

PRAYER STUDY #74

"Days of Separation"

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work unto which I have called them."

Acts 13:3

Separation in Scripture is two fold:

1. From whatever is contrary to the mind of God
2. Unto God Himself

THREE SEPARATIONS GOING ON TODAY

1. **Separation of the Worldly from the Spiritual**-*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? ...And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and **BE YE SEPARATE**, said the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2nd Corinthians 6:14, 16-28*

What is your idol?

- a. Relationship that is not of God(usually involves an ungodly soul tie)
- b. The Human Body
- c. Money
- d. Sports
- e. Popularity
- f. Intellectual Attainments
- g. Etc.

2. **Separation of the Sheep Nature from the Goat Nature**-*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him shall be gathered all the nations, and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the goats on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; For I was hungry and ye gave me food; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry and fed thee, or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick or in prison and came unto thee? And*

the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; For I was hungry, and ye gave me no food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry or athrist or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:31-46

The Goat Nature: Virility, potency, lust, cunning, and destructiveness describe the goat symbolism. The goat personifies impurity and vile lust. Goats eat everything and do their own thing. They butt with their heads. In the above passage, note they are so self-focused that they do nothing for anyone else

The Sheep Nature: Sheep symbolize meekness and submissiveness. They blindly follow the shepherd and can distinguish their own shepherd's voice from many others. In many ways they are defenseless and must rely on the shepherd for protection.

3. **Separation of the fearful from the faithful:** *Now, therefore, go, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand, and there remained ten thousand. Judges 7: 3*

The opposite of fear is faith. The Word says that faith purifies the heart(Acts 15:9). It says we are sanctified or separated unto God by faith(Acts 26:18). It says we are justified, just as if we had never sinned, by faith(Romans 3:28). Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God(Romans 10:17). It works by love(Galatians 5:6).

Fear on the other hand brings the spirit of bondage(Romans 8:215). Frequently is a spirit(2nd Timothy 1:7). Fear is destroyed by love(1st John 4:18). The Last Days will be characterized by men's hearts failing them because of fear(Luke 21:26). Fear is one of Satan's greatest, if not his greatest strategies against the Body of Christ.