

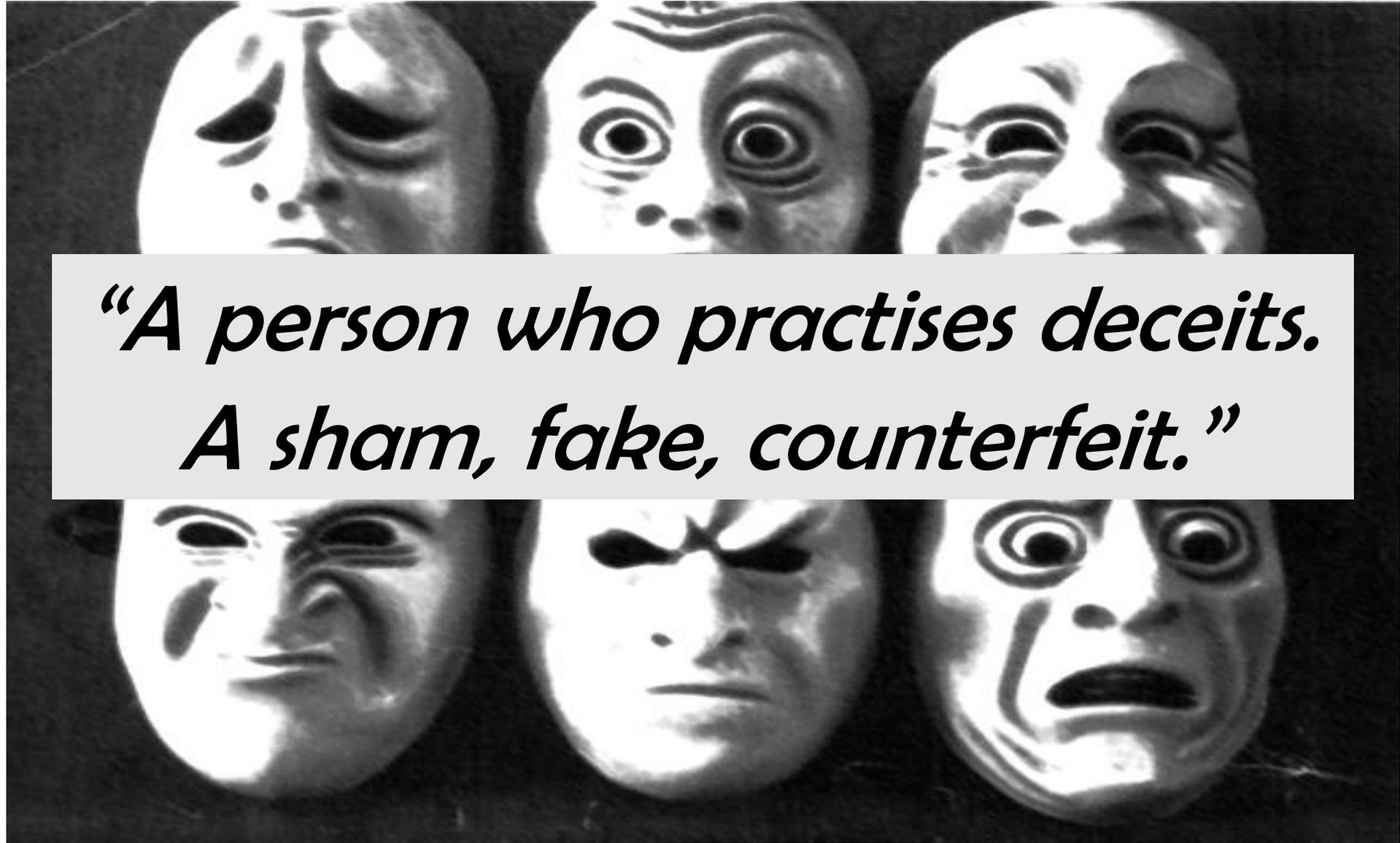
# ***No Religious Hypocrisy***

**Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18**

The Gospel of  
Matthew

**Jesus The Messiah King**

# **Hypocrite, Actor, Play Acting!**



*“A person who practises deceits.  
A sham, fake, counterfeit.”*

***Authentic Kingdom Life of  
Holiness, Fruitfulness, and Power.***

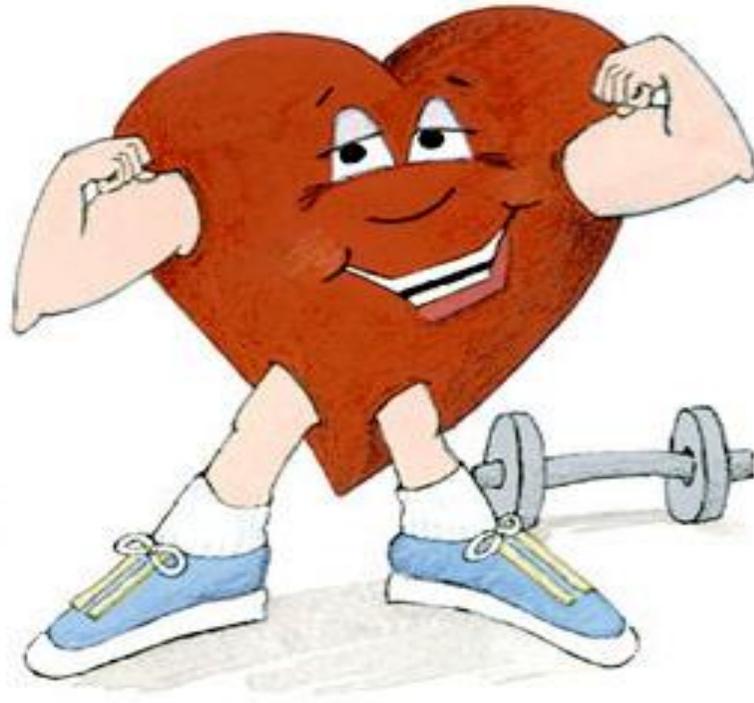
***Be the Good News***

**Be the Salt and Light**



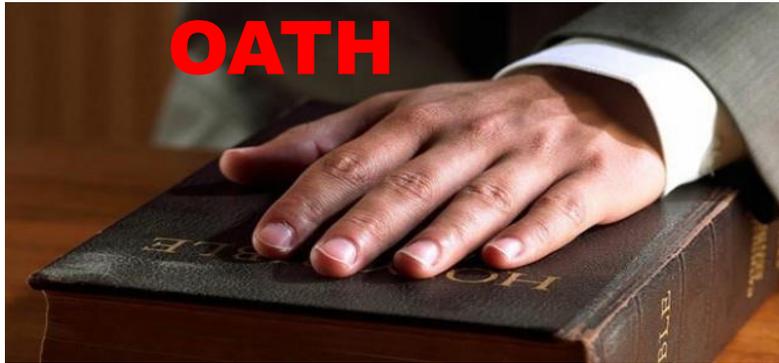
# AUTHENTICITY

The  
Truth  
About  
Your  
Heart



**True Righteousness  
of the Heart**

# ***Relationships with Others***



***Anger***



***Retaliation***

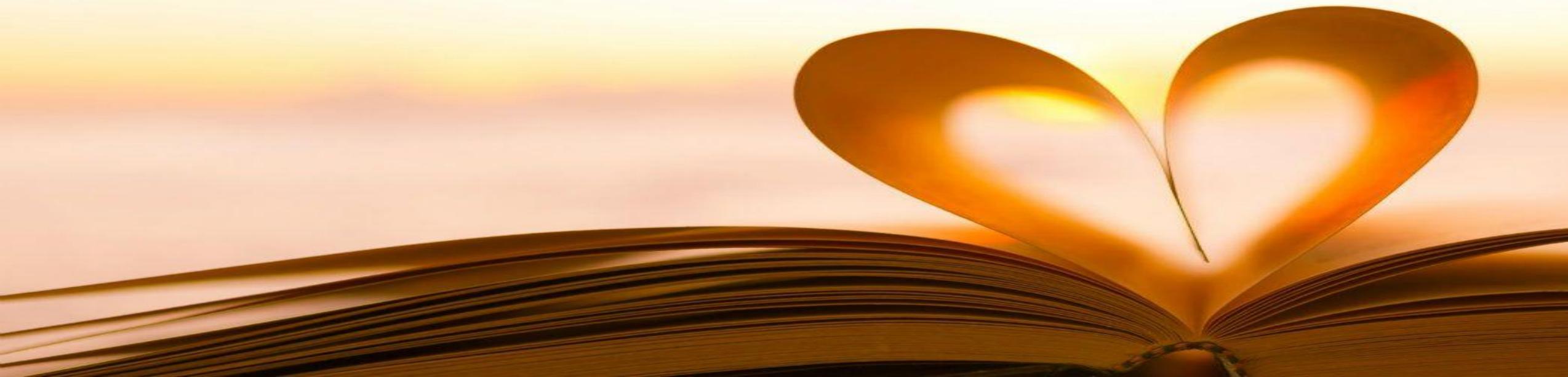


**Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18**

**No Religious Hypocrisy**

***Relationships with God***

***Giving, Prayer, and Fasting.***



# No Pseudo-piety!

## Three illustrations

- No Play-acting Giving  
V2-4
- No Play-acting Prayer  
V5-8
- No Play-acting Fasting  
V16-18



## **A Warning! Be Perfect but...**

*Be careful not to practise your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

### **The Respectability Reputation Trap**

*Not about hiding  
righteous act but  
its intent and purpose*



## **No Play-acting Giving V2-4**

*So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*



## **Give Naturally and Cheerfully**

***<sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy,  
do not let your left hand know what  
your right hand is doing,<sup>4</sup> so that your  
giving may be in secret. Then your  
Father, who sees what is done in  
secret, will reward you.***

**Give without  
self-conscious!  
Stewardship**

**From the Heart**



**God's Rewards  
beyond measure!**

**Luke 6:38**

*Give, and it will be given to you.  
A good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together and running over,  
will be poured into your lap.  
For with the measure you use,  
it will be measured to you.'*

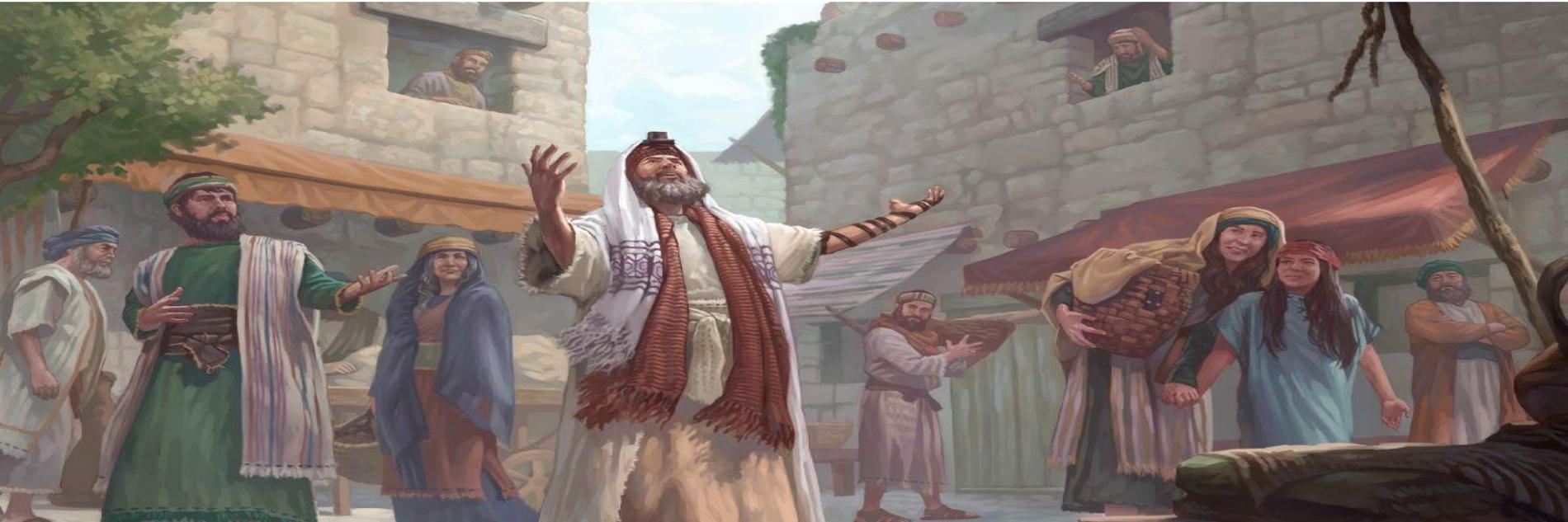
**God is Rich and Generous**



## **No Play-acting Prayer V5-8**

***<sup>5</sup> 'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.***

***Prayer not Performance***



## Pray privately

***<sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.***

***In the Shadow of the Almighty***



## **Pray simply without idle repetition**

***7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.***

**Intelligible Prayer**  
***The Lord's Prayer for  
kingdom disciples***



**Baal prophets**



**Elijah**

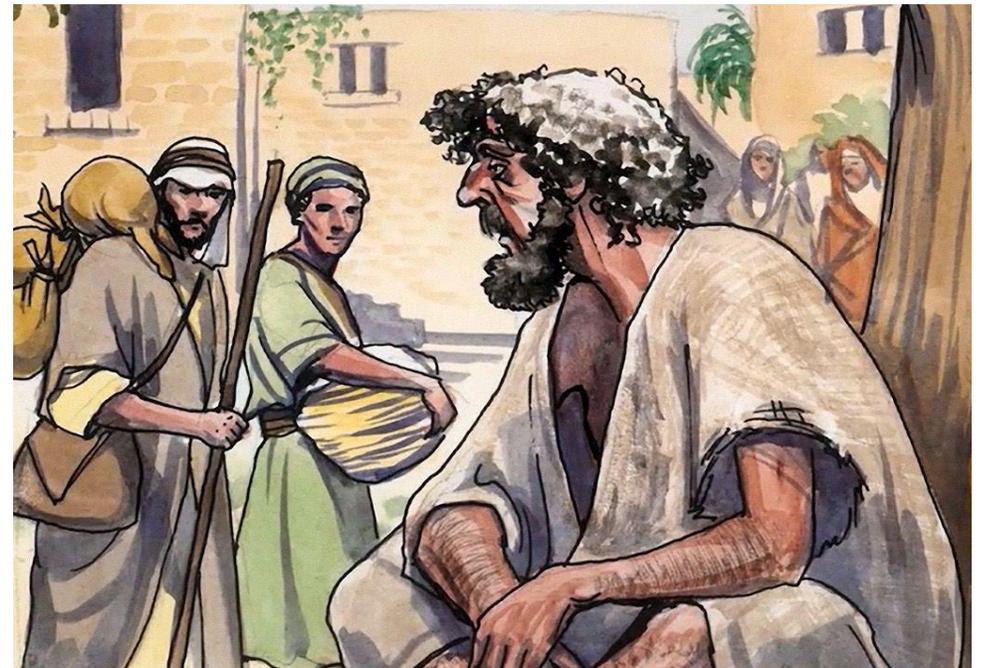
## No Play-acting Fast

*<sup>16</sup> 'When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting.*

*Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*

**Fasting not Fussing**

**Exercise of exhibitionist  
for respectability**



# True Fast

***<sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.***

**His abundant strength  
and joy will come to  
us in secret**



# Discipline of Secrecy

*His Majesty's Secret Service*

**Live for the Audience of One**

***Born Free and Break Free from others!***

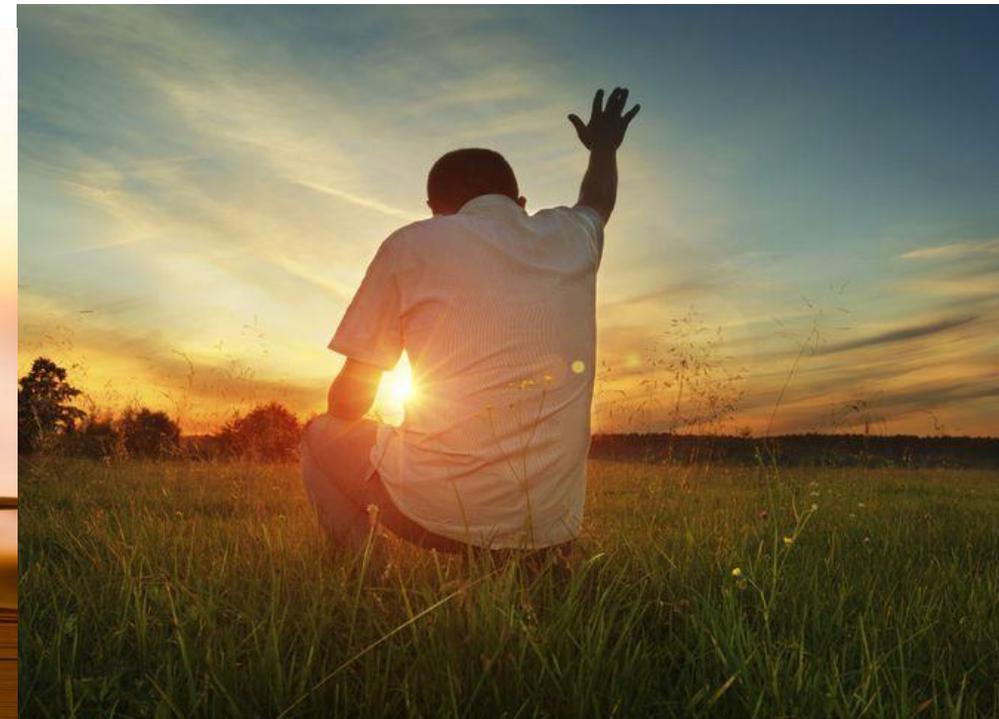


**Prayer Meeting**

# **Secret Service of the Heart**

**To please God only**

**To honour God only**



**Holy Lighters**

**Be Authentic**

***Let His Light shines***



**All Glory to God**