

SEVEN ANTI-HOLINESS PILLARS

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Prayer

In Jesus name, Lord we thank you for all you have been doing in our midst be thou exalted in Jesus name, father we gather at your feet this evening teach us your word yourself in Jesus name, father Lord help us to be the doer of your word and not the hearer only in Jesus mighty name we have prayed (AMEN)

Introduction

Attention please, today's teaching is NOT for everyone, it's only for those who want to make heaven at the end of their lives journey. Therefore, if you are among them don't joke with this teaching, if you want to make heaven then follow it carefully.

Bible Text

Deut.12.1 - These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

Deut.12.2 - Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

Exod.34.11 - Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

Exod.34.12 - Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

Exod.34.13 - But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

Exod.34.14 - For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Exod.34.15 - Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

Exod.34.16 - And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

Study

The word of God says without holiness no man shall see the Lord. This means that the ticket into heaven is holiness, but there are always pillars in the lives of Christians which work against their living holy lives. These are Anti-Holiness Pillars.

What is a pillar? A pillar is a vertical support or structure that holds up a building, bridge, or other structure. Pillars can be made of various materials like stones and sizes. Pillars serve as a foundation, providing stability and support to the structure.

Psalm 11:3 KJV *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?* From this we can see that there are Pillars of anti-holiness operating in faulty foundations in the lives of people. Talking about pillars, it is a fundamental principle or concept that supports a belief system, theory, or idea. It is also a key feature or element that holds something together or keeps it upright. When the Lord God Almighty brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, He made a covenant with them and told them things they must do and not do. One of the things the Lord told them was to tear down the pillars of those nations they will be

possessing. In the same way, there are pillars that those who are God's people must tear down in their life if they must finally possess the kingdom of God. These are pillars that stand against our close relationship with God and as such must be done away with because many have refused to tear these pillars down. They have hindered their relationship with God and these unbroken pillars have become a snare to them.

Exodus 34:12-13 KJV Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: [13] But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves. Now there are seven important pillars that every child of God must break down in their lives if they want to make heaven, especially in the time of a world that we are in. The reason God said they should make an utter end to the sacred places of these nations is for them not to get entangled with what they do. God is telling us in the same way that we should separate ourselves from things that would ensnare us.

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. Those who would not do what is expected of them to break down these anti-holiness pillars would miss heaven. Anything which does not support holiness is against holiness and such one must be careful of it. Now, as I begin to talk about these pillars one after the other, if you are wise you would begin to check your life to see and examine yourself if these pillars are not upholding evil in your life because it would not be a good thing for you to labor on earth and at the end you still lose your soul in hellfire. Please destroy them in your life.

Are you ready?

1. **The pillar of idolatry:** In fact, this is the most dangerous pillar in the life of anyone on Earth. There is only one God who is the Lord Jesus Christ. Any other god is a false god, and one must not have any relationship with them. **Ezekiel 20:7 KJV** Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. Before we came to Christ, we were all living in Egypt and filled with the lifestyles of Egypt, and we are defiled. But now that we are saved, we must do away with such idolatrous lifestyles. The pillar of idolatry in the life of anyone can be likened to the sin of unbelief, which is the same as the sin against the Holy Spirit.

When a person becomes idolatrous, God departs from such a person. It is a pity for someone who claims to be a child of God to visit fortune tellers. There are those who have accepted bad advice to visit herbalists when they have problems. Some have images they bow down to in the corners of their houses, yet they go to church and claim it is for protection. All these are not serving God and are on their way to hellfire if they do not bring down the pillar of idolatry in their lives.

There are some who claim that they cannot forsake the religion of their fathers because they do not want it to go into oblivion. They have foolishly chosen to perish in hellfire because they wanted to preserve the false religion of their fathers. Ezekiel 20:18 KJV But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: God Himself is saying do not defile yourself with the idols of your fathers, but you have refused to bring down their pillars. Consider how Jerubaal brought down the idols of his father's house. There are many Christian idolaters today. Please don't get me wrong, an

idolater is never a Christian in the first place. But I call them Christian idolaters because they feel they are Christians yet believe in other gods, and as such, they have made themselves fools before God. No man can serve God and mammon. You cannot be speaking in tongues and at the same time be chanting incantations with that same mouth. If you do so, you are unholy before God and you are on your way to hellfire.

Some are Christians as they say, but still send money to their village for idol worshipers to celebrate their festivals. These people do not know that they have the pillar of idolatry in their lives which must be brought down. They wanted to appease the gods of the land, and you gave them money to buy the animal they would use for the sacrifice or other things, this is evil in the sight of God. You must remove idolatry from your life if you want to make heaven. Some join the Muslims and cook food to celebrate Salah. This is an idolatrous practice. Even if you have family members that are Muslims, you must not in any way partake in what they do.

If you have parents that are Muslims, you must not send money to them to celebrate their evil festival. You should pray and preach to them to repent, not encourage them on the path of destruction. You need to check your life and bring down the pillar of idolatry that you have set up in your life, which is standing against your holy living before God.

2. The pillar of sexual immorality: This is the most common pillar in the world today, and it is a basic anti-holiness pillar which would never make a person live a holy life. This pillar is very solid in the lives of both young and old, men and women. In fact, as strong as this pillar is, it is still standing firm in the lives of fervent Christian brothers and sisters. No unbeliever can claim to be free from the firm grip of this pillar. Those who do not have

Jesus Christ in their life can never be free from the pillar of sexual immorality. When talking about this pillar, it is one that has brought mighty men down and has reduced many to a piece of bread. It quenches spiritual fire, destroys and shatters the spiritual garment of holiness and righteousness. It has rendered many spiritually naked and drains the spiritual level of men faster than they think, draining their spiritual power too.

This is why God warns so much about it. If a man of valor comes and breaks this pillar down, such a man has won a major battle against hellfire, and the remaining battle left for him would be easily fought. **1 Thessalonians 4:3 KJV** **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:** In this context, when the word of God says fornication, it is talking about sexual immoralities in all its forms. The reason this is a major pillar that must be broken down in the lives of those going to heaven is because it has to do with the body where the Holy Spirit dwells.

This pillar of sexual immorality so much kicks against holy living. In fact, no one can live a holy life without breaking this pillar down. The pillar of fornication, which is to have sex as an unmarried person, adultery, which is having sex outside your marriage with and without the consent of your spouse, masturbation, which is self-sex, romance, kissing, smooching, oral sex, pornography, etc., all these things are part of sexual immoralities, and their pillars must be broken down.

The word of God says, **Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.** Anyone who commits fornication sins against his own body, that is, such a person pollutes his body and makes it inhabitable for God to dwell, therefore being disadvantaged, and if God would not dwell in the body of a man,

how would such a man make heaven? This is a serious matter. This is why you must flee from sexual immorality, Paul then says, **Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:** To mortify means to kill; one must kill the strength in parts of the body that love to commit immorality.

These are the desires of the flesh; it is what must be done constantly. One must not be loose. Failure to break this pillar in your life will sooner or later make the Spirit of God depart from your life. If what you always think about when you see the opposite sex is sex, and you see no other thing in them than seeing them as sex objects, then you must break this pillar down. There are now pastors that sleep with their members. This is out of line. If whenever you are with the opposite sex your body is shaking and you are always finding it hard to control yourself not to touch them, this pillar is what you must tackle through serious prayers and fasting. You can go for deliverance to get a much quicker result. Won't you tear that Anti-Holiness Pillar down from your life?

If you want to live a holy life, you must work on this pillar and run away from anything that will lead you into such things. As an unmarried person, there is nothing you are having boyfriend and girlfriend for, nothing at all. What is another person's husband or wife doing in your room?

Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. Leviticus 18:20

Those who sleep with animals need to repent and break down this pillar of immorality. **Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Leviticus 18:23**

This pillar has gotten a firm grip today in the lives of many to the point that they can meet a person today and have sexual intercourse with such a person. The immoral thoughts and discussions are part of sexual immoralities. Those who commit adultery will never possess the land. **Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?** There are some intending couples who are already having sex with each other. These people are already standing against the covenant of their marriage, and they have given Satan a legal ground in their future home. This pillar of sexual immoralities is a very serious one which has made brothers and sisters of the same family to have carnal knowledge of one another. Those who are wise would work on breaking this dangerous pillar for them not to land in hellfire.

3. Pillar of Worldliness: This is another pillar that must be brought down in the lives of everyone who desires to live holy lives. To be worldly means to be carnal; it means to be earthbound. When a man is attached to this world and its pursuits rather than to religion or spiritual affairs, such worldliness is the love of the world. Apostle John knew that man can easily become worldly if care is not taken, so the Holy Spirit spoke through him saying:

1 John 2:15-17 KJV: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. [17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Because the love of the world takes away the love of Christ from the heart of a man, do not love the world, it says, because God and the world cannot reside in the heart of a man at the same time. When talking about worldliness, it is very wide and it resides in the hearts of all those who are not yet saved, including the hearts of those who are not yet sanctified. Today, we have many worldly Christians who would not give up the world and the things in it for any reason. So that we would not become worldly is the reason God calls for separation. He says,

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV: *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.* Come out of them! But today, many keep joining themselves with them, refusing to come out from the pleasures of the world and the pillar of worldliness. If one is still living his life the way he was living before he got saved, then such has not brought down the pillar of worldliness from his life, and that is what would take him to hellfire.

This is why the scripture says,

Romans 12:2 KJV: *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Don't conform to the practices of this world. The practices of this world are different from the practice of Christ. We must be careful to look at how the people of the world live their lives and not follow them. There is a common way the people of the world talk, there is a common way they behave, dress, and other things. When you find it easy to do the things the people of the world do, it means that the pillar of worldliness is still in your life.

Are you following carefully?

Worldliness would certainly stand against your holy living. Wanting to work according to the patterns of the world, wanting to enjoy the passing pleasure of this world would make a person unholy. When you are not ready to deny yourself, you will have problems with living a holy life. Today, the reason many do not want to forsake worldly pursuits is that they are more bound to the world than to heaven. When a person wants to make Heaven at all costs, he would not mind doing anything possible to get there and leaving anything behind that can stop him. When you observe that you find it so hard to pull down the pillar of worldliness, check your salvation if it is genuine. This is because on a natural ground, immediately you get saved genuinely, the things of this world will have little or no meaning to you. In fact, you detest the things that can pollute you and would want to do the will of God because you have a heart that delights in pleasing Him.

To pull down the pillar of worldliness, we must renew our minds. Failure to do so will make us see nothing wrong in worldliness, and as such, we will be living lives not worthy of Christ and the gospel. After you get saved, your thought patterns must change. You must begin to live life the way God sees it, you must begin to see sin the way God sees it too. In your relationship with people, you must display godliness. Sadly, there are many who claim to be saved, yet there is no difference between when they were not saved and when they got saved. The ungodly places they visited before they claimed to be saved are still the same places they go to now. Some still see the same kind of movies they saw before they got saved. This set of people have not pulled down the pillar of worldliness from their lives. If what interested you before you got saved is still what interests you to date, then your salvation is not genuine. There must be a U-turn from the practice of the world. If what you love is to dress to kill, then worldliness is still in your life. If you are seductive in any way, i.e., by the way you

talk and by the way you dress, even how you look at the opposite sex, then you must bring the pillar of worldliness down. That is the path the people of the world tread. Sadly, there are those whose worldliness has taken hold of to the point that they are able to dance in the church as if they are in clubhouses.

When you see a worldly church as a true believer, you'd certainly know, but when you start arguing and defending worldliness even inside the church, it shows that the pillar of worldliness is still effective in your life. What about worldliness being clearly seen in the way you cut your hair? Many hairstyles are worldly before the Lord because they did not come from the Lord but from Satan. Satan is the one who inspired all hairstyles that do not align with the word of God. It's pitiful to see those who claim to be saved and even ministers of God having such demonic hairstyles, cutting around their heads and shaping their hair. **Leviticus 19:27 KJV** *Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.*

When you barb different styles of hair, you look like those who are not saved. As such, it proves that you have the same spirits operating in your lives. Styles such as Galaxy, round the city, Obama, afro, dreads, ponk, crazy boiz, etc. Your hair must be on the same level and must not be shaped at the edges. Dying the hair from its natural color is also worldly, for you cannot make your hair white or black. It's worldliness that has put neck chains on the neck of a child of God. All those hair attachments are worldly before the Lord and will make a man unholy before Him. Covetousness has filled the hearts of many women, which is why they covet the hair of other people and seek to attach it to their own, thinking they would enter heaven that way. They are only deceiving themselves. The use of jewelry is another form of worldliness. Women wearing trousers is worldly and not of God. No matter the number of people doing these things, and who

they are, if they do not repent, they will land in hell. God does not joke with worldliness. If you are ready to serve God, depart from worldly practices. Stop looking at men who do not have a focus on making heaven but have placed their treasures here on earth where they will be destroyed.

Destroy the Anti-Holiness Pillar of Worldliness in your life for you to make heaven. Some still say slang and see nothing wrong with it. They even say it with unbelievers and even in the church. They know what is happening in the world more than what is happening in the world because they are closer to the world than the world. These sets of people are playing with fire if this pillar is not brought down quickly. Check your life now. Is this pillar not manifesting also in your life? Quickly bring it down now, so that you will not be shut out of heaven's gate.

4. Pillar of friendship with the world: This is another major pillar that must be pulled down from the lives of God's children. A man would never live a holy life if he does not pull this pillar down, but would rather turn out to be God's enemy. **James 4:4 KJV** *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 is the enemy of God.* Being friends with the world entails that we are in friendship with the world, and the world and God are two parallel lines that can never meet. James says anyone who wants to be a friend of the world will make himself an enemy of God. Many today have made themselves God's enemies because of the associations they keep; they have chosen not to forsake their former ungodly associations.

Some still keep those they clubbed with before they gave their lives to Christ as friends. When you come to Christ, the ways of the wicked will become irritating to you. You will not be able to

even seek financial help from those with whom you did fraudulent activities in the past. You will choose to wait on the Lord for your providence. When you keep friends with fornicators, very soon you will join them. When you keep friends with smokers, you will join them. If it is with gamblers, you will soon join them. If, as a minister of God, you keep friends with false ministers, you too will soon join them. Your association matters a lot; in fact, it can define who you are and who you stand for. The scripture says there is no fellowship between light and darkness. If your former girlfriend or lover is still with you and you keep doing the things you did together back then, then the pillar of friendship with the world is still seriously in effect in your life.

There are those who still keep friends with those they gave and took bribes with. In fact, these people do not see any evidence that they have given their lives to Jesus Christ. God has sifted us from this present evil world according to His will. **Galatians 1:4 KJV** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: Why should we then still get ourselves entangled in the affairs of this sinful world? If indeed we have been washed and sanctified, we must separate ourselves from the world.

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, Come out of them, the scripture says. There should not be any meeting point between those of the world and us, for evil communication corrupts good manners. **1 Corinthians 15:33 KJV** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. If you do not pull the pillar of worldliness down, it will lead to corruption, not only morally but spiritually.

There are those who want to follow the Lord but do not want to give up witchcraft. They want to work for God but refuse to forsake satanic gatherings. This is not possible; you must choose what you want. If you feel so much attracted to those of the past (the world), then it means there is something in your life which needs to come out. It is the old leaven, and you must purge it out.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 KJV Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? [7] Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Once there is a pillar of friendship with the world in our lives, it will attract those of the world to us.

This is why we must pull it down, or else living holy lives becomes difficult. What friends do you keep? This does not mean that you should become enemies with people; you may not be friends with people and at the same time not enemies. You must be wise as serpents and gentle as doves as you deal with the people of the world because you know that you have an eternity in heaven to protect.

5. Pillar of Uncontrolled Tongue: This is another anti-holiness pillar in the lives of many Christians. Anyone who would not pull this pillar down would not be able to live a holy life because the tongue itself is a world of iniquities. The way we used our tongues before we got saved is not the way we now use them. We must dread an unruly tongue as one of the most pernicious evils. The tongue is capable of leading to so many sins that it is called a world of iniquities.

James 3:6-10 KJV And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire

of hell. [7] For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: [8] But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. [9] Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. [10] Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

The tongue is a little member of the body, yet it boasts great things. When the tongue is not tamed, it is capable of destroying the lives of even the greatest men. It is therefore compared to a little fire that sets a whole forest ablaze. If care is not taken, an ordinary small coal would set a big forest on fire and bring it down. Fire can be constructive and destructive depending on the way it is used. It is one of God's greatest gifts to humanity. We cook with fire, heat our homes, and even destroy trash that could have overwhelmed us. In the same way, the gift of speech is of great benefit.

We communicate information with our tongues, express affection, and praise God. A tongue under control can speak peace, life, and truth. It can also bless others and discipline our children. It can transfer wisdom God has given to us. **Proverbs 18:21 KJV** *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.* But like fire, when it goes out of control, it can cause great damage. The distance is that the way we use our tongue would determine the fruit we would eat out of it. Whether creative or destructive, they can be constructive too. Many have used their tongues to destroy their own lives. They have used it to speak death into the good things of their children's lives. If you observe that you use your tongue anyhow, you need to bring down this pillar from your life. These are examples of uncontrolled tongues.

1. **Tongues that circulate false reports:** This is a pillar that must be brought down from the lives of those who want to live holy lives. Going about as tale-bearers is not typical of a child of God. Circulating false reports can be destructive, tarnishing the image of another. **Exodus 23:1 KJV Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.** One has to witness the rapid spread of a scandalous rumor to see that the tongue is like a fire. When circulating information you do not have first-hand knowledge of about others is what you love doing, then there is a problem somewhere which you must address concerning your tongue.

Is someone with me?

2. **Tongues that tell lies:** This is already a habit formed by many Christians. Telling lies is a practice that damages the reputation of a man. It is clear proof that such a man is still controlled by the flesh. Although lies can be soothing at first, they break one down in the end. It may appear to have saved one at first, but it destroys later. One might feel wise at the beginning but later realize how foolish he has been. Telling lies is proof of a seared conscience. **1 Timothy 4:2 KJV Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;** Some even tell lies in the name of the Lord. This set of people is digging their early graves. We must be careful of what comes out of our mouths. Lies are capable of sending a man to hellfire. **Revelation 21:8 KJV But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

3. **Tongues that curse:** When laying curses on people and things is something you find easy to do, then you must pull down the

pillar of an uncontrolled tongue. It is a clear proof that the Holy Spirit is far away from you. With that tongue, you bless people, and with that same tongue, you lay curses on people. This is not supposed to be. **James 3:9-10 KJV** *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. [10] Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.* If your tongue is swift at laying curses on your husband, wife, children, workers, or friends, then this pillar in your life can send you to hellfire. Laying curses should not be a habit formed by a child of God. A tongue out of control can tear down self-worth, destroy relationships, and aid in the execution of evil plans.

4. Tongues that say foul language: There are dirty words, jokes, obscene words that should not come out of the mouths of the children of God. These words prove the state of a man's heart. There are many today who still use foul words they used to say when they were still in the world. Words that do not give God the glory should be far away from the mouth of God's children. We should not come into fellowship with the people of the world in any way. For God is not pleased. This pillar, if not torn down, can send a man to hell. There are many other examples of an uncontrolled tongue, which we must be careful to check in our lives. As much as we are able to see that what we say does not give God glory nor edify others, we should be careful of such words and not say them.

James 3:7-8 KJV *For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: [8] But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.* Since the scripture says the tongue can not tame, what then are we to do? Not live in unholiness because of our tongue? The answer is simple. We must tame the tongue—yes, tame it, but not by your own power, but by the

Spirit of God. Every kind of beast, bird, reptile, and creature of the sea has been tamed. That is, no matter what the creature is, in its fierceness, it can be tamed and, in fact, has been tamed by men. For man has been given power and dominion over every creature. Therefore, the power of man and his wisdom are able to control even the most terrible of animals, but the tongue cannot be controlled in this way. It can only be tamed by the power of the Holy Spirit through the fruit of the Spirit, which is self-control.

Those who find it hard to bring down the pillar of misused tongues from their lives should start praying to receive the fruit of self-control. It would help them scatter that pillar from their lives for them to be able to live holy lives in that aspect. **Galatians 5:22-23 KJV** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Every member of our bodies is an instrument of righteousness. If we consider them to be so, then we must esteem them according to His will.

Then **Colossians 4:6 KJV** Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. It says every form of evil word, bitter word, hateful word, and foul word should be crucified with the flesh. Galatians 5:24 KJV And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Our flesh does not have the power to tame the tongue; only the Holy Spirit can.

6. Pillar of Shedding Blood: Those who shed blood will not possess the Kingdom of God. This pillar is one that God detests so much, which is why we must be careful to pull it down if it is present in our lives. In one of Israel's captivities, the Lord made it known to them through the prophet Ezekiel that they would not possess the land because they shed blood. **Ezekiel 33:24-25**

KJV Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. [25] Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

Though the land was given to Abraham, and as his descendants, they had the right to possess the land, the Lord asked them if they could inherit it by their ways of life. They claimed to be Abraham's descendants but did not do the works of Abraham. One of the reasons the Lord listed as to why they would not possess the land as an inheritance was that they shed blood. We can liken the inheritance of the land to the Kingdom of God. If God was not pleased with them for shedding blood and refused to make them possess the inheritance of Abraham, how much more would He refuse to make us possess His Kingdom? This would make us unholy before Him. The reason many are filthy before the Lord today is because they shed blood.

Some reading this now may say, "Thank God, I have never shed blood." But they may be guilty of this, and the Lord is calling them to repentance. There are different ways people shed blood today, even without their knowledge. Let us consider some of the ways the pillar of shedding blood manifests in the lives of many today, including the children of God, which require urgent attention.

There are:

1. Indirect shedding of blood. (Blood Misuse)
2. Direct shedding of blood.

1. Indirect Shedding of Blood (Blood Misuse)

a. **Eating blood:** Some might wonder what this means. You must not eat anything with its blood; you must separate the flesh from the blood before eating. Failure to do this amounts to shedding of blood, which God hates so much, because blood is life. Without blood, no living thing can survive; this is why blood itself is life.

Deuteronomy 12:23 KJV Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE; AND THOU MAYEST NOT EAT THE LIFE WITH THE FLESH.

Leviticus 17:11 KJV FOR THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

God commands that man should not eat blood. Some have made it a habit to extract the blood of an animal and cook it for eating. This is a grievous sin before God. In my language, they call it "donboro." As a child of God, you must not join them to eat such things; it is just the same as shedding blood. God, by His Spirit, spoke through His apostles in the Jerusalem meeting in the New Testament to caution the believing Gentiles not to eat blood. He knew some might claim that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ had given them freedom to eat it, which can make them unholy before God.

Acts 15:20,29 KJV But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. [29] That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Separate yourself from the blood guilt, and bring the pillar down so that you can possess the Kingdom of God.

b. Having sex with a woman during her menstrual period:

This might shock some people, but it also amounts to shedding blood, which makes a man unholy before God and can send him to hellfire. Even if she is your wife, you must not sleep with her when she is menstruating. Some men do not care, but God cares.

Leviticus 18:19 KJV Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

Leviticus 20:18 KJV And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

This sin is so grievous before God that anyone who does so was commanded to be cut off. Today, it would be eternal death if such a person does not repent. What is lawful and right before God is to stay away from a woman until she is done with her menstruation. **Ezekiel 18:5-6 KJV** But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, [6] And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman. This law still applies today because the issues concerning blood have nothing to do with sacrifices; it is a moral law, and as such, it remains applicable to date. You need to control yourself to avoid sinning in ways that have to do with blood.

c. Shedding blood through a position of power: This involves those who shed the blood of the innocent because they are in a position to do so.

Ezekiel 22:6 KJV Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood. Using your power to shed blood is what makes you unholy before God. Policemen and soldiers who have shed the blood of the innocent because they refused to give them bribes are guilty before God. There are judges who pervert justice to shed the blood of the innocent. Whatever power you wield, if you use it to shed innocent blood, then you have defiled yourself before the Lord, and you must repent of such acts.

d. **Shedding blood through slanders, false witnessing, and taking bribes:** The other time, I gave examples of policemen, military men, and judges who shed blood. I must mention it again to emphasize slandering, false witnessing, and taking bribes. Those who do these things may not shed blood directly but do so indirectly. Although it was written that Judas would be the one to betray the Lord Jesus Christ, yet the Lord says that he has greater sin for delivering Him into the hands of sinners.

John 19:11 KJV Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Ezekiel 22:9,12 KJV In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness. [12] In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

Proverbs 19:5 KJV A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

There are those who say things they do not see, and it has led to the death of others. These are pillars of bloodshed, and they will stand against anyone from entering heaven. This is why the pillar must be brought down.

Is someone still following me?

2. Direct Shedding of Blood/Blood Misuse: Murdering an innocent person by physical means, just like in the case of Cain and Abel. **Genesis 4:6-10 KJV** *And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? [7] If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. [8] And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. [9] And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? [10] And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.*

Many do not know that because blood is life, it can cry—it has a voice that speaks a language God understands. Shedding the blood of the innocent is a serious offense.

Genesis 9:6 KJV *Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*

We must run away from shedding blood at all costs. Using harmful objects to kill people or using poison to harm others are actions that do not please God.

1. Herbalists who use humans for rituals and sacrifices will account for the blood they shed.

2. Witches who kill people spiritually, which then manifests physically, will also account for the blood they have shed, as the blood will keep crying against them.
3. Women who have abortions, along with their husbands who consent to it, will account for the blood they shed.
4. Those who were raped and aborted the children would also account for the blood they shed because there can be no genuine excuse to shed Innocent Blood.
5. Those who have abortions due to fornication will account for the bloodshed against them, along with the man who impregnated them and consented to the abortion.
6. Parents who force their children into abortions will also account for the bloodshed.
7. Doctors and nurses who perform abortions will account for the bloodshed. (Some may argue that in cases where either the child or the mother may die due to health challenges, the child should be removed to save the mother. However, this is not the case before God, for He says all souls are His.)

Ezekiel 18:4 KJV Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

The soul of the father is as important as the soul of the mother, and none is more valuable than the other before God. In such situations, we need to turn to Him for divine assistance rather than taking the law into our own hands. As heaven-bound Christians, we must avoid putting ourselves in positions that

could lead to shedding blood, especially innocent blood. There are no occupations without the potential for sin in this world, but we must be wise as serpents and gentle as doves so that we do not cause problems for ourselves that will lead to a regretful eternity.

We must let the Holy Spirit guide and lead us in all we do so as not to end up in hellfire.

Ezekiel 22:6,9,12-14 KJV Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood. [9] In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness. [12] In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD. [13] Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. [14] Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

The Lord Himself says He will deal with all those that shed blood. If the Lord decides to deal with a man, who can deliver such a man from His hands? Therefore, if anyone is guilty of the above, they need to repent immediately and do restitution where necessary, so the pillar of bloodshed does not stand against their holy living.

Are you getting it?

7. Pillar of Hypocrisy: This is another dangerous pillar that must be brought down in the lives of the children of God. Hypocrisy is feigning to be what one is not or believing what one does not. It

refers to behavior that contradicts what one claims to believe or to the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion. It also describes living a double-sided life, where one is known for a particular thing but is actually the opposite, deceiving others. Hypocrisy starts from the heart and shows in actions and appearances. The aim to make people believe you are what you are not weakens spiritual growth and limits preparation for heaven. This pillar has led many to enjoy living in sin and becoming defiled before the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ condemned the Pharisees for their hypocrisy.

Matthew 23:25-28 KJV

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. [26] Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. [27] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. [28] Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

The Lord was concerned about both inward and outward holiness. Many focus only on outward appearance, neglecting inward purity, leading to an unholy lifestyle full of extortion and self-indulgence. One who claims to know God must cease to gratify the flesh and begin to please God. The Pharisees were concerned only with appearances, ignoring their true relationship with God. This hypocrisy is seen in those who live a double life, appearing righteous in church but living in sin outside. To address hypocrisy, one must examine their heart and ensure their life aligns with God's will.

How to Bring Down These Seven Anti-Holiness Pillars:

1. Confess and Repent from Your Sins: 1 John 1:9 KJV If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Acts 3:19 KJV Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

2. Seek Sanctification from the Lord:

1 Thessalonians 4:3 KJV For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: Hebrews 12:14 KJV Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

3. Separate Yourself from the World: 2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

4. Always Examine Your Inward Life: Psalm 139:23-24 KJV Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: [24] And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **2 Corinthians 13:5 KJV** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

5. Make Prayer and Fasting a Habit:

Matthew 17:21 KJV Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. **1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV** Pray without ceasing.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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