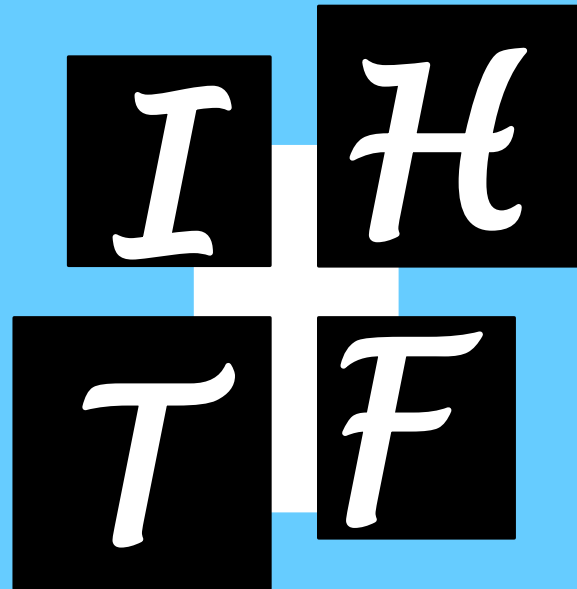


**SUN, 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF TRUTH AND  
FREEDOM  
SMYRNA-VININGS, GA, USA**



presents

# Flashback

Our ultimate aim in life, and God's expectation of His faithful, is to glorify and not disappoint Him. We are His ambassadors here of earth. We are to love Him with our entire being and love our neighbor, not as we love ourselves, but as Jesus loved us. Whatever we do must be done for His glory. And we must always be thankful to God.

**EXPECTATIONS OF GOD'S FAITHFUL  
(11/19/23)**

God says He has plans to prosper and not to harm those who know Him, plans to give us hope and a future. Then we will call on Him and come and pray to Him, and He will listen to us. We will find Him if we seek Him all our heart. Then we can declare that we know whom we have believed and are persuaded that He is able to be and do all things for us till He comes. There is intimacy in knowing someone and much more so in knowing God. He knows you. Great and mighty things result from knowing the whole God of the universe because he already knows you by name.

**KNOWING WHOM YOU HAVE  
BELIEVED  
(12/03/23)**



# **A WILLING SPIRIT**



# WILLING SPIRIT

## **1 Psalm 51:12**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you. (NLT)

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (NIV)

Let me again experience the joy of your deliverance.  
Sustain me by giving me the desire to obey. (NET)

# DAVID'S BROKENNESS

Psalm 51 is titled “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the Prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.”

The events are plainly and painfully described in 2 Samuel 11-12. This was perhaps one of the saddest times in the life of David. Described as a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22), reality set in when he came to face to face with the fact that “the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

# JESUS' SECRET

But one man was given to mankind, so freely, by God to show us how a willing spirit can overcome a weak flesh. His name is Jesus.

When Jesus came into the world, He declared, "God, You have given Me a body, and I have come to do Your will." (Hebrews 10:5-7)

Similarly, when He was facing enormous trials at the end of His life, He said, "... not My will, but Yours, be done." (Luke 22:42)

As a man, Jesus overcame self-will, when he was tempted, with a firm resolve from the very start by saying, "Not My will, but Yours, be done!" For me to overcome as He overcame, I need to make that same decision and faithfully stick to it, no matter what happens or how I feel.

# I HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

David asked God to give him a willing spirit so as to do God's will. Jesus gave us the clue to doing that. In Matthew 26:41, He said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Jesus was human like us, according to Paul, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15). He prayed for the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, who would guide us to the truth (John 15:26), the truth to be overcomers.

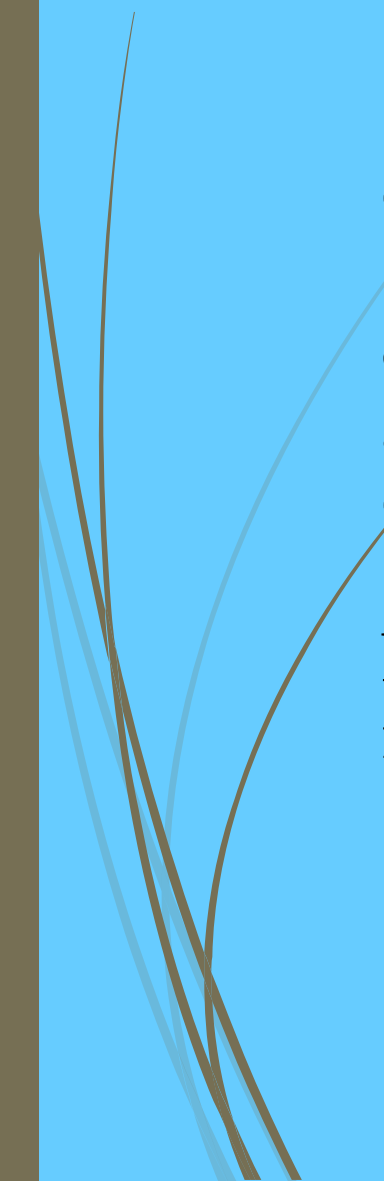
# WHAT MUST I DO?

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

In times of need (when we are tempted, when we see and feel the sin in our flesh, when we are struggling to keep ourselves pure and not to sin), we must pray for help as Jesus did, with humility, desperate to gain the victory. The Holy Spirit will come and show us the way to go, to do God's will. All sin come from not doing God's will but ours. The Holy Spirit will leads us in the path of righteousness. May we rely on Him.



# TAKE AWAY



God says He has plans to prosper and not to harm those who know Him, plans to give us hope and a future. We are faced daily with challenges not to do His will but our own will. Only by watching and praying to ask for the Holy Spirit's help can we be overcomers. Our spirit indeed is willing to please God but our flesh may fail us. Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, to know how He overcame and emulate him. We want to be like Jesus and not like David. We want to do God's will always!



*God Bless*

grace and peace to you this week