

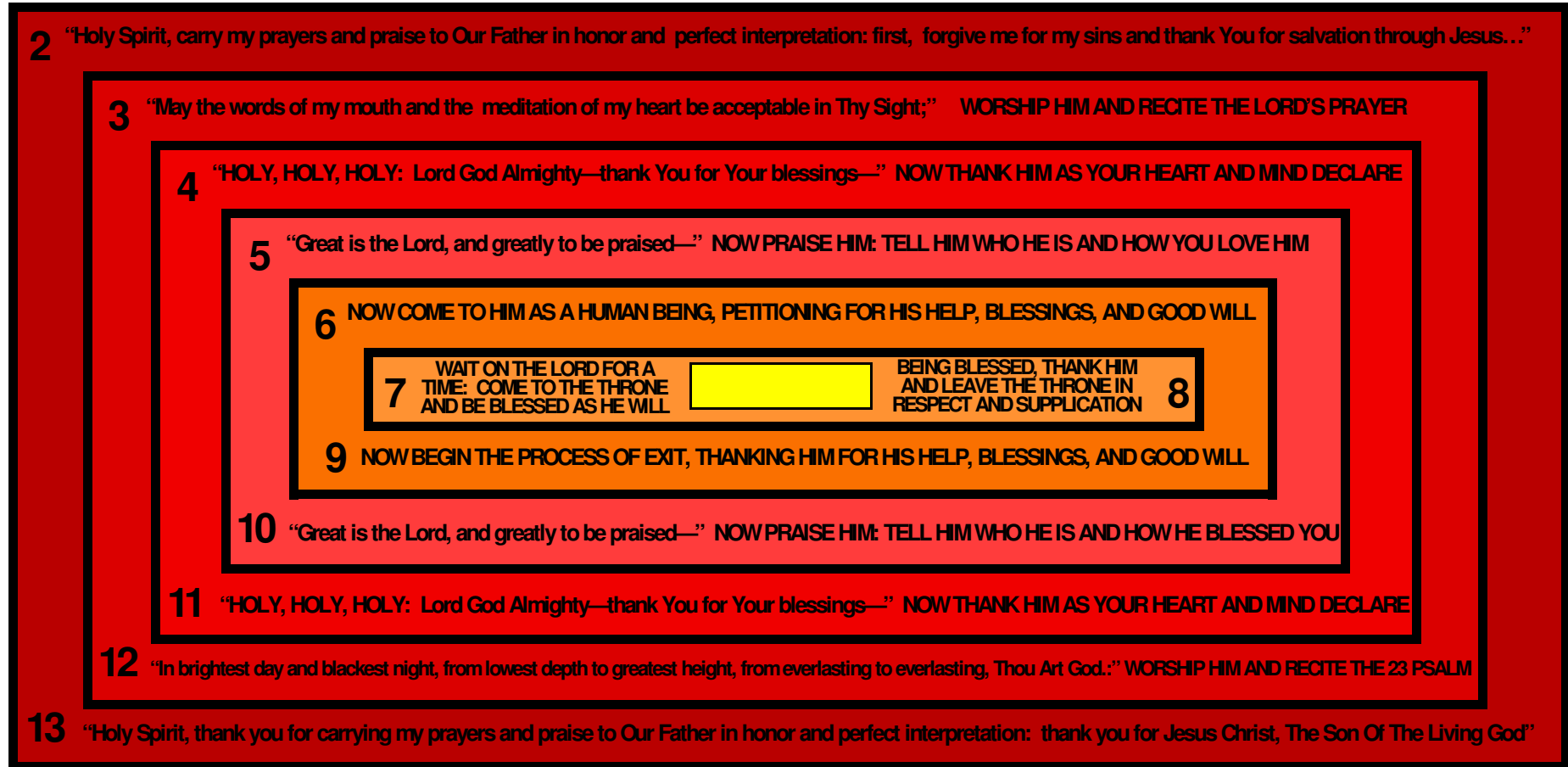
THE PERIMETERS OF PRAYER: THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

As humanity continues to strive to reach back to an Almighty God Who has already prepared the way of salvation for mankind through Jesus, one of the things that we do many times without proper enlightenment is prayer. The Bible warns against vain babblings and repetitions: God is not interested in our sonorous and monotonous re-sayings of the same things—He is looking into our hearts for intensity and desire; this is not found in intoning emotionless sayings and memorized scriptures.

Further—and just as importantly—is HOW we come before the throne: is it as we would come into the throneroom of a King, or as we would stand before a vending machine? The question is not only do we know HOW to pray, but do we even think about HOW we come to the throne of Grace? Here are some thoughts—and a design—of how you perhaps should pray:

It is inspired by a conversation with Bishop A. Wayne Jones—a great man of God—and some humbling, embarrassing observations of my own poor habits; hopefully this diagram, and procedure, will guide you from the world outside to the Inner Court: it is *God Almighty* that we approach, and pray to—let our behavior reflect this fact!

1 *THE FIRST PERIMETER—THE WORLD WE LIVE IN: THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD SAY AND DO: BLOCK OUT THE WORLD AROUND YOU AND SAY "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE: LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM." WAIT 60 SECONDS TO ESTABLISH A PLENUM: A SPACE OR TIME PERIOD OF SEPARATION AND INSULATION...TO CEASE YOUR WORLDLY THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS AND APPROACH HIM WITH THE RESPECT DUE TO THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE!*



14 *BACK TO THE FIRST PERIMETER—THE WORLD WE LIVE IN: THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD SAY AND DO: "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE: LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM; THANK YOU FATHER FOR HAVING HEARD MY PRAYERS." WAIT 60 SECONDS...BEFORE YOU RE-START YOUR WORLDLY THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS...*