

Priests & Kings (Part 7)

*Living
Righteously*
to be effective
Priests & Kings



Mark 3:14-15

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,
15 and to have power to heal sicknesses
and to cast out demons ...

The Disciple is a Priest & King

Heart of Discipleship-DNA of BBTC
End-Time Harvest-Increased Demonic Activities
P & K Thrive-not survive

Applications

#1 - Reach out to the Lost - Relationship + Strategic Prayers

Harvest time is short! [John 4:35]

Labourers lacking [Matt 9:37-38]

#2 - Resist the devil [James 4:7]

#3 - Rebuke sickness & disease

#4 - Take authority over your environment



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I. In the OT, under the law, living righteously is a salvation issue.

Romans 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.”

Leviticus 18:5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

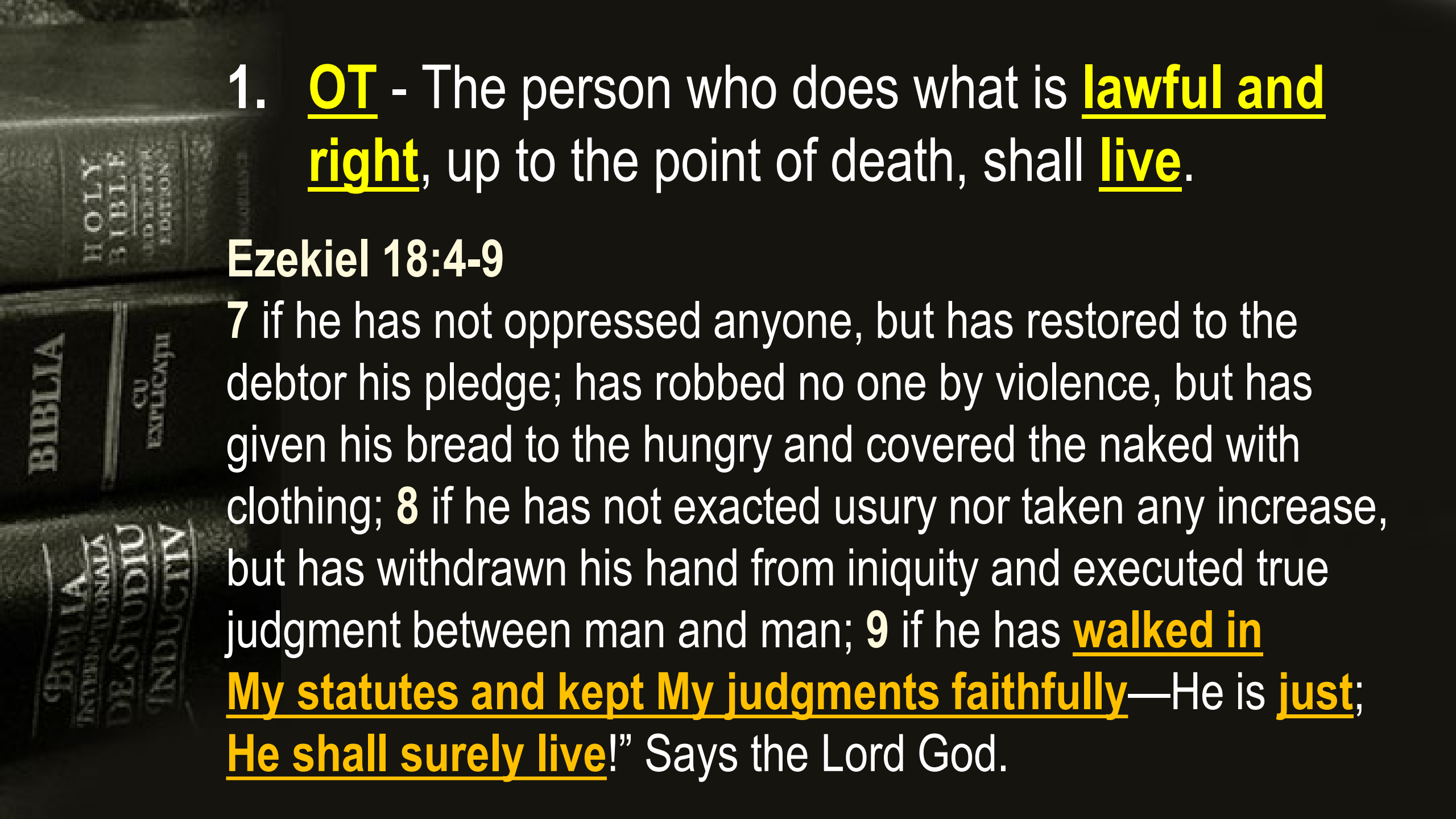
1. **OT** - The person who does what is **lawful and right**, up to the point of death, shall **live**.

Ezekiel 18:4-9

4 “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; **the soul who sins shall die**.

5 **But** if a man is **just and does what is lawful and right**;

6 if he has not eaten on the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor defiled his neighbour's wife, nor approached a woman during her impurity;

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7 if he has not oppressed anyone, but has restored to the debtor his pledge; has robbed no one by violence, but has given his bread to the hungry and covered the naked with clothing; 8 if he has not exacted usury nor taken any increase, but has withdrawn his hand from iniquity and executed true judgment between man and man; 9 if he has **walked in My statutes and kept My judgments faithfully**—He is **just**; **He shall surely live!**” Says the Lord God.



2. OT - Continual exhortation to live and do right according to the laws of God.


Daniel 4:27 Therefore, O king (Nebu), let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.”



2. OT - Continual exhortation to live and do right according to the laws of God.

Psalm 15:1-2

1 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill? **2** He who
walks uprightly, and works righteousness,
and speaks the truth in his heart.



2. OT - Continual exhortation to live and do right according to the laws of God.

Malachi 3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

3. OT - The one who lived right has standing with God.

Psalm 18:20-24

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

3. **OT** - The one who lived right has **standing** with God.

Genesis 15:6 And he (Abraham) **believed in the Lord**, and
He **accounted it to him for righteousness**.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**;
and that man was **blameless and upright**, and one who **feared God**
and **shunned evil**.



3. OT - The one who lived right has standing with God.

Genesis 6:8-9 (AMP)

8 But Noah found favour and grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 These are the records of the generations (*family history*) of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man [one who was just and had right standing with God], blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked (*lived*) [*in habitual fellowship*] with God.



4. OT - The person who sins, up to the point of death, shall die.

Ezekiel 18:10-13

10 If he begets a son who is a robber or a shedder of blood,

11 .. defiled his neighbour's wife; 12 if he has oppressed

the poor and needy, robbed by violence, not restored

the pledge, lifted his eyes to the idols, or committed

abomination; 13 if he has exacted usury or taken increase—

shall he then live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these

abominations, He shall surely die; His blood shall be upon him.

5. The person's righteousness is for himself, will be judged accordingly and it cannot be transferred.

Ezekiel 14:14, 16, 18, 20

14 & 20 Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.

16 & 18 Even though these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

5. The person's righteousness is for himself, will be judged accordingly and it cannot be transferred.

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul who sins shall die.
The son shall not bear the guilt of the father,
nor the father bear the guilt of the son.

The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.



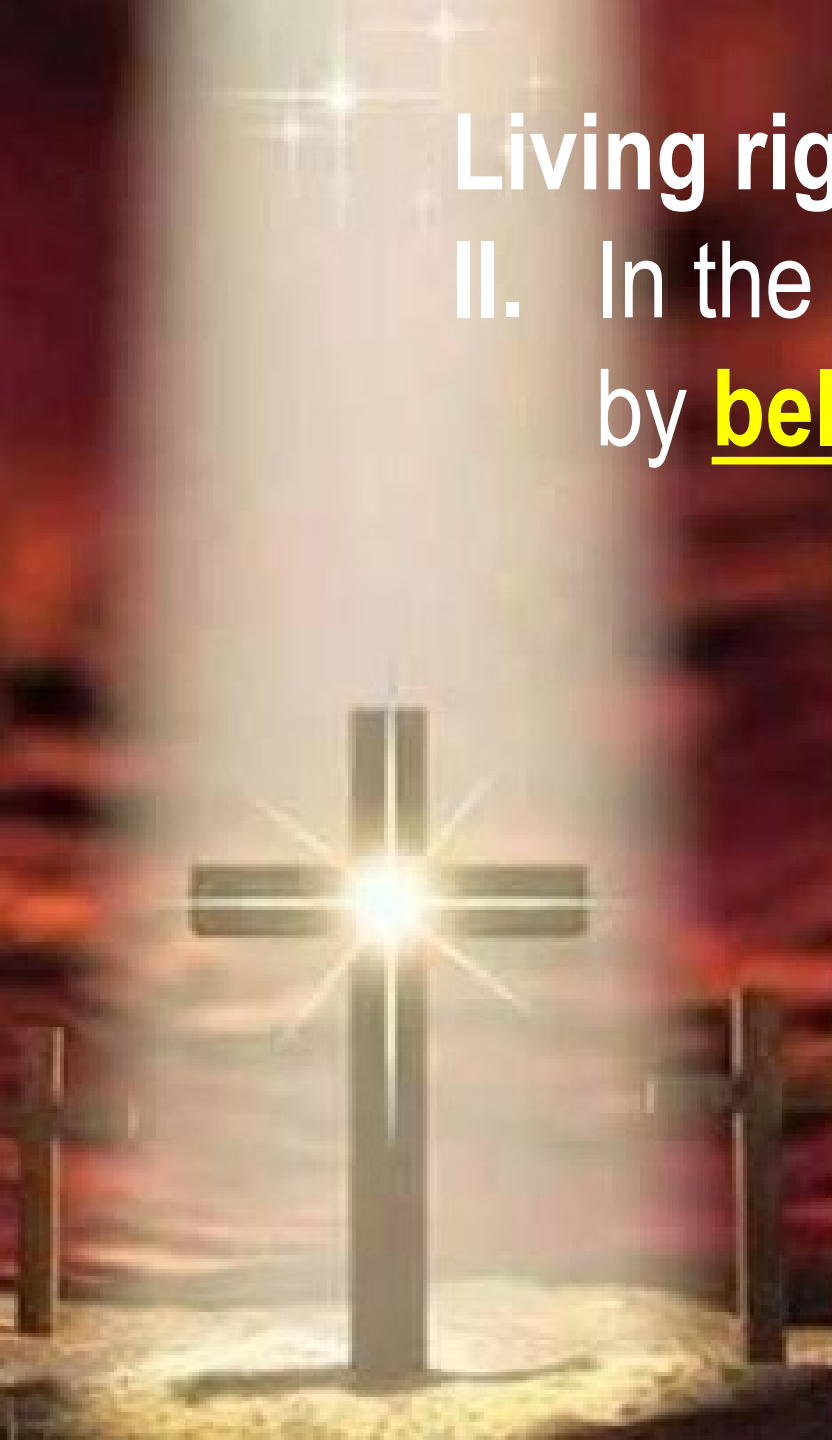
6. OT - God desires for all to live righteously to be saved.

Ezekiel 18:23, 30, 32

23 Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord God, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. **32** For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

2 Peter 3:9



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II. In the NT, under Grace, our salvation is secured
by believing and confessing Jesus as our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.


1. It is completely by the Mercy and Grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.





2. This is the church age where all who call on the Name of the Lord can be saved.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek (Gentiles).

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- Romans 9-11 [Israel as a nation is set aside until Tn - Daniel 9]

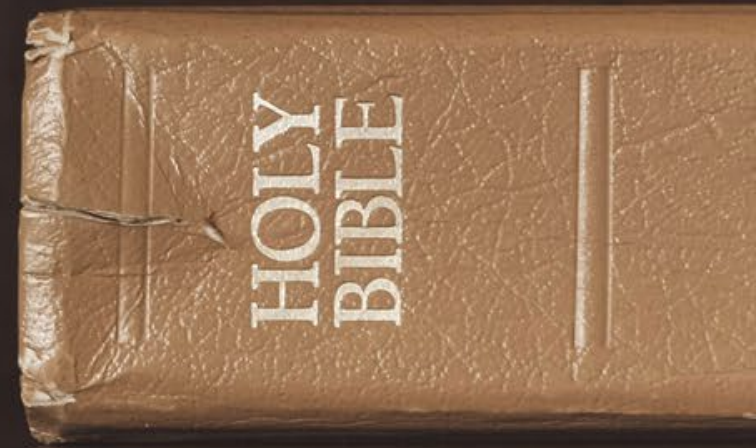
Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.



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- Church Age - Peter (remnant Old Covenant) to Paul (New Covenant)]

Ephesians 3:2-3

2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery ...



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III. To be effective Priests & Kings, live righteously.

1A. NT - This is not a salvation issue.

1B. This is an issue of living victoriously, being overcomers, blessed to be a blessing to others.

1C. This is about being effective Priests & Kings.



2. Why?

A. Because God is always righteous.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

Psalms 97:2b Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.



2. Why?

A. Because God is always righteous.

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



2. **Why?**

B. Verdicts from the Courts of Heaven are always aligned with the:

- i. **Will** of the Father-God;
- ii. **Word** of Christ;
- iii. **Ways and Wisdom** of the Holy Spirit.



2. Why?

C. Therefore, we will have verdicts from the Courts of Heaven in our favour when we do so.

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”



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Matthew 16:19 = 18:18

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

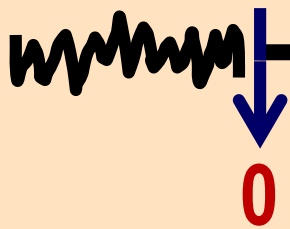


3. Living righteously is our Discipleship Journey.

Salvation Present-Sanctification Phil 2:12-13; 3:12-14

Overcoming the evil one, the world and self-life
Overcoming Adamic Sin + Inherited Sin → Personal Sin

Natural
Man



Struggling Believer



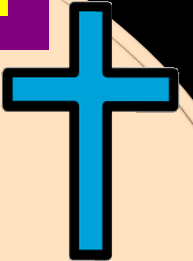
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Overcomer Believer



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Born again
Justified



3A. We must walk in the light.

- Light of His Word
[Psalm 119:105]
- Light of Godly people
[Matthew 5:14]
- Light of the Presence
of the Lord Jesus
[John 8:12]



3B. Walk in the light & appropriate the Blood to cleanse us from the exposed sin and unrighteousness in our lives.

1 John 1:7, 9

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



3C. We will then be conscious to appropriate the Blood for forgiveness, cleansing and covering.



Psalm 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

3D. The evil one then has no hold over us.

John 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he (evil one) has nothing in Me.

- Ephesians 4:27 - no ground
- 1 Peter 5:8 - the evil one sees nothing in us to steal, kill, destroy
- Revelation 12:11 - we overcome the evil one by the Blood

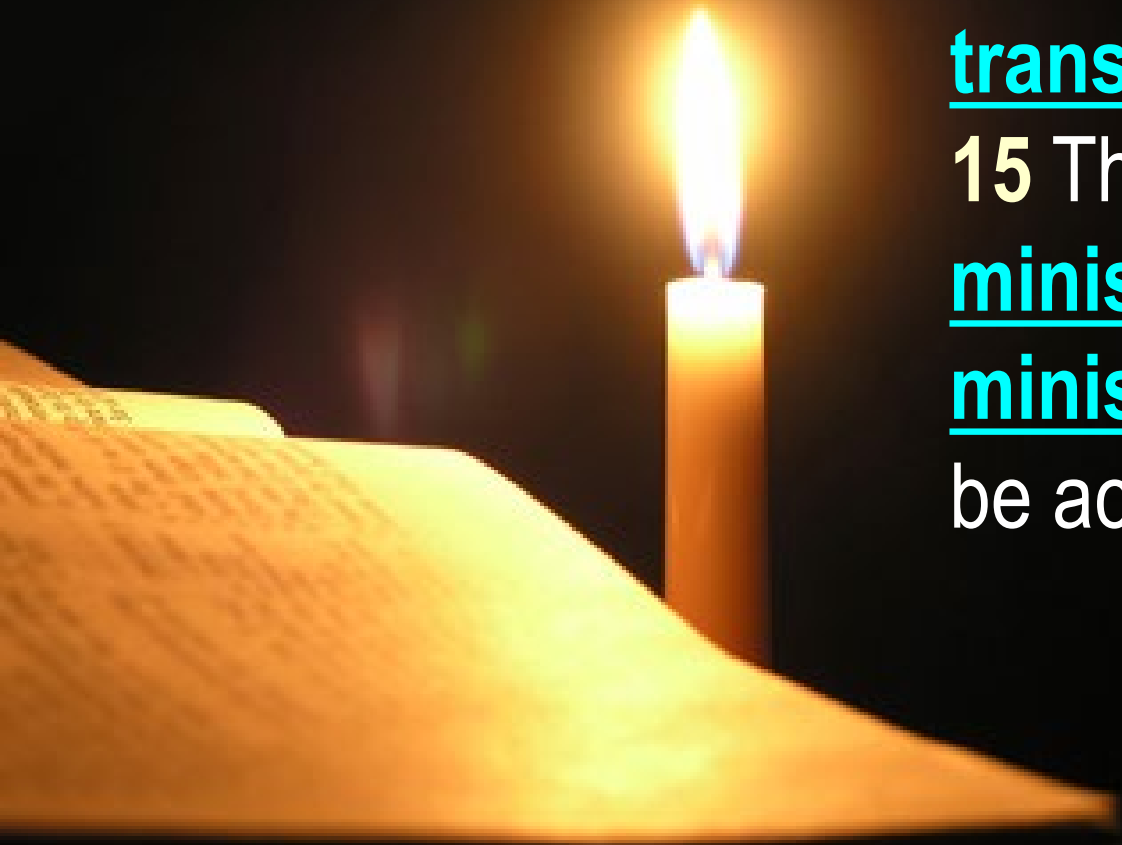


3D. The evil one then has no hold over us.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

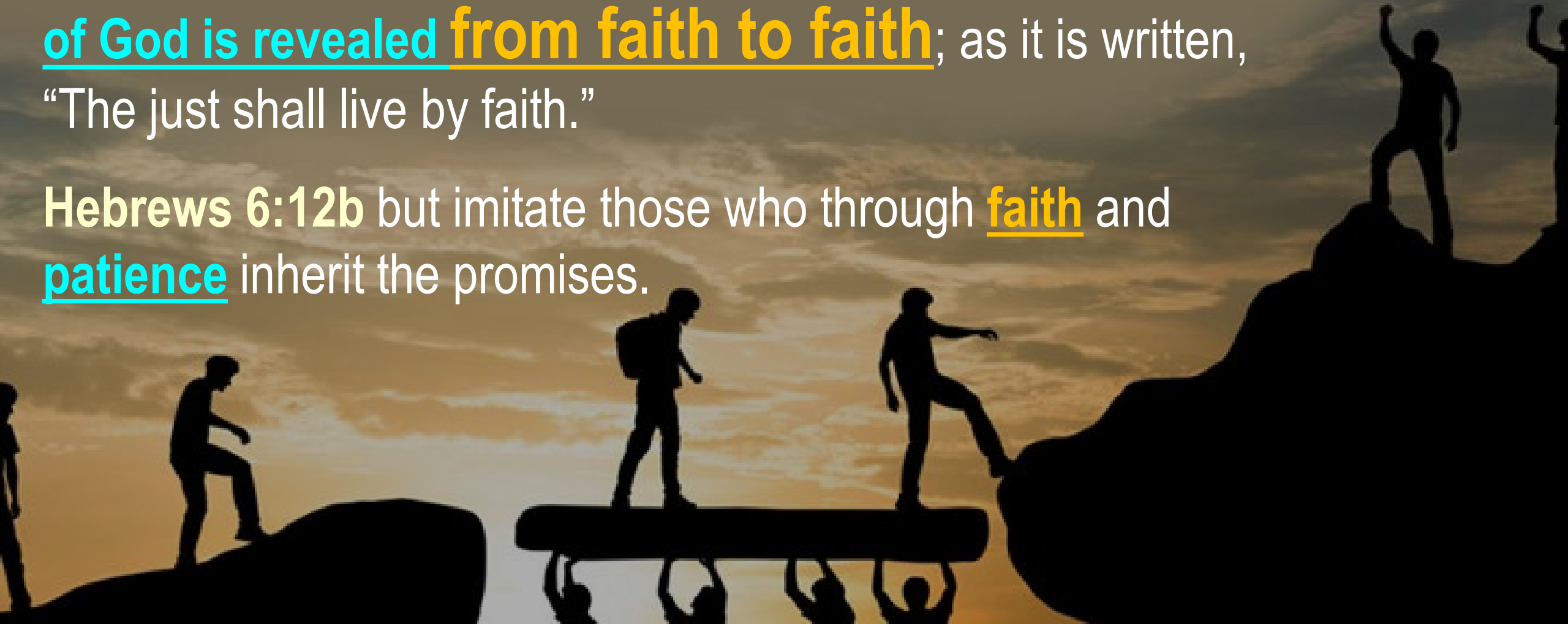
15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.



3E. We will grow in increasing faith and boldness in God.

Romans 1:17 For in it (the Gospel of Christ) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written,
“The just shall live by faith.”

Hebrews 6:12b but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.





3F. Our lives will then evidence fruits of righteousness.

i. From seeds sown and multiplied to us
i.e. our giving.

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.



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ii. From obedience to the Word when rebuked, corrected and trained in Rs.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

2 Tim 3:16-17



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iii. When we seek and walk in the wisdom from above.

James 3:17-18

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. **18** Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



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iv. When we grow in discernment.

Philippians 1:9-11

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Ministry-Flesh OR Spirit

4. Hence, we must love and pursue righteousness.

Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions."



4. Hence, we must love and pursue righteousness.

Isaiah 32:16-17

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 The work of righteousness will be peace,
and the effect of righteousness, quietness
and assurance forever.



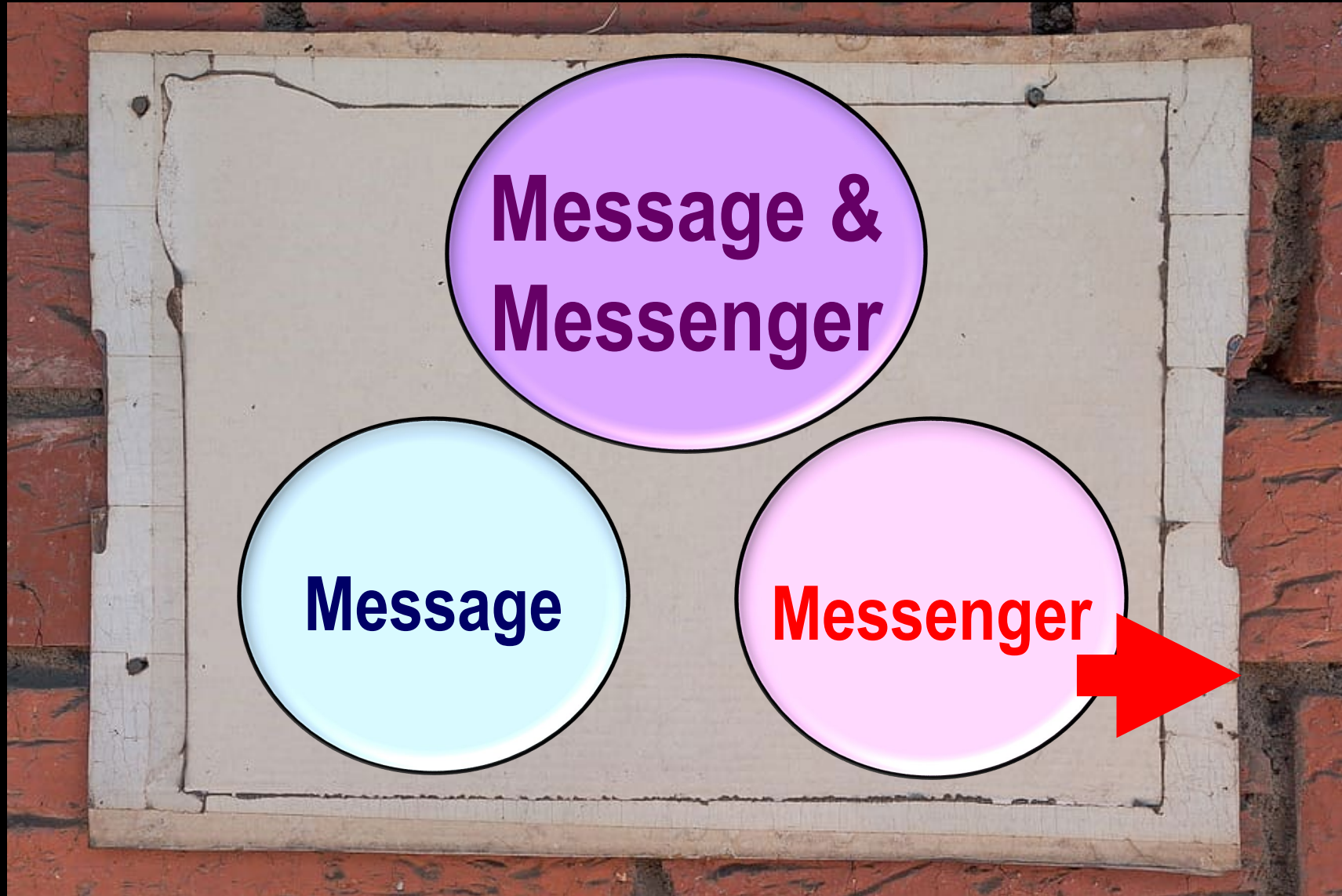
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Matthew 7:22-23

22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' **23** And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

1 John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

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Hebrews 5:13-14

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.



BOTTOM-LINE



Isaiah 54:14 In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

