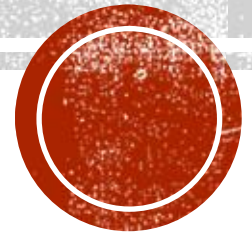


A MINISTRY ABOVE WORSHIP

Matthew 5:21-24



Here some time ago a little German woman... I send them out by the thousands, and she received one. And she had her neighbors to come in. She didn't have a pastor, so she had the neighbors come in and pray. And she confessed all of her faults. **There's one thing you've got to do, is make things right with God**, 'cause the affliction might be on you for that purpose, and so--to bring you to God. So confess all your sins. And when she did she laid it upon her.

She'd been crippled with arthritis for about twenty years. And she said, "All right, old man devil, now the works is done, so get away. Here I come." **Got right up and walked away from the wheelchair--just that simple.** See? Said, "All right, everything's complete now; the works was all finished, so just get up and walk away." That's the way we've got to believe it, just in that manner, just as simple as we can be.



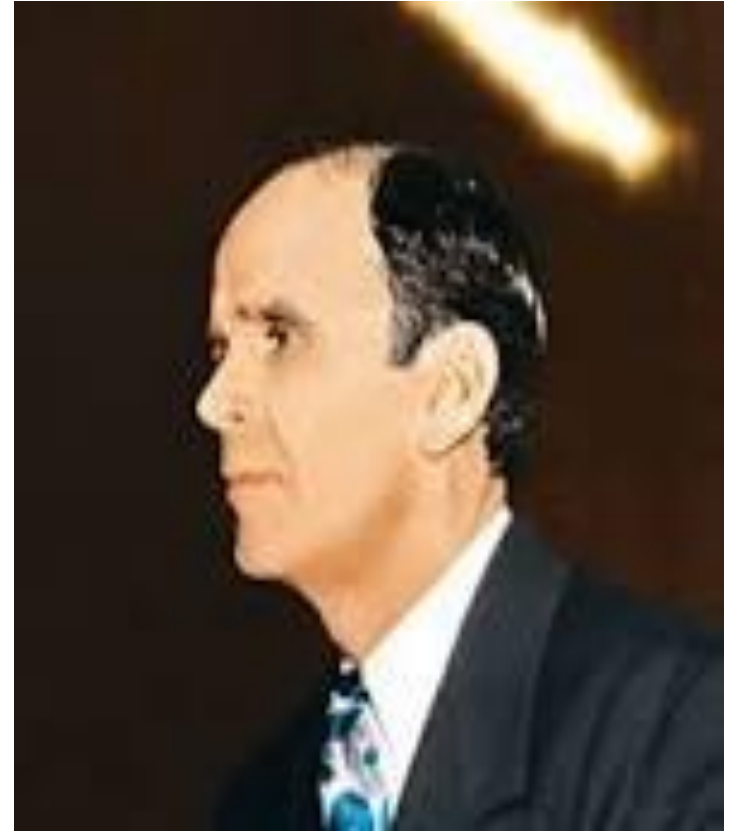
Let us examine the term "affliction," which refers to something that causes pain or suffering. This can encompass various conditions, such as disorders, diseases, and ailments.

This does not just have to be the fleshly kind, but it is the spiritual that hurts the most-



60-0518 ADOPTION.2 « 34 And, remember, the only way that Israel ever lost a man, is **when sin got in the camp.** That's the only way we could ever lose a--a victory, is for sin to get in the camp, something wrong somewhere. When Achan stole that wedge and that Babylonian garment, sin was in the camp, and the battle went wrong.

You give me this spotless church tonight, this group of people, perfectly, perfectly in the promise of God with the Holy Ghost, walking in the Spirit, I'll challenge any disease, or any affliction, or anything that there is, every Joe Lewis there is in the country, with all of his infidelity, and all of the unbelievers that there is, to bring any sickness or affliction in this door, and they'll walk out of here perfectly whole. Yes, sir. **God gave the promise; only sin of unbelief can keep it away.**



59-0407 LED.BY.THE.SPIRIT So now remember, tonight I'm just praying, laying hands on the sick. If Christ will come and manifest Himself here now. And if I feel down along the line that He wants me to stop with somebody, I'll do that. But otherwise, I'm just going to start praying for the sick and just letting it go at that.

Now, and if you got unconfessed sin, remember, be it known unto you, I'm not responsible. I'm putting it right back in your lap now.

If you got unconfessed sin, you walk right out of the line and make that right with God before you come through this line. And the Lord will bless you for that if you'll be that sincere.



1Jn 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

1Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.



The Priority of healthy Relationships: there is emphasis here that God values our biblical relationships with others. Before we approach Him in worship, we must ensure that our hearts are free from unresolved issues.

Worship as Relationship: Worship is fundamentally about relationship—both our relationship with God and with others. When Jesus instructs us to reconcile before offering our gifts, He emphasizes that our worship should not be merely ritualistic but rooted in genuine connection and love.



2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.



RECONCILE- to restore to friendship
or harmony, SETTLE, RESOLVE- return to favor with

When there is unresolved conflict, whether it is within yourself or others, it affects not only our personal peace but also the unity of the church body. God wants us to live in harmony with one another as well as ourselves.



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You know, when someone says something evil about you, and you want to take it up and get angry about it, that shows that you haven't went quite deep enough yet with God. Big men don't do those things. That's what made Him God to me. He was big. He didn't have to notice their little scoffing. He had a purpose. He had a work to do, and that was to fulfill what God had sent Him to do. And He was determined to do it. He didn't care what anyone said.



▪ **Php 2:2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

▪ **Php 2:3** *Let* nothing be *done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

▪ **Php 2:4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.





Reflecting God's Character: Forgiveness & reconciliation mirrors the heart of God, who forgives us freely. When we forgive others, we reflect His love and grace, making our worship more authentic.



Jhn 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Jhn 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.



Jesus describes true worshipers as those who worship God in spirit and truth. This means that worship must come from the heart and align with God's character and His truth. When there is ill will or unresolved conflict in our hearts, it obstructs the authenticity of our worship.

THIS CAUSES BARRIERS AND DISTRACTIONS





THE ILLUSION OF CONTROL



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CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED

If the brother, you think he's a little wrong, or the sister, say, "Lord, don't let me never have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life." That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that will just take the Holy Spirit right away from you.





STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN

