

## Session # 2

### The Pattern for Spirituality -- The God of Truth/Love/Holiness

#### Introduction

- A. Spirituality is the result of God working in the life of the believer. It is the characteristic of one who manifests the Fruit of the Spirit.
- B. There is nothing more valuable, more important, more helpful, and more productive, than to be a spiritual person.
- C. The pattern for true spirituality is not some religious system as legalism or asceticism -- but the person of God Himself.

#### I. The Pattern for Daily Life -- The God of Truth

##### A. The Explanation: What does it mean for God to be Truth?

###### 1. The revelation to Moses.

And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Exodus 34:6

- a. This was a "turning point" in the life of Moses. Now he knew, as never before, that God would keep His Word and be faithful to him.
- b. Here we have an explanation of how Moses could be the man of God he was and how he could do the great work he did. He could trust God!

###### 2. The revelation in Jesus Christ.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me. Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. John 14:6; 17:17

##### B. The Application

1. The God of Truth has revealed Himself to us. We have His Word.
2. Because we are created in the image of God, and as believers reborn into that image, and because we live in our Father's world, and do not in our problems wrestle against flesh and blood -- we gain an indispensable insight into who we are, and our needs through the blueprint of the Bible.
3. It is not enough to want to be free. We must know the truth, how to practice it, and then we must practice the Word honestly.
4. As a God of truth He has to take us at our word. Ps. 106:15; Heb. 3:1,2
  - a. He has to let our bad decisions stand and the bad effects follow.
  - b. Our decisions, good and bad, form the basis of how God has to treat us.
5. It is a terrible sin to know the truth -- and choose not to obey or trust.

## II. The Pattern for Daily Life -- The God of Love

### A. The Explanation: What does it mean for God to be Love?

For God so loved \_\_\_\_\_ that he gave his only begotten son, that if \_\_\_\_\_ would believe on Him \_\_\_\_\_ would not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

1. Here we see that love is highly personal. The Infinite God loves us as persons -- as individuals.
2. The meaning of love.
  - a. Love means that we recognize another person as a person.
  - b. Love means that we give that person rightful place in our life.
  - c. Love means that we do what is right by that person -- by choosing to be sacrificially involved in their life -- for their good.

### B. The Application

1. Love is an action. God proved His love in the Crucifixion. Rom. 5:8
2. In love God has made very provision for us in Christ. Rom. 8:32
3. We must learn to receive His love and love Him in return. Matt. 22:37-40
4. We must demonstrate our love in obeying God and learning to love one another. I John 5:3; John 13:34,35

## III. The Pattern for Daily Life -- The God of Holiness

### A. The Explanation: What does it mean for God to be Holy?

For I am the LORD your God, ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy, for I am holy ... For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. Ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. Lev. 11:44,45

1. The word for holiness means "to be separate from," "apartness," "withdrawn from ordinary use," -- it is what we mean by "sacred."
2. When applied to God the word "holy" means that He is different from anything in creation -- particularly separate from all evil -- and is to be thought of with awe, reverence, admiration, esteem, respect, and worship.

### B. The Application

1. In His holiness God always acts in righteousness.
2. Because God is holy He is good and what He does is goodness.
3. Because God is holy He is worthy of our every trust.
4. God has the right, the desire, and the power to minister to us in our deep and overwhelming needs -- we must give Him the permission to do so.

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