**“A Spirit Of Harlotry”**

The reason that folk who were hot after God and now have become cold toward and or departed from God. It is because they have allowed the Spirit of Harlotry into their lives, which then turned them into Harlots. However, folk can recover themselves from this foul spirit. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: Hosea 5:4 (NKJV) says this,** “4 “They do not direct their deeds Toward turning to their God, For the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, And they do not know the Lord.

**Call To Praise & Worship: Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) says this,** “4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

**Harlotry** – is a trade of practicing natural or spiritual prostitution in exchange for something. I.E. money, favors, gifts etc.

**Hosea 4:1-19 (NKJV) says this,** “4 Hear the word of the Lord, You children of Israel, For the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: **“There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land.** 2 By swearing and lying, Killing and stealing and committing adultery, They break all restraint, With bloodshed upon bloodshed. 3 Therefore the land will mourn; And everyone who dwells there will waste away With the beasts of the field And the birds of the air; Even the fish of the sea will be taken away. 4 “Now let no man contend, or rebuke another; For your people are like those who contend with the priest. 5 Therefore you shall stumble in the day; The prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; And I will destroy your mother. 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. 7 “The more they increased, The more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame. 8 They eat up the sin of My people; They set their heart on their iniquity. 9 And it shall be: like people, like priest. So I will punish them for their ways, And reward them for their deeds. 10 For they shall eat, but not have enough; **They shall commit harlotry, but not increase; Because they have ceased obeying the Lord.** The Idolatry of Israel 11 “Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart. 12 My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, And their staff informs them. **For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, And they have played the harlot against their God.** 13 They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops, And burn incense on the hills, Under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, Because their shade is good. Therefore your daughters commit harlotry, And your brides commit adultery. 14 “I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, Nor your brides when they commit adultery; For the men themselves go apart with harlots, And offer sacrifices with a ritual harlot. Therefore people who do not understand will be trampled. 15 “Though you, Israel, play the harlot, Let not Judah offend. Do not come up to Gilgal, Nor go up to Beth Aven, Nor swear an oath, saying, ‘As the Lord lives’. 16 “For Israel is stubborn Like a stubborn calf; Now the Lord will let them forage Like a lamb in open country. 17 “Ephraim is joined to idols, Let him alone. **18 Their drink is rebellion, They commit harlotry continually. Her rulers dearly love dishonor.** 19 The wind has wrapped her up in its wings, And they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

When we choose to forsake the Lord. We open the door to the spirit of harlotry to come into our lives and began to lead us down a path of total separation from the Lord. However, thank God for his faithfulness us. To send his ministers to minister to us what we need to do to return to the Lord and defeat the spirit of harlotry. Amen!

**Matthew 4:8-9 (NKJV) says this,** “8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”**

Many folk past, present, and future have believed the lies of the Devil. Who has promised them the world. If they would only fall down and worship him. Therefore, it is the reason that folk in Government at various levels have sold themselves to the Devil and it is why the people suffer. Remember the word of the Lord in John 10:10 (NKJV), which says this, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”**

True and abundant life does not come from Satan who promises lies. But it comes from God who’s promises are true. Therefore, seek the Lord for those things that you desire in life. And the Lord of plenty will bless you. Amen!

**Ephesians 4:17-29 (NKJV) says this,** “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, **in the futility of their mind.**

**Futility** - is the way of the world; they are full of thoughts that are empty, vain, and useless.

 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,** 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. 26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27 nor give place to the devil.** 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

We have to make a choice daily to resist a mind that is focused on useless, empty, and vain things that come from the Devil and those that are with him in this world. But focus on the word of God, which is the word of truth. That we ourselves don’t get caught up and then find ourselves not on the Lord’s side but on the Devil’s side. Amen!

**James 4:7 (NKJV) says this**, “7 Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil** and he will flee from you.”

Anyone who wants the Spirit of Harlotry, who works for the devil to leave them. Then you must decide to submit to God, and he will flee. Because the Lord will make him leave. Amen!

**2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NKJV) says this,** “24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape **the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.”**

We all have a responsibility to speak the truth to each other and those who are in opposition to the will and word of God. With the hope that they will repent. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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