

Father

Lord, what's the generational root of iniquity; the spirit of religion? Where did it start?

Substituting religion for living words

Righteousness

- 1) My good deeds (absence of sin)
- 2) Vs. doing what Father does

Mt 5:6 – blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness (On same page with Father)

In Jesus Name

- 1) An incantation we sprinkle like salt on everything we do
- 2) Vs. seeing what father is doing and doing it with him (Jn 5:19)

Mt 7:22 – *Did we not prophesy in your name*

- *And in your name, drive out demons*
- *And in your name, perform many miracles*

Mt 7:23 – *I never knew you. Away from me you evil doers.*

The religious spirit is the engine behind servants, droids

- Philosophic strongholds that enslave minds
(Environmentalism, globalism, population control, Rapture, Cessationism)
- Habitual, intellectual thought patterns... with power

2 Cor 10:3 – *We do not wage war as the world does*

4 – Our weapons... have divine power to demolish strongholds

5 – we demolish arguments and every pretension

- *That sets itself up against the knowledge of God*
- *We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ*

Knowledge

- 1) Doctrines of men, demons, religious tradition
- 2) Vs. the Spirit of knowledge (living words)

The religious spirit is everything but living words that proceed from Father's mouth (Mt 4:4)

Isa 23:11 – *The Lord has given a command concerning Canaan, to demolish its strongholds.*

It's time to deal with the religious spirit in America, Kingdom is releasing sons and rivers of words.

Jesus

I am the living word. I stand at the door and knock. If you open, we will fellowship

Accusation – I never knew you, depart from me

Jesus forgive me for not hearing your living words

- For contenting myself in strongholds of vain philosophies
- For trusting in the ways of man, the religious spirit
- For offering strange fire; strange works

Father, I renounce the covenant with the religious spirit

- I'm putting all my religious dead works on the trading floors
- I'm trading for your living words, for intimacy with the Spirit of Truth (Access to Council)
- I'm demolishing strongholds of the religious spirit

Father, I'm confessing that I worshipped at the alter of the religious spirit

- I offered my dead works instead of the works you prepared in advance for me to do
- Lord, I'm renouncing the religious spirit and the strongholds in my belief system
- Cleanse me with your blood

Col 2:8 – See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit

- According to human traditions
- According to the elemental spirits of the world and not according to Christ

Elemental spirits – principalities, fallen sons

Holy Spirit

Idol worship is the sleeping pill that prevents awakening. Repent on behalf of the nation. Release the captives in the courts

Isa 60:1-5 – *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.*

- *2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,*
- *but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.*
- *3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.*
- *4 "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you;*
- *your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.*
- *5 Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy;*
- *the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. NIV*

Isa 61:1-3 – Proclaim liberty to the captives

Mt 5:14 – *you are the light of the world*

16 – let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and give glory to your Father

Glory is release when you carry Father's purpose = what's attractive

Wisdom – Strategy

Stand - Stand against principalities and strongholds (Spirit of religion)

Run – But run after your Father and let the light of His words shine (Spirit of Truth)

Follow me – move with the cloud

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world.*

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." NIV

The religious spirit camps, doesn't move, isn't flexible

Stays in camps and dances around the golden calf

Understanding – tactics

Just do what Father is doing. Nothing more, nothing less

- Don't allow boredom or idle time to be your source of invention
- Be in Father's council, not your own head

Ps 84:7 They go from strength to strength. Each one of them appears before God in Zion.

- Zion (the council is your wellspring)
- Practical ideas, creativity flows from purpose

Counsel – my role

John, set captives free... in the courts

Council → Purpose/Faith → Works, Jn 5:19 → others see life, hear words of life in your purpose

Jn 6:68 – *lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

People don't want sermons, theories, opinions

They want to see the translation into deeds (especially in Business)

- **1 Cor 4:20** – *the Kingdom of God is not in word, but power*
- **1 Jn 3:18** – *Little children (Sons), Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth*

Might

Kingdom is the display of Father's wisdom, power, majesty

- **Jn 23:32** – *if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto myself*
- **Mt 6:33** – *why we put kingdom first – all things are added (Life, abundant life)*

Knowledge

Trade idol worship at strongholds / high places for living words, the water of life

- Idol – the religious spirit (you don't have to hear God)
- Stronghold – doctrines of demons, philosophies of men
- High Places – the promotion, worship, alignment with lies

John, captives can be set free

- There is an anointing for it
- Father is doing it, co-laboring (Lu 10:17)
- Don't be discouraged by rejection, slow pace
- Be the light, start the movement, light the match that ignites hearts

Isa 14:16-18 – *Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate:*

- *"Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble,*
- *17 the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities, not let his captives go home?"*
- *18 All the kings of the nations lie in state, each in his own tomb.*

Fear of the Lord

Fear God, honor Him, not man

Mt 10:28 – *do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul*
Fear Him who can kill body and soul

If Father's purpose is clear:

- The resistance of men will be like smoke (blow on it)
- Prophecy words of life to it
- Decree freedom in the courts of heaven

Father

2 Thess 2:10-11

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.
For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie NIV

The crowd choose Barabbas
Not because they loved him
But because they hated the truth
The Religious Spirit

Lord, Show me how to love the Spirit of Truth (Holy Spirit)

Hos 14:2-4 – *Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.*

- *3 Assyria cannot save us; we will not mount war-horses.*
- *We will never again say 'Our gods' to what our own hands have made,*
- *for in you the fatherless find compassion."*
- *4 "I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, (I will heal your wrong ways)*
- *for my anger has turned away from them. NIV*

John, do you love the Spirit of Truth, or your own intellectual explanations, set in concrete?

Scene –

- 1) liberty island – give me your tired, your poor....
- 2) Kingdom – give me your eschatology, your dispensationalism...

John, surrender your need to be God and have it all figured out (it's the religious spirit)

John 3:8 – *The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* NIV

- *how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?*
- *13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven — the Son of Man.*

"I have it all figured out" – the religious spirit relies on head, not heart

John, you have no idea how much you don't know, and no concept of where the Spirit of Truth will take you

Learn to love Him, talk to him

Jesus

Kingdom is very simple – follow me, my purpose

Ruth 1:16-17 – *Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. NIV*

2 Sam 15:21 – *But Ittai replied to the king, "As surely as the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether it means life or death, there will your servant be." NIV*

John 6:66-68 – *From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him...
"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life NIV*

Mt 6:34 – See the kingdom first... do not worry about tomorrow (engage it intellectually)
Do his purpose and sleep well

Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Truth

Come away with me = rest for your soul (head)

Song 2:10 – *My lover spoke to me, saying: "Arise, my darling; My beautiful one, come away with me!*

Mark 6:31 – *he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."*

Matt 11:28-30 – *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." NIV*

John, come away with me to the Council

Rev 3:20 – *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,*

- 1) *I will come in and eat with him,*
- 2) *and he with me. NIV*

Wisdom – Strategy (to love the Spirit of Truth)

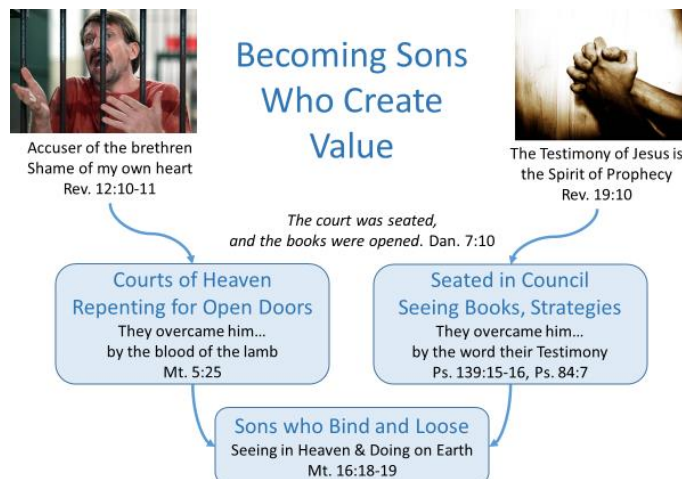
Steward the words of life – they are food for you

John 14:23 – "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.

- My Father will love him,
- and we will come to him and make our home with him NIV
- 26 – the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
- will teach you everything,
- and will cause you to remember everything I said to you.

Advocate is a legal term in the courts of heaven.

- 1) the accuser of the brethren has accusations.
- 2) we're agreeing with our adversary quickly (Mt 5:25), and taking accusations to the cross
 - Rev 12:11 they conquered him by a) the blood of the lamb and b) the word of their testimony
 - Rev 19:10 – the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy
(living words from the Spirit of Truth)
- 3) Breaking the covenant with the spirit of religion (trading for love of the Spirit of Truth)
- 4) Opening our book
 - a. Loving the desires Father wrote in our heart
 - b. Releasing Decrees



Understanding – Tactics (how to love the Spirit of Truth)

Fellowship with him

- Covenant to follow Him like Ruth
- Disciples feeding 5000, just go with him and do it

Counsel

Loving the Spirit of Truth = What did you do with the last word He gave you?

- We can grieve the Spirit by ignoring His words
- Good soil grows the seed of His word (Lu 8:11-15)
 - Noble and good heart
 - Hear the word and retain it (vs feeling the sense of lose when we don't focus on it)
 - And by persevering, produce a crop

Honor Father by hearing them and doing his Words

- The Spirit of Truth is like a dove; polite, not demanding (you have to volunteer)
- Be sensitive to the voice of Holy Spirit, flexible
- Honor Father by being present in the Council (it's no longer "optional" for you)
- Pursue him, be aggressive, not waiting

Ps 42:1 – *as the deer pants for the streams of water
so my soul pants for you, my god*

2 – *my soul thirsts for God, for the living God*

When can I go and meet with God?????? (The Question Sons ask!)

Might

Words from the Spirit of Truth are your authority and power and purpose

Luke 10:19-20 – I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." NIV

Ps 84:7 – They go from strength to strength, Every one of them appears before God in Zion (Council)

Ps 87:6 – The Lord will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion." (the Council)

Isa 56:5 – to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. NIV

Phil 4:3 – the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. NIV

Heb 12:23 – to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. NIV

Rev 3:5 – He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. NIV

Rev 20:12 – And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. NIV

Rev 21:27 – Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. NIV

Knowledge

Loving the Spirit of Truth is more powerful than resisting/exposing the spirit of Religion

Courts – the key to setting captive free from the spirit of religion

- It's not a simple "choice"
- The captivity is blindness (people can be deaf and blind to the Spirit of Truth)
- John, you have to remove their grave clothes

Jude 22-23 - *Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear-hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.* NIV

John 8:31 – *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* NIV

Go with him = rest = peace

- Righteousness – on the same page with Father, co-laboring
- Peace – by implication, prosperity, fruitfulness
- Joy – the delight that happens when your dream comes true, when you hear well done
Note – it's joy in the Holy Ghost

Fear of the Lord

John, see who the Spirit of Truth is; where He's coming from; what He carries (honor Him)

Rev 19:3 – His name is the Word of God

Jn 1:1 – in the beginning was the Word

- And the Word was with God
- And the Word was God

John 16:13-15 – But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,

- He will guide you into all truth.
- He will not speak on his own;
- he will speak only what he hears,
- and he will tell you what is yet to come. NIV
- He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.
- 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine.
- That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. NIV