

Decontamination: A Necessary Preparation for Spiritual Fellowship

Before settling in for prayer and Bible study, please read Psalm 51:10 then quietly pray for purging of any unclean spirits that is in you (Luke 4:33)! Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance (John 16:13) before you fellowship; ask Him to help you obey Isaiah 28:10; James 1:26 & 1 Corinthians 14:32! Thank you for following divine counsels!

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Spiritual Decontamination Procedures (SDP)

Vision of Prayer Group

- To hear the midnight cry, “The bridegroom comes, go out to meet Him” (Matthew 25:6) and to become like Him when we see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). To say: “...this is our God, we have waited for Him and He will save us...” (Isaiah 25:9).

Mission of Prayer Group Members

- To purify ourselves (Matt 7:4-5), [even as Christ is pure (1 John 3:1-3)], by **obeying the truth** (John 14:6 & 17:17) through the Spirit (1 Peter 1:22).
- To overcome sin and be clothed in **white raiment** (Rev 2:17 & 3:5; Rom 6:2-12; Eze 11:19 & 36:26).
- To abound with faith and love (Revelation 3:18; Romans 12:3, 2 Peter 1:5-7 & 1 Peter 1:22).
- To be servants of righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30; Isaiah 54:17 & Romans 6:13, 18-19).

Values of Prayer Group Members

1. **Follow the Lamb** (John 1:29 & Deut 13:4) where ever He goes (Rev 14:4)
2. **Have joy, faith & Holy Ghost** (Acts 11:24 & 13:52 & 5:32 & 2:1-4 & 10:38; Isaiah 35:10; Luke 11:13; Eph 4:30; Pss 51:11; Matt 12:18 & 25:10/Isaiah 42:1)
3. **Faithful to God** (2 Peter 2:21; Hebrews 10:26 & 6:4-6; Matthew 13:27 & 41; John 9:31; Deuteronomy 28:9 & 30:20; Psalm 25:9 & 2 Chronicles 20:20)
4. **Blameless before God** (1 Cor 1:4-8; Tit 2:10-12; Php 2:15; 1 Thes 5:23; 2 Pet 3:13-14; Jude 24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Rev 14:5; Daniel 2:22; John 12:46; Acts 26:18; 2 Peter 3:11-13; Psalm 17:3 & John 14:30)
5. **Perfection & purity** (1 Pet 5:10; Matt 5:8 & 48; Rev 14:5 & 21:5; 2 Cor 5:17; Job 1:1; Gen 17:1; Isaiah 54:17; Deut 18:1-13; 1 Cor 15:34; 1 Timothy 5:22)
6. **Be one with Christ** as He is with the Father (John 10:30; 12:46; 15:4 & 6)

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7. Wear the Lamb's fine, clean and white linen (Rev 19:8, Matthew 22:12)
8. Repentant—not harbor secret sins—and genuine (Jeremiah 26:13; Daniel 9:11; Gal 3:29; Luke 5:32; Proverbs 28:13 & 30:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 18:21-22; 1 Timothy 5:24; Matt 7:23; 1 John 1:9)
9. Humbly do righteously (Micah 6:8; 1 John 3:10; Hebrews 13:21; Matthew 5:6; Hosea 10:12; Acts 10:35; Romans 6:13, 16-22)
10. Come out of Babylon (Rev 18:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:5; Isaiah 29:13; Acts 3:19)
11. Practice temperance—bring lifestyle into subjection of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 4:5; Proverbs 23:2)
12. Obey our angel (Exodus 23:20-22; Psalm 91:11; Heb 1:13-14) and trust Holy Spirit to raise standard against the enemy (Isaiah 59:19)

Values of Prayer Group Members

13. NO psychological force will be used in this

prayer group! Gentleness is a FRUIT of the Spirit

(Galatians 5:22) and gentleness makes us great

(Psalm 18:35 & 2 Samuel 22:36); therefore, let each

participant be **wise in heart** for “The wise in heart

will be called understanding and sweetness of speech

increases persuasiveness” (Proverbs 16:21, NASB).

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14. "...[Use] **speech [that is] always with grace, seasoned with salt...**" (Colossians 4:6) for **death and life are in the power of the tongue**" (Proverbs 18:21). "**Pleasant words** are as an honeycomb: sweet to the soul and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24)! God has ordained that each person must be persuaded of truth in his or her own mind (Romans 14:5), so after you have gently planted the seed of truth, NOT your opinion, let God give the increase (1 Cor 3:7).

Behaviors for Prayer Group Members

1. Lead blameless lives; do right (Psalm 15:2, NLT; Psalm 119:101)
2. Speak truth from sincere hearts (Psalm 15:2, NLT)
3. Refuse to gossip, harm neighbors or speak evil (Psalm 15:3, NLT)
4. Despise flagrant sinners that they may be sound in faith (Pss 15:4, NLT; Eze 33:7; Eph 5:2-11; 1 Tim 5:20; Titus 1:10-13; 1 Cor 5:5; 2 Thes 3:14)
5. Keep promises even when it hurts (Psalm 15:4, NLT)
6. Lend money without charging interest (Psalm 15:5, NLT)
7. Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (Heb 10:23)

Behaviors for Prayer Group Members

8. Do not take bribes to lie about the innocent (Psalm 15:5, NLT)
9. Settle disputes in-house and fairly (1 Cor 6:1-7; Micah 6:8; Matt 5:23-24); shun meaningless, religious talk (1 Tim 1:3-7)
10. Ignore religious formalities (Titus 1:14; 2 Tim 3:5; Mark 7:7; Isa 29:13) and let **NOT** your faith stand in the wisdom of men (1 Cor 2:5)
11. Plant and nurture God's word in your mind and it will bear fruit (Luke 8:15; John 15:8; Gal 5:22-23; John 6:63; 1 Thes 1:13; Col 1:10)
12. Seek purity of heart (Matthew 5:8; Acts 7:39; 1 John 3:3; Mal 1:11; 1 Tim 1:5)
13. Enquire of the Lord (2 Chron 34:21 & Prov 3:6) and be ready for the marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7 & Jeremiah 8:20).

Guaranteed Throne Room Access

- With **perseverance** (Acts 12:5 & 1 Thessalonians 5:17), watch unto prayer and **supplication in the Spirit** for all saints (Ephesians 6:18).
“**If** my people, who are called by my name, shall **humble themselves**, pray, **seek my face** and **turn from wicked ways**; **then** will I hear from heaven, ...forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). **If** we **take away... the yoke** [of oppression] (Isaiah 47:6 & 58:6; Jeremiah 27:11; Acts 15:10), **the putting forth of the finger** and **speaking vanity**, [**then**] we [can] call and the Lord will answer (Isaiah 58:9 & 2 Chronicles 30:18-20), even while we are yet speaking (Isaiah 65:24; John 15:7 & 9:31). “The redeemer will come to Zion, to those... who repent...” (Isaiah 59:20, NIV).

Our Work; Get Busy! Stop Sitting!

1. Be able ministers (2 Cor 3:6), who go, teach, preach good tidings and baptize (Matthew 28:18-20; Isaiah 61:1) to multiply disciples (Acts 6:7 & 11:24)
2. Serve one master who is Christ (Matthew 6:24 & 23:8)
3. Drive out demons/unclean spirits (Matthew 10:1, 8)
4. Heal the sick (Matthew 10:1, 8)
5. Raise the dead (Matthew 10:8)
6. Bind up the broken hearted (Isaiah 61:1)

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7. Undo heavy burdens; break every yoke (Isaiah 58:6)
8. Free the oppressed; liberate captives (Isaiah 58:6 & 61:1; John 8:36)
9. Loose the bands of wickedness (Isaiah 58:6)
10. Give oil of joy to mourners and garment of praise to those who have a spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3)
11. Rebuild ancient ruins; raise up age-old foundations (Isaiah 61:4 & 58:12 NIV)
12. Repair broken walls; restore streets with dwellings (Isaiah 58:12 NIV)

Consecration & Ministry Essentials

- ❑ “...We are the people of [God’s] pasture, ...**the sheep of his hand...**” (Psalm 95:7 & Matthew 25:33-34); brethren (Matthew 23:8), “...commended... to **God’s... grace,** which... **builds [us] up** and gives [us] an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” (Acts 20:32).
“...Today, if [you] hear His voice, **harden not your heart**” (Hebrews 3:15 & 4:7). Yield instead of rebel!

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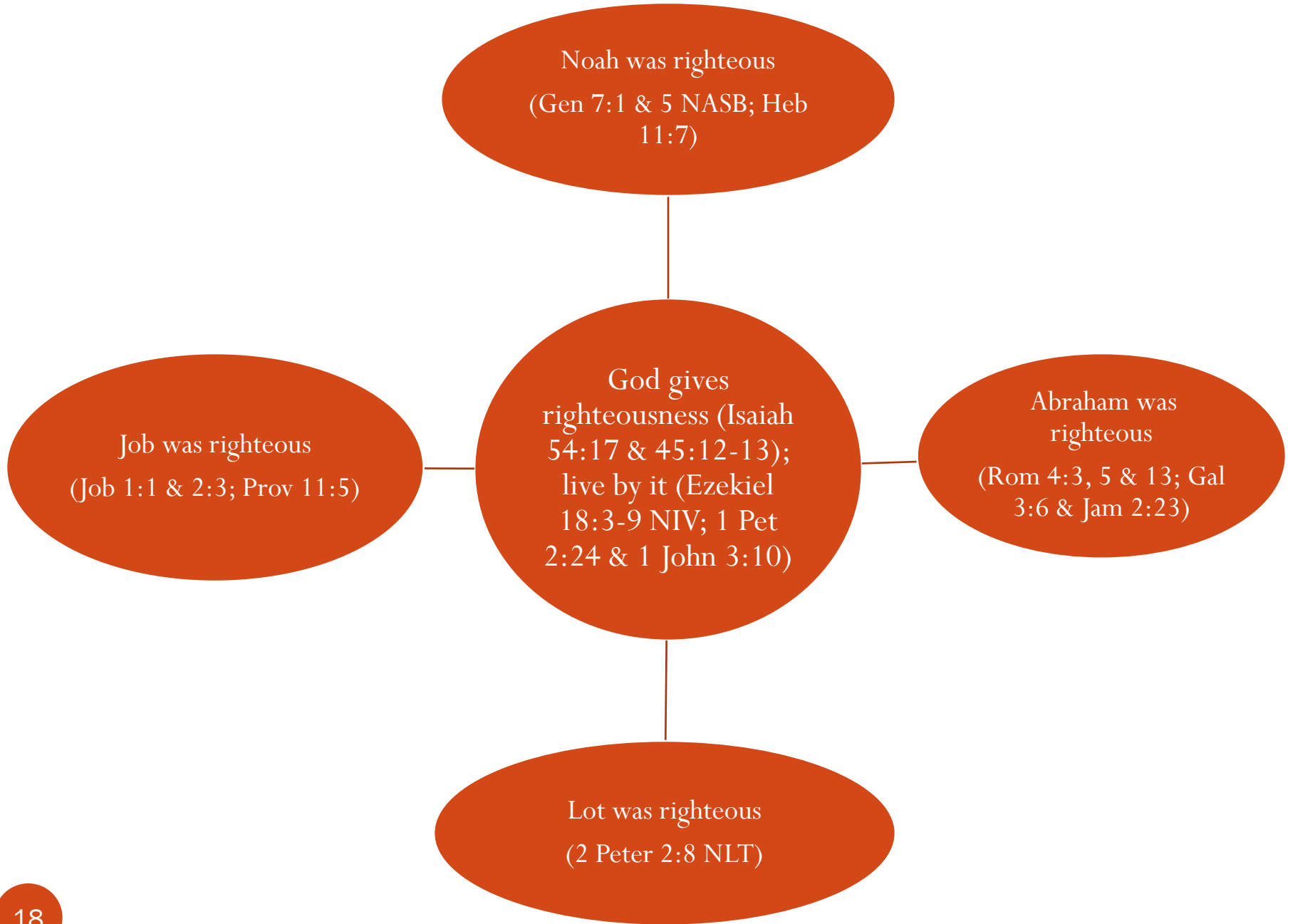
- ❑ “...Be all of one mind, having compassion..., love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous” (1 Peter 3:8), [for] “the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle..., apt to teach [and] patient” (2 Timothy 2:14). “...Use words with restraint...” (Proverbs 17:27, NIV)! ...Appeal to [older men] as a father, to younger men as brothers, older women as mothers and younger women as sisters...” (1 Timothy 5:1-2 NASB & Colossians 4:6).

Fellowship Self-Assessment (1 Corinthians 11:28)

- ❑ “...[Is]... every thought [captive] to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor 10:5) [OR is there] another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, bringing me into captivity to the law of sin... (Romans 7:23)?
- ❑ Am I yearning for the home of the redeemed (2 Peter 3:13; Rev 3:12 & 21:2 & Heb 11:10) or am I caught-up in this present world (Luke 8:14 & 21:34; 2 Cor 4:3-4)?
- ❑ Am I by repentant and making confession and restitution to be “free from sin... [to] become [a] slave of righteousness” (Romans 6:2-18, NASB; Exodus 22:1-12) since Christ washed me from my sins (Revelation 1:5) and “...upholds me with the right hand of [His] righteousness” (Isaiah 41:10)?

Decontamination Exercise

- ❑ Before joining the Prayer Group's fellowship, ponder this counsel: "...The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets" (1 Corinthians 14:32) and consider the following Scriptures for personal prayer: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another" (Romans 12:10) "and let the peace of God rule in your heart, to... which also... [you] are called in one body..." (Colossians 3:15). A sure promise to claim is: "Blessed are the peacemakers, ...they shall be called the children, [sons and daughters (2 Corinthians 6:18)], of God" (Matthew 5:9).



Was this exercise really necessary?

- Disciples must know how to present and conduct themselves in God's presence (Numbers 19:20; 1 Timothy 3:15; Exodus 3:5 & Acts 7:33) and how to live so that "...the Lord [can]... grant signs and wonders to be done by [our] hands" (Acts 13:43 & 14:3). Therefore, let us "serve the Lord with gladness [and] come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2). "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms" (Psalm 95:2). "Sing praises to the Lord, [who] dwells in Zion; declare among the people His doings" (Psalm 9:11).

What does the group want from me?

- **Don't** bite and devour one another; these destroys fellowship (Galatians 5:17). “**Keep** [your] heart with all diligence, out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23). **Live** in the Spirit; **walk** in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25) and you will **NOT** fulfill the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). Instead, fulfill **the righteousness of the holy, just and good law (Rom 8:4 & 7:12) “...of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** [that] frees you from the *law of sin and death*” (Romans 8:2), which is “The person who sins will die...” (Eze 18:20, NASB) “for the wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23).

Crisis & Opportunity

- “...It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2) “...in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 1:1); but, “...the godly man [of Genesis 5:2] has ceased! ...The faithful fail from among the children of men” (Psalm 12:1). “Most men will proclaim... [their] own goodness, but a faithful man, who can find” (Proverbs 20:6)? “[But] God is faithful... [who] called [us] unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9). “[And like Barnabas, who] was a good man: full of the Holy Ghost and faith” (Acts 11:24), we also can “...love the Lord... [who] preserves the faithful...” (Psalm 31:23).

Benefits of Decontamination

- “...Blessed is the [person] that [reverences] the Lord [and delights] greatly in His commandments” (Psalm 112:1).
“Blessed are they that DO His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city [of God]” (Revelation 22:14). “...The Lord thy God... is the... faithful **God, [who keeps] covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments** to a thousand generations” (Deut 7:9).

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- “...[Dear] good and faithful servant, ...[soon you will] enter... into the joy of thy Lord” (Matthew 25:21) if you hold fast the profession of faith without wavering (Heb 10:23) for Jesus Christ is the author of salvation unto ALL that obey Him (Heb 5:9).

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- “...In the... fullness of time, [God will] gather... all things in Christ... [through] whom [and ‘...by faith...’ ‘...we have... received the atonement (Acts 26:18; Rom 5:11 & 2 Cor 5:19) AND] ...an inheritance [‘...among all them {that} are sanctified...’ (Acts 20:32)]. It was predestinated, [**decided in advance, by**]... the purpose of [God], who [does] all things after the counsel of His own will that **we should be to the praise of His glory...**” (Eph 1:10-12) for we **were created for His glory** (Isaiah 43:7).