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His Holiness Pope Tawadros II

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Introduction

What's the real meaning of holiness?! and am I a saint?
And is the word holiness may cause ego?

Questions may come through our minds especially after the decision of the holy synod of the Coptic church in May 2018" the concept of holiness: the Holy Bible and the delivers of the fathers and liturgy state that all the Christians are saints because of the existence of the Holy Spirit in us by the baptism, holy chrism and unit up with Jesus in the Eucharist."

At this brief, you will find the real explanation for the meaning of the holiness and the barriers of holiness by the holy bible and the writings of the fathers and why the word holiness does not cause an ego?! And also about the war of the misunderstanding!!

Praying for our God Jesus to give us acceptance, awareness, and living as saints as God is holy. Through the intercession of our mother the holy Virgin Mary and the prayers of our holy father his holiness pope Tawadross II, to God be the glory in his church, forever, Amen.

Suddenly, while I am in my way for meeting my spiritual father, I found a voice as a whispering in my ears asking me where are you going!!

I am going to my spiritual father!

Aren't you shameful of yourself!

Look, you have been coming for many months and you are still falling in sin!

I am really falling down in sin but I refuse it and fight against it!

Refusing it! No, you are not! You are filth! You are a sinner and you will still being!

What do you mean!

I mean forget about spiritual life and such thing! You are young, live your youth and all of you is sinner and hell is waiting for you!

In a moment, I noticed that those are demon's thoughts for just destroying me! O GOD Jesus help me! O GOD Jesus help me!

I have reached to my father and said to him: peace, father.

He said: peace and grace, son. Thank GOD for your safety.

I said: GOD blesses you father.

He said: what is your news, son?

I said: thank GOD, father. But, today in my coming way, evil thoughts were fighting me by telling me "as

long as you are falling in sin, you are a sinner. And even if you made a redemption, you fall in sin again, so that keep being a sinner and get lost with others at the end. Terrible thoughts, father and I do not know what to do!

The demon knows that the real entrance to heaven or hell is thought, with thought we remember God and being protected in his fort, by thought we fell in love of the world and enjoying with appetites, that make the self-opens up to the hell of sins and abominations. Saint Isaac of Nineveh (The demon and our victory over him P.g80 For the father Tadros Yacoub Malaty)

He said: this is a war called a psychological warfare, using it in wars. By this the enemy tries to deliver to his opponent that he is more powerful than him to break his moral state to beat him easily.

And whoever believes in the enemy's lies, will be defeated before the war begins. Like so, Lucifer and his demons come saying to us that we are weak, impure, cannot defeat Lucifer, will go to hell and our sins are not forgiven". So the most dangerous war with Lucifer is the mind warfare, and if Lucifer succeeded in controlling with our minds easily, he will control with our attitude, but if we defeated him in this war, he would never be able to control us anymore. Let us imagine the demons conversation for fighting us: class A demon: O impurities! Attention!

Demon 1&2: your command, great filth!

Class A demon: pay attention with me! Today, I am going to tell you about our war with humans!

Demon 2: what about it, great filth!

Class A demon: our top priority war is the mind warfare.

Demon 1: what is the meaning of the mind warfare, great filth!

Class A demon: it means the brain war! The intellectual war! So if we take control of their thoughts, we can control their actions easily and make him our slave! Understood, filth!

Demon 2: what if we do not make it!

Class A demon: if we don't make, filth. We couldn't control them and they would defeat and smash us! So, it's very important to do your best. This is our top priority and the most important war with humankind, impurities!

Demon 2: okay, but how can we start this mind warfare, great filth!

Class A demon: making them believe in despair and frustration in themselves, so as more as they despise themselves, they will remain weak and by that, we will control them!

Demon 1: okay, but what about if they don't believe!

Class A demon: be optimistic, filth! If they don't, then it's your turn to tell them that this is modesty! And they have to be, understood!

Demon 1&2: understood, great filth! Understood, great filth!

The father added: so, Lucifer will try by his all **capabilities** to frustrate us, but GOD encourages us and demands ourselves

to encourage ourselves. So it's written "let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" Joel (3:10)

This means the weak one should encourage himself and say, I am strong.

Pay attention, son that the encouragement is a Bible will. That's not just a suggestion or a word from me! That's a will of GOD. GOD says that the weak says "I am strong". This means that GOD says to each weak person encourage yourself and say I am strong, and whoever won't do that, he is breaking a will in the holy Bible!

And today, we are going to talk about characteristics and features of the real Christian. So the real Christian is the one who has these features and who hasn't is the a poor Christian whodoesn't know his possibilities

And the first feature of the real Christian that he is a saint not a sinner

I said: what do you mean by saying a saint not a sinner! Your holiness means that if I am a Christian, so I am a saint without a sin!

He said: we may have discussed this part before, but today, we will discuss it in more detail. So be patient and you will know the real meaning of the word saint of the holy Bible, and at the end, I am going to say a cheerful surprise for you.

I said: you are surprising me with the new always, father.
but, what is your evidences about being a saint ?!!

He said: the first evidence will prove it by a question. Are you the GOD's son or not?

I said: definitely, I am.
Every day, I am praying by saying our Father, Who Art in **Heaven.**”

He said: great. I will prove to you that the word son of GOD is much more important, deeper and stronger than the word saint.

I said: alright, father.

He said: if the father is great, the son will be?

I said: great:

He said: and if the father is rich, the son will be...?

I said: rich, of course

He said: and if the father is holy, the son will be .. ?!

I said: holy

Demons are getting
wrath of whom
practicing virtues
with comprehension.
because demons
want to target with
their invisible arrows
towards the heart
righteousness
Saint John Chrysostom
(the demon and our
victory on him)

He said: alright. Because you are a son of the hoy GOD, so corollary you are holy

And this is written in the First Epistle of Peter “because it is written, “Be holy for I am holy” (1:16)

Moreover, the word son is much more important and deeper than a saint. Holiness is a single feature of the features of GOD, our father, but the word son means that you have all what GOD has of features. such as , holiness, righteousness and freedom . It is written “and that you put on the new man which was created according to GOD, in true righteousness and holiness.”(Ephesians 4:24).

So, we are God’s sons and having GOD’s features of righteousness and holiness,

So who believes that he is a son of God, he will believe that he has God’s features not Lucifer ones.

I said: alright, father, I am persuaded now but what is the second proof?

He said: the second one exists in I Corinthians (3:16). The Epistle of Paul says that “do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you? “

So, is the Holy Spirit of God dwells in you or not?!

I said: definitely, it is. Moreover, I am baptized and anointed with the holy **Confirmation**

He said: alright, does the Holy Spirit of God, when dwells in a place, make this place holy or let it impure?!

I said: definitely, makes it holy.

He said: so, whoever won't believe that he is saint and holy by dwelling the spirit of God in him, seemed like saying "there a filthy spirit dwells in me " so, what do you prefer to be dwelled by a Holy Spirit of God and being holy or a filthy spirit and being filthy

I said: definitely not a filthy spirit!! Our God protects us!!

So, you have the choice to believe if you are a saint and the spirit of God dwells in you or being filth and the filthy spirit dwells in you!!

I said: honestly, father, this is a very dangerous talk and each Christian must know it, but what is the third proof?!

He said: the third proof exists in the first Epistle of Paul to Galatians "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."(3:27)

This means that all who are baptized into Christ, took the Christ picture. Christ is holy and we are his picture so that we are holy too.

And who doesn't believe that he is putting on a filthy spirit, so you have the choice whether putting on Christ and being holy or being filthy and a filthy spirit dwells in you!!

I said: there is no need for choice, father, it is dangerous. but why there are many people who believe that they are not saints !!!

He said: there are three reasons for this believe: first one is the wars of demons.

As we said before all the demon's concern is his mind warfare. Because if he succeeded in controlling our minds, he would easily control our attitudes; and here the demons will plan and say:

Class A demon: come here, impurities to start the mind warfare with mankind!!

Demon 2: how we are going to begin!

Class A demon: our first concern is not fighting them by any sin or filth!

Demon 1: how come, if our concern is not sin and filth, then what is it?

Class A demon: I understand, filthy. If we fight them by sin and filth and they turn from it then it becomes all useless, but in the beginning we have to change the thoughts about

themselves, and make them believe they will remain filthy to the end, and if this happened they will be among our properties, the kingdom of impurities and become our slaves

Demon 2: by that we control them and humiliate them as much as we want!

Demon 1: how come is that possible being that they became filthy," they are saints because they are baptized and anointed with the holy **Confirmation", we are the impurities not them!!**

Class A demon: who is the hell you are with? Us or them, filthy!! We have to fool and lie to them, understand!!

Demon 1&2: We have to fool and lie to them, understand, great demon!!

Class A demon: show me your best, impurities!! change their brains , it's the most important part. Change it until he believes that he is really a filth!!

The father added: if Lucifer succeeded in persuading us that we are not saints and we are sinners and impurities, he will make us fall into each sin and filth so easily. It's written that "for as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Pro 23:7)

So, when the one believes that he is a sinner, he will do the sin and fall in filthy without thinking in repent and get use

to do it by living in sin and filth and feels that this regular to do that; like the proverb says” don’t blame Romans for being Romans “

That’s why many young believe in Lucifer’s lies and desperate of themselves and quit for sin and filth. so the change of the attitude is a natural result of mind changing not the opposite , so that , if anyone want to change his attitude , must change his mind first , that’s why Apostle Paul said” be transformed by the renewing of your mind“ (Romans 12:2).

And because the massive cunning of Lucifer, he starts from the right point, trying to program our minds that we are sinners and this our nature, so if he succeeded, we would be a dummy among his hands and control us. As saint Isaac of

Nineveh says “all the Lucifer’s concern is limited to persuade the man that GOD doesn’t care about him “.

So, be careful of your thoughts, son for not letting the chance to Lucifer to control you. You have to know that the voice that tells you that your nature is filth not holiness, is the voice of Lucifer or one is conned by Lucifer and working for him without conscience!!

I said: so, the voice that is telling to me that my nature is filth not holiness, is Lucifer’s voice. But how can we fight this evil war. Honestly, unfortunately, there are many who fall into this?

He added: you fight Lucifer’s war by God’s word, this is the most powerful weapon. Make your reply on Lucifer by God’s word as

Fight the demon and struggling to know his tricks. He used to hide the bitterness behind the smooth for not being discovered. Who looks at it, will find it so beautiful in its appearance unless its truth is completely different of its appearance. The demon do all of this to cheat the hearts with his cunning that taking the appearance of the truth and has its attractiveness
Saint John Chrysostom
(The demon and our victory on him) p.g

what Jesus did on the mountain; never negotiate with Lucifer's thoughts. Because of negotiating with him will end with your fall.

I said: and how can I reply on him, father?. Can you give me a practical example!?

He said: this means when Lucifer comes to fight with you by saying: you are filthy because of falling into many sins!! A lot of!! Every day you fall into ugly habits and movies and that's why you are impure and filthy.

Reply on him by saying: no I am not impure, but you are, Lucifer. I will repent and written that the blood of Jesus will purify me of each sin “.

Even when you repented, you will fell again, there is no way to go away from me, I will drop you again and again!!

Even when I fall, I will arise again and again even for a million times, Lucifer, filthy. it's written that “ don't rejoice over me , my enemy ; when I fall , I will arise;” (Micah 7:8)

And if there is a girl that fought by the demon by saying: alright, what about you, a filthy girl. Your past is terrible what are you going to do about it?! You have made a lot of sins!! . You have to reply to him by saying: I repented over each sin. repented and all my sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus

forgave each sin for me, I am holy by his blood and you are the filthy, Lucifer

⌚ Lucifer said: alright, but there are sins that you have forgotten to say!! And thing that you were ashamed of saying it , all of this makes you filthy and belong to our kingdom

– I am holy , because I repented over each sin and Jesus forgave me each sin that been forgotten or I have been ashamed of saying it , all is forgiven , all my sins, and I am not impure, you are, Lucifer . You are the filthy, Lucifer. It's written "I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." (Isaiah 44:22)

I said: alright, then when he comes to fight me, I will use God's word. But what is the second thing that makes us don't believe that we are saints?

He said: the second thing that makes us not to believe that we are saints is: **the wrong understanding of holiness.**

Many of us thought that holiness is that we make miracles, heal patients and cast out demons.

I said: is holiness something except these things, father?! All humans know that this is holiness!!

He said: casting out demons, healing patients and making miracles are gifts that God gave them to some people to serve others by them. So each part of the body has its especial gift serving the body by it. It's written " for as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ " (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Further, someone could have such these gifts and decimate by going to hell!!

I said in astonishing tune: is that possible, father!! A person doing an exorcism and healing patients and goes to hell at the end.

He said: this is not my words, son but God himself. GOD said in (Matthew 7:22) "many will say to me in that day, 'lord, lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?" "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness "

I said: but how this could be happened, father!! A person who casts out demons, predicts and makes many wonders and being with sinners at the end!!

He said: like what is mentioned before those are gifts that God gave them to some people to serve the rest of their brothers, but it's possible also, that they are using them for their own glory, collecting money or bullying on others and trading with the gifts that God gave to them. As what is written about them at (Timothy 6:5) "useless Wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that Godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. "There are those who are trading with the religious manifestations, unfortunately, this subject appears in time of the church's history was called Simonian.

I said: what is that Simonian, father!!

He said: it is named after Simon Magus. Let's imagine his conversation with the Epistle Peter :

Simon (in malice and cunning) : look, our teacher Peter. I have a request? !

The Apostle Peter: please. Simon!!

Simon (in malice) : I have a lot of money, so much money, I have also, a lot of gold and silver and I want to serve God.

The Apostle Peter: so what is the demand, Simon? What do you want?!!

Simon: I want to have the Holy Spirit but not like others!!

The Apostle Peter: what do you want exactly, Simon?!!

Simon: I want to be as Apostles. I mean that whoever I put my hand on him, get the Holy Spirit as what the Apostles do. And I will pay so much gold and silver, use them for service and give them to the poor .

The Epistle Peter (aggressively): no, no, Simon, keep your gold and silver with you for destruction. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not bought by money, gold or silver. Repent, Simon because you are walking in the way of the hell and you are still living as a Lucifers' slave and for the false glory.

I said: alright, this is the story of Simon, but what about Simonian!!

He said: this happened in time of the church's history where there were some people desiring to have priesthood by paying money for that. So, whoever is doing such thing, his purpose is not serving Jesus but the false glory and being bossy on others.

I said: his fate will definitely be with Simon Magus even if he is doing wonders!!!!

He said: absolutely, everyone has a gift and using it for the false glory or being bossy on people and not for the glory of Jesus, his fate will be with Simon Magus.

I said: but those people were an offense to the public and making them getting lost or believing in Godless!!

He said : as what we have been taught before that we shouldn't put our peace in somebody, so that we must not get lost because of somebody had the Holy Spirit by money like Simon and causing me to sin and getting lost with him .

Whoever lost, lost alone. Our peace is in Jesus, son, not in humans. So the Apostle Peter says on those the following “ by covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words ; for a long time their judgment has not been idle ,and their destruction does not slumber” (2 Peter 2:3)

And whoever cause others to sin, his position being so terrible and Jesus Christ said about him “whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin , it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck , and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offences must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! (Matthew 18:6-7)

Gifts are not the holiness. There are those who have the speech gift and may speaking with great words and a lot of people believe in by applying what they listen to and getting

their redemption meanwhile the priest himself if he didn't live with what he says, he would lose.

I said: is it real that there are so much like this, father?

He said: if someone has the gift of psalms ,saying chants and many people repent because of him but he may love his own voice and being busy of his gift and at the end many people are saved but not him.

I said: it's a difficult and dangerous subject but what is the real meaning of holiness ?!

He said: the word saint or holy means special .. we are saying the holy church, means that specialized for praying , not for playing football .

I said: definitely not.

He said: and the pots of the holy altar, means specialized for *Eucharistic not for eating.*

I said: definitely not.

He said: so you are holy and saint means specialized for the dwelling of God in you. So each Christian is a saint because the spirit of God dwells in him. Holiness is not just for monks and abbots, of course not, there are regular people as martyrs of Libya were having Jesus love more than many monks and priests. so holiness is not with shape or the level but with the love of Jesus .

I said : alright, then each Christian is a saint because of spirit of God dwells in him but what if I always fall in sin, father, am I still a saint ?!

He said: this is the third thing that persuading us that we are not saints, our misunderstanding of holiness.

Demons will try to deliver to you that if you want to be a saint, you have to be without any sin. And let's imagine their conversation.

Demon 1: we want to complete our plan to get back to the great demon!!

Demon 2: so, we have to play with the last card we have to persuade him that he is not a saint!!

Demon1: what is that card filthy, I have forgotten!! His awareness is very strong, I am near of frustration!!

Demon 2: shameful, filthy, we never get frustrated!!

The last card is that we have to persuade him that if he wants to be a saint, he has to be without sin!!

Demon 1: is there anyone without sin!! except God !! He will be so dummy if he persuades by this.

Demon 2: our focus will be on people's foolishness!! When they will be ignorant with Bible, we can fool them and make them lost easily !!

Demon1: so what we are going to do!! explain, filthy !! it seems that I have learnt stupidity of human !!

Demon 2: after we persuade him that the saint has to be without sin, we start fighting him with one sin and focus on it, and at every time he feel in it , we say to him that sin is his nature and keep doing that until he gets frustrated, quits and forgets about being saint forever .

Demon 1: that's my game!! I know what I am going to focus on!! I will be after him, until he hates his life!!

Demon 2: that's perfect, filthy !! to our job then !!

Demon 1: let's go!!

The father added: unfortunately, a lot of people are tricked by that and think that for being a saint, I have to be without sin /

I said: forgive me, father. That is what I thought about holiness and I think many are like me too!!

He said: alright, I have a question, son. Is there someone at any day, who could say that he is completely without a sin?!!!!!!

I said: definitely, not. But the saint may be doing a limited sins kind of.

He said: what is the standard of that?!! It means how many sins, one can do then he could say that he is not a saint!!

The holy Bible says: "whoever says to his brother, you fool! shall be in danger of hell fire"

I said: it's a hard and confusing subject!! but what is the concept of holiness?!

He said: holiness is not that I am pure without any sin!!

I said: definitely, no one without sin!!!

He said: but holiness is being hate the sin and can't live with it. Saint Isaac says "God doesn't accept the virtuous self because of the acts but for the virtuous will that headed towards him and the heart that is full of contrition "

Like a nice man walking in a dirty street that is full of dirt, so when dirty things touch him, he gets so angry and back to home for changing the clothes.

So , as soon as one falls in sin and gets away of it , " and if he falls , he would repent quickly , this standard means that he is growing in the life of holiness , that's why the Holy Bible says : " for a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again " (pro:24:16)

Although, he may fall seven times, the Bible says that he is not a heretic.

I said: these wrong understandings of holiness, pushed many young to lost, they were thinking that because of their

falling, they are unclean spirits and lost their holiness. So he handed up himself to sin and live with it.

He said: we are all weak and falling in sins, son but the important thing is that we refuse the sin and run away of it and if it happened and we fall, we would repent. Tell me why we offer a repentance ?!

I said: why, father!!

He said : because holiness is our nature and sin is against our nature, that's why when we fall, we repented by saying forgive me, my Lord, I fall into sin, accept the forgiveness and purging of sin, and not saying day and night “ God , forgive me, I am the sinner “.

I said: so, we shouldn't say this, father.

He said : when we fall in specific sin , we can say “ God , have mercy on me from this sin, “ not repeat that day and night without understanding or focusing “ God , have mercy on me I am the sinner “.

He said : so , when someone repented and saying “ God , have mercy on me I am the sinner “, God answer him and saying “ I will bless you . believe in that.

“ God, have mercy on me I am the sinner “;“ God , have mercy on me I am the sinner “,!!

I did, son, I did, my dear, believe, believe that I did

“ God, have mercy on me I am the sinner “;“ God , have mercy on me I am the sinner “;“ God , have mercy on me I am the sinner “,

Dear son, I really did, believe that I forgave you since the first time. did not you have anything else to ask . Why you didn't ask for grace, Holy Spirit or using me in service!!

He said : it's necessary , to believe that God forgive us and give us mercy when we ask , and not repeating words without understanding until we believe that we are a sinner and that's our nature and lost because of that. Also, there is a great trick that Lucifer uses it to make people exhausted and confused of accepting the holiness gift that Jesus gave it to them without any price.

I said: what is that trick, father?!

He said: the trick is: **the reverse picture**

I said: the reverse picture!! What does that mean, father?!!

He said: it's that we have to do a good and respectable deeds to deserve to be saints.

But we are trying and couldn't do it, that's why we feel tired and holiness is impossible

I said: alright, what is the right thing, father!!

He said: the right is to believe at the first that God gave us the Holy Spirit and we are saints by His Holy Spirit that dwells in us and our nature is holiness. That's what makes us live as saints not the opposite.

I said: but isn't it supposed that I have to be good and not making sins to deserve to be saint!!

He said: is it possible that a monkey wears a suit and eat with fork and knife, put a perfume and cream in his hair and being a human by that?!

I said: definitely, impossible!! He is still monkey.

He said: that's why, it's impossible to be saint with your acts and struggling and without God's grace, whatever you did.

I said: honestly, it's really impossible, father. I have tried too much and failed. I felt that it's impossible!! that's why I am frustrated and quit to sin for too many years !! but what is the solution, father ?!

He said: let's say again, the solution is to believe that you become saint by the dwelling of the Holy Spirit in you, if you did, this would help you in struggling and doing saints' deeds, and the opposite is impossible!! and here the demons will fight you and planning with each other by saying:

Demon 1&2: back us up, great demon, back up!!

Class A demon:

Why are you scared like this, demons. You freaked me out!!

Demon 1&2: Michael, we will lose him, we will lose him

Class A demon: how come is that!! what is happened !!!!

Demon2: Michael starts to believe that he is a saint and the God's spirit dwells in him, getting away of us and walking at the holy way!!!

Class A demon (astonishing) : what happened to him !! where all the thoughts of being bastard , sinner and filthy that we made his family and servants say to him since too many years !!

Demon 1 (sadly) : unfortunately , he started to believe the words of the Bible and forgot all about these things !! back us up, great demon!!

Demon 2: come, we are felling lost, we will lose him, great demon!!

Class A demon: come here demons!! I will tell you what to do!!

Demon 1 &2: we are all ears, great demon!!

Class A demon: reverse the picture, demons!!

Demon 2: how to reverse it!!

Class A demon: instead of believing that he is saint and he has to do saints' deeds , we persuade him that he has to do saints' deed at first to deserve being a saint !!,

Demon I: but what is the difference, great one!

Class A demon: you will stay stupid forever, demon! Focus with me!! if he believes that he is a saint, he will fight to do saints' deeds and tire us with him but, we have to persuade him to do a saints' deeds to be saint !!

Demon I: persuade him to do saint's deeds!!, really !!!!!

Class A demon: focus, demon!! that's at the beginning , but how ever he tries , he can't do it alone. With time, he will be frustrated and feel that he doesn't deserve to be a saint!! by that he will forget that he is saint and control him!! Understand, unclean spirit!!

Young demons (laughing): Understood, great one – perfect evil plan!!

I said: malignant evil thoughts. They are look from outside good but in fact they are destroying!! Made me lost for many years! And unfortunately, many are still lost!

He said: so, however the person fight with his deeds to be saint, he never can do this

I said: impossible!

He said: but to live as a saint, you have in the beginning to believe that you are a saint by the dwelling of God's spirit in you, rejecting sin and fighting it, be careful, son of the reverse picture!!

I said: this reverse picture, made so many people get lost!!
He said: and there is a destructive thought for the holiness life, be careful of it, son!!

I said: what is it, father!!

He said: **delaying**. One is delaying repent or when he did, he wouldn't believe in forgiveness till the last of the week or month and thought that he is saint only, the day of confession or Eucharist and the rest of the month, he is a sinner and with unclean spirit!!

I said: what is that, father, are you reading my thoughts?
I really think like that!!

He said: no, son, take care, this thought destroyed many people!! We are holy all days, not a single day of a week or a month, and if we felt with weakness, we have to repent and be purified with Jesus blood and trust in full and immediate forgiveness, not at the end of a week or a month.

At the moment that you will say that I am a sinner, God will hug you and say: all your sins are forgiven, my beloved, all your sins are forgiven, my beloved.”

I said: forgive me, father, why you are focusing at forgiveness in each time we met!!

He said: because of the main war of Lucifer against us is sin, and our main weapon that we used it for this war is forgiveness.

I said: that’s true that the most important weapon is forgiveness, this helps one to feel free!!

He said: the thought that prevent forgiveness from you or makes you doubt in it is from Lucifer not God.

This looks like that a soldier fights for an army and the commander takes the weapon from him and saying:

Commander (with arrogance and ego): the weapon will be with me and at the end of each month or week, come to take it, depends upon circumstances!!

Soldier (bagging) : sir , the enemy is fighting me every hour!! no, every minute!! how am I going to fight without a weapon ?!!

Commander (aggressively and crying): are you objecting?!!
the weapon will be with me and it's enough to take it once
per month, I am the commander !!

Soldier (seriously): you are the commander, and you have
my respect. but I can't fight without a weapon!! by that I will
lose and die!!

Commander (angrily and screaming) : you think that you
are smart and this is not good for you !! don't objecting me or
I will isolate you from the army !! fight, at the end of the month
, come to take the weapon, understand !!

Soldier: alright, as long as the weapon stays with you, you
stay with me all the time and don't leave me ever!!

Commander: I am busy!! I can't be with everyone at once!!
I am the commander!!

Soldier (talking to himself): what is that !! what happened
to the commander!! it seems that he is hit by megalomania!!

Soldier 2: what is happened, Mina? why you are sad ? !!

Soldier 1: did you see what the commander is saying!!

Soldier 2: what?!!

Soldier 1: he saying that the weapon will be with him, won't
give it to us till the end of the month!! how we are going to
fight then !!

Soldier 2: he did that with all the squad!! I don't know what happened for him!!

Soldier 1: he seems that he is hit by megalomania!! He wants us to lose!!

The father added: did you think that this is a real commander, cares about his soldiers!!

I said: like that, he is not a commander at all!! He could be an agent or mad commander!! Nothing else!! The real commander encourages his soldiers and tells them that the weapons would be with you all time, and comes to take advice and support whenever you need.

He said: what do you think, soldiers will do!!

I said: surrender or kill the commander to get rid of him!!

He said: that's the main reason then that makes many young surrendering to sin and living with it, because they are not sure that when they repent and say "God, forgive us " God forgave them!! so, they said " we are lost of all cases!! and all time, we are with unclean spirit !! live your life , at the end all are in hell !!

So your weapon to keep your holiness is the permanent repentance and trust in the complete immediate forgiveness

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“ Ah, Lord Jesus , we have lived so much time deprived of your love and grace!! We have lived so much time in guilty, sin and thought that this is our nature not holiness!! All of this because of our ignorant with Holy Bible, your love and your forgiveness. You taught me and all your sons, God that you gave us holiness for free and we take it and grow with it, and holiness is not wonders and the light of the man hand but it's that your spirit dwells in us. Make us believe that we are saints each day, not a single day of a month, all the time ,and if we fall into sin, make us back to your chest to purify us of each sin and heal us of each weak. My Lord Jesus, kindest and greatest father“.

He said: are you with me , son ?!

I said: sorry, father, I am distracted a little!! honestly, words are new and dangerous !! but forgive me, father, I have a question. Is not the word saint may cause me being fought by ego ?!

He said: like what we said before, there is a big different between fighting by sin and falling into it!! it doesn't mean when you are fought by adultery that you have been fallen into it, and the same measure of atheism and that doesn't mean that you don't believe in God .

At the same way, if you have been fought with ego, it didn't mean that you became arrogant.

I said: when thought will be a sin?

He said: as saint Mark said: when you accept the evil thought and live with it, it's a sin then, but if you fight against

it and reject it, then you are a fighter and you will have a crown. Meanwhile, the word saint, you don't be afraid of it, it won't cause you ego.

I said: alright, father. I will reject the thought but I want to know why the word saint won't cause me ego?!

He said: because of three reasons:

First one: because you have got holiness freely, as a gift

It's written " for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

So, you don't have a favor of being a saint. Not with your works but by the dwelling of the Gods' spirit in you, and this is a gift and a grace from our God to us. So whoever take something without deserving, he will never be an arrogant.

I said: definitely, not

He said: someone like the Apostle Paul that took a great grace, if we have asked him by saying: O our teacher, Paul, you are a great saint!! You have taken a great grace!!

- I am weak, that's my God's gift for me
- Weak, how come, you have been proselytizing in many countries and changed so many people and nations
- I destroyed so many churches and persecuted many Christians and tortured them but

God visited me and changed me, so, whom I am right now is a grace from my God, I don't deserve it!!

– But, right now, you are a very great one, our teacher Paul.

– That's a grace, son. Grace, son. A grace I don't deserve!!

He said: as God give much grace to the one, he is being much more humble.

The second reason that makes you arrogant is that you are not the only saint, all people are saints by the dwelling of the God's spirit in them.

I said: even the unbelievers are saints?!!

He said: they have the possibility to be if they believed and accepted the God's spirit to dwell in them. So, there is no need to be proud of being saint, all of us are equal in possibility of accepting the grace. Is it reasonable that a brother being arrogant to his brothers because of being from a great family!!!!

– Someone saying (arrogantly): I am from a great family. I am the best one in country!!

– Someone: alright, but the whole country are from the same family!!

– Someone (arrogantly): yes, you are right but there is a difference!! I have learnt at the best schools!! and having a great wealth, not like the rest of the tramps people !!

– Someone: but those are your people and your brothers !! how could you say that about them !!!

– Someone (with ego): this is not arrogance, that's the regular!! There is a great different between me and them!!!

The father said: If someone said this, what are you going to say about him, son!!

I said: of course he is a jerk. Is it reasonable to one to do such thing!! but, isn't possible, if someone changed to good, hit by ego?

He said: that's the third point, it's an important sign that holiness is real and not fake.

I said: what is that sign?!!

He said:**lowly**. The proof that one growing in holiness is to grow in lowly, but whoever acting with ego, is the biggest proof for not living the real holiness. whenever the one grows in holiness , he is looking much like to God, and Lord Jesus was full of lowly and gentility by saying:" learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart:" (Matthew 11:29)

The proof for the real holiness is growing in lowly not in arrogance.

I said: talk is easy, father but what are the steps to live the real holiness and not just a joyful word!!

He said: to live the life of holiness, you need three things:

First, it's really important to believe that you are a saint

Like what we said before, the beginning of change is rooted in mind, if the mind is changed, the attitude will.

So whoever won't believe that he is a saint because of dwelling the Holy Spirit in him, he will never able to do saints' works, whatever he tried.

I said: alright, the beginning to do the saints works is to believe that I am a saint. What is the second one?

He said: the second thing to do this is: **cheer up of being saint**

What is the reaction of a person who won with a million dollar?!

I said: cheer up to end

He said but what if this person, after winning with that prize, is sad and depressed!! What you say about him!!

I said: definitely, whether, the prize is fake or he is a dummy and mad one!!

He said: whoever won't cheer up with the great grace that was taken, that it is the dwelling the Holy Spirit in him, that it is a priceless gift, he will be dummy or mad for not believing, in both cases, he won't take advantage of the dwelling of the Holy Spirit in him.

I said: he does not deserve it..

He said: the evidence of being saints is to cheer up and proud of that, this will give you power to face the filthy wars and sin, written that "the joy of the Lord is your strength "(Nehemiah 8:10)

But who lives sadly, frustrated, not joyful and in glory of being saint, he falls into Lucifer's wars so easily.

I said: forgive me, father, but you are saying glorify?! am I have to glorify of being saint?!

He said: those are not my words but written in the Bible "he who glories, let him glory in the Lord "(Corinthians 1:31)

We are not glorifying with our works or our fight but with God and with his dwelling in us and being a father to us, that is the reason of our glory, as we didn't glorify to our brothers because we all have the same father that is God, and the Holy Spirit dwells in all of us, you are glorifying through your war with Lucifer and his evil thoughts.

I said: great talk, father but is that enough to live as saint?!

He said: this is the third point for living as saint, which is:

To do saints' works

And that is all of what we talked about it in detail in our course, you have to keep feeding with the saints' food which is the word of God, keep your senses holy, your body pure, your friends are saints, existing in the saints' places and preach to help your father in heaven to reach His word to your brothers all over the world to accept redemption and being saints.

I said: preach, father!! This word is really heavy on us, father?!

He said: not just a heavy one, it's impossible too to whoever not believing that he is saint!! So, who is still not believing, living with confused mind and thought that this is his nature, how he could preach?! What he is going to say to people?!! telling them come to pray, fight and fast but at the end we are all sinners and going to hell, means losing world and the next!!

I said: oh, that's why we are not appreciating the preach word and even thinking of it!! All of this because of the misunderstanding of holiness!!

He said: that's true that the wrong concept, made us lost and the most important will of Jesus is to preach about redemption through over nations and peoples of land, if we had passionate and love, we would preach with Bible to Africans, not leaving them for 20 centuries in paganism and didn't know anything of anything!! everyone will believe that Jesus made him holy and the Holy Spirit dwells in him, he will have passionate for the redemption of other souls and jealous to deliver the word of God to all the land's peoples and feel that he is responsible towards all his brothers in humanity, not living in carelessness, cold and with cold-blooded.

I said: but it's not with that possibility, father?!

He said: it's easy when you believe that you are saint, and if you found obstacles, you wouldn't feel with them because of the noble objective that you live for and struggling would be cheerful because the Holy Spirit in you.

I said: your holiness, promised me with a surprise, what is it father?!

He said: the surprise is that the talk, we have said today exists in the decision of the holy synod in its session in 2018 saying that:

“The concept of holiness: The Bible, the tradition of the Fathers and the liturgy proclaim that all Christians are saints because of the dwelling of the Holy Spirit in us by Baptism, confirmations and union with Christ in the Eucharist “

I said: great surprise, father. For not doubting in this talk and all people believe and don't think that your holiness saying a weird talk.

He said: let's summary what we have said today, we said that we are saints because of three things, what are they?

I said: because we are the sons of the holy God, the Holy Spirit dwells in us and we are the picture of the holy Jesus.

He said: and there are three obstacles make us not believing that we are saints, what are they?

I said: demons' wars, holiness is doing wonders and holiness is being without sin.

He said: and there are three things that helping us in living saints, what are they?!

I said: first is to believe that we are saints, second, cheering up of being saints and the third thing is to do saints' works.

He said: and be careful, son of the reverse picture and from the delaying repentance or not trusting in forgiveness.

I said: God save us, father from the reverse picture. Your prayers, father. Asking for leaving, your holiness.

He said: prayers of our mother, the Holy Virgin Mary and all the saints. God with you, son...