition is teaching us a form of responsibility in God's kingdom. If God can trust us to follow through with the little things (to not exploit prayer for our own gain), He can then trust us with greater things (to rule with Him in the third covenant). God is nurturing our willful participation through prayer and strengthening our will through grace by each choice of faith we make to choose Him over our aspiration. As Jesus said, “Do you love me more than these?”²

God desires us to petition Him for our everyday needs. Yet this does not mean that our confidence lies in the fact that we have brought out before God every possible detail of every possible situation and circumstance or that we have fully disclosed every emotion and feeling. As you pray in tongues, the Spirit will make intercession. Nothing is left unsaid or undone.

Q. Do I pray until I feel a release?

A. This ties into what we had said earlier, that God is addressing the habit of the natural man to pour himself out to God emotionally. This means that many pray until they feel an emotional “release” and at that moment, they feel they have “broken through” to God—you’ve fought your way past the demonic ghouls of darkness who are trying to steal your blessings from you—and having defeated them, you made it into the courts of God.

This Hollywood-ish interpretation of prayer feels good because you can feel the release of the God-Code when it is joined to the flesh, you can feel the agreeing bond between aspiration, principle, and imagination, and it’s intoxicating, but it isn’t God. It is a deceitful lust.³

- The aspiration stands in place of grace—that’s lustful.
- Your principle stands in place of truth and your imagination stands in place of the covenant—that’s deceitful.

² John 21:16, “He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.”

³ Ephesians 4:22, “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Many times we'll hear ministers proclaim that when God corrects His people, He does it gently, with great kindness and understanding. And while that is true, God is a jealous God and He also corrects those who resist His will with words of reproof.

Exodus 34:14, "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

When God observes what is going on in the modern Christian culture He says: When I observe these things, when I see that you are rejoicing in the philosophy of this world and not faith in my covenant, it creates an offence –you are transferring your affections to another god and abusing my love towards you.

When you abuse my love towards you, that means that you're consenting to another power, and when you're consenting to this power called the principalities and powers of the air, you're consenting to Satan's counsel for which I cast him out.

If I cast him out, why are you inviting him into your house? If I cast him out of my house in the heavens why are you inviting him into the house of your own soul? Why are you dinning upon the spoilage of his wisdom?

The wisdom of Satan is spoilage; it's foolishness with God. So He says, "I am a jealous God." As we observe the Lord breaking these old bonds and familiar habits, we can consider again the importance of listening to and heeding to God's true apostolic stewards.

We are not teaching you the old habits of the flesh, but the habits of the new covenant of Jesus Christ. As you learn and experience more about the power of God in His grace you'll put some distance between you and those exploitative traps of the devil.

Q. Do I wait upon the Lord in prayer?

A. A strange thing happens when prayer is not put within the context of the new covenant. First of all, as we've already learned, there's an addiction to our emotions that is being fed and filtered through scripture to speak for God. That's a powerful addiction God is addressing for healing.

Under that same deceitful lust, it feels right to wait in silence before the Lord in prayer to hear what He has to say. This voice will always speak to you in the voice of your own emotions, feelings, concerns, speaking peaceful words about your anxiety and fretfulness, speaking powerful words against the hordes of darkness.

This is not the voice of God, but rather giving voice to the aspiration, principle, and imagination that's been nurtured during prayer. So, this habit is being broken.

Let's learn what the word "wait" means from God's perspective. The word "wait" has to do with service. We serve God at the altar of Christ, offering spiritual sacrifices to confirm Him. This is what it means to wait upon the Lord. You'll notice that as you serve the Lord, reciprocating to Him the knowledge of Christ, which the Spirit enters into – you're partaking of His grace.

Take another look at the Grace Wheel. I want you to observe your experience with the 9 operations of God in grace. You experience God's power in grace every time you use Jesus' tools. This is your strength. Now we can understand Isaiah 40:32, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

The Spirit of God is not given to you to form your prayers in your own understanding, this is what you do. The Spirit is given to make intercession in tongues.

Knowing what part you play and what part the Holy Spirit plays is vital if you are to keep from getting caught up in the mind games the devil invented about prayer. You might have heard some believers say that during prayer the Holy Spirit will drop a name into their mind and a word concerning a circumstance.

We are not talking about words of knowledge or words of wisdom (the gifts of the Spirit). We are talking about presumptuous prayers. This problem happens when prayer is broken off from the Godhead. Meaning, a believer is not building faith from the foundation stones of knowledge. They skipped that part and made straight for the scriptures to see what the Bible says about their pressing circumstance, their needs, desires, and problems.

They've presumed the Bible to be speaking about them rather than the scriptures pointing to Jesus Christ. It's so important to first build the foundation of truth in your heart before you take off with the tool of prayer.

When praying in the Spirit God *wants* you to make intercession for others. So you don't have to wait to be led to pray for someone. Believers who do this have approached truth in the same way, they're waiting to be led of the Spirit to know what to believe. They assume this is how they get "divine inspiration".

This is backwards to the way God planned for you to receive truth through His apostles. The power of the Spirit is present as the witness to Christ in His truth (His record). We've already talked about the 9 operations of God in grace to give substance to your hope. God's truth is already empowered by the Spirit. Grace and truth work hand in hand just as the record and the witness work hand in hand.

When not in covenant with God and not prophesying by the anointing, people like to prove that their prayers are connected to God by getting some secret about you that only you and God know. These secrets are common to man. They might say that they got a word for you about what you are going through and speak kindly to you in a very general way about how God knows how you feel, how good God is, how all knowing God is. The voice of the imagination is again speaking in the voice of God. The spirit of this world is manifesting a deceitful lust.

Make your request known to God, and then make intercession in the Spirit concerning that request, offer your spiritual sacrifices of prophecy to reflect Christ and let the results lie with God. Reflect on the covenant and have confidence in Christ as your mediator.

Praying in Jesus' Name

What does it mean to pray in Jesus name? Does it mean to say “I pray this in Jesus’ name” after each petition offered to God as if you are authorized to sign blank checks in His name? No. To pray in Jesus’ name means that our prayers are in recognition of the One to whom God gave the authority over life and death—Jesus Christ. Your conscience must reflect Him!

Jesus is the name God gave to Himself when He came into this dimension to purchase our salvation with His own blood. When God appeared to Moses, He assigned Himself the name “I AM” to identify Himself as the God of the first covenant. He was not yet known as Jesus. (Exodus 3:14)

When God appeared to Abraham, He assigned Himself the name “ALMIGHTY” to identify Himself as the God establishing a covenant to call out a people to Himself. He was not yet known as Jesus (Genesis 17:1)

When we speak of the name of Jesus, we are addressing God through the covenant Jesus purchased with His blood. The name of God that is associated with the new covenant is Jesus. This means that we are recognizing that God provided Jesus as the mediator of the covenant and door to His kingdom. We gain entrance through Him, not Moses.

All power and authority is given to Jesus, as He said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18)

We need to give “power” and “authority” some context so we will know how we are to apply that to faith; otherwise, the logic of man will take the words of God and put it into the form of his present experience.

When Adam heeded Satan's counsel in the garden, he transgressed God's word to him. Adam accepted Satan's perspective as his own, which was less than God. God calls all things that is less than Himself "shame", for it reflects Satan and God assigned death to consume the works of Satan as a testimony against him.

God placed a judgment of death upon Satan, his kingdom, his knowledge, and his image. Adam had come "short" of the glory of God in that he had accepted that which was less than light to be his light. As the Holy Spirit brings out, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

In other words, Satan's words of promise, his false knowledge industry, the fruits of iniquity he creates in the soul, are less than God. We were all born of our father Adam into this shame, which God labeled sin to help us identify that kingdom.

Sin is that kingdom of darkness where man's mind is ruled by Satan's perspective and his soul bears that image. So then, the human race—the soul of man—reflected Satan's image by knowledge and by fruit. We were born into this world needing to be redeemed back to God for our washing and cleansing.

Jesus shed His blood to provide a covenant in Himself to engraft His image and likeness within our soul, to return us to God. By covenant we are brought back into harmony with God and have peace with God. God engrafs His Holy Spirit within us (baptism of the Holy Spirit) to take ownership of our soul and to give us a token of Himself, that our soul might reflect the likeness of Christ.

We are given the 12 elements of the gospel as a foundation of knowledge that is placed within our heart through apostolic instruction that the likeness of Jesus might be seen within our soul in this frame of knowledge.

Jesus stands at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. Meaning, He's mediating the terms of the covenant as we use His knowledge and tools. Those are God's terms. Your faith must be joined to Him through the things He assigned in Jesus' name.

Every time you use His knowledge to build His kingdom—Jesus' name is inscribed in the knowledge and in your heart—your faith is authentic because it represents Jesus perfectly. God calls you righteous because you are meeting His expectation, which is to allow Jesus to qualify your faith before the throne of God through the things His blood provided. Jesus makes you worthy and Jesus is seen in your faith, thus making your faith acceptable to God.

That being true, then every time you use His spiritual tools to express Him—His name is inscribed in the tool and in your heart—your faith is perfect, it represents Jesus perfectly. These are not "rules" you have to keep, these are the terms of the covenant

God swore to and will not repent (turn back from). This is the very bedrock of a living and personal relationship with God.

Describing Jesus' name according to His covenant knowledge and tools is not "empty theology"—it is the way God's kingdom works. Jesus reflects the conscience of God perfectly and by His knowledge and tools, He cleanses our conscience. Our faith is a mirror image of Jesus who is perfect and holy. God authorized Him to represent our conscience before His throne.

These are not just words to fill up paper. Think about it, when your faith does not reflect Jesus, everything goes wrong and your mind starts to work to make things right again. Satan is seen as a bully, standing in the way of your blessings which you just can't seem to reach. In a way, this is Satan's doing in that all false knowledge reflects his independence from God, but it is also the fault of the believer who departs from the prophetic path, the way of covenant, to make his own way to God.

That believer will always be fighting against the shadows. Anything that looks contrary to the way he imagines God to be is the enemy. Don't spend your time shadow boxing, which is really fighting with yourself.

Did you claim Jesus as your Lord by rote (by just saying, "I accept Jesus as the Lord of my life"), as if Jesus being the Lord of your life is something that He confers onto you or that you confer onto Him without having used His covenant knowledge and tools?

When identifying Himself to Israel God said, "I am the Lord your God." Whenever He said that He is first of all establishing the supremacy of His position as Master saying, Being your Master, I'm your point of contact and tether for your salvation—I AM the Lord thy God. I brought you out of Egypt. It wasn't by chance or by the power of the Watchers—the gods of Egypt, or by the will of man. It was by the will of God.

This is what I am going to oversee for your faith. These will be the tokens that will proceed from me. These are the tokens that are going to guide your faith so that when I appear in the form of the flesh you will embrace me and not reject me.

I AM the Lord your God. I am the Master and tether of your salvation. By these things I will reveal myself to you. And Jesus is now our Lord and Master, the tether of our salvation. He brought us out of the kingdom of darkness and gave us a frame of knowledge and tokens of Himself to guide our faith so that we might embrace Him.

Our faith has to stay in line with all that God provided for us in covenant through Jesus Christ by remaining active with the things God sanctified in Christ for our separation unto Him.

Q. How do I pray in line with God's Word?

A. This question is asked most often by believers who are trying to move the Spirit. So, they're trying to think in line with the Spirit in order to move the Spirit. Nothing can be further from the truth. Jesus is the Word of God.⁴ God loves you so much He gave you a pattern of knowledge to follow that He might save, deliver, and heal your soul. The elements of the gospel give you the necessary foundation of understanding who Christ is and who you are in Him.

The elements of the gospel are the instruction manual to know God. God made a way to share His mind so that we would take on His perspective. When a believer does not follow the pattern of truth, his whole Christian experience drastically changes to that of pursuing truth, pursuing holiness, pursuing the very things God wants you to have and their prayers follow these rabbit trails.

God designed the elements to show us His relationship with us in simple terms. God initiates, He takes the first step and we respond. That means that there is a part we play. We desire strong faith, God's justification, the virtue of holiness, God's pure truth; we desire to hear God's voice, to enter into His rest, and to experience the divine nature formed within; we desire to be strong in spiritual warfare, to be overcomers, and to be used of God to be a blessing for others.

God set the pattern for this experience in Jesus Christ to thus set the terms of our contact with Him, that He might be our source for these things. We cannot have these things apart from Him, but rather these things are granted to us by remaining joined to Him.

Do Your Prayers Reflect That Which is Less Than God?

All that is less than God (those who protest His plan) are removed from Him to share Satan's rewards—everlasting separation from God in the lake of fire. So, Jesus joins us to Himself to make us equal with God (as He is)⁵, to remove from us the wrath of God.

Did you know that every creation of God is overseen by His hosts of angels? God placed angels over the animal kingdom, over the reptilian kingdom, over every living thing to

⁴ John 1:1,14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

⁵ John 10:33-36, "The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

tether them to God. Angels are God’s messengers. These angels take on the image of that which God had given them authority to govern.

But God made man after His own image and likeness, which Adam lost when he accepted Satan’s counsel. The second Adam, Jesus Christ restored us to the likeness of God. He stands before the throne of God to represent us, not as an angel, but as the Son of God, the firstborn among many brethren. We are as He is in heaven. We reflect His likeness here on earth. As Jesus said, “Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.” (Matthew 18:19)

In the beginning, God established Himself as the authority and Oath of all creation—all creation follows the Word of His Oath—man alone, by choice of will stands apart(having established his own oath to govern himself) and must, through means of salvation, again attain the likeness of God by submission to grace.

The knowledge, covenant tools, and priesthood that were established in Jesus in heaven before the worlds were formed are loosed for men to use on earth. Peace on earth, good will towards man.

Matthew 16:19

“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

We’ve underlined the words “bind on earth” “bound in heaven” and “loose on earth” and “loosed in heaven”. Do you see the divine reciprocation going on? The tools you use on earth reflect the One in heaven who has authorized them for you by His blood.

As God addresses for healing the fruits of iniquity that were formed in your soul before conversion, you’ll experience those powers being bound or restricted. You’re able to discern how they used to work upon your soul and how the law of grace and truth provides you a new experience in Christ.

Your soul is to bear the image and likeness of Jesus so that you are a reflection of Him. When you use His covenant knowledge and tools, then He does represent you as Lord. Jesus is Lord over His framework of truth. He is authorized and sanctified of God to represent you as your advocate.⁶

To pray in Jesus’ name simply means that you are using the spiritual things God sprinkled with His blood to access His grace and take confidence in His mediation for

⁶ 1 John 2:1, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

you. It means that you're living by His law of grace and truth, using His tools to serve God and God is reciprocating to you His mercy, peace, and rest. If you believe this revelation, you will prosper in this.

If you have missed out on the new covenant you've missed out on everything Jesus purchased for you by His blood and are most likely following an instruction manual for prayer that focuses on all that is wrong and broken in your life, claiming Jesus as the answer.

Your prayer instructions might look like this:

How to pray for your enemies

How to pray effectively

How to pray powerfully

How to pray for increase

How to pray to get what you need from God

How to pray in God's will

How to take authority over your thoughts

How to take authority over your city, state, country

What is the prayer of unbelief

What is the prayer of faith

This go-to prayer tool kit might look somewhat impressive to the carnal mind. But its missing a vital element—the covenant. When missing out on the covenant you are prone to approach God to loosen the blessings you think are kept back from you, thinking they are bound by the devil. This is very far from the truth and is the reason behind very bad spiritual warfare.

Satan's only power is to deceive by false knowledge (as he did to Adam). The blessing is Jesus Christ. He was concealed in heaven, made known on earth, shed His blood for the new covenant and now gives us His knowledge, His Holy Spirit, and tools as His life. The common experience of the saints is an increase of His blessing every day, which we testify to through prophecy, "for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy". (Revelation 19:10)

Level One Prophecy is another tool of the new covenant whereas Apostle Paul instructed, "For ye may ALL prophesy one by one, that ALL may learn, and ALL may be comforted." (I Corinthians 14:31)

This prophecy is not the calling into the prophet's office, but that of the priesthood of each believer and it is your sword. All the old testament prophets spoke by the Spirit of Christ in the revelations they received, which had to do with the statutes and precepts and testimonies given to Moses; all these things which were given were for the purpose

of giving us a frame to behold Christ. Jesus was the picture on the canvas which was framed by prophecy.

What we read in the Law of Moses was a revelation of God. God was establishing a frame. Now, what was going to be put within this frame was a picture of Jesus. God was establishing a frame, a form of knowledge, which He called truth, for charity to be seen.

And establishing this frame, He gave precepts, laws, and commandments and a testimony of Himself, which Jesus would testify to. We read that in the gospel of John where Jesus said that He came to fulfill all the Law and the Prophets as Philip, speaking by the Spirit also said, “We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” (John 1:45)

Through the first covenant, God was establishing or framing. This was only for the purpose of containing the true face of the Lord—the painting. To the people under the first covenant, God’s message was clear: If cast away this law you also cast away the image that points to my face when I appear to you in the form of the flesh.

All the prophets, speaking by the Spirit⁷, it was as if they picked up a paint brush and with every stroke of color, the face of God became more clear to them. But they only saw portions of Him until Christ should come to reveal Himself in the fulness of the plan of God as we now see Him face to face.

Meaning, our faith perfectly reflects Him. Jesus gave us a new frame, a new form of knowledge called truth that was not restricted to the Law of Moses that only pointed to Him as the promised Deliverer and Saviour of the world. Every prophet was a stroke of the paint brush that Jesus fulfilled, from His birth, to His miracles and life, to His death and resurrection.

Jesus, speaking by the Spirit, was speaking of those things that are eternal and speaking of Himself saying, “Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up again.” (John 2:19) So, speaking by this same Spirit, all the prophets pointed to this same construction—invisible to the eye, but visible to the understanding.

That shows that their ears were circumcised. Meaning, they could see what the Spirit was speaking, they could hear what the Spirit was speaking, they could understand what the Spirit was speaking—He was speaking of Christ.

⁷ 1 Peter 1:10-11, “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”

And every word of prophecy you speak in your spiritual sacrifices speaks of this mystery. And this is what Apostle Paul brought out in the Spirit when he said that we speak mysteries.⁸ Understanding this foundation which is spiritual you begin to see the construction or new frame that is put upon that new foundation, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

The true picture of Christ will emerge on the canvas of your soul as you continue to partake of His grace. And all believers today are to speak by that same Spirit of grace to testify of Jesus Christ.⁹

When missing out on the new covenant and priesthood, what you don't see is the drive that is pushing faith onto the infamous path of resolve, fatefully tasking faith to resolve the issues of this life (which seems so terribly attractive to the natural man), and this is what you prophesy. Why wouldn't God want me to have a better life? He does! God wants you to have the life of Christ.

You'll want to learn about the 5 facets of the flesh to learn how each component provides a specific drive for the soul that feels like an nagging itch just begging to be scratched.

You need to learn these 5 components of the flesh to separate faith from the flesh. Otherwise words like "power" and "authority" get eaten up by the flesh as fuel. You'd be on your knees claiming a healing in the name of Jesus or claiming the release of funds in the name of Jesus or binding the devil, claiming to stand on the necks of your enemies in the name of Jesus and not discern the wrong direction prayer is taking or how the devil is using your own aspiration (desire to reflect the image of self), principle (to rule by one's own law), and imagination (to create substance for the God-Code) against you.

It feels good to empower the God-Code because all the true potential God hid within the soul to preach to you about Himself, begs to be uncovered! Always remember that the God-Code of the soul (used for self) while it feels good, is not God.

As each component of the flesh is fully explored to expose Satan's traps in regard to that particular imprint upon the soul, you're learning how the Spirit of God will work with you to protect you against yourself, that Satan not use the flesh as a tool to replace grace and truth—which are the true tokens of Christ.

For example, you won't be tricked into thinking that sincerity and transparency and authenticity famously voiced through the moral code (which seems good to the carnal mind) are the same as Jesus' righteousness, justification, holiness, and grace. To

⁸ 1 Corinthians 14:2, "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."

⁹ 2 Corinthians 4:13, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

achieve moral rectitude by saying, “Jesus took my sins so that I might take His place” is not salvation—that’s substitutionism, not the divine exchange.

If you’re reading this and know that you can’t tell the difference between these two kingdoms, that’s ok. This is a great starting point for you. God will help you make this transition. In addition, the stewards of God’s grace... His apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are working together in the same frame of knowledge as His government. Jesus has prepared His government in grace and truth to also assist you.

You’re getting a re-education to Christ. Do you know that many time a minister will talk about “fleshly desires” and you might think, “Oh, I know what that is all about because I know my own weaknesses—those are fleshly desires”, but until you get a chance to study the 5 components of the flesh, those desires and manifestations will always be misinterpreted and for the most part, fly under the radar?

Back to prayer for one final note in this section of the lesson. Prayer, as each of the 9 tools of the covenant, has to be separated unto Jesus Christ to bear His name and authority otherwise it too will be taken over by the flesh and your prayer becomes sin as the Psalmist said (Psalm 109:7).

The Life of Jesus in His New Covenant

Jesus died on the cross that we might live according to the things He supplies in His name by covenant contact. That is what it means when we say that Jesus died for us. He died for our benefit, to give us Himself in His knowledge and tools, to provide a priesthood for the cleansing of our conscience from sin—rather than the continued confession of sin.

When not knowing how the life of Jesus is obtained to sustain the soul in His rest and righteousness, one reads the Bible seeking to give life to the God-Code of the soul. For example, look at how the following scripture is typically interpreted: “Then he [Jesus] called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.” (Luke 9:1).

When not building faith in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, the scripture is turned inward to serve self and comes to mean that we can speak to the circumstance—take authority over it just like Jesus was thought to do. We are led to believe that God wants us to take authority over sickness and disease and take authority over lack.

That means that when we pray, we would expect God to do great exploits on our behalf. If that is what you thought Christianity was all about and what prayer is all about and strong faith and warfare is all about, then you were taught wrong.

Many believers, finding out that the covenant of Jesus Christ is really about the inward work of the Spirit and the exploits of grace, get outright offended and angry. It's understandable that God's true promise in Jesus looks small to the carnal eye that has a mindset on outward exploits and builds with an expectation to achieve abundance by that same limited viewpoint. The natural man has a very limited view of spiritual things.

You might be thinking, Well, if being in covenant with God doesn't get me into the ring to bash the devil, then I want nothing to do with being a Christian. Apostle Paul also had to straighten out the wayward understanding of the saints. It's common to man to take the things of Christ as a means to rule over one's circumstances.

Apostle Paul wrote to redirect faith, saying, "Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you." (I Corinthians 4:8)

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." (Hebrews 6:9)

When the aspiration is offended, when the principle is offended, when the imagination is offended, the natural man responds—he wants to call down fire from heaven. This is what James and John thought Jesus would empower them to do in His name. They asked Jesus, "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" (Luke 9:54)

James and John, thinking naturally, observed obstacles in their path. Hearing Jesus' words they imagined how God's plan should progress and they wanted to be the one to step out in faith. Shall we call down fire from heaven? But Jesus turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." (Luke 9:55)

The same thing is happening in the church today with wayward prayers and prophecy. Believers don't know that they are giving themselves over to an earthly spirit in their prayers and giving utterance to this earthly spirit in prophecy.

Your freewill offerings are prophecy spoken by the anointing, which are the parables of Christ by which we glory in the Lord: the strength of His grace, the light of His truth, and evidence of His mercy.

The anointing is as the breath of the Lord and He's breathing life on this knowledge like pouring water on your houseplant. The righteous do not err from the testimony of Christ, which is our heritage; for our memorial is the house of the Lord. We allow the Lord to continue to give water to our soul.

Jesus is the life of the new covenant. He is the statutes of the Lord that we speak. We prophesy Him. In the old testament the people were to speak the statutes of the Law delivered to them to show that they were in agreement with the covenant God established through Moses.

Deuteronomy 5:1

“And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.”

The new covenant prophecy is the parables of the Lord. We prophesy the wisdom we speak in the mystery of Christ. The Lord’s parables increase your hunger and through this you find your equity. This is what I taste and this is what I speak. The knowledge we hear is the charity we speak. We speak that which we receive—Jesus is the statute of the Lord.

As you learn the value of Christ in each of the elements, you’re also learning God’s new covenant commandments. And you’re learning that the Spirit of God empowers (to make faith living) that which God provided for faith to reflect Jesus. God is teaching us to reciprocate the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is all Jesus, but there is a part we have to play.

Travailing Prayers

Apostle Paul wrote, “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”(Galatians 4:19)

Travailing prayers are prayers in tongues that is brought upon us by the Spirit. A believer cannot initiate travailing prayers, but we can pray fervently in the Spirit. Praying fervently is not travailing prayer.

What is typically seen in revival meetings today is not travailing prayers by the Spirit. It’s the emotions of the human spirit that easily catch fire in a congregation of hungry thirsty souls, catching hold of the embers of fantasy, finance, and the flattery of the aspiration until the whole congregation is aflame with this ungodly fire!

This is exactly what Apostle James spoke of saying, “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!” (James 3:5)

These demons enflame the whole congregation from one person who has been emotionally wounded or one person who becomes excitable and that spirit attracts

everyone to it. Thousands will flock to see it just like they gawk at an accident on the highway as they drive by.

People not only sympathize with what's going on, but they want to resolve the problems presented and become a part of this human wave of emotion. It's hard for ministers who are not in covenant with God to judge and discern manifestations that are not of God because they get caught in the same trap as everyone else. They see people giving themselves over to the impressions of these spirits and they want to get in on it too. They're so starved for the power of God they'll jump on any band wagon.

Ministers of unrighteousness promote this charged atmosphere, playing the part of arsonist to fan the flames of passion once they've started it and then play the part of the fire chief to pretend to lead the congregation into resolve.

Furthermore, groaning and travailing in the Spirit should not be confused with making animal sounds. The Lord chastised the Laughter Movement when it first came out and the Lord continues to guard the church against this pernicious spirit. When you are in covenant and the Spirit of God moves upon you to make intercession in travail you won't give yourself over to making animal sounds or laughter.

These sounds of the beast are equated to Adam's fallen nature as symbolized when God changed Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, from a man into a beast that fed upon the grasses of the field.¹⁰ God said that being less than His light, Adam was no different than a beast¹¹ and that is why God calls the antichrist man THE BEAST¹²!

When travailing in the Spirit, you are not giving birth to God's plan. Meaning, you are not initiating events to unfold God's will. God isn't tasking your faith with that projection of the imagination.

You may or may not know the details about these travailing prayers when the Holy Spirit initiates them, but you can begin to intercede for many people when the travail manifests. What is born of this travail is always a marvelous work of the Spirit.

Sometimes you may receive a word of knowledge, word of wisdom, or vision that you might steward the grace of God for the understanding of the saints. You will gain understanding of travailing prayers as you experience them.

¹⁰ Daniel 4:33, "The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

¹¹ Ecclesiastes 3:19, "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity."

¹² Revelation 13:1, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

Travailing prayer is not crying out to God “Oh God, what is your will for me? Oh God, please move in miracles! Oh God, move the mountains that stand in my way!” Those in covenant know the will of God and walk in His mercy.

Q. What happens when a person prays in tongues outside covenant?

When the devil deceives (misdirects faith), he’s doing it through a counterfeit. Did you know that a person can pray in tongues and sing in tongues and not be in covenant with God?

The foundation of truth was not built in the heart so truth is mixed with error. They didn’t learn how to use the tools of the covenant, so they’re mixing the tools of Moses with the tools of the flesh and some things of Jesus Christ. Their faith reflects this mixture.

So, what happens when they pray in tongues? Their circumcision (entrance into covenant through the seal of the Spirit) has become uncircumcision¹³. Meaning, the Holy Spirit engrafted within the soul is the sign of circumcision in this new covenant. It is the mark of Christ. The Spirit of God is not at work in faith and not at work in the soul when faith is mixed with false knowledge, as it does not reflect Jesus.

Ezra 2:62, “These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.”

Make Your Request Known to God

By now, if you’re thinking that everything about prayer has to come from a covenant perspective, you’re right. Even when making our requests known to God, we’re coming from a covenant perspective.

The Holy Spirit instructs the church through Apostle Paul saying, “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” (Philippians 4:6)

I want you to take notice in this verse how the act of thanksgiving is joined to our petitions, but I don’t want you to think moralistically about what it means to give thanks to God. In other words, don’t think about developing an attitude of gratitude or thankfulness.

Remember that the goodness of morality¹⁴ is not the godliness of Christ’s virtue that is born in the heart through the process of regeneration. To give thanks to God means to

¹³ Romans 2:25, “For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.”

¹⁴ 2 Timothy 3:5, “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

reciprocate to God the knowledge received in the virtue of Christ, to reflect Him. We're again talking about Level One Prophecy, our spiritual sacrifices we offer to God in thanksgiving of His grace, rest, mercy, and peace.

We humble ourselves before God and offer the spiritual sacrifices that He designed for this covenant. Each prophecy testifies that our tethering is no longer to Moses (the priesthood fighting its own weakness and infirmities), but to Jesus Christ (in Him we have rest).

Prayer is About Your Priesthood

Prayer is about your priesthood. We now have a royal priesthood, the priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The stewardship and priesthood is now bonding. We're being bound to the divine nature, not the nature of the flesh.

In I Peter 2:9 we read, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

I Peter 2:5, "You also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Each prayer and supplication made to God is framed by the knowledge, stewardship, tools, and priesthood of the new covenant. Because we're making our petitions known to God from the position of covenant, we're thinking about God's righteous judgments. Did you know that the judgments of God are active within our own lives?

The judgments of God are pure towards us. They continually correct our course and our present thinking. These are the judgments of God. And we take delight in those judgments because the chastening of the Lord is for the purpose of setting us on the path that will continually manifest that work –that likeness – that temperament of faith.

Through each cycle of growth you're maturing in this temperament of faith, you're progressing from little children, to young men, to fathers in the faith. And that's because your mind is being renewed by regeneration. Each experience you gain with God's grace is a transition for your understanding. Understanding follows experience. Thanks be to God for this unspeakable gift in Christ!

By this frame we can apply our heart to understanding (that is, to set order). Now you can set order to the book of Proverbs; now you can begin to understand the words of the prophets; now you can weigh the value of that law, which pointed to the Lord Himself. That's why Jesus said that He fulfilled all things of the law, the psalms, and the

prophets: Those things that were inscribed I fulfilled. The struggle of the state of their conscience, I have brought purification in Myself.

The knowledge of these things, the depth of these things is unfathomable and we offer to God a portion of that. It's like taking a bag of barley from that which was harvested and taking that home to labor with it, to bake a loaf of bread. All the new testament prophets (that's what believers are), testify to the portion they have received and labored with to see Christ. Our spiritual sacrifices are that loaf of bread. We are partaking of the showbread of the Temple of the Lord.

However, if you are harvesting wheat from the fields of false ministers and independent ministers and from those who are broken off from the covenant, what you are offering to God is upon a polluted altar—the knowledge harvested is polluted knowledge. So there is a caution in that. We're in this time of transition where God is bearing that upon the mind. He's not making you feel bad about yourself, but rather redirecting you to the true altar of your faith.

So, make your request known to God with thanksgiving. Meaning, offer up to God spiritual sacrifices to testify of Jesus in your prophecy.

What is Prophetic Prayer?

To clarify, to prophesy *during* prayer is NOT “prophetic prayer”. Again, making sure we are harvesting from the field of our Lord. Prophetic prayer is something done outside of Christ. Believers are taught to prophesy to their circumstances, to speak out loud to the situation what they want to happen or what they want God to do for them.

This type of prophetic praying is not only a waste of time but dangerous, as the Jezebelian spirit is allowed to rule through that utterance. Remember that God equates the spirit of Jezebel to human aspiration.

Learning who Jezebel was, the picture becomes clear. Jezebel was the wife of King Ahab. The Lord said that under Jezebel's influence, he sold himself to his aspiration: “But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.” (1 Kings 21:25)

Jezebel is known for her manipulation. Ahab fell into a deep depression when denied a plot of land for his herb garden. Under her influence, letters were written on the king's stationary, in the king's name, sealed with the king's seal to get the land for the king by deceit. She thus flattered the king's aspiration by manipulation, taking from others to secure her own position.

The soul of man falls into deep depression when denied. Tracing the roots of lack all the way back to the Garden of Eden and our first father, Adam, a false minister focuses the gospel on getting back what Adam lost. But he's not presenting the covenant of Jesus Christ, he's presenting an aspiration, which fights against faith.

Aspiration again, is the drive of the soul to preserve one's own light and to see one's own values reflected in the words and actions of others; to establish ourselves as a living memorial in the minds of others; to build for self.

The spirit of this world easily works with this drive of the soul to create this scenario where faith is indebted to the aspiration—faith is being manipulated by the aspiration of man. The aspiration, as Jezebel, presents itself as a powerful agent to get things from God to fill up a void in the soul.

The Jezebelian spirit works prophecy from this frame of deception even as Jezebel surrounded herself with her own prophets to confirm her aspiration through many voices who came into agreement with her.

As Jezebel presented herself as the voice of the king, so also do false stewards and false prophets present themselves as the voice of the Lord, speaking in His name, but manipulating His truth for their gain. You might, for example, discern the spirit of Jezebel working when a minister seeks to conquer fear by manipulating fear with scripture to bring fear into submission.

This seems good at first because it seems like you're being asked to come into agreement with scripture to subdue this power to God, but notice that the foundation of truth is not laid in the heart and the 5 facets of the flesh are not discerned. Scripture is being taken captive for our will, not the will of God (to confirm Christ).

You want to have dominion over fear in the name of Jesus to reflect an honor that does not reflect Him. The moral code and God-Code are being honored rather than the testimony of Christ gained by the anointing.

When you pray, don't try to align your emotions, feelings, drives, and disappointment to scripture. Do not prophesy scripture. When that happens, each prophetic utterance follows the same pattern as Jezebel, to set order for one's own equity to recover from loss. And this is what Jesus said, "When you pray, don't be as the heathen..." (Matthew 6:5). Don't be as Jezebel who allowed her aspiration to rule her and set her upon a path contrary to God.

Remember, Jesus first. That means, we have to build from the foundation up. Keep in mind that God's first focus on prayer is to get you to pray in tongues every day for His work to take place in your soul. When you pray in the Spirit reflect on Christ in this tool

and reflect on how the Spirit is making intercession for you as He searches each cavern of your soul. Work with the Spirit—don't manipulate the Spirit.

How Do I Keep My Mind on the Lord?

One of the questions asked by the saints is, "How do I keep my mind on the Lord while I pray?" Apostle Paul wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

As we make request for one another in prayer, we are not thinking about the person's problems, but we are reflecting, rehearsing, and reciprocating to God, offering to God the praise of the glory of His grace in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In return, God sends His gifts of grace to sustain your soul. As we make intercession for the saints we are preserved by this knowledge and by the Spirit which is inspiring the knowledge. The Spirit of God draws upon the foundation of truth within you to bring that pattern of truth to your remembrance. The Spirit is continually bearing witness to God and to His covenant through this form of activity.

This is why scripture review and study of doctrine and bible reading is important. We draw upon this daily manna for prophecy, and why Apostle Paul wrote, "Abound in everything, in faith, and *utterance* (prophecy—spiritual sacrifices), and *knowledge* (understanding increases through each utterance as Christ is confirmed in His knowledge), and in all diligence (daily application), and in your love to us (intercessions and spiritual sacrifices expresses Jesus Christ who is the love of God—this is called charity)." 2 Corinthians 8:7.

We can reflect upon our prayers and the sacrifice that we offer for the saints with confidence knowing that God hears the prayers of the righteous and that faith is effectual.

Prayer in the Midst of Contradiction

Because the world lies in darkness everything we face is a contradiction to the light of God. The fruits of our first birth contradict the fruits of our second birth and we feel that and make intercession to God to help us to overcome ourselves.

Jesus said, "I do not pray that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil that is in the world." (John 17:15) The situations that we face in life seem to

the natural man as “problems” that need to be solved, but seen through spiritual eyes, we learn to recognize the phases of our spiritual growth cycle and know what to do when in resistance to work with the Holy Spirit in faith. Our eye is upon the fruit bearing cycle of growth, not on resolving circumstances.

Darkness contradicts the light of God—not our light. Our light is the signature of our own soul. We can easily see other people and events to contract the light of our expectations every day and then pray selfishly to have God remove those barriers.

"In Him was life and the life was the light of men, and men loved darkness rather than the light." (John 1:4). The darkness contradicts the light of God. We are not in that world of darkness, but these things still touch us. We are touched with frailty and need. We are touched by the evidence of the flesh (the fruits of iniquity God is healing), which contradicts the evidence of grace and truth. We make petition to God that He would continue to assist us to overcome the world.

We also make prayers and intercessions to God for lost loved one because their faithlessness contradicts the plan of God through Jesus Christ. The goodness that they embrace contradicts true godliness. The false indoctrination they embrace contradicts the truth. These are not problems, these are contradictions to faith. We are not looking at our life from the view of problems which God can help to solve, we are looking at our life from the view of faith. "The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17). God is a present help in time of trouble. Jesus is touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and will help you to endure the contradictions we face for His name's sake.

Hebrews 12:3, “For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will (if we are in accord with His will, we are in His will), He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." (I John 5:14-15)

God hears your prayers because you are in recognition of His covenant through the headship of Christ through His apostles, and through His truth. This is what the Spirit will confirm and bear witness to.

As soon as your prayers are spoken, they are immediately received in the courts of heaven before God and discussed, and the matter for which petition was offered is weighed. God then, being just, wise, and all knowing will initiate His righteous judgments, according to His will.

Regardless of what God has determined, we trust in His mercy, love, and understanding. Commit your soul to God's care. Because you are in covenant with God, God will always take into consideration your feelings, your involvement, your needs, and sustain you.

We are not projecting for God what we want Him to do, but making a request known. We are confident that God will send wisdom, deliverance, protection, and healing according to His righteous judgments. Remember that whatever God chooses to do and however long it takes, He is enough for us; His grace and truth will sustain us, and those we are praying for.

In addition, offering spiritual sacrifices while we intercede for the saints also keeps us from thinking about the specific contradictions and problems these saints are facing. It prevents us from projecting with an aspiration. When we're thinking of these things, and not offering spiritual sacrifices, the problem seems insurmountable, and we get wearied, and it's common to the natural man to grab at the straws of aspiration to build false confidence before God. We then reflect on the problems and the aspiration, and faith does not enter into the heart. Do you see how the aspiration (Jezebelian spirit) is a barrier to faith?

Also remember that it's not up to us to answer prayer, but rather, to simply bring the petitions before God. He created the oceans and the mountains without our assistance. He is able to do all things without our help. Our participation is strictly for faith. Faith pleases God. Even when we are weary because of work or the stress of the day, we can offer our sacrifices of faith and know that God accepts our faith; for God is not weary nor is faith weary. Our tiredness does not remove the power of God from His throne.¹⁵

What it Means to Cry Out to the Lord in Prayer

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

That's the scripture I want to start off with in this section of the teaching because that's where God is making a specific transition. When most people think about what it means to love God with all their heart, they think about the heart of emotion—their feelings; and they go about proving to God how much they love Him by putting a lot of feeling into how they cry out to God. They pull out all the stops, so to speak.

You can see this display in many “worship” services, in meetings that are designed for “revival” where ministers try to awaken faith with outward signs...
I love you so much God...

¹⁵ Galatians 6:9, “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

I love you with all my heart...
I love you without reserve...
I give you my whole heart, my whole life...
I am nothing, you are everything...

If you prayed like this, it's common to man. I don't want you to feel bad about it. God isn't bringing you through this transition because He is angry with you, but because of His love towards you.

It is common thing to first respond from the natural man, to want to give all of ourselves to God in the hopes that we are being honest, transparent, holding nothing back, emptying ourselves. But this is not the heart of faith—this is the heart of emotion.

The defiled conscience is trying to purge itself and failing to reach that measure of Jesus Christ, comes back to the same emotional state (caused by the defiled conscience) needing to make these same declarations over and over again, fighting for equity rather than labor with the tokens of Christ to enter into rest.

The heart of faith is different than the heart of emotion. The heart of faith loves God by preparation. We are to love God after the manner of God's covenant commandments. As Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

Psalm 30:2, "O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me." The Psalmist was reflective of the covenant knowledge and commandments in which he placed his confidence in God and by which he learned to walk in the fear of the Lord.

In Deuteronomy 5:29 we read about the importance of having a heart towards God, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!"

To fear the Lord is not to be afraid of Him, but to value His grace, which is the very core of your faith. If God were to withhold grace from you, it's like panning for gold in the wrong stream.

Your daily labor of faith in prayer is applied in this manner, to know God, as one who would go out prospecting for gold. A person that goes out prospecting for gold prepares himself. He prepares his mule, his wagon, his food, his map, blankets, tent, and prospecting equipment. Everything he needs going into his supplies.

This person has got himself ready for a great adventure. This adventure, of course, has to do with what he is imagining, "I'm going to strike that vein of gold and I'm going to get rich." So he's prepared himself in this manner. And that's what we do. You see,

knowledge prepares you. And this is what it says in Proverbs as well, “Yes, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up thy voice for understanding; If thou seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures.” (Proverbs 2:3-4)

You’re not blindly crying out to God for knowledge. Blindness is symbolic of ignorance. We are not crying after knowledge because we are ignorant of the truth. To cry out to God for knowledge speaks of this labor to prepare yourself in truth to go prospecting for His grace.

This is another important transition point for the church. When in the false religious system, a believer cried out to God for truth because he did not know what truth is. When you come into covenant with God, you receive the instruction of truth through apostles. The foundation of truth is being set in you through instruction—you’re learning the value of Christ in each of the 12 elements of the gospel.

So, you’re not crying after truth, waiting for a revelation to try to put the pieces together, always looking for that one piece that seems to be missing. The concept of “seeking”, “crying out to God in prayer” changes when you are in covenant with God.

When Solomon wrote to his son, Rehoboam in the same manner of instruction that he received from his father, David, he was directing his son regarding his approach to the altar of the Lord, “Yes, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up thy voice for understanding.”

In other words, he’s saying, as you study the Psalms, as you study the Law, as you study the history and memorial of your faith, this prepares your heart to approach the altar to offer your sacrifices to God. When you bring your sacrifice to God and you go into the courts of prayer (God said, My house shall be call a house of prayer), you’ve prepared your heart in truth.

In the old testament, when they came to the Temple to offer their sacrifice to God, they brought their sacrifice to the porter who gave it to the priest whose job it was to prepare the sacrifice after the Law given to Moses. As the animal was prepared for the altar, you went into the court to make your petitions to the Lord. Psalm 30:8, “I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.”

Reading the book of Exodus and Leviticus, you can see the altar, the tools of the altar, the instruments used in the Temple described. These all revolved around the sacrifices being offered to God. There was much preparation to approach the altar in the manner in which God commanded. As the people stood in the courts of the Temple praying, God heard them. And God hears you when you pray because you are bringing your sacrifice to the altar.

Your steps to the altar of Christ were set in order for you just as it was in the old testament. God received the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He is the Lamb without spot, without sin, that God sacrificed for our benefit to release us from His wrath to His mercy, from sin to righteousness, from the kingdom of darkness to be received into His kingdom. God took ownership of your soul when He placed His Spirit within you.

Jesus died for your benefit, not in your place. He shed His blood to provide a new covenant in Himself, to become your rest, to become your justification, to cleanse your conscience by washing you with His truth. You are not becoming what He is by summary trade, but by contact!

Truth—the foundation of truth—has been set in your heart by apostles. You received the instruction of doctrine. The 12 foundation stones of knowledge were set in order in your heart; you learned and studied Christ in each element and prepared your heart in truth. He is the memorial of your faith and your soul became this treasure chest of grace and truth.

The knowledge of Christ is fit for the altar, to be returned to the Lord as a gift, to reflect the One who gave Himself for us. As you prepare yourself in prayer and in the study of the doctrine of Christ, fitting His truth to your faith, God hears every petition and every prayer is answered. No prayer goes unanswered.

Your faith being active with the knowledge of Christ, you're restricting the echoes of Satan in the imagination. Do you know that for many of the saints, their prayers center around deliverance? Lord, deliver me from these thoughts that hound me! Lord, deliver me from these feelings! Lord, deliver me from these bad habits!

When truth is laid as a foundation of knowledge in your heart, your deliverance is always at hand because, as I just said, truth restricts the echoes of Satan in the imagination. You're not giving yourself over to that, but discerning how God is addressing those things in your daily growth cycle. So your prayers are now reflective of that work of the Spirit in you.

This work of regeneration is not based on a summary trade. If that were so, your prayers would be based on the projection of your imagination with scripture and not the experience of His grace. You value the knowledge of God and His grace according to your experience of it. So your value of it increases as you use it.

Here again I want you to see that the renewing of the mind (element #12) follows regeneration (element #11). Your mind is renewed with the mind of Christ as God grants you these experiences of His grace. Your prayers are reflective of that. God is feeding your hunger for Him with the tokens of Himself.

The transition point here is that in the current Christian culture it is thought that when you “accepted Jesus as your Saviour and made confession of sin” you got a new human spirit. Meaning, God made you brand new and you had the divine nature already in you and all you had to do was let it come out. There was no process of regeneration; no foundation of truth; no priesthood, and no tools of the covenant given.

This dormant faith was the result of substitutionism. Faith lays dormant without the steady stream of grace to awaken the soul, illuminate & enlighten the mind, to reveal Christ. There isn't much difference between dormant faith and death faith. Both describe a faith that is inactive because it is not laboring with the knowledge and tools God designed in Christ for faith to reflect and express Him.

Reflect, Rehearse, and Reciprocate

The three rs of meditation upon the things of God are: reflect on Christ in His covenant to make the connections between His tools and your experience of His grace, to rehearse His knowledge of Christ to make the connections to the things of Christ the Spirit enters into the confirm Christ, and to reciprocate to God: to return Christ to God with each spiritual sacrifice we offer to Him in thanksgiving and praise.

Prayer is reflective of this observation of Jesus Christ and how the Spirit breaks Him open to our understanding as we reflect upon the elements of the gospel. We are also observing how God uses His gifts to reward us.

This is the voice of the Lord. The voice of the Lord is in this grace; the voice of the Lord is in these gifts. When you think about crying out to God saying, “Lord, I want to hear your voice!” remember that we build from the foundation up. The voice of the Lord confirms Christ in His covenant. The voice of the Lord is not this voice of the aspiration that desperately seeks to quiet the defiled conscience.

Consistency, Conformity, and Communication

When Jesus' apostles observed the Lord doing miracles and performing outwards signs to establish His presence as the Son of God, the promised Messiah, their first approach to this was from the natural man, “Lord, teach us to pray so that we also may do these works that you do.”

Part of their training, and ours as well, is to discern this appetite of the natural man to be a part of the outward display of God's power while neglecting the frame of God's covenant. So, we're going to take a little bit of time to talk about the 3 Cs of your faith: consistency, conformity, and communication.

Your faith is accepted—your prayers are accepted based on the construction of the present covenant. When I talk about the construction of the covenant I mean that the stewardship is functioning and accepted and that the priesthood of the believer is functioning and accepted.

We see faith (the face of Jesus Christ) expressed in the stewardship and in the priesthood. Even as in the old testament when Levi (priesthood) and Judah (stewardship) were both present, Israel had their deliverance and refuge. Jerusalem was then the praise of the whole earth, the light of the world.¹⁶

But when the stewardship departed from the covenant and the priesthood was polluted, then the Lord took note of their choices to walk independent of His covenant and did not hear their prayers, but did hide His face from them.^{17 18}

To walk independent of God's covenant means to walk alone. An example of this is seen in Numbers 14:44 where the Israelites, eager for victory, went into battle alone, "They presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, departed not out of the camp." In this case, God did not give them deliverance, but fled from their enemies in defeat.

These are negative role models for us today. The children of Israel did cry out to the Lord for deliverance, they did go out to battle in the name of the Lord, they had this testimony, that God brought the land of Egypt and they reflected upon God's promise that He would deliver their enemies into their hands. However, they neglected the construction of their faith with stewardship and priesthood and their faith became a presumption of their aspiration—powered by the Jezebelian spirit, not the Spirit of God.

When our faith reflects the frame that God gave it in Jesus Christ, then prayer follows the prophetic path and we are fruitful in charity, fruitful in grace because we are fruitful in the works of the covenant.

So, when you say, Lord, teach me to pray, Jesus is going to lead you according to the frame of His covenant in the frame of His truth and construction of stewardship and priesthood. And we're preparing ourselves for His daily visitation. He might visit your faith to reward your consistency, your conformity, and communication of charity.

¹⁶ 1 Kings 11:36, "And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there."

¹⁷ Deuteronomy 31:18, "And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods."

¹⁸ Deuteronomy 32:20, "And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith."

Consistency: Describes our labor of faith with the tools of Christ’s covenant. When the apostles admonished believers to be “steadfast” in the faith they were speaking of consistency in our activity of faith. Each day we are assigned the same activity of faith that pleases Him perfectly. Consistency with the tools of Christ’s covenant is how we walk in cadence with God. God set the pattern for His Spirit to engage you, and your activity of faith sets the pattern of the Spirit for the fulfillment of your joy.

Prayer in tongues is the most important tool of the covenant as Jesus said, “What, could ye not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40). Consistency in prayer, to dedicate an hour a day to praying in tongues yields the fruits of righteousness. What we experience...

- God daily gives substance to our hope of knowing Him.
- Our understanding comes full circle as we experience regeneration and the renewing of the mind.
- Strength as grace is daily issued to our soul.
- Grace for our stewardship as we are rewarded with more tokens.
- Peace for the transition as we labor with His tools to enter into His rest.

Conformity: Describes our labor of faith with Jesus’ truth. Conforming to His truth takes place when we study His doctrine as taught by living apostles. When the apostles admonished believers to be “diligent” in the faith they had in mind their conformity to truth as Paul wrote, “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end” (Hebrews 6:11). Our perspective changes to God’s perspective as He daily writes His commandments of grace and truth within the heart. God assigned our faith to be joined to His truth that we may experience...

- Confidence of faith as we observe God’s faithfulness to His covenant.
- Assurance of God overseeing our faith for our spiritual growth.
- Assurance of God overseeing every detail of our lives.
- Our soul is anchored to His throne of grace.

Communication: Describes our labor of faith to communicate charity to the brethren. This charity is not as the world gives, but as God gives. In other words, charity is not “Acts of Random Kindness” rather it is the expression of Christ from the foundation of truth. God has assigned our faith to be joined to the altar of Christ and expressed through our spiritual sacrifices of prophecy. The apostles admonished the saints to communicate the work of Christ, “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus” (Philemon 1:6). Therefore we experience...

- Christ is our refuge: He daily covers us with His grace.
- Our reciprocation to God is “in kind”: Our gifts of faith are received of Him.
- Our labor of faith with the communication of charity brings our soul into rest.
- We abound in faith, in love, in joy, in peace, and in hope as we give.

S8W DAILY PRIESTHOOD LOG & NOTEBOOK

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

This log is important for you to see your consistency to use the tools of the new covenant. To serve God every day, we use the tools of His covenant every day. This is true worship. An exchange is taking place. This is how we reflect Jesus and express Jesus. This is how the Holy Spirit heals the soul of Satan's scaring and places within the soul the virtues of Christ. By this work of the Spirit we know God and He knows us.

These are the 9 tools of the new covenant. Circle the tools as you use them:

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| 1. Government | 4. Gifts | 7. Prayer |
| 2. Truth | 5. Callings | 8. Preaching |
| 3. Spirit | 6. Graces of God | 9. Prophecy |

1. I prayed in the Spirit (circle one): 15 min. 30 min. 45 min. 1 hour other _____

2. I listened to preaching from CApostle Eric vonAnderseck (other elder) _____ min.

3. I offered spiritual sacrifices (SS): 1 SS 2 SS 3 SS 4 SS other _____

4. I read this sacrifice/reflection from another saint and God ministered to me: _____

5. I read a portion of this lesson: _____

From the lesson I learned that: _____

6. I read these portions of scripture from the Bible: _____

7. I reflected on this element of the gospel to rehearse the knowledge of Christ: _____

8. I experienced resistance today. This emotion rose up: _____

I discerned (for overcoming) that this emotion was linked to one of the 5 facets of the flesh:
_____ and one of the facets of the God-Code _____

9. When using the tools of the covenant today I discerned God issuing grace to me. I experienced:

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| 1. The power of grace drawing faith from my heart. | YES |
| 2. The power of grace strengthening my will. | YES |
| 3. The power of grace creating equity within. | YES |

10. I stewarded the grace of God by sharing/posting my sacrifices or reflections: YES NO
Stewardship of Grace:

MY NOTEBOOK

Notes from Bible Study:

Notes from Lesson Study:

Notes from Audio Study:

REFLECTION ON THE ELEMENTS: Building from the foundation. I reflected on the meaning of Christ in the following elements.

1. ELEMENT _____ Reflection:

2. ELEMENT _____ Reflection:

SS 1:

SS 2:

SS 3:

GRACE WHEEL

