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# THE BATTLE FOR WORSHIP

REDIRECTING PASSIONS AND DESIRES  
ON THE MOUNTAIN OF RELIGION

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# SCRIPTURE

JOHN 14:25-26 ESV

THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU WHILE I AM  
STILL WITH YOU. [26] BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY  
NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND  
BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THAT I HAVE  
SAID TO YOU.

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# A WORLD IN CRISIS

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Every day, we wake up to a world that's competing for our attention.

From the moment we open our eyes, there are countless distractions: social media, work deadlines, entertainment, and personal desires.

But beyond these external distractions, there is a deeper struggle happening in the spiritual realm. The enemy is not just after our actions; he wants our attention, focus, choices, and ultimately our worship.







# The Seven Mountains of Authority

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As believers, we are called to influence one of the seven mountains of authority on Earth—each representing a critical area of society.

These mountains include:

- Government
- Economics
- Family
- Arts and Entertainment
- Media
- Education
- Religion/Worship



# THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS OF AUTHORITY

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Each mountain is a place of influence, and most of us are called to rule or reign in at least one of these areas. But today, we will talk about the mountain that affects our spiritual core—the mountain of religion. More specifically, we will explore the battle for worship that happens on this mountain.







# The Object of Worship



The enemy of our souls is actively working to steal our worship. Worship, by definition, is the service and devotion to God or the supernatural. But when it comes to the mountain of religion, the enemy's primary weapon is idolatry.

Idolatry isn't just about bowing to golden statues. It's about anything—objects, desires, or even people—that takes the place of God in our hearts. Idolatry strips us of God's protection and provision by diverting our worship to false gods and imposters. The Bible defines an idol as "an object of worship, a false god, or a pretender." An idolater is someone who blindly admires something that isn't God, falling into religious deception



# THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT

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- The principality operating on the mountain of religion is the religious spirit. This spirit is designed to steal worship that is rightfully God's.
- Satan knows that humanity inherently acknowledges God's existence, but his goal is to misdirect our worship to idols, self, or vague spiritual ideas





# Strategy of the Enemy



## Here are the enemy's strategies:

- Inspire open, intentional worship of Satan (Satanism).
- Divert worship to objects or idols created from Satan's influence (secondary Satan worship).
- Direct worship to man himself—Satan doesn't get the worship, but it still displeases God.
- Make worship vague and symbolic—if God must be worshiped, it's done in a hollow manner, without Jesus.
- If Jesus is involved, eliminate the Holy Spirit from the equation, creating a powerless religion (Dispensationalism, Cessationism).
- If the Holy Spirit is acknowledged, deny the power manifestations—making the faith lifeless and routine.
- If the full Trinity is embraced, then create confusion about the intimacy and authority we have in Christ, encouraging believers to become passive and "wait for the rapture" rather than ruling and reigning now.



# Power Over Lack

In this mountain of religion, false systems such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and many others thrive. But when Holy Spirit-driven Christianity shows up, it reveals the power and truth that these systems lack. The enemy wants to keep this power hidden, because true worship brings God's presence, power, and passion into the world.





# The Promise of the Holy Spirit

- In John 14:25-26, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth, reminding us of everything He has taught. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). Without the Holy Spirit, our religion becomes just another man-made system devoid of power.
- When the Holy Spirit moves, worship is no longer ritualistic but alive, full of power, and transformative. This is the kind of worship that shakes the enemy's kingdom and reclaims the mountain of religion for God.



# 3 KEYS TO WORSHIP

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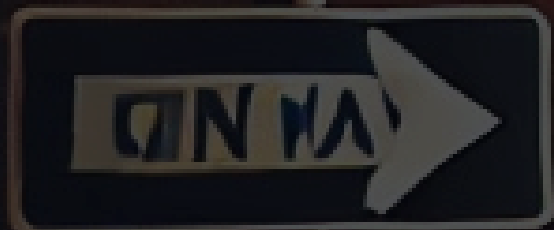
**The Holy Spirit does three key things in our worship:**

- 1. Produces Godly Character:** This is seen in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). When we are led by the Spirit, our lives produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- 2. Manifests God's Power:** The gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11) empower us for ministry—healing the sick, performing miracles, and speaking prophetic words that reveal God's heart.
- 3. Establishes God's Structure:** The Holy Spirit leads the Church through the five-fold ministry (Ephesians 4:11-13)—apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers who build up the body of Christ.



# RECLAIM THE MOUNTAIN OF RELIGION

- To reclaim the mountain of worship, we begin by making our passions and desire God.
- The enemy often twists our own desires to lead us astray, as James 1:14-15 reveals: "Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away."
- Yet, Galatians 5:24 encourages us that through Christ, we have the power to crucify the flesh—not by destroying our passion, but by redirecting it toward God.
- Our passions and desire are powerful forces, meant to drive us closer to Him. It's essential to regularly examine where our passions are leading us. Are they fueling our love for God or drawing us toward the world?





# Actions Speak



## Steps to reclaim our worship:

- **Daily Surrender:** Start each day by surrendering your passions and desire to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that has become an idol in your life.
- **Practice Discernment:** Test every thought, every emotion, and every desire. Is it leading you closer to God or farther away? (1 John 4:1).
- **Cultivate Holy Spirit Worship:** Invite the Holy Spirit into your lifestyle of worship. Whether in prayer, praise, Bible study or daily activities, ask Him to lead and direct your heart.
- **Stay in Community:** Worship with other believers who are passionate about the presence of God. The enemy isolates us to make us vulnerable to idolatry, but true worship happens in community.





## Conclusion

As we climb the mountain of worship, the battle is for our hearts. The enemy seeks to capture our worship and derail our walk with God, but the Holy Spirit empowers us to reclaim our passion for Him.

1 Corinthians 4:20 reminds us that the Kingdom of God is about power, not empty tradition. Reflect on where your worship is directed—has the enemy stolen your focus?

Now is the time to reclaim those areas for God. Let your worship, empowered by the Holy Spirit, be filled with passion for the One who deserves it all.

Go forth, ready to bring God's presence and power into every part of your life.