

## Prevail

We must abide in the anointing (1 Jn 2:20,27), the flow of the Spirit of truth (Jn 16:13-15). As Heb 2:1 explicitly warns, careful attention must be paid to the anointing so we do not drift away. This same anointing through the sent one brought you into salvation and will by the same Spirit lead you to the finish (2 Ths 2:13-15). Heb 2:2-3 — If we ignore the anointing flow which brings salvation, as in 2 Ths 2:13-15, how shall we escape just retribution if disobedience to the law was punished by death, how much more those who hear the gospel (Heb 2:3; Acts 3:23; Jn 8:51; Heb 2:4). The gifts of the Holy Spirit are distributed in the Body according to His will (1 Cor 12:4-11). We can expect all these gifts to function in peace and edification in the last days to those whom this letter was preserved.

**“The gates of hell shall not prevail against My church.” “I will build My church and the gates of hades shall not prevail against her.”** *Prevail* means to be greater in strength and influence, to triumph or win a victory, after us, with, over, or against; to be or become effective; succeed, win out, win over, finally in the end. The gates of hell will not use its persuasion or inducement successfully, although it prevails with its prevailing lies, accusations, temptations (Rev 3:3-5). Rev 12:9 — The prevailing enemy, accuser, the adversary (Greek), the one deceiving the whole world; Rev 12:10 — prevailing night and day with lies and accusations against the brethren (Rev 11,12-17). Rev 12:10 — It is before the throne that the enemy prevails against the brethren, the edah, with his accusations. The very place the brethren are also surrounding — making their supplications, entreaties, praises and songs, prayers, petitions with thanksgiving, etc. (1 Tim 2:1-8; Phil 4:6).

- the very place where the saints are storming (Heb 4:14-16);
- morning and evening and in their private times (Mt 6:6-15; Phil 4:6);
- and with their fasting (Mt 6:16-18);
- devoted to the distribution (Acts 2:42; 4:34; Mt 6:19-21; 26:13; Lk 12:32-34);
- keeping a good conscience acquired at baptism (1 Pet 3:21; Mt 6:22-23);
- serving the only God in spirit and truth (Jn 4:23,24; Mt 6:24);
- not being anxious about anything but with prayer and thanksgiving... (Phil 4:6-7,19; Heb 13:5; Prov 12:25; Mt 6:25-33);
- not by being religious hypocrites (Mt 6:1-5).

The throne of grace is prevailed upon by both the enemy and the saints, and the saints win out (Rev 20:1-2).

So in Phil 4:6-7, approaching the throne of grace in confidence, not drawing back, winning approval (Heb 10:36-39; 4:16). Draw near to God (Heb 7:19; Eph 3:12; Heb 4:16). This is the very place the enemy prevails against the edah — at the throne. But if the liberty and freedom with complete confidence to draw near to the throne of God is taken from us, the edah is prevailed against and won over (Jms 4:8; Heb 4:16; 7:19; Eph 3:12). James is a picture of the first church's defeat. Confidence (Heb 4:16; Eph 3:12; Heb 3:14; Heb 10:19,35; 1 Jn 2:27,28; 1 Jn 3:21,22; 1 Jn 4:17; 1 Jn 5:14; Heb 10:37-39) because we did not shrink back from Heb 4:16 because of verse 15. “Let us then,” “Let us therefore” do verse 16.

Mt 16:18 — On this rock (Lk 6:48,47,49). Although the first century produced a few who were not prevailed against to overpower them — called “overcomers” — who were victorious, the victorious ones (Lk 22:18) who produce the fruit of the vine (Jn 15:5-8), the church did not overcome (Rev 3:3; Lk 6:47,48,49). You see plainly here in Rev 3:3-5,6. Our Master Yahshua said in Mt 16:18, “upon this rock” the Rock who knew who He was. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim” (verse 16). The Rock are all who have this revelation from His Father who is in heaven (verse 17). The Rock is Messiah (1 Cor 3:11; Lk 6:47-48). But verse 49 is how the church *became*, and thus the gates of hell prevailed against it and overpowered it. Although a few were not overpowered by the despotisms, the powers, the master spirits who are the world rulers of this present darkness, the spirit forces of wickedness in the supernatural sphere. Eph 6:12. Obviously the Ephesians did not obey the word (Rev 2:4), as Lk 6:49 says, and were prevailed against and were

overpowered and fell like the first Eve (2 Cor 11:3). Put Eph 6:24 together with Rev 2:4. Both are addressed to the same church, but Rev 2:4 is thirty years later.

1 Cor 16:22 — the Greek word is *affection*. To mention only one verse between Eph 6:10-18, verse 18 was not and cannot be obeyed except by overcomers who go to the throne of grace, who have an affectionate love for their Savior who saved them from an eternal death. Jn 15:14,21; Eph 6:24. AMEN — let it be. Phil 1:9-11 is the future state of the restored twelve tribes, the edah of Elohim on earth is 1 Ths 2:19; 3:12-13, in fulfillment of the law and the prophets (Ps 101).

Phil 1:10 — EXAMINE THE DIFFERENCES, what is morally and ethically superior — able to distinguish the differences (Eph 5:8-13; 1 Jn 3:22; Eph 5:10; 1 Jn 5:15; Eph 5:15-16; [Eph 6:11 — all the strategies and the deceit of the accuser of the brethren]; 1 Pet 3:1,7; Eph 1:17; 1 Ths 3:12-13; Eph 1:18; 6:24; Rev 2:4; 1 Cor 16:22; 1 Jn 3:22; 5:15).

Phil 1:9 in the Greek New Testament says that we *need* from the Holy Spirit, *increased power to love*, since all of us already *have* all the love God has (Rom 5:5). “The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given us.” Paul did not pray that they would have more love, but that the love they already had may display itself — abound more and more in greater depth of insight in choosing and deciding courses of action. Like the manifestations of love by the operating of the gifts of the Spirit in us, not in our own strength (1 Pet 4:11) but as 1 Cor 12:6-8 for the common good. Phil 1:9 says this is love — loving the brothers and sisters (1 Jn 3:16,23).

The Holy Spirit has been sent to each of us to bring us to sonship so the Father can have many sons like His first born, so our love which we already have in us may extend to its fullest development in us, since we all were created in the likeness of (*ahavah*) God. Phil 1:9 is teaching us what this *ahavah* is — which we all have (Rom 5:5). Unless what Paul prayed here is answered, like what our Master Yahshua prayed the night before He was crucified (Jn 17:21), we will not know what oneness is nor will the world know what they can only know by observing this love whose fruit is oneness. 1 Cor 12:22-25 — God so composed the Body so *that* what Paul prayed for in Phil 1:9-11 would have to be fully developed in each one of us.

To obey 1 Cor 12:22-25 and 1 Ths 3:12-13 is impossible without ever experiencing the full understanding and knowledge illuminated by the Holy Spirit in us to work in us by our own wills in conjunction and full agreement with Him to bring to fruition this love that has been poured out into our hearts. Phil 1:9 — That our love may abound (Greek), overflow, displaying itself — in a greater discernment to have keen insight into the needs of others and judging them right, so as to be able to forebear in love (Eph 4:2-3), but without this work in us to make this love overflow. The fruit of the Spirit being humility, meekness, unselfishness, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another, making allowances because you *love* one another. Eph 4:3 will never, ever astound and startle the world. Mal 1:11 or Pr 2:1-15 are just memory verses, as well as all the others. *Phil 1:10 is a high standard*. Who can endure in that day. who can stand? Who can understand? (Dan 12:10).