

07-07-2019 A Message from: **The Holy Spirit**

THE STRIVINGS OF GOD

“There once was a man from a far country, who gave of himself and his wealth for charity to the church. He received blessings for his gifts, and they did not go unnoticed by the community.

As he became known throughout the land for his generosity he gained many friends and acquaintances, and he was happy. As he was saturated with praise from his countrymen, he began to believe that indeed he was something special...and pride entered his spirit.

As the praise continued, he believed that he maintained a higher position in the Eyes of God than most men, and he became self-righteous and arrogant, for he thought himself wise as well.

The Lord does not miss any detail of any life; and of course He looked down on this man, who was once good and gave from the honesty of his heart, and He released His Hand. As God’s presence paled, the evil one took up residence in this man’s house and in his heart; and the pride, self-adulation, and arrogance grew stronger.



Soon this man became ill with a grave disease, and he cried out to God for healing and mercy; yet God did not hear—for this man was now far away from His Heart, and the man had sold his spirit to Satan and evil.

Try as he might, he could not return to his state of goodness and receive healing, for his choices of the past doomed his spirit to a state of evil. Near death, he cried out violently to God for forgiveness, and he repented sorely for all that he had become and pledged to God that if He would heal him, that he would give away all of his wealth to the poor and serve God in whatever capacity that God would ordain.

This prayer came from the man’s heart and he was truly repentant, and God turned his Ear to the poor man and heard him. God said, “Now that you are healed, take all that you have and give it to the poor, and you will be blessed in My service.”

The man, upon hearing his prayer reiterated to him and upon feeling his strength renewed from his healing, again thought highly of himself even to the point of a pride in knowing that God answered his call. This puffed him up in such a way that he rebuked God’s command and reneged on his promise, thinking that if he were ever in trouble again, that he would call on God to fix all his problems.

He knew that he was not acting in a righteous manner, but the pride of life that he had in thinking that he was something special overwhelmed his wisdom and his fear of God.

Upon seeing this man’s actions—acting fully in his own will and with the full knowledge of God’s promises...He was saddened deeply, for He had given this man rich gifts for many years, expecting that he would edify Him and his neighbors.

So upon justice, God stripped this man of all his possessions and left him wandering on the streets asking for food and mercy. After this process of falling, the man knew why it had all happened...but would not repent for he now hated God for his misfortune, although God lovingly tried to coax him back.

This man carried this burden for many years then died, and not in the Mercy of God; so he was delivered to the arms of Satan in the fiery Hell for all eternity.

For you who think that God's mercy lasts forever, and will never leave in spite of the evil and sinning by the believer, know this...in the Old Covenant God strove with man until justice intervened, but now in the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit strives with man, but if sufficiently grieved—leaves forever—leaving the soul with no hope of redemption. This is the Covenant that you now live under.

Take wisdom from this story, for it is Truth."

Ruach HaKodesh

—John Patmos

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the Heavenly Gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. [Hebrews 6:4](#)

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. [2 Peter 2:20](#)

For **if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there **remaineth no more sacrifice** for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of Grace? 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. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. [Hebrews 10:26-31](#)

And the Lord said, **My Spirit shall not always strive with man**, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. [Genesis 6:3](#)

And **grieve not the Holy Spirit** of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. [Ephesians 4:30](#)

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. [Romans 8:9](#)
