

# THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

"The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ, hath made us free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8: 1.

There is a divine law, a "Law governing the Spirit." It is just as definite a law as that of gravitation or any other laws of science that man ever discovered. This law, however, is not one discovered by scientists, for they are generally speaking, far from this channel of life and thought. This law will operate with any individual when applied correctly, according to the example given in the New Testament.

The miraculous demonstrations, from the proper understanding and use of this law, by the Messiah born in Bethlehem according to Micah 5:2, were of such astonishing nature, that the beloved Apostles said to Him, "LORD TEACH US TO PRAY." These men had prayed doubtless all their lives, after the common fashion of repeated and memorized prayers, now generally used in all of the synagogues of Israel, and throughout the world, especially by the Jewish people, also the Catholics and many Protestants. But there is no definite or miraculous demonstration of the presence of that powerful Holy Spirit, by which the Master even raised the dead, and through which this world was set in order.

The Master had spent a night in prayer on the Mt. of Olives (Luke 12), "He came down and stood in the plain, a great multitude of people out of all Judea and some from the sea coast of Tyre, (150 miles away), came to hear Him and to be healed of ALL their diseases." Vs 17, 18.

THE WHOLE MULTITUDE SOUGHT TO TOUCH HIM. FOR THERE WENT VIRTUE OUT OF HIM AND HEALED THEM ALL." Verse 19.

Here we find that divine law operating, with the most powerful demonstrations ever witnessed, before or since. These events caused the Apostle to ask Him to, "TEACH US TO PRAY." Luke 11:1

There is a certain law governing the proper construction of the generator in your car, and the large electric dynamos that gather from the air a mighty power which man has given the name, "Electricity," in the English. This power is unlimited and inexhaustible. It is everywhere in overflowing abundance, but the law for gathering it must be strictly applied in the construction of the generator, or dynamo. Just one wire crossed, or one circuit obstructed, and it is worthless, no power will be gathered.

There is the very same thing that must apply to the human body which is a temple for the indwelling of divine VIRTUE, the Holy Spirit. If there is one obstruction, or one wire crossed, your efforts will be vain. Wrong thinking, evil thoughts, bitterness in your hearts, an unforgiving nature, something in your life that has not been made right, some sin which you have not confessed to heaven, or some wrong you have not confessed or made right. Open rebellion against heaven in refusing to keep one of the Ten Commandments. Some truth you understand the Bible teaches but you refuse to accept. It might be that you owe tithes that have not been used for the work of the Master, and you are included in heaven with the class of Malachi 3:8, 9.

The beloved apostles were partakers of this heavenly virtue and practiced it because they had properly been taught of the Master. Our human bodies are just the same to-day as those of the ancients. They are temples for the indwelling of this Holy Spirit, virtuous power, by which mighty works can be performed,

and are being performed. It necessitates the correct understanding of what the apostles craved when they said to the beloved Messiah "Yahshua" "Teach us to PRAY."

Many people only pray when they are sick, or frightened, or possibly when they want something of this world's goods, or maybe when their bodies are craving food. But prayer is not a constant asking for temporal benefits. It must be the expression of a heart that is grateful to the Almighty for all of the many rich benefits one is daily receiving from His bountiful hand.

Prayer is your period of WORSHIPPING the Creator who caused you to be, and has surrounded you with this wonderful world and all of its benefits. Your heart must be grateful, and your mind full of love and praises for the giver of all good and perfect gifts. We are told to, "Set our affections on things above, and not on the things of this earth." Col. 3:1,2.

In the example given for prayer by the Savior, He spent the whole night in prayer. This was not a night of asking for anything temporal. It was a night spent with His mind off of the things of this world, with His affections set on things above. His thoughts were heaven ward. His mind was filled with love and praise for the Father. He was tarrying before heaven with words of praise. The Hebrew word "Hallelujah means praise Yah," or praise Elohim. Ps. 68:4. A good word to use when you are all alone tarrying, and waiting, in praise and thanksgiving to the Father, as He charges this human magnet with divine virtue and heavenly power with which you can control yourself, and guide your life pleasing in His sight and have an overflowing of this VIRTUE from above with which to supply others as you contact them. You will then be a true Israelite, a man or a woman who "Has power with God and with man," Power with "Elohim" in prayer, and power with men and women to make them better. Your presence with them, your words and scriptural instructions

will be weighty. They cannot resist it. What you say will always ring in their ears. It will hold them steady, for it was planted there by the Spirit. That divine virtue sealed it in their hearts as it flowed out from you, through the Word.

The secret of prayer is the secret of POWER, and that is why the beloved apostles were so anxious to know and better understand how, and through what power His mighty works were performed. They had repeatedly witnessed the miraculous operation of this "Law of The Spirit of Life," healing the sick, casting out demons from the insane, and even raising the dead, and they coveted this gift of the Spirit, and said, "Teach us to Pray." Luke 11: 1.

"There went out virtue OUT OF HIM, and HEALED THEM ALL" Luke 6:19. He was our example and we are told to "Follow His steps," 1 Peter 2:21. I am the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. The beloved apostles followed in His steps. He taught them how to pray, by spending whole nights in prayer. Luke 6:12. Withdrawing into the wilderness to pray Luke 5:16. He was alone praying, and His apostles were with Him, Luke 9:18. "He took Peter, John and James up into a mountain to pray." Verse 28.

The apostles being with Him in these prolonged seasons of prayer were taught how to pray, not just asking, asking, asking, for temporal benefits, but worshipping the Father; Thanking Him over and over for all benefits, and praising Him for life, health, food, raiment, and above all the Spiritual surroundings, and great miraculous preparation He has in store for the children of men. In taking our thoughts away from this old world, and keeping our mind stayed on heaven, and the glories there, our bodies are supplied with that same spiritual power of which heaven is filled to the overflowing. It is in this way imparted to us while we tarry

there sin unity, oneness of accord, and love for everyone, even our enemies, with all variance gone and dismissed forever from our minds. "LET this mind BE IN YOU that was in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5).

The Savior performed mighty miracles in Galilee, where we find Him repeatedly going on board a ship to get away from the multitude, after His body had been largely exhausted of this VIRTUE acquired through prayerful contact with heaven. It was after one of such occasions where He had spent time alone on a ship crossing the sea, that the multitude thronged Him. Luke 8:42. A woman who had been afflicted for twelve years, and had spent all she had on doctors to be healed, but having been determined to see Him, and said, "If I may touch but His clothes I shall be whole", (Mark 5:28). So she pressed through the crowd, and touched the hem of His garment. He exclaimed immediately, "Who touched me." The apostles were surprised, and wanted to know why he asked "Who touched me," when surrounded by such a throng. He said, "Somebody touched me, for I perceive that virtue has gone out of me." Luke 8:44-46. The woman was instantly healed, and he said to her, "Daughter be of good comfort, THY FAITH hath made thee whole." Verse 48.

Here we find another example where there was a substance he called virtue departing from him by which people are healed. It is the healing power of the Holy Spirit, which can be acquired only by a correct understanding of "The Law of The Spirit of Life," mentioned in Romans 8:1, which makes us free from the "Law of Sin and Death." We are free because by understanding and putting this Law into operation, the fleshly desires are killed, "The old man, the carnal nature" is destroyed. Rom. 6:6. It therefore becomes our very nature to observe all of the Ten Commandments which is "The law of sin and death." As it is the nature of the apple tree to bear only apples, so will it be

the nature of the person, who understands, the "Law of the Spirit of Life," spending a few minutes thrice daily alone in prayer before the Almighty, that person will by nature bear only the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, FAITH, MEEKNESS ETC. Gal. 5:22, 23.

The Saviour immediately felt that weakness, of physical exhaustion which came instantly upon Him. The healing strength and power stored up there, had departed to the extent he felt it. His compassion and interest in suffering humanity, and a strong desire to help people, together with the Faith of the woman, brought the result. She had tuned in on the right meter of real faith, and He was prepared to give her that which she desired and needed most.

The Law of the Spirit of Life will not operate through a minister who is preaching only as a profession of life, and an easy way of making a living, as thousands of them are to-day. The one actually called into the service of the Master, through the Spirit from above, will possess a very deep interest in humanity. He will be so anxious to benefit those in need, that he will lose sleep, with joy, and spend time in prayerful meditation on the things above, that he may possess an overflowing supply of that same divine virtue, to be transferred from Him to those requiring spiritual help. The Master often wept over the sick and afflicted and the dead, as in the case of Lazarus where it says, "Jesus wept." John 11:35. When compassion for others is so manifest with tears, along with an abundant supply of stored up VIRTUE, there is always a demonstration of miraculous power. We have often seen it manifest.

Thousands there are today who at one time were spiritually strong. They had received an anointing, or even a real genuine Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but by trusting in this experience, and not understanding the "Law of the Spirit of Life,"

as taught and displayed by the Saviour, they are spiritual wrecks. They are like the dead battery removed from the place of real service. They had mingled with sinners; associated with those of worldly conversation; indulged more or less in worldly business to make ends meet, with the generator, of prayer neglected and disconnected. They did not follow the Master, because they did not understand this "Spiritual Law," of continual contact with heaven in prayer, therefore their power has ceased. They are void of light to direct their frail craft now on the very brink of a fatal crash.

Such people need to read and re-read about the wonderful miracles wrought by the Saviour, and soon coming Prince of Peace. They should go alone on the mountain, or in some secluded place, and tarry with their mind away from pleasure, the cares of life, and the deceitfulness of riches, and seek those things which are eternal. Then they will feel once more that divine refilling of the Holy Spirit. In this way only can a person be recharged again for service in the vineyard of the Master to await His return with joy.

### **Hungering and Thirsting**

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they SHALL BE FILLED." Matt. 5:6. The trouble is that most people are hungering and thirsting after new cars, after more land and property, and money, yes everything in this old world, instead of hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

We are to covet earnestly "The Best Gifts," (1 Cor. 12:31), and the Master says, "Ask and it shall be given you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to

him that knocketh it shall be opened. 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?... If ye, then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:11-13.

Satan will try in every way, to keep you so busy during all of the 960 minutes of every day, besides the eight hours you sleep, so you do not even have one minute to kneel before heaven in earnest prayer. How terrible for people to be so easily led and deceived, and robbed of the very spiritual VIRTUE they most need, because they are too busy to pray. This power that will keep you in the narrow wav and give you victory over yourself and knowledge and wisdom to direct others, is so very near and so easily acquired, when you put into operation this "Law of the Spirit of Life." There is no good excuse for loving the world's best and travelling the broad way to ruin and destruction. May the heavenly Father help you, dear reader, to follow in the steps of the Master and put into operation for yourself this "Law of The Spirit of Life" that He came to teach us both by precept and example, is our humble prayer. Then you will be delivered from the impending destruction and be saved and have a home in the soon coming Kingdom where sin, sorrow, sickness and death will be no more.

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