

1. Holiness / Purity

vs. 8 – “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty”

Hebrews 12:14, NIV – “*Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.*”

- If we are not committed to holiness, we will eventually distort or misuse God’s glory

2. Brokenness / Humility

vs. 10 – “*the twenty-four elders fall down before him ... They lay their crowns before the throne*”

Luke 20:18, NIV – “*Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces ...*”

- If we are not committed to brokenness, we will eventually try to steal God’s glory

3. Passionate Worship

vs.11 – “*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.*”

- If we are not committed to passionate worship, we will eventually try to take precedence over God’s glory in our lives

E. TURNING VISITATION INTO HABITATION

1. Turn The Three Keys For Visitation Into Daily Priorities

Revelation 4:8, NIV – (8) ... *Day and night they never stop*

2. Choose To Live Each Day From The Father’s Heart

- Do you, God’s son/daughter have your head on the Father’s breast, intently listening to His heart?

THE KEY TO SUSTAINED REVIVAL

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A. DO WE NEED RULES OR RELATIONSHIP?

1. Historical New Believer Training = Theology And Works

a) Theology (Beliefs)

- Who is Jesus, who is God, who is Holy Spirit, believe this, don’t believe that

b) Works (Rules)

- Go to church, read the Bible, pray, tithe, witness, do this, don’t do that

2. Strategic New Believer Training = Relationship And Identity

1 Corinthians 15:46, NIV – “*The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.*”

- a) Relationship – Who is my heavenly Father?
- b) Identity – Who am I in Christ?

Romans 3:20, NIV – “*... through the law we become conscious of sin.*”

3. The Weakness Of Rules

Colossians 2:21-23, NIV – (21) “*Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!*” (22) *These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. (23) Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.*

B. THE KEY TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: KNOW GOD'S HEART!

1. Set Your Heart, On God's Heart

Colossians 3:1, NIV – (1) *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.* (2) *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.* (3) *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.* (4) *When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

- a) “Set Your Hearts”, Not Just Your Minds
- b) Set Your Hearts “On Things Above”
- c) Set Your Hearts On “Where Christ Is Seated”
- d) Set Your Hearts On What Is Where Christ Is Seated

John 13:23, NIV – “*There was reclining on Jesus' breast one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*”

John 5:19, NIV – “*I tell you the truth, the Son can ... do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*”

- e) Set Your Hearts On The Father's Heart

Colossians 3:3, NIV – (3) *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

- i. “Is my heart set on God's breast?”, and
- ii. “Have I set my HEART on God's breast, so that I can learn HIS HEART?”

2. Learn From The Father's Heart

- a) Identity – who am I?

Colossians 3:1,3 NIV – (1) *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ ...*(3) *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

- b) Relationship – Who is my Father?

- c) Other Lessons Learned

- i. How should I treat others? The way Father God treats me!
- ii. How should I parent my children? The way Father God parents me!
- iii. How should I minister to other people? The way Father God ministers to me!
- iv. How should I lead other people? The way Father God leads me!

C. VISITATION VERSUS HABITATION

- 1. Visitation Of God / Revival
- 2. Habitation Of God / Sustained Revival

D. THREE FACTORS TO WELCOME A VISITATION FROM GOD

Revelation 4:8-11, NIV – (8) *Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."* (9) *Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: (11) "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*