

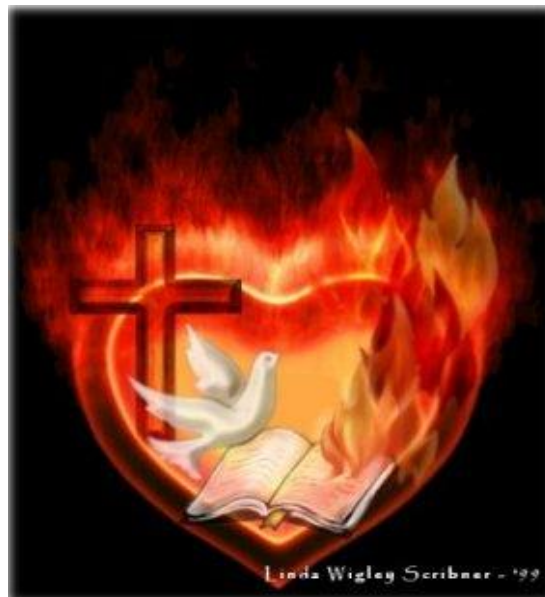
The sermon of the Lord Jesus Christ on the mount



The constitution of the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

Part 3

The 10 fulfilled (perfect) laws
of the kingdom of heaven on earth (the Church),
given by our Lord Jesus Christ.



Part 1 The ladder of God's blessing bringing grace.

(Matthew 5:1-12; Revelation 19:9)

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(Matthew 5:17-48, Matthew 6 and 7)

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1. We generally have used the Amplified or King James Version of the Bible. One could, of course, when so desired, use any other Bible translation.
2. We have **frequently** added text between brackets in the Bible verses **to clarify the meaning of the Bible verses.**
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The 10 fulfilled (perfect) laws of the kingdom of heaven on earth (the Church), **given by our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(based on Matthew 5:17 till 7:29)

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1.

Introductory word

When a Christian deals about God's 10 commandments, he mostly means the 10 commandments, which Moses received from God in the old covenant. Often one has no insight in the 10 **fulfilled (perfect) commandments, which our Lord Jesus Christ has given us** in His **sermon on the mount**. Therefore we need to study accurately these commandments, which our Lord has given us.

It is impossible to fulfill these 10 commandments in our human power and will.

These 10 commandments of our Lord Jesus show us in what things we fail. But if we confess these shortcomings, they will be forgiven us. Then we wash our conscience in the dear Blood of God's Lamb, and we are washed in His blood by Him also. We are not yet able to achieve these commandments of our Lord without sinning against them, because we are not yet made perfect. Even the Mosaic 10 commandments we can't achieve in our unperfected state. Don't mourn therefore, if you are not able to keep these fulfilled (perfect) laws of our Lord. Our shortcomings only prove our unperfected state in Christ Jesus. This perfect state, however, is a state, which He demands, therefore **He** will bring us in this perfect state.

*Matthew 5:48, "Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father Which is in heaven is perfect."*

These 10 commandments (laws) of Jesus have a core, which we can find in

*Matthew 22:37-40, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**"*

So we have to **love God above** all, even above our own life, and **love our neighbour as our self**.

It is possible for us to be nice and kind, but not doing so **cordially**. Our human nature has to die. Only then the Lord will build in us His Divine nature. This Divine nature does **not** come before the Lord has burned away our old, sinful nature.

In the biological nature we have a perfect example in the development of a caterpillar into a butterfly. If the caterpillar wants to be a butterfly, he has to surrender himself in a process of dying in order to come in the state of a butterfly. The same we have in the spiritual world. The Divine life does not come before we have brought our sinful, human life, in the power of the Spirit of God, into death, by sharing the death of God's Lamb. The old sinful man in us wants to be cherished and be served. If not, we may come to hatred. By God's grace we have to be borne again out of God, and become mature in this Divine state.

Many Christians think they already have this love of God (in Greek: agapè), but they still have their human love (in Greek: philio), because they are not yet born again out of God, or because their process of "being born again" is not yet grown to maturity. For this being born again and its growth we have to share the process of dying, which the Lord wants to give us, if we are willing to grow into His death.

Romans 6:5, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

Such an organic unity we get, if we **spiritually eat and drink His flesh and blood**.

Joh. 6:54-58, "Whoso (spiritually) eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that (spiritually) eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever."

This is a slowly working process, if we have surrendered ourselves in His hands and remain therein.

This perfect 10 commandments (laws) begin with our love for our neighbour. It is amazing, that the Lord doesn't begin with our love for God, but with our love for our neighbour.

We can easily say, that we love God, but if we don't love our brother and sister, this love for God is idle.

1 John 4:20, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

When we realise this in our own being, we know, that this new Divine nature has not yet developed in us. But if we want to be disciples of Jesus, then we follow Jesus on **His way of the cross**, sharing His death and resurrection, and we will do so persistently. So we will taste His new Divine Nature. This is, what Jesus demands from a perfect disciple of Him.

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye (accept My offer of My) love (for) one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples (believers who follow Me on the way of the cross), if ye have love one to another."

These 10 commandments (laws) our Lord wants to build in us by and through His Spirit.

2 Peter 1:3-4, "According as His divine power hath given unto us **all things** that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hat called us to glory and virtue: 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."

Perhaps we die bodily, when we still walk on this way of the cross, **then the rest of the way of the cross God will be put on our account.**

Our justification happens by faith in the Word of Truth, by the power of the Spirit of truth. The perfection in His Word and Spirit is the finish of the way, we have to go. This perfect love of God in our heart is the bond of our perfection.

Colossians 3:14, "And above all these things put on charity (literal translation: [divine] love), which is the bond of perfectness."

When this love of God in reality becomes mature in us, so we are able to love even our human enemies. **The Lord Jesus makes His Word real in us, step by step**, by building His Word in us, **step by step**.

2.

Schematic composition

of the 10 fulfilled (perfect) laws of the kingdom of heaven on earth (the Church), given by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Based on Matthew 5:17 till 7:29 and Matthew 22:37-39.

1	Love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 5:20-48 and Matthew 22:39)	1st law Love your brother/sister with the love of Jesus by opening your heart for Him, so God can build His love in your heart.
2		2nd law Love your partner of your Christian marriage with the love of Jesus by opening your heart for Him, so God can build His love in your heart.
3		3rd law Love your neighbour as yourself by opening your heart for Jesus, so God can build this love in your heart.
4		4th law Love your enemy with the love of God by opening your heart for Jesus, so God can build this love in your heart.
5	Love God above all, even above your own life and all your possessions (Matthew 6:1 till 7:29 and Matthew 22:37-38)	5th law Love God above all by opening your heart for His financial-anointing , so God can build in your heart the leading of the Spirit, regarding your financial sacrifices.
6		6th law Love God above all by opening your heart for His prayer-anointing , so God can build in your heart the leading of the Spirit in your prayer-life.
7		7th law Love God above all by opening your heart for His fast-anointing , so God can build in your heart the leading of the Spirit, regarding your fast-sacrifices.

8	8th law Show your love for God above all by <i>mortifying</i> (Colossians3:5, killing) your sinful bodily, worldly hunger for wealth and luxuriance, for lusts of the flesh through opening your heart for Jesus, so He is able to share you His death and resurrection.
9	9th law Show your love for God above all by <i>mortifying</i> (Colossians3:5, killing) your sinful social life, your sinful relations between you and your neighbour through opening your heart for Jesus, so He is able to share you His death and resurrection.
10	10th law Show your love for God above all by <i>mortifying</i> (Colossians3:5, killing) in you all human efforts in your spiritual labour for the Lord through opening your heart for Jesus, so He is able to share you His death and resurrection.

3.

Further introductory words

The Sabbath day

You may wonder, that in these fulfilled laws of our Lord Jesus any commandment regarding the Sabbath day is absent. The keeping of **the day** of the sabbath turned to be **a shadow of the spiritual things, which have been come in the time of the new covenant**. The spiritual truth of it God could not yet teach in the time of the old covenant. This matter also concerns in regard with the spice laws, and the change of the Sabbath day into the Sunday in the Christian churches.

*Colossians 2:16-17, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a **shadow of things to come**; but the body is of Christ."*

The **spiritual truth** regarding the Sabbath **remains**, namely: we **always** have to keep **the Sabbath-rest in God**, which may not be disturbed by sin. We have to live in this rest of Christ, which the Holy Spirit will build in us. We personally have to co-operate with the Lord to remain in this spiritual rest. So we have to rest positively in the new creation of Christ. Again, this don't happen automatically, but with our benevolent co-operation and fleeing from satan's misleading offers. We have to walk in positive faith, proceeding on the way of the cross. The goal of this way is freedom from sin, which we have to achieve persistently.

Again, for these 10 laws of the Kingdom of heaven on earth the disciple of Jesus have to open his heart for the Lord. So by the power of His Spirit He is able **to build them in**, step by step, in our heart and life.

The Kingdom of God begins invisible, deep in our heart.

*Luke 17:20-21, "And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the Kingdom of God is within you.**"*

Our Lord Jesus Christ is through His Spirit the Begin and the Finish of this spiritual Kingdom in our heart and life. This labour of Him begins after our conversion and confession of our sins. Then He gives us redemption of our old sinful nature and does us be born again out of God. This all is possible, because of His sacrifice at Golgotha.

The sevenfold assignment of the labour of God's Lamb, achieved at Golgotha, in order to build this labour in us, in our born again souls.

1. He baptises us in His Spirit of sanctification and purifying Fire.

Matthew 3:11-12, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor (picture of your heart), and gather His wheat (the repented souls won for His Kingdom) into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff (the sinful life of the repented soul) with unquenchable fire."

2. He burns away the old sinful man in us, and build in us the new man in the Nature of Christ, who, when becoming mature, does live us according to all 10 laws of the New Testament.

*Romans 3:21-22, "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God **which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference."*

3. He strengthens us against satan's temptations, till the sanctification in our body, soul and spirit is achieved.

*Ephesians 3:16, "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit **in the inner man.**"*

Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

4. He is the Stream of living Waters, the Divine Life, which, out of Christ Jesus and the Father, flows in us and through us towards others.

John 7:37-39, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

5. By His Holy Spirit He gives us power and might over satan, so that we are able to bring our witness of the Lord, His life giving Word, to others.

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

6. He clothes us and fills us with His glory.

Zechariah 2:5, "For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a Wall of fire round about, and will be the Glory in the midst of her."

7. He leads us in His perfect Divine love, up to its maturity, already here on earth.

Ephesians 4:13, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"

The beginning verses, which introduce these 10 commandments (laws).

Let us now go to the beginning verses of Jesus' sermon of the mount, which introduce these 10 laws.

Matthew 5:17-18, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

God's laws are **not** destroyed in the period of the Kingdom of heaven on earth, the period of the Church, of the New Covenant, in regard of men, living in their sinful nature. What Jesus is giving here is the **fulfilling**, the **perfection** of God's laws, for men who are willing to live in the salvation bringing grace of Jesus, which He wants to give to conversed souls, who have themselves surrendered to Him.

Matthew 5:19, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven."

Preachers, who **don't** teach sanctification by the working of God's Word and Spirit shall be called **the least in the Kingdom of heaven**. But whosoever shall do and teach them, shall be called **great in the Kingdom of heaven**.

This 10-fold law of God has been founded on and built in the **love** and the **glory** of God, and knows in the life of the conversed sinner a twofold working:

1. A death-working in the old, sinful man.

Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free from the law of sin and death**."

2. A being born again out of God and growth up to maturity of the new Divine Nature of God.

Titus 3:4-5, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 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."

4.

The 1st law

Love your brother and sister with the love of Christ Jesus

1. We must not do righteousness in human power, but always act in the power of the Lord.

Matthew 5:20, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of heaven."

The Pharisees and scribes love their neighbour in their own power, but we have to **be lovely and nice, after the Lord has brought us in His Divine love**. He has to pour His love into our heart, build His love in our heart. We have to pray for this!

Romans 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

2. We must not kill each other.

Matthew: 5:21, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement:"

With "not kill each other" God means "not murder each other", for David was taught by the Lord how to wage war against his enemies.

Psalms 144:1, "Blessed be the LORD my strength, Which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:"

Also Jesus didn't compell the centurion to quit the army, as John the baptist didn't compell the soldiers, who came to him, to do so.

Matthew 8:5-13, "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto Him a centurion, beseeching Him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of heaven. But the children of the Kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

3. We have to let the Lord build His love in our heart.

7 We have to build by the Lord this commandment in our heart in and through the power of the Holy Spirit. So we are able to love our brother and sister with the love of God.

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you (His commandment to accept His offer of divine love), That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples (My followers on the way of the cross), if ye have love one to another."

Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

It is the Spirit of God, Who through His Word and power, redeems us from the old, sinful, self-centred man. Then He builds in us, after our conversion and confession of our sins, the new creation, a creation in the likeness of God.

4. We must not have evil thoughts about our brothers and sisters.

Matthew 5:22, "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (of Aramaic origin; empty, i.e. a senseless, empty headed man), shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

It is sinful to have evil thoughts about our brother and sister on the base of suspicions or slander, and react on this base evilly against them. Let us not have evil thoughts, but have a merciful heart.

5. Also talking scandals about our brother and sister in Christ is sin, so putting him/her down, and abusing him/her is punishable with God.

James 3:1-16, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Matthew 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Proverbs 4:23-24, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee."

Psalms 57:4, "My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword."

Psalms 5:9, "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue."

Romans 3:13-14, "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."

Such people are instruments of the devil, who inspires them to such sinful language and actions, and so defile their inward man of the heart, why their outward man comes to sinful language and actions.

Genesis 6:5, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Matthew 15:18-19, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

6. Let us quickly come to peace with our brother and sister in Christ.

Let us sincerely surge for this peace. If the other party doesn't want to do so, then with God we are liberated of this pressure. Don't we do so, then God may call us to responsibility already in this life.

Matthew 5:23-26, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

7. We have to forgive them, who did evil against us. If we don't do so, we blockade our own salvation.

Mark 11:25-26, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Let us take to heart the following Word of God in our contacts with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Romans 12:16-19, "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

5.

The 2nd law

Love your wife / husband with the love of Christ.

The institution, which a Christian must have in regard with sexuality and marriage.

Sex is a by God given bodily power for multiplication of mankind, and its nature is therefore **pure** and **undefiled**, if executed within the borders, given by God in His Word.

Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

God condemns adultery and sex with changing partners.

Revelation 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and **whoremongers**, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Revelation 22:15, "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and **whoremongers**, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

1 Corinthians 7:1-9, "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, **to avoid fornication**, let every man have his **own** wife, and let every woman have her **own** husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn."

Adultery and fornication begins with **seeing** and **coveting**.

Matthew 5:27-32, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, **That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after** her hath committed adultery with her already **in his heart**. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it (spiritually) out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it (spiritually) off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, **saving for the cause of fornication**, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

Who covets an adulterant woman has, according to this perfect law, spiritually already done adultery with her.

Sinful sex begins with the **eye**. Then you go to that person (**the feet**), and at last **you achieve sex**, which **begins with the hands**.

Mark 9:43-48, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it (spiritually) off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it (spiritually) off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it (spiritually) out: it is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

Unholy sex.

Sex has the tendency to **idolatry**, the worship of the false god **Venus**. This is unholy. This is the case, when sex **fills our heart**, taking so the place, which we have to give to **Jesus alone**. So it is the case when everything else than Jesus fills your heart, that thing or thought forms than an idol for you.

Let us look further in the Scriptures regarding unholy sex.

Romans 1:22-32, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: **for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet** (the illness of aids). And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Leviticus 18:22-24, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is **abomination**. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:"

The Christian marriage.

Lovers, when they have their marriage closed before God, conform the Word of God, have promised each other **faithfulness** till the death separate them from each other. During their marriage they have kept themselves open for the Lord, so He is able to pour His love (in Greek: agape) for each other in their hearts.

Let us study God's will regarding marriage-life in His Word.

Ephesians 5:22-33, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be **to their own husbands** in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish**. So ought men to love their (own) wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his (own) wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church: For we are members of His Body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

We find also God's will regarding Christian marriage-partners in

1 Peter 3:1-7, "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your **own husbands**; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be (especially) the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered.**"

No divorce in the Christian marriage-life.

A marriage closed before the face of God may not come to divorce, **except in the case of fornication or adultery**. In this case **the faithfulness in the marriage-life has been broken** by the guilty partner (Matthew 5:32). **In such case** the not-guilty partner **may divorce** or reconcile with the guilty partner. If the not-guilty partner choose for a divorce, **then he/she may marry again, but only "in the Lord"**.

If a marriage-union cannot be maintained for one or an other reason (not by fornication or adultery), then the marriage partners may divorce, **but have to remain unmarried** till the other partner has died.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11, "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife."

No unequal yoke in the Christian marriage.

Someone believing in the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't have to marry an unbelieving person, nor someone out of another religion.

*2 Corinthians 6:14-18, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."*

If we are already married and then convert to Christianity, then Paul, **not the Lord**, has the following advise:

1 Corinthians 7:12-16, "Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you. Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth. And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things."

6.

The 3rd law

Don't cheat your neighbour, love him/her as yourself.

Matthew 5:33-37, "Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

So don't say; Yes, **but!**

We now begin to look at the relationship with **the neighbour in general sense**, by with we have to love that neighbour **as ourself**.

Matthew 22:39, "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Speak with your neighbour always the truth.

Don't cheat your neighbour, as is common to people in the unconverted world. Towards the neighbour we have to behave as children of truth, for we have to be led by **the Spirit of truth**.

*John 14:15-17, "If ye love me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you **for ever**; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."*

Also **the lie for your good** we have to avoid. If we are in that case, we have to pray the Lord for wisdom.

Further Scripture says **not to swear**, and not to take an oath. Your **promesse** then will be the same as an oath. We therefore have to act as we have promessed. Let us herefore open our heart for the Lord, so He is able to build this Word in our heart. The world has to be sure of the word of God's children.

Let us study an other Bibleverse about this matter.

Romans 3:4, "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Satan is the father of lies.

*John 8:44, "Ye (the Pharisees and sinful scribes) are **of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*

*1 John 5:19, "And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness**."*

Whole the world listens to him, and follows him, while we have to take care not to be cheated by him.

Psalms 5:9, "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue."

*1 John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know **Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true**, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."*

So we have to put off each form of lie.

Ephesians 4:25, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."

Zechariah 8:16, "These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates."

Colossians 3:9-10, "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him."

1 Peter 2:1, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings."

Psalms 5:6, "Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man."

However your truth must not be killing.

Your words have to bring peace. So speak therefore with wisdom. Don't embitter your neighbour with words. Don't give judgements against your neighbour. We go deeper in this matter, when we study the 9th law.

Let us banish each form of slander and gossip out of our life.

We are able to do so by opening our heart for the Lord of grace and truth. Don' keep your ears open for slander and gossip. If you do so, you are equally guilty.

John 1:14, "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."

I will bring to your attention, that the word grace proceed the word truth. Let this also be found in our speak with others. Let us be careful with all our talk, for we are responsible for it with God!

Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Ask the Lord to forgive you and redeem you from all idle words.

7.

The 4th law

Love your enemies with the love of God.

The Lord offers us to build in us His love for the whole mankind, even for them, who have exercised enmity towards us.

1. The law of God out of the old covenant.

The Mosaic law teaches Israel to revenge on the enemy.

Matthew 5:38, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."

Exodus 21:22-25, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

2. God's law in the new covenant.

In the new covenant He offers us His Divine love, which He wants to build in us and for which we have to keep us open for.

*Matthew 5:39-42, "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. **40** And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. **41** And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. **42** Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away."*

Verse 39 is towards the violence of the enemy.

Verse 40 is towards his rapacity.

Verse 41 is towards his tyranny.

Verse 42 is towards his greed, by which they keep, what they have borrowed.

Matthew 5:43-44, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

We are able to love our enemy not before the Lord has poured His love in our heart.

*Romans 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

We have to open our heart willingly for His graceful gift.

Let us see how this love for the enemy manifests itself in the heart of Jesus and Stephen.

Luke 23:34, "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots."

Acts 7:60, "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep (he died)."

Let us do so with Paul.

1 Corinthians 4:12-13, "And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day."

God teaches us here to love even our enemy, because they themselves are victims of satan. God wants to save them too.

*1 Timothy 2:3-4, "For it is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have **all men** to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*

*2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but **that all should come to repentance.**"*

Ezekiel 18:23, "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?"

Our true enemies are the powers of darkness.

Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

3. Perfection is, by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, possible already here on earth

God will make us perfect, by this He is able to make us His children.

*Matthew 5:45-48, "That ye may be the children of your Father Which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**"*

He want to build this perfection in us, after He has destroyed our old, sinful man, if we have surrendered ourselves to Him.

*Colossians 1:27-29, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily."*

*2 Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the **same image** from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

*2 Corinthians 13:11, "Finally, brethren, farewell. **Be perfect**, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."*

*John 17:23, "I in them, and Thou in Me, **that they may be made perfect** in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me."*

*Ephesians 4:12, "For **the perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"*

*2 Timothy 3:17, "That the man of God **may be perfect**, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*

Colossians 3:14, "And above all these things put on charity (divine love), which is the bond of perfectness."

*Hebrews 6:1a, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,"*

*Hebrews 10:14, "For by one offering **He hath perfected** for ever them that are sanctified."*

*Ephesians 5:27, "That He might present it to Himself **a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**"*

*James 1:4, "But let patience have her **perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**"*

4. The development to perfection in Christ does not happen automatically.

What do **we** have to do? **We have to co-operate with Him.**

a. We must have faith, that it is possible, that He is able to build this perfection already here on earth.

*Matthew 9:29, "Then touched He their eyes, saying, **According to your faith** be it unto you."*

Ephesians 3:17-19, "**That Christ may dwell in your hearts** by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled **with all the fullness of God.**"

b. For this we have to come to Jesus in prayer.

Matthew 11:28, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

c. We have to keep His Word, that brings us this message, in our heart.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11, "Always bearing about in the body **the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.** For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

1 John 2:5, "But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him."

d. We have to mortify consciously our sinful old man by the power of Jesus.

Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Colossians 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

e. We have to participate with the death of Jesus by spiritually eating His flesh, and drinking His Blood.

John 6:56-57, "He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me (spiritually), even he shall live by Me."

f. We have to escape all temptations of the world and of sin.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

g. We have to sit spiritually continually at the table of the marriage supper of the Lamb, after being called to this spiritual event, in order to perfectly share spiritually His death and resurrection in the end-time.

Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

5. This perfection cannot be realised by God's Spirit before the end-time, because God's everlasting Gospel is then preached, without restrictions and misconceptions, in the full power of the Holy Spirit. Moreover then He will pour (the light of) His Spirit upon all flesh. He then will be accepted by many believers.

Revelation 12:1, "And there appeared a great wonder in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church); a woman (the Bride of God's Lamb) clothed with the sun (picture of the Father), and the moon (picture of the Son) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (picture of the Holy Spirit)."

Revelation 14:6, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting Gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and **to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.**"

Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

Isaiah 61:10, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

Joel 2:23, "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain (the Holy Spirit, giving divine Life) in the first [month] (as in the first outpouring in apostolic time)."

Daniel 2:34-35, "Thou sawest till that a stone (the first Christian made perfectly pure) was cut out (from the mount of sin) without hands (without human help), which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them (in the heart of that Christian, who then recognises only Jesus as his King): and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain (picture of the Bride of God's Lamb), and filled the whole earth."

Daniel 2:44-45, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people (but to the people of Israel), but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain (of sin) without (human) hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

Here is predicted by Daniel, that in the end-time, in the time of the 10 kings (political leaders), a “stone” (the first perfect member of the Bride of God’s Lamb) is **liberated without (human) hands** from the mountain (of sin), namely by the power of God’s everlasting Word and by His almighty Spirit. In the heart of this believing soul all sorts of human government will be destroyed, the wind of the Spirit blows them away. He recognises only God’s Kingdom. Then rapidly the other members of the Bride of God’s Lamb (the big mountain, which shall fill the earth) will follow the pioneer’s work of the first one. Then the Kingdom of God will really begin to be manifested on earth (Daniel 2:44).

Now we have treated the first 4 laws of the Kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church of the New Testament.

We have found, that God, by His Spirit, will build these 4 laws in our heart and life. To build in of this grace we have to keep our heart and life open. So God’s Spirit is able to do so, because we have a free will. The Lord shall never compel us to do so. He will build **His love for the whole mankind** in our heart, up to **the maturity of it**.

8.

The other 6 laws

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We consider now the further 6 laws, which the Lord Jesus has given in His sermon on the mount, by which He will redeem us from our old, sinful life, after which He is able to pour in us His Divine love and life. He wants to do this until perfection even during our earthly life,.

With the **5th law** (Matthew 6:1-4) Jesus want to teach us to open **our soul for His financial anointing**, the leading of His Spirit regarding our financial sacrifices. Then we are able to bring our tithes and other financial sacrifices with joy and love, voluntary to God and to the labor of the Church (Malachi 3:7-18).

The **6th law** (Matthew 6:5-15) will teach **our spirit** to be open for **His prayer anointing**, the leading of the Spirit regarding our prayer-life. So He is able to pour His love in our heart for God and our fellow men, and the things we have to pray for. We know, that God’s love does not come in our heart before He has redeemed us from our sinful nature, by our voluntary sharing His death and resurrection.

The **7th law** (Matthew 6:16-18) will teach **our body**, our flesh, and its wants, to be open for **His fast anointing**, the leading of the Spirit regarding our carnal-life on earth. So the Lord is able to lead us into the redemption of our sinful lusts and do us voluntary share His death and resurrection.

The **8th up to the 10th law** will teach us, caused by our love for God, to put down our body, soul and spirit, our total sinful being on the altar of burning, so mortifying ourselves by the power of God’s Spirit. By this voluntary sharing His death and resurrection, we totally die to our old, sinful flesh, and may share His resurrection life, and things which He has offered us in His Word.

The **8th law** (Matthew 6:19-34) will teach us to totally die to **our idolatrous, material, sinful hunger after money and material possessions**. In stead of this all the Lord will give us gracefully heavenly life (heavenly gold), already here on earth.

The **9th law** (Matthew 7:1-6) will teach us to totally die to **our sinful relations with our fellow-men**, because of our love for Jesus and our heavenly Father.

The **10th law** (Matthew 7:7-29) will teach us to totally die to **our self-willed labour** for our Lord Jesus Christ here on earth, which we are doing because of our human love for Him. This law will teach us **only to labour according to His will, and according to our anointing**.

9.

The 5th law

Love God above all by opening your heart for His financial anointing.

God’s law regarding our financial sacrifices in the New Covenant with Him.

*Matthew 6:1-4, “Take heed that ye do not your alms **before men**, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have **glory of men**. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may **be in secret**: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.”*

By giving our financial sacrifices for the labour of God’s Church and mission we may not seek honour among men. When we do so, we have no spiritual reward with God. We have not to seek financial profit to regarding our financial sacrifices, although it is written in God’s Word, for our heart may not search for earthly wealth. Let us leave to God, how He will reward us. Give your gift because of **your love for Him**.

Mark 10:28-31, “Then Peter began to say unto Him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hats left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the Gospel’s, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions (although we should not hunger for material reward); and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.”

You only are able to give your financial sacrifice because of love, if you have surrendered your life to Him, and after He has poured His love in your heart.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5, *“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but **first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.**”*

Matthew 25:34-40, *“Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”*

Matthew 10:42, *“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.”*

When you give your financial sacrifice **in an unconverted state to be honoured by men**, then you have no eternal reward with God, how big your sacrifice may be.

1 Corinthians 13:3, *“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.”*

You have to give your sacrifice out of love for God, and out of mercy for the beneficiary

Matthew 9:13, *“But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

What the Lord asks of us is **our heart**.

Proverbs 23:26, *“My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.”*

The labour for the Lord needs financial sacrifices, but the motive of our giving has to be love for God, and love for the neighbour and his rescue.

Not the size of the sacrifice is grading of our love for Him, but in what measure the sacrifice hurts us.

Mark 12:41-44, *“And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And He called unto Him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; **but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.**”*

Let us also not seek retaliation from other people, when we give our sacrifice.

Luke 14:12-14, *“Then said He also to him that bade Him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.”*

In the measure, in which one gives, one will be rewarded by God.

Luke 6:38, *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”*

The law of the financial sacrifice in the Old Covenant.

Malachi 3:7-12, *“Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

A tenth part of the income was asked from the believer to cover the costs of the temple, and the costs of living of the priests and Levites. Jesus lived under the old-testament laws. He taught about the tithes as follows:

Luke 11:42, *“But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”*

Here the Lord teaches us, that we have to sacrifice the tithes of our income to cover the costs of all the labour of the Lord in the Church and the mission-field, because of love for Him.

Some verses more regarding our financial sacrifices.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

We have to give all our financial sacrifices voluntary and joyfully, also our tithes. The Lord compels nobody. He wants, that we give and serve Him voluntary and out of love. Let us in this matter be lead by the Spirit of God, by His financial anointing. Let us kill all avarice in our heart in the power and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

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The 6th law

Love God above all and open your heart for His prayer-anointing.

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Matthew 6:5-8, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him."

Our prayers, our contacts with the Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, have to be absent of honor from men, and have to be hidden. Also is our prayer no question of many words, it may happen in secret within our heart. Further is an attitude not necessary. Hebrew people pray with their arms stretched out up to heaven, the Greek folds up his hands, other people join their hands, and close their eyes. Some people pray laying on the ground.

The model-prayer, which our Lord Jesus has taught us.

1. To Whom we have to pray.

Jesus taught us, that we have to pray to **our Father**, Who is in heaven, to the almighty and only true God, to YaH-WeH, Who wants to be our heavenly Father.

Matthew 6:9a, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven."

John 16:23, "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you."

Not all men have YaHWeH, our almighty God, as their Father.

Romans 8:14-15, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

It is the Spirit of God, Who does us **born again** out of God. Then we have God as our heavenly Father.

John 1:12-13, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**"

So not all believers are children of God, but only they, who are **born again** out of YaHWeH.

John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

2 Corinthians 6:17-18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

2. We pray first for the general needs, the needs, which apply to every child of God.

Matthew 6:9b-10, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

We utter with the Father firstly our desire about the future of the whole Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth of the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ; but in the first place, that His Kingdom come **into our heart and life.**

Our prayer to the Father has to be in the first place: **the restoration of God's honor, of His Kingdom, and of His will among men, who are fallen in sin.** In short: the divine answer on the general needs **of the Church of Jesus Christ on earth.**

a. Hallowed be Thy Name.

God's Name is blasphemed on earth by the sin of man, who has been created by Him, especially by them, who say, that they serve Him, that they are His children.

Romans 2:24, "For the Name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written."

So the first prayer and need of God's child is, that this blasphemy is taken away from earth by the redemptive power of God, especially among His children, and more especially out of our own heart and life. His Name be not blasphemed, but **hallowed by the redemption, sanctification and perfection of His children.**

What is His Name?

Exodus 3:13-15, "And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His Name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is My Name **for ever**, and this is My memorial unto all generations.

Exodus 15:3, "YaHWeH is a Man of war, YaHWeH is His Name." (literal Hebrew translation)

The **eternal Name of our Father** is YaHWeH (JHWH), the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Some teach abusively, that the Name of our God is Lord Jesus Christ. This is wrong, for the Name "Jesus", how dear this Name may be to us, is not His **eternal** Name. The Name "Jesus" means "YaHWeH saves". This is not an eternal action of Him, for when the time of grace is over, the Son of God puts the Name "Jesus" down and receives a new Name.

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Revelation 3:12, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My **new Name.**"

All what concerns with the Name of God we have to sanctify, honor and glorify, so don't use it as an expletive.

Deuteronomy 5:11, "Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain."

b. Thy Kingdom come, (especially in our own heart and life).

Revelation 11:15, "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign **for ever and ever.**"

In fact Jesus has overcome Satan as prince of this world at Golgotha. His kingdom is destroyed.

Then follows the prayer:

c. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

This prayer is, that God's will, His Word, may march on till it fills the whole world, but in the first place, that God's Word may march on **in our heart and life.**

Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Matthew 24:14, "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached **in all the world** for a witness unto **all nations; and then shall the end come.**"

Revelation 14:6, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting Gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and **to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.**"

This eternal Word of God will bring **in the end-time perfect redemption and perfection** to all men, who have been converted. The reason is, **in the end-time God's everlasting Gospel** is preached and believed because **the (light of the) Spirit of God then is poured out over all flesh.** By the Lord we then will have built God's Word into us with greater faithfulness, for by His Word we then have a living hope on the eternal splendours, offered by God's prophetic Word. Therefore it is good to study these promises and keep them in our heart.

Ephesians 1:15-23, "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and **what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,** And what is **the exceeding greatness of His power to us** who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all."

Ephesians 3:8-11, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ;** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ephesians 4:11-16, "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For **the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto **a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to

and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 2:19-22, “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

Ephesians 3:16-19, “That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit **in the inner man**; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**”

Romans 8:29-30, “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**. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.”

Revelation 14:6, “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting Gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and **to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.**”

Joel 2:28, “And it shall come to pass **afterward**, that I will pour out (the light of) My Spirit **upon all flesh** (to enlighten our conscience of sin and the perfect will of God in His Word); and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”

Our prayer to the Father has to concern **the whole body of Christ**, the whole world-wide Church. Therefore we come to Him with the opening words: “**our** Father”.

Ephesians 6:18, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication **for all saints.**”

3. The prayers to the Father for answers to our personal needs.

a. The prayers for answers on our personal needs regarding the present.

Matthew 6:11, “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Our needs of the present doesn't concern only about food for our body, but **also food for our soul and spirit**.

John 6:47-58, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that Bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may (spiritually) eat thereof, and not die. I am the living Bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: and the Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this Man give us His flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that Bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this Bread shall live for ever.”

a1. In the present we have to follow faithfully the way of the cross; the way, which Jesus has opened at Golgotha, and which we have to follow.

Luke 9:23-25, “And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up **his** cross daily, and follow Me (on My way to Golgotha). For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake (by partaking spiritually in My death), the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?”

a2. We spiritually have to sit continually at the marriage supper table of the Lamb; in other words: faithfully, continually and spiritually eat His flesh and drink His blood, (so spiritually partaking in His death at Golgotha) for our **perfect** redemption of our old, sinful man.

Revelation 19:9, “And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”

a3. Daily we have to take up (spiritually) our cross and follow Jesus on our cross-way to Golgotha. But first we have to **deny ourselves** (Luke 9:23), we may not yield to our sinful, fleshly desires, but flee from them. This costs an inward struggle, but we have a great Helper, Who has prepared the redemption of our sins at Golgotha. **There He has conquered the powers of sin**, and destroyed them in His flesh. This victory He want to share with us. If we accept this victory, which He offered us --- spiritually eating and drinking it, keeping this in our heart, so sharing it spiritually --- then by His victory, we self become victors over the powers of sin, which formerly rule over us. We have to do this in faith **continually** and spiritually grow together with it to **one plant**.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11, “**Always** bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”

Romans 6:5, "For if we have been (spiritually) planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

Romans 6:3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

This last mentioned verse applies not only to the baptism in water, but also to the baptism in the Spirit, the Spirit of sanctification and burning.

a4. We have not only wash ourselves in His blood, and purify ourselves in the fire of the Holy Spirit and His Word for our big sins and shortcomings, but for our little sins too, and also for the sinful nature, which we have inherited from our forefathers.

James 3:6, "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

From every kind of sin, from all what opposes God's Word in us, we have to be redeemed by our Saviour (for which we have to ask Him forgiveness). Jesus has to save us from whole our sinful nature of body, soul and Spirit.

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

Romans 6:12-18, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then **made free from sin**, ye became the servants of righteousness."

Romans 12:1-3, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Verse 1 points to the redemption of our sinful body, verse 2 to the redemption of our sinful soul, and verse 3 to the redemption of our sinful spirit, that searches to exalt itself above that, what God has granted to us.

a5. We have to co-operate with Jesus.

Ephesians 4:22-32, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

a6. We have to share the death of God's Lamb till we have died totally and completely from our sins.

1 Peter 2:24, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, **ye shall be free indeed.**"

a7. We have to co-operate consciously with Jesus and mortify our sinful nature.

Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Colossians 3:5-6, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience."

a8. In the power of Jesus we have to bannish the might of sin out of our mind and out of the considerations of our heart.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, **when your obedience is fulfilled.**"

a9. Further we have to be watchful, that the devil can't cheat us.

1 Peter 5:8-9, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

b. Our prayers for answers on our personal needs regarding the past.

Matthew 6:12, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Matthew 6:14-15, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

The needs regarding the past are sins, which we have to confess, and for which we have to ask forgiveness.

1 John 1:8-10, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us."

James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

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Our un-confessed sins **form a hindrance** for the progress of our spiritual life, even worse: **the Lord doesn't hear our prayers.**

Isaiah 59:1-2, "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, **that He will not hear.**"

We have not only to confess our sins with God and the neighbour against whom we have sinned, but we have to **restore our errors** towards our neighbour, otherwise a curse may rest upon us.

Matthew 5:23-26, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

Also is **irreconcilability** or **unmercifulness** a sin, which we have to confess with the Lord and have to restore in the power of the Lord.

Mark 11:25-26, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father Which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 6:14-15, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 18:23-35, "Therefore is the Kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, **if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**"

Our sins committed in the past, could be in our mind, in words, and in deeds. Sins committed in our mind we have to confess with God only. The sins committed by words or deeds we have not only to confess with God and ask Him forgiveness for them, but we also have to confess to and ask forgiveness from the neighbour, to whom we have sinned and restore our sin. We have to ask the Lord for wisdom and power for it. Don't take this confess, and asking for forgiveness too light, it may **damage your spiritual development.**

Hebrews 12:1-2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience** the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Matthew 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Even unconscious sins we have to put in God's forgiving hands.

Psalms 139:23-24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

*2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, **and** pray, **and** seek My face, **and** turn from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

God will forgive them all and redeem us from these sins, if we confess them with Him.

Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

1 John 1:9, Already cited above.

c. Our prayers for answer on our personal needs regarding the future.

Matthew 6:13a, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

By the power of Jesus and His prayer-anointing we receive power to resist all temptations of the devil. They always exist and will increase in the end-time in all violence. Just as Daniel we have to resist all offers of satan (Daniel 1:8-9). Let us always say "No" against satan and his temptations by the power of our prayer anointing.

Joshua 1:5-9, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

*2 Corinthians 10:3-6, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, **and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, **when your obedience is fulfilled.**"*

Matthew 11:12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence (from satan's attacks), and the violent take it by force."

The servants of the Lord do in the Church violence to satan's realm. They take the saved sinners by force – by the power of the Holy Spirit – out of satan's hands, and bring them into the Kingdom of God.

Luke 11:21-22, "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils."

"The strong one", who keeps his place is the devil, the "stronger than he" is the servant of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, who destroys satan's power, and brings his spoils, the saved souls, in the Kingdom of God. We have as servant of the Lord, just as Jesus, to wage war against satan and his power (1 John 3:8):

*1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He **might destroy the works of the devil.**"*

Romans 16:20, "And the God of peace shall bruise satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Colossians 4:12, "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you (waging war against satan) in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

We have to wage war against satan in our prayers.

Matthew 16:19, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven (on earth, that is the Church): and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The keys of the Kingdom of the Lord are the powers of the Holy Spirit, by which previous closed, spiritual doors are opened.

*Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

Matthew 16:17-28, "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father Which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (such a rocky faith as thine) I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven (on earth, which is the Church): and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged He His disciples that they should tell no man that He was Jesus the Christ. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Lord: this shall not be unto Thee. But He turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind Me, satan: thou art an offence unto Me: for thou savourest not the

things that be of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom.”

Ephesians 6:18, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication **for all saints.**”

Colossians 4:2, “Continue in prayer, and **watch** in the same with thanksgiving.”

1 Peter 5:8-9, “Be sober, be **vigilant**; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

The iniquity shall abound.

Matthew 24:12, “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”

Revelation 22:11, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”

In the time of the anti-christ iniquity shall abound up to its very end.

Ezekiel 21:25-29, “And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel (the anti-christ is called here “prince of Israel because he claimed to be the returned Christ), whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end (literal transl.: whose day is come in the time of iniquity of the end), Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him. And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furnished, to consume because of the glittering: Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.”

Therefore Gods servants have to put on **the whole armour of God**. First the **inward** armour of righteous-ness, and then His **outward** armour, the spiritual power against satan’s might.

Luke 10:19, “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Ephesians 6:10-18, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

Then satan’s temptations will not harm us anymore, we are then redeemed of them, because we are then perfectly purified and sanctified down to the deepest of our heart. So He redeems us from the evil one and his cheating activities. Then we have put on our Lord with all His power and glory; namely when the bridal festival has taken place.

Revelation 12:1, “And there appeared a great wonder in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, that is the Church) a woman (the Bride of God’s Lamb) clothed with the sun (picture of the Father), and the moon (picture of the Son) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (picture of the Holy Spirit).”

4. Adoration, thanksgiving, glorifying and praise.

His prayer anointing brings us on the wings of His Spirit up to the throne of our Father and of the Lamb, to bring our God there thanksgiving, glorifying and praise, up to **adoration** of God.

Matthew 6:13b, “For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.”

Psalms 50:23, Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.”

Revelation 7:12, “Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.”

Isaiah 42:8 + 12, “I am the LORD: that is My Name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images. **12** Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare His praise in the islands.”

Isaiah 48:11, “For Mine own sake, even for Mine own sake, will I do it: for how should My Name be polluted? and I will not give My glory unto another.”

The 7th law

Love God above all by opening your body for His fast-anointing.

Matthew 6:16-18, Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father Which is in secret: and thy Father, Which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

1. The general meaning of fasting.

We spare ourselves of all bodily, sensorial enjoyments, so as fine spice and drinks, sex, view, smell, and feel fine things, etc. in order to be more open for the liberating actions and leading of the Holy Spirit (His fast-anointing). So the love of God (Romans 5:5), His will and Word can more easily be build in our heart and life, and predominate in us over our fleshly lusts. So the first love can remain in us, and we are able to love Him above all.

When we fast, it has to remain **hidden** between ourselves and the Lord God, and not be visible in our behaviour. Never may our fast have the character of a show, to be praised by men. Also our fast has to be lead and actuated by the Spirit of God, otherwise such a bodily torment is in vain.

Psalms 127:2, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved (in their) sleep."

Also we never have to fast ordered by men, by church-leaders and on base of teachings based on old-testamental laws or tradition.

Luke 18:9-14, "And He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Zechariah 7:5-7, "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto Me, even to Me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?"

2. The aim of our fast must be the breaking and redemption of our sinful nature.

*Isaiah 58:5-14, "Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? **to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?** Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:"*

In the first instance this breaking and redeeming has to happen by the power of the shed Blood of the Lamb, but fasting brings consolidation of our prayer for redemption.

3. We fast to receive God's promise of perfect redemption and purification mentioned in Ephesians 5:26-27, in order that we are spotless and without wrinkle, already here on earth.

*Ephesians 5:26-27, "That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**"*

In the first place we receive this redemption and purification by our faith and washing in the shed blood of the Lamb at Golgotha. Fast for this case **emphasises** our prayer for our purification.

Hebrews 9:11-12 + 14, "But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained **eternal redemption** for us. **14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Joel 2:12-17, "Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to Me with **all your heart**, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep **between the porch and the altar**, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O LORD, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

The priests had to weep between the porch and the altar of burnt offering, namely on the place where the laver stood, which is a picture of our ready willingness to share the death of God's Lamb, to be planted together in the likeness of His death (Romans 6:5). Again: fasting is but an addition to realise the death of our sinful human flesh.

4. The aim of fasting is a more intimate fellowship with the Lamb of God.

This more intimate fellowship brings us up to the state of "**children of the bride-chamber**".

Matthew 9:14-15, "Then came to Him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but Thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the Bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the Bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast."

Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart."

Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup (the marriage supper of God's Lamb. Rev 19:9) with him, and he with Me."

Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

Song 5:1-8 and 6:1-3, "I am come into My garden, My sister, My spouse: I have gathered My myrrh with My spice; I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved. I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my Beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled: for My head is filled with dew, and My locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? My beloved put in His hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for Him. I rose up to open to my Beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my Beloved; but my Beloved had withdrawn Himself, and was gone: my soul failed when He spake: I sought Him, but I could not find Him; I called Him, but He gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my Beloved, that ye tell Him, that I am sick of love. **6:1** Whither is thy Beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy Beloved turned aside? that we may seek Him with thee. My Beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. **I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine: He feedeth among the lilies.**"

The intense searching of the Bride after her spiritual slumber is rewarded with a glorious, renewed contact with her Bridegroom.

Philippians 3:10-14, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**"

John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

5. A further aim of fasting is getting more power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, getting more breakthrough from the Spirit in our earthly labour.

Matthew 17:21, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

My personal opinion is, that we can't **compel** the Spirit of God. He is the Almighty. It is a more intense supplication for grace and breakthrough, what we see, that is good in our labour for Him.

1 Corinthians 12:11, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally **as He will.**"

1 Corinthians 12:31, "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

6. The 40 days of fasting of Jesus, when He was tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-15, "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days He did eat nothing: and when they were ended, He afterward hungered. And the devil said unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto Him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind Me, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. And he brought Him to Jerusalem, and set Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give His angels charge over Thee, to keep Thee: And in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time thou dash Thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all."

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During these 40 days Jesus sought the powerful leading and anointing of God's Spirit, when He was tempted by satan in the desert during that time. To overcome temptation He fasted during that time, after which He began His labour in Judea and Samaria as a Victor over satan.

So as Jesus we are able to come into prayer and fasting, when we endure great temptations to receive the strong leading and power of the Holy Spirit.

Now rest the 3 last laws, which pursue us to **mortify** our members, which are still upon the earth by continually opening of our body, soul and spirit for the mortifying power of the Holy Spirit, by which He is able to redeem us perfectly from our sinful old man and to be build in us His divine Nature.

Colossians 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"

12.

The 8th law

Show that you love God above all by mortifying all sinful, bodily lusts and hunger after wealth and luxury, through opening your heart and life for Jesus and His purifying power, that He may share you His death and resurrection.

Matthew 6:19-34, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven (namely: holiness and divine life), where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness (this is possible when you abusively suppose that you are pure), how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

The sinful, carnal man by his self-centred mind, and by the adulterous Mammon, is easily bound to money, materialism, and earthly possessions. He is driven by the worldly desires of his flesh, his worldly soul and spirit.

1 John 2:16-17, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Sometimes a self-centred man gives away a certain amount of money, to get a bigger amount instead, sometimes he searches humanly honor by doing so. Let the Spirit of the Lord redeem us from such a self-centred, sinful behaviour.

Let us therefore open our sinful, earthly nature for Jesus, then He is able to pour in us His forgiving, blessing and purifying Spirit, and to wash us in His dear Blood.

1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy** the works of the devil."

1 Peter 2:24, "Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed."

Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free** from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:5-8, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is **enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

Romans 8:10-13, "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

We have to co-operate willingly with this process of dying, which happens by the purifying working of the Fire of His Word and Spirit, by giving away our old, sinful man in this mortifying process, because we have an own will.

Romans 8:13, Already cited above

Colossians 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"

He wants to give us the heavenly gold (picture of His Divine life) instead, and to lead us inward in His heavenly sanctuary, our eternal, heavenly home, and to our heavenly Father.

Revelation 3:18, "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see."

Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father (and so in heaven), but by Me."

Give money and materialism, food and drinks no priority in our life, but **Jesus alone, for if you do so, you serve idols.**

13.

The 9th law

Show that you love God above all by mortifying all sinful, social life of our soul towards your neighbour.

Matthew 7:1-6, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

We have, as out of God born again souls, to die to all **sinful relations**, that we have with our fellow-men.

Relation sins

1. Don't judge and condemn each other.

Romans 2:1-6, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:"

Romans 14:4, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."

Romans 14:10-13, "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let

us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

Isaiah 59:9, "Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness."

It is the Lord alone, Who has to judge us.

1 Corinthians 4:4-5, "For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God."

Hebrews 10:30, "For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge His people."

We may admonish the other carefully in the love and grace of God.

Matthew 7:5, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Let grace always precede truth, like it was with Jesus, for truth alone may be mortal. Jesus, in His earthly life, didn't judge.

John 8:10-11, "When Jesus had lifted up Himself, and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

2. Don't harass each other with Bible verses, for this brings only annoyance, and one will turn himself again and rend you like swine.

Matthew 7:6, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

3. Don't gossip

This is telling evil things about each other, without this person is present. The one, who gossips and the one, who hears such rumors are equally guilty.

Romans 3:13-14, "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:"

Let the gossip and the one speaks evil of someone take in consideration, that he won't escape the judgement of God.

Matthew 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

4. Don't slander

Slander is talking bad lies about another. Also lies, which one has heard as pure truth.

Matthew 5:11-12, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Titus 3:2, "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."

Jude 10, "But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves."

5. Don't lie to each other.

Colossians 3:9, "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

Meet your appointments, one must be able to rely on your appointments.

Matthew 5:37, "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

6. Be redeemed from the sin of the tongue.

James 3:1-16, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth

not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.”

7. Don't take each other as competitors or opponents, but as participants and sometimes as victims of satan. He is the true enemy.

Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

8. Don't be jealous of each other like Cain on Abel.

Let the anointing of the other servant of the Lord be more in our eyes than the anointing we have received.

Philippians 2:3, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

9. Live in peace with each other

Matthew 5:23-25, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison."

*Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, **without which no man shall see the Lord:**"*

10. Don't bring each other into temptation.

Matthew 18:6, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Don't do fornication or adultery.

1 Corinthians 10:8, "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

Matthew 5:27-28, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her (spiritually) hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

11. Don't tread upon your brother, nor cheat him.

1 Thessalonians 4:6-7, "That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

12. Don't be irreconcilable with your neighbour.

Bring your irreconcilability in the hands of Jesus, He will redeem you from this sin.

Mark 11:25-26, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father Which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

13. Don't search for dominion over each other in God's Church, but rather serve each other.

Especially the Church leader has not to do so. Leaders of sects do so.

1 Peter 5:2-3, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

Church-members must not obey their leader as a man, but the Word of God spoken by him. This Word has to be true!

*Hebrews 13:7 + 17, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. **17** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."*

14. Don't make merchandise of the Gospel.

2 Peter 2:3, "And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

John 2:13-16, "And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise."

15. Don't become a fan of human beings also not of the pastor of the assembly, but let us be a fan of (fanatic for) Jesus only

If we are redeemed from our relation sins, the Spirit of God can pour freely the love of God in our hearts, and this love is able to grow to maturity.

Romans 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Ephesians 5:17-19, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Colossians 3:14, "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Finally, God's Word gives us the following advice:

Matthew 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

14.

The 10th law

Show your love for God above all by mortifying in you all human efforts in your spiritual work for the Lord, so He is able to lead you purely by His labour-anointing.

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1. The true anointed servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When a true servant of the Lord Jesus Christ knows, that the Lord has called him for a certain labour, and he accepts that call, then he surrenders himself completely to the purifying working of God's Word and the Fire of the Spirit of sanctification.

a. He puts for that purpose his body, soul and spirit on the altar of burnt sacrifices of God's Lamb, on the foot of His cross.

This he has to do, so his old, sinful, self-centered nature can be burnt up into ashes.

Psalms 20:3, "Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice."

b. He goes faithfully in the cross way, which God's Lamb has made for him.

The leading motive of his life is **sharing the death of God's Lamb**, that mortifies **all his self life**, and resurrects him with the resurrection of Jesus, so that he is able to experience the Lord's labour-anointing, His wisdom, and leading in all the labour for Him, and follow Him perfectly.

Luke 9:23-25, "And he said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me (up to Golgotha). For whosoever will save his (sinful) life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?"

c. For this purpose he prays for be baptised in His Spirit and Fire.

Matthew 3:10-12, "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff (human's sinful life) with unquenchable fire."

d. For this purpose he remains praying, searching and knocking on heaven's door till it is opened for him.

Matthew 7:7-11, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"

Luke 11:11-13, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

e. Spiritually he goes so through the strait Gate (picture of God's Lamb), and is so planted together in the likeness of His death, and His resurrection.

Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait Gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the Gate, and narrow is the Way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Doing so, he puts on the new man, the nature of His Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:22-24, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

f. He only accepts the leading of the Spirit of His Lord Jesus Christ, the pure working and leading of his labour-anointing.

Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

John 10:1-15, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the Door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the Door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and

leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the Door of the sheep.** All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep."

g. Doing so the great Leader of the harvest of souls will give him his labour-anointing, conform His calling.

That anointing will give him God's love, His wisdom and knowledge for the lost souls to save them out of the power of sin, and His Love and prudence to bring them into God's Kingdom. In short: He will give them the keys of the Kingdom of heaven to open closed, spiritual doors in His wisdom and power in order to destroy the power of the enemy.

Matthew 16:19, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven (the spiritual power to labour effectively for Jesus): and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

h. He will send him out into his special field of labour, where he has to labour in, in the power of God's Spirit, conform his calling and anointing.

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, **which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**"

The anointing of Jesus:

Isaiah 61:1-3, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison (of sin) to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy (picture of the Holy Spirit) for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified."

He shares His anointing with His servants:

Isaiah 61:4-11, "And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering (picture of partial surrender of sins); and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

Flashes of the end-time.

In the end-time the heavenly High Priest comes **suddenly**, in midnight-darkness, in and through the Holy Spirit, thus **invisible; personally taking the stewardship** over His 7 Churches.

Ephesians 1:9-10, "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times (in the end-time) He might gather together in one all things in Christ (He will take the stewardship over all spiritual labour in His own hand), both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him."

Malachi 3:1-3, "Behold, I will send My messenger (picture of all called and anointed servants of the Lord in the end-time) and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, Whom ye seek, shall **suddenly** come to His temple (in and through the Holy Spirit), even the Messenger of the (Blood-)covenant, Whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (picture of all true servants of the Lord), and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."

Read Revelation, the chapters 1-3.

Matthew 25:6, "And **at midnight** (in midnight circumstances) there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him."

Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory **shall be seen** upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

He will celebrate His bridal-festival with His Bride (the wise part of the true Church), after the needy adoptions and perfections of the wise part of the Church, and unite Himself with her.

Revelation 12:1, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven (in the Kingdom of heaven on earth, which is the Church); a woman (the Bride of God's Lamb) clothed with the sun (picture of the Father), and the moon (picture of the Son) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (picture of the Spirit)."

Revelation 19:1-9, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are His judgments: for He hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts (living creatures) fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

He will empower and glorify His Bride and lead many of His Church to complete victory over satan and sin.

Revelation 12:11, "And they (the victors over sin and devil in the end time) overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their (sinful) lives unto the death (till these lives are fully mortified)."

Obadja 21, "And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S."

He will use His Bride also as an instrument to bring about **the great world wide revival**, so that numerous souls can be lead inward into the Kingdom of heaven.

Revelation 7:9, "After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues**, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."

2. The false labourers, the "holy" devils.

This group of labourers are instruments of the devil. Their behaviour is pious, they talk a lot about Jesus, and about the love of God, but their charisma comes directly out of hell. So they have an anti-anointing, and are "holy" devils. By satan they receive a place in the midst of the Church **as leaders!** They preach half-truths and lies to bring confusion and misleading in the Church of the Lord. Some of them develop themselves as sect leaders.

Matthew 7:15-20, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 13:24-30, "Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The Kingdom of heaven (on earth, which is the Church) is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

They form together "the overspreading of abominations" of Daniel 9:27. These so-called labourers of Christ bring by their false doctrines no conversions. They have an aversion of walking in the way of the cross. They say that Jesus has achieved the redemption-work on His cross, and that we have nothing to do then believe. God's grace comes then automatically to the believer, so they say. Other false workers deny the shed blood of God's Lamb. They all are enemies of the cross of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:18, "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:"

This group of false workers result in the end-time in the workers, who have their have their final form in the **false prophet** and the **anti-christ**. When they exercise miracles and signs, they do so by the powers of hell.

*Matthew 24:5, 11 and 24, "For many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive **many**. 11 And **many** false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive **many**. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."*

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He (the Holy Spirit and His called and anointed servants) who now letteth will let, until He be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked (the anti-christian power: the anti-christ and the false prophet) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

3. The anointed labourers, who are fallen in sin.

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This group of labourers of Jesus Christ starts in the Spirit, but doesn't remain in the Spirit. They finish in their flesh!

Matthew 7:21-23, "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven (on earth, which is the Church); but he that doeth the will of My Father Which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."

Romans 8:5, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

2 Peter 2:1-22, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

1. They are money-minded. And make of the Church a merchandise (verse 3).
2. They slander the things, they don't know (verse 12).
3. They walk after the flesh, in the lusts of their uncleanness (verse 10), having eyes full of adultery (verse 14).
4. They are wells without water (verse 17-18).
5. They allure them, who hear through the lusts of their flesh (verse 18-19).
6. They have left their first love, and follow again their fleshly lusts (Revelation2:4).
7. They are hypocrites (Jeremiah 23:11).
8. They prophesy out of their own heart (Jeremiah 23:16).

9. Through their preaching they are able to contaminate spiritually their hearers with the sin, which rules over them. This is the same spiritual power, which rules over members of a sect, by which they follow **their leader** unconditionally.

Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

When a called and anointed person stray from the path of sanctification, the calling and anointing remain, which keep working, because Gods calling is without repentance, although the salvation bringing grace has been taken from such a person. Example out of the Old Covenant are: Samson, king Saul, and king Solomon. An example out of the New Covenant is mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 7:21-23.

*Romans 11:29, "For the gifts and calling of God are **without repentance**."*

4. Labourers, who are not called by Jesus, who work for Jesus in their own human strength.

This group of labourers the Lord Jesus has never called, and thus has never been anointed to a certain spiritual labour, but they have put themselves under a certain spiritual yoke. The Lord Jesus compared them with a fool, who has built his house on sand.

Matthew 7:26-27, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

With other words: Such workers think, that they are able to build the Church of the Lord Jesus in their own human power and with human wisdom. They doesn't take into account with satan as their enemy. Jesus warns them that this is foolishness.

*John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without Me ye can do nothing** (nothing which brings eternal fruit)."*

Psalms 127:1-2, "Except the LORD build the house (the Church), they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved (in their) sleep."

*1 Corinthians 3:9-15, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**. Now if any man build upon this Foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."*

All their labour is in vain, and bears not **eternal** fruit. Satan laughs at their labour, moreover he blesses their attempts. Maybe that their labour is successful in their own eyes, but when the fire of temptation comes over their work, it will banish, because they have build with wood, hay and stubble.

An other Word of God, that warns such workers is:

Romans 8:5-9, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

Flesh resists Jesus, God's High Priest always, and never pleases Him.

True labourers of the Lord Jesus always build the Church on the Rock (picture of the Lord Jesus Himself).

Matthew 7:24-25, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock (picture of the Lord Jesus Christ): And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

They know, that they are only servants, labourers together with God, that they are but service batches of the Holy Spirit, they know to obey His leading and Word.

Luke 17:10, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Flesh is often ambitious of power.

1 Peter 5:2-3, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock."

Exodus 17:8-16, "Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and re-

hearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

Amalek is for such labourers a classic example. His hand always stretches out to Jesus’ throne, as so many sect leaders and Church leaders do. Flesh looks always for self honour, and builds his own kingdom.

Matthew 21:33-45, “Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The Stone which the builders rejected, the Same is become the Head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this Stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that He spake of them.”

Flesh always looks for enrichment of himself.

2 Peter 2:3, “And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

Further is flesh always jealous of the other labourer of the Lord Jesus. Especially when the other labourer is more successful. A classic example of jealousy is Cain, being jealous of his brother Abel. So were the Pharisees and scribes jealous of Jesus. They therefore killed Him.

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