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Wednesday, December 16, 2020 - Group Study **Lesson Series: Possess Your Soul** Lesson Series Text: (John 19:16-18)

**Lesson 2: Humility of the Soul** Lesson 2 Text: (*Mat. 23:12*)

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted. Prepared By Dr. Walter Henderson III

- I. Satan hates virtue, which is the conformity of one's life and conduct to moral and ethical principles, moral excellence, or righteousness.
  - A. Humility is a virtue that surrenders the soul to God.
  - B. Satan hates humility, because it bars him from where he previously had access to—an individual soul.
  - C. Satan no longer has access because in humility, there stands the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- II. Satan is empowered in our lives by our pride. (Pro. 11:2; 16:18; 29:23; 1 Pet. 5:5)
  - A. Pride gives Satan access in our affairs in order to undermine our walk with the Father and all of our Godly pursuits.
  - B. Pride blinds us to our exaggerated sense of our own righteousness and prevents us from looking at ourselves honestly.
  - C. It enables us to rationalize our sins and our short comings.
  - D. The grace of our Lord is sufficient to allow us to take a close honest look at ourselves without fear.
    - a. He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)
  - E. (Rom 5:7-10 Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble and lovable and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die. But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us. Therefore, since we are now justified (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life. AMPC)
- III. We must deal with the person in the mirror. (Jam. 1:23-25 AMPC)
  - A. Discuss the example of a person with Dementia.
  - B. Discuss the example of some animals when looking in the mirror.

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- IV. Agree with thine adversary quickly. (Mat. 5:21-26)
  - A. Spiritually, the adversary is Satan, the accuser of the brethren.
  - B. The Judge is God, the Righteousness Judge.
  - C. Whenever the devil accuses you with some sin or flaw; if he is minutely correct, it is to your advantage to agree with him about your failure.
  - D. The key is not to argue with the devil. Don't try to rationalize your failure.
  - E. We are not approaching the Father on our own righteousness, but on the righteousness of God.
  - F. Humble yourselves and don't try to defend your image of righteousness. (*James 4:6-10*)
- V. Remember, Satan hates humility because it bars him from where he previously had access.
  - A. Humility of the soul will block the entrance of Satan (2 Pet. 1:1-4). We will gain the following benefits:
    - a. Grow in our knowledge of God.
    - b. Grace and peace will be multiplied.
    - c. We will activate and become partakers of the divine nature.