

PRAYER STUDY #103

Iniquity Drives in light of Last Days Signs

And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Matthew 24:3

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.

2nd Peter 3:3-4

One day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years are with the Lord as one day.

2nd Peter 3:8

But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels in heaven but my Father only.

Matthew 24:36

You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad. They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel and sneer at those who try to be good. They will betray their friends; they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshipping God. They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that.

2nd Timothy 3:1-5(Living Bible)

Most likely we are living in the Day of:

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.*

Psalms 110:1-*The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

Psalms 2-*Why do the nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against His anointed saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast their cords from us. He who sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision...Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are they who put their trust in Him.*

Some of the Signs Preceding Christ's Second Coming

People will run to and fro(Daniel 12:4)

Outpouring of the Spirit on all flesh.(Joel 2:28)

Universal apostasy.(2nd Thessalonians 2:1-4)

The watering down of the Gospel, teaching the doctrines of man rather than those of God. Even priests will be led astray.(2nd Timothy 3:5; Matt 15:9)

False prophets and false Christs.(Matthew 24:24) *[January 12, 1987, a full page advertisement was in the USA TODAY that said, "THE CHRIST IS IN THE WORLD." The ad goes on to say that "A great World Teacher for people of every religion and no religion...Christ is here, my Friends, Your Brother walks among you." The ad was sponsored by a New Age group in California.]*

Good will be called evil and evil good.(Isaiah 5:20)

Gospel to be preached to all nations.(Matthew 24:14, Revelations 14:6-7) *[Many experts say that within ten years each nation and each tribe will have the Bible, at least the New Testament in their own language.]*

Worldy knowledge to increase.(Daniel 12:4) *[Many experts say that knowledge is doubling every few years. Some think this could soon accelerate to every six months.]*

Israel to be restored as a political state.(Deuteronomy 28:64, 30:3, Jeremiah 29:14, 20:3, Isaiah 43:5-6, Ezekiel 36:24, Amos 9:14-15)

Earthquakes, floods, famines, plagues, and diseases such as the world has never seen.(Matthew 24 and Luke 21) *[From 1900 to 1969 there were 48 major earthquakes, an average of 7 per decade. From 1970 to 1989 there were 33 major earthquakes, an average of 17 per decade. Since 1989 there have been well over 200 major earthquakes, well over 100 per decade.][The World Health Organization estimates that ONE THIRD of the world is starving. Around 4 million people die yearly from starvation.] [AIDS discovered in 1981 has already infected over one million people in America alone according to the CDC.]*

Peace taken from the earth. Wars increase through the earth until war is on every land.(Matthew 24 and Luke 21)

Increase in wickedness, murder and crime among men. Increase in belief in the occult(Matthew 24, Luke 21, 2nd Timothy 3:1-5, 4:3-4)

People will not believe the signs of the times. (2nd Peter 3:3-4, Matthew 16:1-4)

Increase in persecution of the Christians. (Matthew 24:9, Mark 13:9)

Signs and Wonders in heaven. (Mark 13:25)

Iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall grow cold. (Matthew 24:12)

What is an Iniquity?

An iniquity is a drive in us to sin. It is not sin in the sense that sin is carrying out the act while iniquity is the gas in the car or drive or motivation that gets us there. It is not a demon but is a spiritual force that demons often feed on. Iniquities are frequently passed down ancestrally through the generations. I believe that's one reason why you often see the "like father, like son" syndrome where children often have the same problems that parents had or have, and why certain addictions or sexual/behavioral drives or lusts run in families.

When we minister to people in the area of iniquities, we do not "cast them out" nor is the ministry done once and for all but must be done over and over until it is weakened and finally passes from us. We can ask the Lord to cause the iniquity to "pass" from us and clothe us with a change of garments, as in Zechariah 3:4: *And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he saith, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.* We can also ask the Lord to "subdue" them. Micah 7:19 tell us: *He will turn again; He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.* We can take great comfort in the fact that there is forgiveness with the Lord. Psalm 130 says, *If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.* And Isaiah 53:5 says, *...He was bruised for our iniquities.* The more we die to self and the more we take up our cross and follow Him, the more He will cause our iniquities to pass from us. It is a process but one we all need to initiate.

Iniquities can pass down from generation to generation:

The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation. Numbers 14:18(see also Exodus 20:4-5, Exodus 34:6-7, Deuteronomy 5:9)

One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the congregation of the Lord even to the tenth generation; none of his descendants shall enter the congregation of the Lord. Deuteronomy 23:2

Before you stress out over iniquities, especially in view of the fact that they are passed down from our ancestors because of unrepented sin, remember

again that Isaiah 53 says, *He was bruised for our iniquities.* Also, take comfort in the following scriptures:

Psalm 18:19-*He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.*

Psalm 146:7b-*The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.*

Proverbs 11:9-*The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.*

So, how can we be delivered from what our ancestors did?

1. By recognizing the specific iniquity drive in us and praying that it be cut off. Often it is helpful for someone in spiritual authority to pray with you about this. *For I will declare my iniquities; I will be sorry for my sins.* Psalm 38:18
2. By confessing to God: *But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me...Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob and also my covenant with Isaac and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember, and I will remember the land.* Leviticus 26:40 & 42 We need to take responsibility for generational things in our families. We do this by taking ownership and repenting for the sin that opened our ancestors up to the iniquity, even though we did not commit the sin. Also, Jeremiah 14:20 tells us, *"We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers. For we have sinned against You."*
3. By accepting the vicarious sacrifice of Christ in our behalf: *But He was wounded for our transgressions, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.* Isaiah 53:5
4. By pleading the purification of His blood: *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy way, and sinners*

shall be converted unto thee. Psalm 51:7-13 [Hyssop is the little shrub with which the blood and water of purification were applied.]

5. Be genuinely sorry and Come with a broken and contrite heart: *The sacrifices of God are a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.* Psalm 51:17

The most definitive study on INIQUITY DRIVES that I have seen comes from Brother Don Van Hoosier from High Point. He points out that the Isaiah 14:12-17 passage, which speaks of the overthrow of Lucifer in heaven because of pride and rebellion, starts out calling Lucifer as one who didst weaken the nations. One of the ways he weakens the nations is through iniquity drives. The following five things that Lucifer said in his heart are the roots of every selfish action of men and apply to men everywhere and are the main iniquity drives we see in the prayer room. The commentary following each one was written by Brother Don.

1. **I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN.** This drive accounts for every feverish act of men to try to raise themselves into a more rarified atmosphere of existence: social climbing, club joining, self-directed church work, do-gooding with expectation of “going to heaven” for it, any form of works which are believed to earn the same entrance. Striving for recognition by those thought to be above one. A devilish drive. The Bible show that only God can elevate man into heavenly places with Christ Jesus, and man’s only ability in the matter is surrender, ask, seek, knock.
2. **I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD.** This drive in man is the root cause of competition(emulation), attempts to drag another down and climb above him in any realm of activity. It is in every word of gossip, slander, reputation destruction, an drives the one who bears witness to himself and works for praise. It motivates to self-exaltation, might achievements, large building and work programs, and weakens by consuming energy in utter futility. It can never be satisfied.
3. **I WILL SIT UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION, IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH.** Here we find the root drive behind the actions of the poor attention-seeker. What great length man will go to in an effort to satisfy this monster. From the little boy bike-rider who crashes into the rear of a car crying” “Look, Mom, no hands,” to the movie star who commits suicide because someone else now sits above the congregation, this desire to be looked at,

listened to, and given recognition, produces endless strife, frustration, irritation, anger, fear, and torment. It weakens by consuming energy in futile and vain efforts to satisfy it.

4. **I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS.**

During several years of liberation ministry in the prayer room, we have had hundreds of experiences with the effects of this drive. It demands pink clouds, feet off the ground, emotional bliss-type existence. It feeds through the senses, feelings, and imaginations. Alcohol, dope, gambling, religious ecstasy, illicit sex, love-making abnormalities, sweets, music, food drives, escape practices, such as reading, TV, travel, talk, etc., are gratification practices of this iniquity.

5. **I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH.** This drive causes most of the splits among men, wars and strife. An iniquity which demands that the one afflicted be recognized as God, and quite often accompanied with the drive to be exalted above the stars(others). It will cause a man or a group of men to fight, wrangle, strive, and murder in order to prove that they are right and are entitled to be regarded as above all others. It always drives the afflicted to try to get his own way and win every argument.

There seems to be a fixed law that we are POSSESSED by those persons or things which we possess. This law operates whether we reach out to possess a PERSON in the natural or CHRIST in the spiritual. Whether we seem to acquire material riches or the "true riches." After we possess and are possessed, we then consume(destroy) and are consumed(destroyed). When we are engaged in the consumption and being consumed by earthly persons and things, we descend into Death(torment), but when we consume Christ("eat of my flesh, drink of my blood"), we come into ETERNAL LIFE and the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

The more I am in this work, the more I see that possessing and consuming PERSONS and THINGS of this life, produce insanity(powers of Satan, which are death), and that as soon as the person begins to turn loose of that to which they cling, and by which they are bound, and begins to feed on Christ and to be in turn taken into HIM, then come liberation and life. How this flesh does fight a change of diet! And how powerful is the Spirit to "show forth Christ."

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