

Opening prayer: Lord I invest my heart in the business of your kingdom and let all the gain be ascribed and given to Jesus.

God is most interested in our heart. Let my heart serve your interest and let the gain be to Jesus.

### **Digging Deep**

We will continue on our meditation on digging deep. Let's begin with a few questions.

1. How many percent of what we know to be true from the bible is true in our daily lives? How many are we experiencing or practicing? How many is 100%? God's pass mark is 100%. How do we reconcile these differences?

Even if God adds 100 or 1000 more years, we may not meet up to the 100% if we continue in our path. But a time of help is coming and the Lord will do a quick work (Psalms 110:3). The Lord, in that time, will help us be a willing offering, to easily give up things we strongly held on to. It will be a time men and women will arise! The zeal of the Lord's house shall utterly consume us in those days.

The Lord will bring us to 100%. Even though we be at 60%, the remaining 40% is not with the devil. The 40% is with God. Whenever we be ready and ask of him more of him, he will begin to release it unto it. Let us strive together until we make it. In Romans 7:15, Paul cried the things I will to do, I do not. In the name of Jesus, every difficulty is moved away!

For example, we want our prayer life to increase but find it difficult to wake up. Start mechanically. Set an alarm. Get up. Do it, even though sleepy. Effort applied towards righteousness is an acceptable sacrifice unto God. The power of God is following up. Let's put it to use. In the next chapter, Romans 8, teaches us of the law of the spirit of life, which has set us free from the law of sin and death.

## The Heart

The heart of a man is the very centre. Its the fulcrum. Let's go to the book of Psalm, 139:23-24

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*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:*

*24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

## The Voice Translation

*23 Explore me, O God, and know the real me. Dig deeply and discover who I am. Put me to the test and watch how I handle the strain.*

*24 Examine me to see if there is an evil bone in me, and guide me down Your path forever.*

Just try this prayer for a week. Pray that God digs deep into your heart that our depth will be in line with God's depth (Psalms 42:7). This means that God will make known the depth of one's heart. The greatest deception is not knowing the state of the heart. One who knows the state of their heart, when it strays or when it stays, they will go far with God. The last days are a days of deception (Matt 24:24). The antidote against deception is the knowledge of one's heart. Brethren, let's be every conscious of the state of our hearts. Proverbs speaks of a man who lacks understanding and goes by the way of a harlot. First, his heart is not aright!

The moment we can discern our actions and know the source and cry unto God. He will uproot the cause of the sin. For example, wanting to draw close to someone could seem innocent but truly, they simply envious of them. The accurate discerning of one's heart is the KEY to going far with God. For when man, even ourselves, look on the outward expressions. The Lord looks on the inside (Jeremiah 17:9-10). Psalm 15:6, for the Lord desires truth in our inward parts. For a pure heart is a gem before God.

An unyielded heart is a strong alias with satan. When one entertains an immoral thought, it begins to sip into the heart. Guard your heart with all diligence (Proverbs 4:23). Whatever cannot pass through our mind cannot enter our heart. When we pray unto God concerning the state of

our heart, he begins to dig deep and expose all hidden things of dishonesty that could destroy us tomorrow. Let's come to God with a ready heart. And the Lord will shine his light in the darkness parts of our heart. The key to overcoming is to call the sin by name. Saying Lust, I rebuke you in my life. Pride, you have no place in me!

*Psalm 119:1-3*

*119 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.*

*3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.*

*How can one keep himself undefiled in the way, in a perverse world?*

The fight is a court battle, a judicial war. Though false, Let's say there is a charge laid said you. How much of the witness Christ gave us do we know? How much of it have we internalized? That at anytime of the day, we are sure!

### **Witnesses / Testimonies of Jesus - That We Ought to Keep**

1. It is possible for a man to live on earth without sin. Jesus, the son of man, did it. So can I.
2. That a mortal man on earth can have a vital relationship with the immortal and invisible God.
3. That even when we sin, there is forgiveness, an eternal forgiveness (Luke 5:24). Never loathe over your sin. Whatsoever it maybe. If he accuser comes, laugh him off. Any accusations satan gives is 2000 years out of date. Say, satan your story is 2000 years old. For who shall lay a charge to God's elect (Roman 8:33-34). For there is no condemnation to those in Christ (Romans 8:1)
4. Hebrews 2:14. Satan and all his cohort has been completely destroyed (Luke 10:19)
5. That he has (in the past. Already finished) healed all our diseases.

*Psalm 119:10-11*

*10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.*

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

A truthful, sincere heart, void of hypocrisy, is of the Lord. Quit from a deceitful heart. Let us fear God, who sees the heart. We are entering into the age where the believer will communicate heart to heart, on a true and deep level. Thus if our heart and mouth is not aligned, one will be ashamed in those days. But we shall not be ashamed. Let's learn from Ananias and Sapphira. Let's clean up house - the inner sanctum of the heart. Let us lift up holy hands (1 Tim 2:8).

See read this book - **The Heart of Man**: Either a Temple of God or a Habitation of Satan; Represented in Ten Emblemical Figures; Calculated to Awaken and Promote a Christian Disposition - *Johannes Gossner*

Let us search and try our ways, And turn again to the LORD. Let us lift up our heart with our hands Unto God in the heavens.

Lamentations 3:40-41

### **Song**

Lift up holy hands

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For the Lord is here

And where He is is holy