

## Pure heart before YHVH

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**Text**: Jas 4 : 1- 10

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world (cosmos) is the enemy of God.

Jas 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit (carnal) that dwelleth in us lusteth (longing) to envy (desire)?

Jas 4:6 But He giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify (G48) *your* hearts (G2588), ye double minded.

Jas 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

Strong's definition: G48 Purify and G53 Pure

G48: From G53; to *make clean*, that is, (figuratively) *sanctify* (ceremonially or morally): - purity (self).

G 53: From the same as G40; properly *clean*, that is, (figuratively) *innocent, modest, perfect*: - chaste, clean, pure.

Strong's definition: G2588 Heart

Prolonged from a primary (Latin *cor*, "heart"); the *heart*, that is, (figuratively) the *thoughts* or *feelings* (*mind*); also (by analogy) the *middle*: - (+ broken-) heart (-ed).

### Our carnal spirit

- Caution: the second part of Jam 4: 5:
- The OKJ refer: 'The spirit ....' to the human spirit not the Holy Spirit, the NKJV refer to as Holy Spirit.
- The OKJ should be the correct one, because Jam 4: 5, is proceeded from Jam 4: 1- 4 which are referring to human lust for many things in this world (cosmos).
- Therefore, James was referring to our human carnal spirit which lusting (longing) to envy of whatever we wanted to have.
- James was not referring to the YHVH's Holy Spirit who is jealous for us.
- He was referring to Christians who are still fighting with their carnal self, which Paul also mentioned in Titus 3: 3.

Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers (authority), to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

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

Tit 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

- Lusting : longing for, craving, desire to have

- Envy : having ill-feeling of others for the things they have but which we do not have.
- Jam 4: 5, - he was referring to our human spirit in us desiring thing which we do not have.
- Such desiring is wicked before YHVH, because in Exo 20:17, the Torah commanded us not to do such.

Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

- Covetousness will lead to many immoral sins: backbiting, jealousy, blasphemy, despising which is good, contention, unthankful, ungrateful, envy, etc.

#### Overcoming our carnal desire

- YHVH gives more grace to those who humble before Him, but He will resist the proud.
- Submit to Him, then resist devil and the devil shall flee from us.
- To be delivered from addiction of doing a particular sin, when temptation is put before us by the devil.
- Submit to YHVH's will and Torah, which He has for us by the grace of His Holy Spirit.
- Example: 1Kg 17: 8 - 24, Elijah and the widow
- That widow submitted to the Torah of not rejecting stranger, (Lev. 19: 33); and she also did YHVH's will by obeying Elijah told her to do.

Lev 19:33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

- The widow could see Elijah to be YHVH's prophet at that time, and submit to YHVH's will through His prophet,
- She has a pure heart which enabled her to see YHVH in Elijah when he stood before her.

Mat 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

- From 1Ki 17:12, she could say to Elijah "As the LORD thy (Elijah) God liveth .....".
- Yahshua promised His blessing for such people in Mat. 10: 40- 42, and the widow got hers.

Mat 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth Me (Yahshua), and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him (Father) that sent Me.

Mat 10:41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Mat 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.

- That widow did not lose her prophet reward as we can read in 1Kg 17: 13 -16, she and her son were delivered from hunger which came on Israel, and later pre-mature death her son.
- The widow could submit to YHVH and resist the devil to be selfish, by obeying Elijah told her to do.

#### To have our pure heart

- YHVH, is He who initialled our pure heart, by drawing us to Yahshua His Son for salvation.
- Then He send His Holy Spirit to work in us, to desire for His holiness.
- His holiness to walk in His way and obey His logos and rhema, we can never by our carnal self wants to follow His ways and Torah.

- John 6: 64 and 65.

Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him.

Joh 6:65 And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father.

Joh 6:66 From that *time* many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him.

#### YHVH's Holy Spirit working in us

- In Ps 51: 10-14, David could ask YHVH to work in him to have a pure heart.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean (pure) heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me *with Thy* free spirit.

(ABP+) Psa 51:12 Give back to me the exultation (joy) of your deliverance (salvation), and support (steadfastly set) me with Your governing (reigning) Spirit!

Psa 51:13 *Then* will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Psa 51:14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

- From verses 10-12, David was calling on YHVH's Holy Spirit to work in him.
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> part of vs 12, he called for YHVH to support or steadfastly set him in His Holy Spirit.
- David knew without being steadfastly governed or reigned by the Holy Spirit, his repentance would be in vain or only just short-live.
- He might even repeat the same sin, if the devil would open an opportunity for him again.
- Which happened to many christians who did not repent properly, because they did not ask the Holy Spirit to reign and govern over their lives after committing a serious sin.
- They repeated the same sin and worst still become enslaved or addicted into it later.
- From verses Ps 51:10- 13; David was calling for YHVH to work in his soul which are: his mind, emotion and will.
- Vs 10 and 11: he was calling for a pure heart (mind) from YHVH by dwelling of the Holy Spirit inside him, (David's heart, mind or thought live).
- Vs 12: he asking for restoration of the joy of the Holy Spirit, (*not the human type of joy which is sensual then go sin to again*), but the real joy of the Holy Spirit, (David's emotion).
- Vs 13: he was wanting to do YHVH's will by teaching transgressors YHVH's ways, (David's will of wanting to do YHVH's will for him).
- Then his calling for YHVH's deliverance or rescue, from blood guiltiness which were murder and adultery, both carry the penalty of death according to Torah.
- YHVH by His mercy spared David from death for his sin of blood guiltiness.

#### Yahshua showed the way of a pure heart

- Yahshua taught us, we can only bring forth good and pure, if we are only deposited with good and pure inside us, (Lk 6: 43- 45).
- But on the same, if we are deposited with evil and corruption, then we can only bring forth which is evil.

Luk 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Luk 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Luk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure (deposit) of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure (deposit) of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

- Yahshua kept all the Torah and showed that the aim of the Torah is love out of a pure heart, good conscience and sincere faith,
- Yahshua walked His life on earth loving Father YHVH with all His heart, all His soul, and all His mind, and all His strength.
- Obeying Torah was not grievous or burdensome to Him.
- Therefore, He could boldly answer the scribe in Mk 12: 29- 31.

Mar 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

Mar 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

Mar 12:31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Paul also said the same in 1Tim 1: 5

1Ti 1:5 Now the end (purpose, conclusion, aim) of the commandment is charity (love) out of a **pure heart**, and **of a good conscience**, and **of faith unfeigned (sincere faith)**:

1Ti 1:6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

1Ti 1:7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

- A person can be obeying the Torah on the surface, but he without a pure heart, be committing sin in Yahshua's eyes.
- Yahshua complained of such peoples in whole of Mat. chapter 23 and Mat. 6: 1- 18.
- Examples: Mat 6: 1- 18; were peoples giving alms, doing their prayer and when fasting.
- The rich after giving his alms would intentionally made known of his deeds, by such doing he was humiliating and showing no dignity to that poor brethren whom he has helped.
- So also, for those who pray and fast, they intentionally made known of their deeds, so they could obtain praises from peoples.

Pure heart, good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (sincere faith)

- Yahshua showed the 3 attitudes when He was ministering on earth, in the 4 gospels.

**Pure heart :**

- He taught many times of not having another god in us, other than YHVH, Himself.
- When He challenged the rich young ruler to give up all and then followed Him, to showed him that he had other gods inside him.
- Yahshua could fight away the devil after His 40 days of fasting, without giving-in to any of the devil's temptation.

- Especially when the devil challenged Yahshua to fall down to worship him, which was the devil wanting Yahshua to worship another god, Mat 4: 8- 11.
- Yahshua showed He did not have another god other than Father YHVH, Himself.

Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Mat 4:9 And saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Mat 4:11 Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

### **Good Conscience :**

- Yahshua did not have any evil or wrong conscience while on earth.
- He could do healing, deliverance, forgiving sinners on Sabbath day without guilt, because He knew to show mercy and balance with justice.

Mat 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto His disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

Mat 9:12 But when Jesus heard *that*, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

Mat 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.

Mat 12:5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Mat 12:6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.

Mat 12:7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Mat 12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

### **Faith Unfeigned (Sincere Faith or Trust):**

- Yahshua did not waver in the faith (trust) He has with His Father YHVH, He could submit His all to Father YHVH, even of being crucified on the cross.
- Although it was really hard for Him, but He has complete faith or trust in Father YHVH.
- Father YHVH would not fail Him, but would do His part for Yahshua after his accomplishment.

Heb 5:7 *For Jesus*, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong cryings and tears to Him (Father) who was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared,

Heb 5:8 though being a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Luk 22:41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Luk 22:42 Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.

Luk 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.

Joh 10:17 Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again.

Joh 10:18 No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.

- Yahshua could trust Father YHVH, would resurrect Him by the power of the Holy Spirit, even if He would to die on the cross.
- His complete trust in Father YHVH, of being Man and also God, He could see the anointment and redemption work for us which is only dependent upon His has accomplishment. Amen.

Prayer: Father YHVH, we are Your servants come to You today, through Yahshua, Your Son, by His complete anointment He accomplished for us. We dare not comment of our goodness before You, but only shame and guilt we have done. We pray by Your mercy and justification that You forgive us, so we can walk again in newness of lives for You, to bring glory and honour to You and Yahshua Your Son. Holy Spirit come and anoint us each day as we walk the way of YHVH has set for us. That we do not grieve You nor resist You. All in the Name Yahshua Messiah our Lord and Saviour, we ask and pray. Amen.