

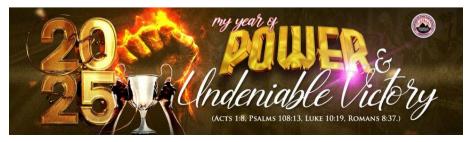
Your Righteousness and Your Eternal Life

Jesus Christ is telling us that except our righteousness is better than the righteousness of the Pharisee, Heaven will be a mirage

he popular Isaiah 6 gives us insight into some things of God and humanity. Isaiah was given a vision of the train of God, and he heard the voice of angels flying and saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord." In response to what Isaiah saw and heard, he made a declaration about himself in verse 5. He saw the smoke filling the temple, he saw the glory of God, he heard the angels proclaim, and he saw the doorposts shake. He said, "So I said: "Woe is me,

for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.""

Beloved, there is a place you need to come to where you catch revelation of God. There is a place you must come to where you hear the voice of the Living God. When vou catch a revelation of God and when you hear God's voice for your life, you will see yourself the way you are and the make-up work of God for you will start because God never leaves a man in the valley. If He meets you in the valley, He lifts you out of the valley and puts you on the mountaintop. If He meets you in the miry clay, He takes you out of it and puts you on a stone that would bring



you glory and bring a foundation to you.

Matthew 5:17-20, ""Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

Verse 20 says except our own righteousness surpasses the righteousness of the scribes and the pharisees, we will not make heaven.

Most of our righteousness before the Lord is like filthy rags

Some people do not fully understand what the righteousness of the Pharisees is. But before we look into what the righteousness of the Pharisees is made of, let us consider what righteousness is.

WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- 1. Righteousness is the quality of being morally correct.
- Righteousness is being spiritually genuine. Being spiritually authentic and not fake. Not a knock off.
- Righteousness is right standing with God.

The Pharisees had their own form of righteousness that marked them out in their day, and it was considered one of the highest in the land in Israel

Jesus told a parable about two people who went into the temple to pray in Luke 18:9-14, "Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other

men—extortioners, uniust. adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saving, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house iustified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.""

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Let us consider some of the characteristics of this righteousness of the Pharisees

WHAT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE PHARISEES?

- 1. It is a boastful religion.
- 2. It is hypocritical.
- 3. It is filled with wickedness.
- 4. It is filled with selfishness.
- It is filled with covetousness.
 They may have sounded very justified all the time, but they were covetous. Some of their

righteousness even robbed widows.

6. Their righteousness was filled with greedy attitudes.

Let us look at a story in Luke 11:37-40. "And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?" They were wicked and Jesus Christ called them foolish.

7. Their righteousness always exercised superiority over others. They spoke as if they were superior and acted the same way. They did the same in their relationships. They condemned other people.

There was a man that was healed by Jesus Christ in John 9. He was born blind and was over 40 years old at the time. We read verses 1-17, "Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he hlind?" was born lesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.41 must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva: and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the Siloam" (which pool of translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some "This said. is Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said. "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.'So I went and washed. and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said. "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eves. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see," Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said. "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

Verse 24-29, "So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I

do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Whv do vou want hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said. "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we

do not know where He is from.""

Verse 31-34, "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out."

This is an example of the righteousness of the pharisees. They would not glorify Jesus and

- cast out anyone who glorified lesus
- 8. They love long prayers in order to rob widows. The kind of prayers that will make you fall asleep and wake up and they will still be praying. You will not even have a chance to say "Amen." They just want to impress you.
- 9. They love giving alms publicly.
- 10. They throw their fasting in the face of God. The Pharisee who prayed in Luke 18 said, "I fast twice a week, I give alms. This other person does not do it."
- 11. They claim to be blameless.
- 12. They keep the traditions of the elders but disobey the commandments of God.
- 13. They are diligent in mouth worship, but their hearts are far from God. Isaiah prophesied concerning them in Isaiah 29:13, "Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far

from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men".

They will come for church services every time the church is open, but their hearts are not submitted to God.

- 14. They are very strict in observing the Sabbath.
- 15. They are zealous for the things of God, but they reject Jesus Christ.

One example in the Bible is Saul of Tarsus. He was a Pharisee. He persecuted the church. He consented to the killing of Stephen. He arrested many himself and put them in jail.

He said in Philippians 3:3-3, "For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal,

persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless."

The righteousness of the pharisee says they are blameless, but when it comes to the person of Jesus Christ, they are full of blame.

Jesus Christ is saying to us that except our righteousness is better than the righteousness of the pharisees, heaven will be a mirage and an impossibility.

HOW CAN OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS EXCEED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE PHARISEES?

- Truly accept Jesus Christ as the Savior and Lord of your life. A lot of people accept Him as Savior, but never as Lord of their lives.
- 2. Submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Accept the imputed righteousness that we have in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1: 30 says, "But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification

and redemption". Accept the imputed righteousness. A lot of people go about trying to work out their own righteousness from the flesh like the Pharisees. If you want your own righteousness to be better than that of the Pharisees, then accept the righteousness that Jesus Christ has already imputed in you and live up to the righteousness.

- 4. Obey God completely in all things. There is no "little" area of your life in which you can disobey God. You cannot cherrypick what you are going to obey of the instructions of God for your life. If you cherry-pick, your righteousness will be on the same level as that of the Pharisees.
- 5. Fear God. Do you tremble at the Word of God?
- 6. Allow the Holy Spirit to promote faith, love, and purity in your life.
- 7. Allow the Holy Spirit to pray through you. We know not hot to pray, but the Holy Spirit intercedes for us because He

knows the mind of God. A lot of people do not have the Holy Spirit promote and sustain prayer in them. That is why you see a lot of people who are frustrated with their prayer lives because they are trying to work it out on their own. Some say, "Oh, I have a problem. I could pray for five hours before I got married, now I can only pray for thirty minutes."

If you allow the Holy Spirit to work in you, it will not be about the hours of prayer but the quality of the prayer that He prays through you that will be important. A person that is married. mavbe with children, who wants to pray for 5 hours a day like when they were still single, will either have their spouse suffer, their children suffer, or their house will look like a garbage dump. Something will suffer.

I have seen people suffer in different areas of their lives because they are the ones in control and are doing things by their own righteousness and are failing. When you yield to the Holy Spirit, He will guide you on when and how you should pray. The Pharisees were so pious in themselves that they will hold pellets in their hands above a brass plate beside their bed at night and if they fell asleep, the pellet will fall into the brass plate, make a noise, and wake them up. Then they would sit up and say they need to pray again. They established their own righteousness like a lot of people do today.

I read about a group of believers who misread the call to pray without ceasing in the Bible. They decided this meant that they should pray every one hour. Not praying in the Spirit but leaving their work every hour and going away to pray for fifteen minutes.

After doing this for two weeks, they realized it was draining them, and they were having problems with their bosses. So, they consulted a wise believer who advised them that when they allowed the Holy Spirit to pray through them, He can pray through them even at the desk at work, and they would be praying without ceasing. They were busy

establishing their own righteousness.

Is your own righteousness at the level of the Pharisees? The Pharisees were very devoted, but they did it in the wrong way.

- Pursue righteousness daily in your thoughts, words, and actions. Never say anything that is not righteous. Never think anything that is not Godapproved. Let God be proud of everything you do.
- 9. Be Trained in Righteousness. Many people avoid being trained in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is given by of God. and inspiration profitable for doctrine. for reproof, for correction, instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." A person that is trained in the word of God and lives the word of God is being trained in righteousness.
- Hunger and thirst for Righteousness. Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger"

and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled."

THINGS THAT MANIFEST WHEN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS **EXCEEDS** THAT OF THE PHARISEES

- You receive the blessings of God. 1.
- You will always shine. There will 2. be radiance that cannot be extinguished.
- You will enjoy quietness of your spirit and soul. You will not be troubled like other people.
- There will be divine assurance of 4. the performance of the promises of God.
- You will have the oil of gladness 5. flowing upon you.
- 6. You will be promoted in every area of your life, and you will not be stagnant.
- You will enjoy eternal life. 7.
- 8 You receive the crown of righteousness.

Are you going to do something about your righteousness today? Most of our righteousness before the Lord is like filthy rags. Saul of Tarsus had righteousness after the law, but it was nothing. Daniel's righteousness spoke for him. Noah's righteousness raised a voice for him. May your righteousness speak for you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Your righteousness must be better than that of the Pharisees. The righteousness of the Pharisees is anchored in the flesh, but the correct righteousness is anchored in Jesus Christ Himself

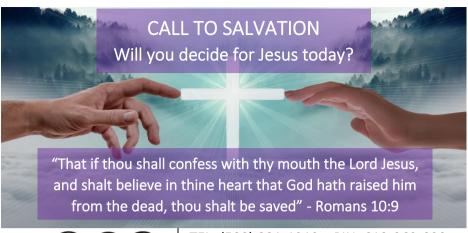
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Prayer Points:

- 1. O God my Father, give me grace to submit to You and remove my flesh from ruling, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. O Lord, give me grace to live a life that pleases You, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. O Lord, let Your grace work its way out in my life so that I will become all You want me to become, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Father, help me not to stand in my own righteousness, but in Your righteousness, in the name of lesus

- 5. By Your name God Jehovah, arise and open my heavens, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, arise, defend Your interest in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Agents of failure pursuing my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Power of the wasters appointed to my family, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Wicked elders sitting on the affairs of my life, die, in the name of lesus.
- Wicked elders that want to torment me because of my children, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 11. Altars of darkness pursuing my soul, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 12. Prophecy of shame covering my heavens, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 13. O Heavens, declare the glory of God over my life and family, in the name of lesus







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