

It is hard for you to fight against me! 'Acts 26:14

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Sin puts us in direct collision with God, when we sin, we are acting against God, we are opposed to God.

When David had committed murder and adultery, he said in Psalm 51:4-6

4. ***I have sinned against you***, you alone. I have done evil in your sight. So, you are right in what you say, and fair when you judge.

5. ***It is true that I was born guilty***—sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6. But you want truth on the inside; ***you teach me wisdom deep within***.

IN PSALM 51:4-6 DAVID CONFIRMS THREE IMPORTANT THINGS FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD

1. When we sin, we act against God, (we fight against God)
2. We are born into sin,
3. We need Gods voice in our life's.

1. When we sin, we act against God.

Psalm 51:4 "I have sinned against you, you alone. I have done evil in your sight"

In verse 4, David confirms that all sin is against God. When we sin, we break God commandments, we act against God, and this puts us in opposition to God, this opposition is the equivalent of ***"fighting against God in the same way that Saul fought against God."***

When Saul encountered Jesus Christ on his way to Damascus, our Lord Jesus Christ shined His light on Saul and told Saul ***'It is hard for you to fight against me!'***

Acts 26: 14-15

14 All of us fell to the ground. Then I heard a voice speaking to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? ***It is hard for you to fight against me!***

15 'Who are you, Lord?' I asked. 'I am Jesus, the one you're persecuting,' the Lord replied

It is tiring to fight against God, it is tiring to continue a life of sin. You live a life of trouble after trouble.

2. We are born into sin

Psalm 51:5. "It is true that I was born guilty"

David reminds us that every single one of was born into sin, and as he asks God to forgive him for the murder and adultery he committed, he confirms that it is within our nature as humans to commit sins.

Psalm 51:5. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me

Psalm 58: 3 The wicked are sinners from birth; from the moment they are born they tell lies

Romans 5:12, Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

David had killed a man so that he can take this man's wife, but despite this murder and adultery God forgave him, **God can do the same for you and me. Do not waste time contact us we can help you.**

3. We need Gods voice

Psalm 51:6, "you teach me wisdom deep within"

As children of God, before we sin and after we have sinned, Gods voice is with us, through the Holy Spirit seeking to guide us away from sin, to avert sin and that's why David says **"you teach me wisdom deep within"**

God voice is talking to all His children **from deep within**, Gods voice talks through the works of the Holy Spirit, which teach us Gods truths, in *John 16:13*, Jesus Christ told the disciples that, **"when the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you the whole truth."**

David, like every child of God, could feel the truth deep inside of him. He says in Psalm 51:6, **But you want truth on the inside; you teach me wisdom deep within.** At some point in our lives, we have all experienced a voice that speaks to us, **deep within**, some are still experiencing that voice now as they read this short article, it speaks to us quietly, **deep within**, but **we do not know whose voice it is.** That is the voice of God through the Holy Spirit.

In John 14:17, we learn that

*"The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit because the people in the world are not looking for the Holy Spirit and **the people in the world do not know the Holy Spirit.** But the disciples know the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit lives with them and lives inside them.*

It is only when we become children of God that we will learn to understand that voice that speaks inside of us. But David like many children of God, knew this voice and that is why he pleads with God in *Psalm 51:11*, **"Don't expel me from your presence; do not take away your Holy Spirit from me."**

David knows he is guilty of having ignored the warnings of the Holy Spirit before he committed the murder and adultery. He is guilty of having ignored Gods voice, which spoke to him **deep within** through the Holy Spirit before he committed his crimes. **That voice is speaking to you now as you read this article.**

Psalm 51:11, "do not take away your Holy Spirit from me." David knows the importance of Gods voice in his life, that is why as he asks for forgiveness he pleads with God, **"do not take away your Holy Spirit from him,"** because he needs Gods voice in his life to continue to teach him **"Wisdom deep within"** Psalm 51:6. **You and I, we also need this voice in our lives because it teaches us the truth.**

In John 14:16-17, we read that, before Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, He said to the disciples,

*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, **the Spirit of truth**, who will always be with you. *The world cannot accept him because it is not looking for him and does not know him. But you know him because he lives with you and will be in you"**

It is this Spirit of truth that David asked God not to take away from him because this Spirit imparts wisdom to him, it imparts Gods truth to him, **see John 14: 26**, where Jesus says to the disciples **"but when the Father sends the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, in my place, he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."**

This wisdom is needed by every child of God, this wisdom will help us:

- To make the right decisions to avoid sin,
- To avoid breaking Gods commandments,
- **To avoid fighting against God.** (Acts 26: 14) *it is hard to fight against God.*

GET TO KNOW THAT VOICE that speaks to you,

If you hear this voice *deep within you*, it is a sign that God is already talking to you through the Holy Spirit but you cannot recognise the voice because you do not know the Holy Spirit yet.

In John 14:17,

*“The **world cannot accept the Holy Spirit** because it is not looking for the Holy Spirit and the world **does not know the Holy Spirit**. But disciples of God know the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit lives with them and will be in them”*

To accept the Holy Spirit, you must become a disciple of Jesus Christ, a child of God. When you receive the Holy Spirit, it will guide you to keep to the right path of Christ, you stay out of trouble, **you stop fighting against God.**

TO BECOME A DISCIPLE / CHILD OF GOD YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: *(let us help you achieve these four steps below, one day at a time, at your own pace)*

- 1st We must believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (John 3:16)
- 2nd We must confess with our mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in our hearts that God has raised him from the dead, if we do that we shall be saved. (Romans: 10: 9-10)
- 3rd We must repent, we must turn to God for our sins to be wiped out, so that we may be refreshed. (Acts 3:19)
- 4th We must be baptised, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man ***be born of water and of the Spirit***, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5.) **Upon baptism, you will receive the Holy Spirit, see John 3:5 from this day on, you will know gods voice through the Holy Spirit.**

Stop Fighting, ***“It Is Hard to Fight Against Jesus Christ”*** Acts 26: 14-15. Saul stopped fighting against Jesus Christ and he became Paul. It is your turn, ignore your past and embrace your future, in Jeremiah 29:11. God says to you, “I plan good things for you... I am going to give you a future and a hope.

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