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And now for 6525 The Power of Purity – Maintaining a Clear Conscience and a Pure Heart Before God.

Ringo Johnson: Welcome to Brothers of the Word, because Brother you need the Word. Who is this God? Who is this God? How does he look? Have you ever wondered? How is his kingdom? How would it be? Who is this God? Who created the heavens and earth? Who is this God? We come today to worship do we know who is this God? Before there was heaven, before there was earth, before there was God, do we know this God? Jehovah Jireh, our provider. The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, from everlasting to everlasting we say it, but do we know this God? Do you want to know this God? Are we seeking his God? Are we seeking the God Almighty, the one who departed the sea, God Almighty El Shaddai.

The same God yesterday, today and forevermore. From everlasting to everlasting that's who God is, do we want to know God Almighty, the one who's giving us strength for life, who is this God? It's bringing me to my message titled, The Power of Purity, The Power of Purity Maintaining a Clear Conscience and a Pure Heart Before God. The open verse comes from Romans Chapter 12, and it reads, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Verse 2, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." the power of purity, clear conscience and a pure heart before God, the power of purity to me is like a freedom or pure peace that derives from a state of brokenness with a rewarding and renewed heart

towards the Kingdom of God in his righteousness, breaking the chains of change and lifting the burdens of our lives.

The power purity allows a few things in our life. The power flow of God righteousness to rule in our hearts, give us compassions for others, praying for people, understanding the circumstances, allows to be more aware of his holy spirit and his holy presence, to love him with all our heart, soul, minds and strength allows us to develop a great hatred toward sin which must be a request by the holy spirit, allows us to pursue at the righteousness and holiness.

It takes away those unrighteous desires of the world, also it enriches the bible study with the holy spirit, and it has the power worship. That's as a freedom to worship, as a freedom to praise and to prayer and so, the more intense our life, we have a power purity before God. The Bible said the prayer of the righteous Availeth much. We had a purity in Availeth much goes right to the throne of God, and it allows us to see God of a pure heart. David had a pure heart seeking God, a heart after God. You can't have a corrupt after God, he's holy, purity to those walls allow you to force in to his presence, the question is, do you really truly want to know God, because God is more than what we read about, what we've seen or even heard about him?

He has a plan for our lives, that can only be revealed by expressing his presence, but it begins with us have in a what? A clear conscience and a pure heart as children of God.

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To know God or to get closer to him he has to do what? He has draw us near to him. He has intention of sanctifying our heart when he does. And the process in which he does it is called purification which involves adversities, those deep valleys, high mountains, trials, tribulations, and testing of our faith. Now this is a part of the process that cleanses our hearts from all the righteousness, which shines a heavy spotlight on his sins, not hidden motives. But it comes with spiritual growth, promotions, purpose, plan and promise. It's an easy process, it's a necessary process or it's obtained of pure heart before Almighty God.

We're moving to the seven continual steps to obtaining and maintaining a clean conscience and pure heart before God, I'm

going to go through the book of Exodus. I'm going to go in and talk about life of Moses and Israelites down in Egypt and out of Egypt and the steps will be given in suffixes, ING, which signifies continuation process, things that much do each and every day it must become part of our life style, first one is turning. Turning, turning from or to turn to who and what are we turning to in our difficulties if it's not God? If it's not God who are we turning to? In second Chronicles 7:14 you know this verse, It says, "If my people which are called by my name, to humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways turn."

Then he says, "I will hear them from heaven, I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Now, we know that in order to receive the greatest salvation we had to surrender our lives and turn to God, but it shouldn't stop there, for most people it does. God wants us to turn to him first, to acknowledge him in all of our ways, he wants us to come before him with an open heart, but prayer to express and to receive from him our every need often time God has to allow difficulties into our lives or to get our attention. I'm going to go into Exodus Chapter 1 and 3, we're talking about Moses. Moses, here we talking about the burning bush, what Moses was tending -- outside of mountain of God.

Moses was tending, he was busy but he saw the burning bush that was not being consumed so he turned aside, with all Moses turned aside those things happen in Egypt, or for him to be a necessary person to deliver the people, what happened in Egypt. The King of Egypt, that did not know Joseph turned against the children of God. And the children of God what? Turned to God in prayer, because of affliction, because of the (00:08:04) that it was in, so they turned. So if he hadn't turned against the children of Israel, Moses will not have turned to God.

So. God had the to call the situation a purification, so to speak, to happen, within the turn, so you can imagine Moses going down to Egypt without turning, he'd go down and the children was having fun and they're all okay. They were like, "Get out here Moses, we don't need you." Because of the affliction because of the process that was going through, the slavery that was going through. They were willing to leave, was ready to leave and God knew that. So, turning what is in your life that God has turned against you that's causing you took to seek and to pray?

Because you must know one thing as Moses going to be in the feet and in the hands of God. He has a plan to live with you as well so we got to understand that, one of the turns I want to mention about the Israelites, they did turned to God but often times they turned aside and they continue to turn and turn throughout the history but God doesn't want us to continue to do that, the question is again, is what do we need to turn from or to turn down in order to turn to God, devote him more time, where from? Is it the TV? You have to turn it down or Social Media, long phone conversation, video games, what is it that you can think of you have to turn down to turn to God.

Okay the second step is knowing, ING, knowing God to be known of God, knowing God to be known of God. A lot of God's children of course who believe in God, they know he exists, they know of him even the majority of the world know that, but do you know him in the ways that he decides for you to come to him as your Lord and your savior as Lord your God, when you begin to know God or want to seek God it comes of a different approach to the throne of grace, you must have a deeper desire to know God.

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Be willing to be vulnerable in his presence. And when you do that, that will be a spiritual encounter. God will give you deep revelation in his word. God wants to be sought after. He's deserved to be sought after, and he is the rewarder of those who diligently what? Seek Him.

Okay, let's get back to Moses. Now, look at Moses talk about his first encounter. I want you to know that Moses and the Israelites did not know God. They did not know God. It was the time for a period that God was intimate with them. He was with Abraham, or Isaac, with Jacob. But Israelites, they didn't know Him. And you will see as I bring it out, it points out to you. The first encounter with God and Moses was at the burning bush course. God called out to Moses. Once he turned aside, what did God say? He called out to him, Moses said, here am I. God said, take off your shoes, the place you're standing is holy ground. God's identifying Himself, "I'm holy". So, what do we have to take off when we approach his throne? We have to take off the lust, the greed, what we have to take off when we approach God's presence? So, God introduced himself to Moses, he said, "I'm the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, your father." So Moses they

what? Moses hid his face in reverence because he was afraid to see God's face. He didn't know God, but something inside, He's holy. I had to turn aside.

So, God continued to talk to Moses, he gave Moses instructions to go down to Egypt to tell Pharaoh to let my people go, and tell the elders, that their fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has sent you. Okay. Moses -- this is the point I'm making, Moses turned and said, okay, I will do that, but what do I tell them? what is your name? God said, I am that I am. Tell them, I am sent you. That's what He told him. So, he didn't know who God was. He found out that day who God was.

You know, God continued to talk to Moses. He told Moses, He said, "I made myself known to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as the God Almighty, El Shaddai." But God, He wanted these people to know him as Lord their God, Jehovah. The one with the great and mighty miracles, acts and wonders. He wanted them to know who He was. So, God wanted to be known, all right, God wanted to be known. All right, so keep that in mind, as you don't feel like pressing into God, don't feel like praying. He wanted to be known. He desired that.

We're going to fast forward to Exodus 32-33. This was when Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights and interceding for the people and talking to God at the same time these people was doing evil. They began to worship and they built a molten calf to sacrifice unto it. And God was angry. He told Moses, "Get down to these people." They have what? Turned aside. God wanted to consume them. He wanted to not go up with them. But because of the relationship between Him and Moses, that Moses was able to convince God to go out with them. And this is what I want, another key point here was, God said to Moses, "Thou has found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. Because of that I will grant a request." He knew Moses by name. Does He know us by name? All right.

And Moses in turn asked God. He said, "God, show me Thy glory." Moses wanted to know more about God. Even though God talked to him face to face, Moses wanted more from God. When you got God's trust, you want more and more. What Moses asked, he would ask to see God's face. He would have asked him, "God, how do You look? I want to see." And God said, "Nobody can see me and live." But I want you to go back to Exodus 3, when he was

afraid to see God's face. And now he wanted to see God's face, because of what? Intimacy. He connected with God.

All right, moving on to the third step, repenting. Repenting. Be quick to repent, to stay in fellowship with the father. You must ask the Holy Spirit to sensitize your, our hearts, or your hearts. Taking heed to every conviction He brings into our hearts. Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." You also have to repent from the world. The world has a flow of one direction, a flowing. And once you turn, you turn into a current. You have to resist that current to go the other direction, and that's what God wants you to do, turn against the world, turn from the world and turn to him. You must develop a repenting heart through confession of our sins, which allows God to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, including sins known and unknown. We're in a situation when you turn aside. You're in a similar situation and you didn't want to continue -- confess it, "Lord, I messed up on that one. Go back, do it again, Lord, I messed up on it again." He's cleansing you, that confession is still coming, you're still coming.

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But you're doing it, and you come, and you're doing and you're coming. Eventually, eventually, you'll be cleansed. Can't deny it, you have to confess it.

Number four, step four is presenting. Giving yourself away daily, this is asking God to reveal way of having you to empty yourself of worldly attitudes that you develop over the course of your life. You have to honor God by living a life of sacrifice. It's through his word of God, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in every affair. Our spirit must come into full agreement with the Holy Spirit, working together to dominate the flesh, the old self. And to override what? The soul. We must take, take your position of holiness. Verse Peter 1:16 says, "Because it is written, be holy, for I am holy, says the Lord." This is to take the very character of God. What happens as you continually come before Him in His presence, meditating day and night. Day and night, you must meditate day and night.

Number five, delighting. Delighting. All right, that's a key one. Finding joy and great pleasure in his presence. Psalm 37 verse 4 reads, "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the

desires of thy heart.” Now this brings about a heavenly focus on the greatness of God. God is awesome. He wants to be known. He wants you to know his awesomeness. Delighting in His presence, delighting in God’s presence, what happens? It burns away the house of pride, where out of the ashes of pride rises what? Humility. That’s what he wants, humility. Another key point, abiding with great delight. In the things of God, in the world of God, abiding with great delight. John 15:7 reads, “If you abide in Me, and My world abides in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.” All right, that’s what I’m talking about.

Everybody getting something today? Are we learning? Praise God. Praise God.

Step six, it’s battling. This is warring, spiritual warfare, battling. Why? Shielding our minds and hearts from the constant attack of the enemy, the devil. The devil is real. Satan is real. How do we do that? Okay, by first submitting and resisting. Submitting and resisting. James 4:7 reads, “Submit yourself therefore to God, resist the devil, he will what? He will flee from you.” You just got to submit and resists. Submit, and watch him resist. All right, watch him flee. Another point. You must become a forgiver. It’s okay to give, your time, tithes and offerings. But become a what? Forgiver. Because forgiveness must be maintained and protected in our hearts through the love of God.

Forgiveness is key to that pure heart. It’s the key to also to like, in back down. So, we want to keep it open. And to do that, we must challenge all unrighteous thoughts and wicked imagination that comes in our minds. 2 Corinthians verse 10 and 5 says, “Casting down imaginations and every high thing that that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought in obedience to Christ.” Every thought. How do we do that? A couple of ways. I’ve done it like this. I’ll do that all in the name of Jesus. But you had said it yourselves sometimes and it may think you’re crazy. Ill beat that thought, and cast this thought down you go within yourself.

But today we’re going to make it interesting. We’re going to break out the remote control. We’re going to break out the remote control, we’re going to -- channel of our mind, thought process. So, we get a thought of fear, change that channel. Doubt, change that channel. Worry, change that channel. Are you alcoholic, used to

(00:19:07) by the pack store, you got to change that channel. Have you been delivered pornography? You got to change that channel. When revenge and anger come to your mind, you got to change that channel.

Now we're going to pause up for a second and talk about the meditation, and I want you to meditate on some stuff that's in your past. Say for example you had a girlfriend, ladies, named Janie B. Janie B was your friend, she betrayed you. That had been five years ago. You and Janie, you talked a little bit, all of a sudden, you're cleaning the house and just think about what she did, and you start meditating on that thing, started getting angry. Janie's no better than that. Jane -- my friend my friend. Janie, she'd never done that. Then you say to Janie, and you say, come on and look at Janie crazy. You know better than that, Janie.

The meditation got into the heart. So, we want to keep the meditation now, so Janie can be all right, Janie B. can be all right. When you have a craving of a food, and your mind is thinking of pig feet, you got to change that thought.

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Get that midnight craving. And you're craving thought was to go and get ice cream and cookies. Some of you got to change that thought. Maybe you'll struggle. Now, the coworkers. You got a coworker that you've been dealing with for a few weeks, they get in your nerves and you're going back and forth. Holy spirits said change that channel. That was it don't change the channel. Then right, you talking to them, "I'm getting tired". Change that channel, child. The thumb go up higher. Change that channel. Look at him. Can you take this Lord? then you go like that dropping the mic. "I'm not changing no channel today." Its own. And you go repent again later on that night.

So, you got to what? You got to change that channel. Okay. Now, step number seven is trusting. Trust the plan of God that he has for your life. About what? About reserve, about a backup plan, about plan B. Some people would say, "I follow God to get back of plan just in case it doesn't work." God knows the heart. You can't fool God. You got to understand that God may motive in going out of choice is to stamp out the spirit of fear. It is God who establishes I would trust in him through difficulties in order to prove himself trustworthy.

God places us in tough predicaments that caused to either trust him for victory or the faint in defeat. He pushes in a position at some point that victory is nearby. You have to trust him. There's no way out. You can't move, I got to trust him. And then you'll see the door open. He puts you in a position of trust. What he's doing God actually acts in us to lunge out into the deepness of his love by committing our total choice to him.

Psalm 64:10 says, "The righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust in him. All the upright and hard shall glory." Trusting God is not an easy thing to do. That's why he has to walk us through it step by step. He has to show us, had to prove his self in different areas of our life. And once you trust God, feel vanished it, it goes away. There's nothing in the world that could come against you when fear is not there, know that God is the solvent God of the universe.

In closing, God wants us to be that burning in bush, that burning bush. When God's eyes are looking in -- he's looking for someone he can use in a mighty way. He is looking and he is walking in. He sees a burning bush. His child burning bush. He looked aside. What he noticed is his child is burning but not being consumed by circumstances. His child is burning but not being consumed by death. His child is burning but not being consumed by trials and the tribulation. His child is burning but not be consumed with the past regrets. His child is burning, not consumed by that older voice. The things that happened that -- they're not being consumed and it brings a smile to God's face.

Then God can look and he can see the heart is burning toward him. You're coming. I'm burning but I'm still coming Lord. I'm still coming. So, be that burning bush that is not being consumed. I pray that you learned something today about purity, the power of purity having a clear conscience and a pure heart before God Almighty. Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word.

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