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about Prayer; Fate versus Destiny; Bowed Down

The Holy Spirit knows what we need to pray for and He's looking for pure vessels who can voice and make petitions so it can come about. He wants it to be formed in us. He doesn't want to bypass us. He doesn't bypass our spirit. He makes an impression in our spirit so we can know what He wants, so that we can be like Him. That's how He wants us to be. That's the work of the Holy Spirit. Then He can answer the prayers for people who are like Him, who have taken on the hope of 1 Jn 3:1-3, who can know what to do when there's a righteous government that allows us to exist. Why should we exist if we're not accomplishing our Father's purpose?

He wants people to be saved and none to perish (1 Tim 2:4 and 2 Pet 3:9). So we pray for people to have a flat tire out front so they can come in and have their tire fixed or something, right? Well that's not it. He's not waiting for people to come to us. We're supposed to go to them. He never said to wait for people to come to you. We're supposed to be sent out to them. We're expected to do the little bit that we can. Or else we can always be this little dried up community sitting on the side of a hill somewhere, putting our advertisements out, waiting for people to come to us. We have to go out. I know we do go out now, but it's got to be our mind as we develop and grow.

The Holy Spirit prays through us and our spirit prays — we join with Him. Maybe the Holy Spirit was telling someone this morning to pray for a house in England, but we need to be obedient to the Holy Spirit if He puts something on our heart to pray for in order for something to be done. It won't be done unless we do it. He's not going to do it through a people who don't care whether it happens, who don't pray every day for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on this earth just as it is in heaven (Mt 6:9-13).

Eternal Destiny

Nun: I was thankful to hear this morning that a man can change his eternal destiny while he's alive. Sekel said a man can't change his eternal destiny once he's dead because he's been sealed. That's such good news, the mercy of our Father that a man can actually change his eternal destiny while he's living. He still has hope while he's alive, that he could be brought back to a place of even total restoration in this life, though Messiah. He could come out of the place that's filthy and unjust and destined for the second death. It's just amazing. It made me appreciate our Father's kindness to mankind so much that man could actually change his eternal destiny. He doesn't have to be eternally lost, like all these illusions that have been put out through Christianity, that's corrupted everyone's mind so much — the Greek way of thinking, like Shelem was saying, and it went on to Calvin. I was destined for the second death. But our Father spoke His word and it went into my heart and it gave me the ability to change my eternal destiny. I was destined for eternal death, the lake of fire. It's so awesome to me that He's able to grant me mercy and compassion and give me the ability to actually alter where I was headed.

Zakar said it's all according to a man's will. It went into Zakar this morning from what was spoken.

That's right. It's all a matter of your willingness to do His will. Even for those that are in the nations, if they've been corrupted and done evil, if they're willing to listen to their conscience and do what is right and live consistently that way, then even what they have done that might have touched a bit of those things the filthy and unjust are condemned for, forever, they can be righteous. They have the potential to be righteous. It made me so thankful for the mercy of our God. He's a merciful God.

Kepha: I looked up the word destiny and it talked about the word fate under the definition of the word destiny. Destination is where you're going to end up. It talked about destiny or fate being a force or a power outside of man, like another thing. It may be God but they wouldn't write it in the dictionary. I was really thankful to hear this morning that the power of destiny is ours. It's an authority that's been given to mankind. We have that authority and that power. It's not outside of man — it's been given to mankind. The proof of that which no one can deny is the conscience. Why on earth do you need a

conscience if there's no way to change your destiny?

It's only logical. It's not even spiritual. People can figure that out, if they haven't been drugged.

That's spiritual deception. Why would our Father even give a man a conscience in the first place, if he were going to go to the second death anyway? He judges every man according to his conscience. Chets Barur: He had to create us with the ability to choose and the ability to abide by our conscience or not to abide by our conscience, in order to have a standard to judge the evil one by. If we were all people whose future was determined by some predetermined fate and we didn't have any choice to alter our course, there would be no way to judge the evil one by. He could say to God, "Well, the people couldn't help but to obey you because they didn't have any choice." But our Father had to create a creature better than the evil one to prove it could be done and to prove that they would obey Him and that they would follow their conscience, to end that rebellion that happened in heaven when the evil one said, "I will make my throne higher than God, in the recesses of the North." So in our Father's righteousness He had to create another being that was higher than him to have a standard to judge him.

I really want to be faithful to our Father that the evil one could be defeated and locked up. That's why He made the tree. Why in the world did He put that tree in the middle of the garden and tell him not to eat it? But there are thousands of other beautiful trees he could've eaten from. It wasn't like it was the only tree in the garden. But He had to set a standard of righteousness in order that man would have the choice to obey or to disobey. It's the same now with us but it's in a lot more spiritual way and it's even more deceptive in some ways because things aren't so clear. The tree was there and you weren't supposed to eat from it. But the evil one tricks us in our minds. It's still the same. Our Father still has the same intentions in minds. He still wants us to obey Him and by our obedience then He can righteously lock the evil one up for eternity. I'm thankful that we can have an avenue to obey here in the Body. We have a container. Community is formed out of obedience to the gospel. The gospel automatically demands the container of community to obey it. I'm just thankful for that. We have a container to obey His word. We've been given the choice of good and evil. Our God is a merciful God. He's not unfair like people say He is. He has good intentions in mind, like Yoneq said. Israel: I was thankful too to understand the difference between fate and destiny. It made me think a destination is a deliberate place you set to reach. Every step that you make takes you closer to that destination. But fate is like ending up somewhere that you didn't decide to go. A man's destiny is a deliberate thing. The choices a man makes determine where he will spend eternity. I always used to think of destiny and fate as the same thing. But I'm thankful that it's a deliberate thing. Everyone is teaching that we're victims of a divine plan. It doesn't matter what we do — we're all going to end up in the same place. It's all fate anyway. So I'm thankful that that's totally exposed. The deeds that we do, the things that we think, whatever we do, we're accountable for. I'm thankful that destiny has accountability attached to it. Fate is rubbish. What we're hearing exposes it. People are without excuse because that would make them just victims and they could blame whomever they want. They can blame God, or anything they can think of. But I'm thankful that every man is accountable for what he does. Their destiny is determined by the way that they lived. I was headed for the second death. I'm thankful that I could change my eternal destiny and be part of that holy, set-apart people. That I can be faithful and continue to be holy. I'm just thankful that we have the opportunity to change. ha emeq: What Chets Barur said made me think about those twelve signs of the Zodiac. People who are into that chart out people's actions in relationship to the stars and things like that. I remember when I was little they had that in the newspaper. Everyday, you could look there and see what was going to happen. I think it's amazing that it's true because some people charted the patterns of human behavior as led along by the atmospheric influences of all these things and it's true. I remember people coming and saying, "I can tell, you're a Taurus. I can pin you right down." So he's a Taurus, that's right. (Yoneq: "Because I don't like to wear a necktie.")

Various, various characteristics. Some people are totally the way their sign says they are. It's just

like that unless you have the moon under your feet. You can't do that without Yahshua and being saved. The moon has influence over people. It influences the weak-charactered people to have certain characteristics. And the ones with the weakest characters are the ones who are the most like their signs because they're the ones who totally give themselves to whatever comes along, those poles and forces in the universe that effect men, I don't know why and how, but the weakest characters are the ones. Then the ones with the strongest characters are the ones who don't give in to it so much. They don't give in. They can't chart them as much. But they don't have the power to overcome it all together. That's why we have to have the moon under our feet. That's why the bride of Messiah is going to be totally...

Yoneq: They get deceived by other means

ha emeq: Yes, right, but a strong character is one who listens to their conscience and makes stands against certain things that they would normally give themselves to, but they have the strength of character to obey their conscience. If the bride of Messiah is the one on that flag that waves, that has their moon under her feet, then she's not going to be one who you can chart by the stars or by any other means because her destiny has been changed. Her destination has been changed. It's like a ticket on a train and you're going to that destination. But it was changed drastically because we have the power to put the moon under our feet now. Before we would have just been going down the track one stop after the next and we wouldn't have been able to get off the train! And Yahshua saved us and made our destination different. He gave us the ability through His grace to put the moon under our feet and not respond the way Taurus's always respond. He gave us the power to make choices that were different than those choices that they always make. Of course they make those choices. But in Messiah we don't make those choices because we're totally unpredictable (according to the influences others are under) because we have the moon under our feet. And the holy people will be like that. The holy people will be predictably holy and righteous. They'll have crowns on their heads. They'll be rulers with crowns on their heads with twelve stars. I was just really thankful to know that our fate has been changed. Because, of course we would have just followed the Taurus thing. But in Yahshua we just massively switched tacks and destinations. I'm so thankful for that! That we can actually put the moon under our feet. The moon was really active this month. I don't know if anyone felt it. It was full moon at 12:10 last night. Did you feel funny? The moon is under our feet. We have the power in Yahshua! He saved us! We can change our destiny. Just think how long it would have been! It would have just taken us down a course to death and destruction and hurting everyone around us. I'm so thankful for Salvation.

Bowed Down

David was wondering why his soul was downcast. Other translations may say despair. Ps 42:5,6,11 and Ps 43:5 talks about the word downcast. "Why is my soul downcast?" It actually says, "Why is my soul bowed down?" His emotions. Your soul is made up of your emotions, your will, and your intellect.

It was bowed down some way to something. I'm not trying to say what his soul was bowed down to. I'm just trying to say our soul can be bowed down to other things, just as bad as what David was experiencing in these scriptures. It all says the same thing. I guess David wrote that psalm. Has your soul ever been bowed down? It's not cast down. It's not in despair. But it's bowed down. I don't know if that's from discouragement or he was facing something that caused it. Some plight or fright or flight that he had to do. So obviously it's like taking your eyes off our Master and putting them on your circumstances. That's actually what it meant. You take your eyes off of Yahshua and put them on your problems or your circumstances. Whatever the problem was he had his eyes there instead of on Yahshua. Maybe it was on his sin. So he bowed down to his troubles or his circumstance. Another translation might say disquieted or being disturbed, or uneasy or unsettled or troubled or agitated or discouraged or some commotion going on in him. But the word bowed down means bent. It means your soul was bending down.

Bow means cause to stoop. Somehow it was bent downward or drooped. Have you ever seen

someone whose soul droops? It's your countenance. It's all over your face. You're under some type of a power or you give in to something. You surrender or you yield, you're cast down, conquered, crushed, depressed, you're overpowered, subdued, subjugated, weighed down. All these things what it means that your soul is bowed down. An idol comes along and you bow down to it, or you lift up your soul to an idol. From then on it's bowing down to that idol. So you consent without a fight. You give in.

Actually the only reason is because we don't go to the throne of grace in our time of need. If we don't go in our time of need, and don't see that it's a privilege that we have, the same privilege that our Master had, we have the same privilege, so therefore, we're not disadvantaged whatsoever, we have the privilege to go to the throne of grace in our time of need to receive grace to overcome in our time of need. It's so that we won't be bowed down to anything, so we have outspokenness. We can always go to our Father like our Master did. He never overcame and gave in. That's why His soul was never bowed down to anything. It never drooped or stooped or gave in. Never give up. Always pray it says.

Ruth: What Yoneq said made me think about how when Noah sent the raven out from the ark it didn't mind not coming back because ravens eat dead things and there were plenty of dead things floating on the water. Then Noah sent out the dove because he knew it wouldn't rest on something unclean. It would look for a place to rest. So when it didn't find land, it came back. The song says, "Oh that I had wings like a dove, I would fly away to refuge." Our soul is in torment when it knows it's bowing down to idols, but we really desire a clean place to rest. The only clean place is our Master Yahshua. If we are those people who have wings it is because our deepest desire is to fly to the place of cleanness, a place of refuge, our Master.

Neriyah: Our Father doesn't want robots. Every human being can decide by his actions what his destination will be. It really became clear to me today that we have a choice. People in the nations that are righteous have a choice. They have their conscience to live by. When people don't do it, they're responsible for their actions. I was going to the second death. But it wasn't like it just happened to me. I made decisions many, many times. There's no excuse for anyone. There's no excuse for us either. Our Father is always there, stretching His hands out. We just need to turn to Him, like the Psalm says, why don't you seek Him? He's always waiting, forgiving and merciful. But He's waiting for our response. Our response is what makes the difference to where we will go eventually, what we want, what we really desire, what we want to live for, what we want to give our life to, what we want to happen on this earth. We are willing if we give ourselves to getting up in the morning and ask our Father for help then we will be in communion with Him and we will be outspoken and we will have joy, peace and can help our brothers and sisters. I'm really thankful that it's so simple.

And if we don't? Then we expect our brothers and sisters to come to us, don't we? Who's the worst off? Could it be sin unto death to ignore your brother in his time of need, when he really needs encouragement, when he really needs grace you to stimulate him to love and good deeds? Could it really be a sin unto death if we just ignore our brother? That's hatred. Our Father computes hatred and murder as the same as ignoring a brother whose lacking grace, whose bowing down, their soul may be bowed down and they need someone to help them. But if we just ignore them and go right by them, who's the worst off?

Maybe we're just pretending, but we have to be super sensitive to our brothers every day to talk to them, pray for them, Father, help me to help your child today. If he has a need, lead me by your Spirit that I won't bypass a brother or sister. Let's be sensitive that we won't ignore a brother that needs help. Let's go to them. If we pray and can't do it let's go to someone with greater grace than you so they can help them. Don't just gloss over it.

Watch out. We're watchmen. Eze 33 says we're responsible. The blood is on our head if we're not good watchmen. We're watchmen for Israel. We have to be alert. Eze 33 says we're watchmen.

We're also watchmen for people in the world. What if our Father raises up a prophet and you ignore what he said. What would it be like if a musician got up and played a song on the harp or a musical instrument, singing, and you didn't listen to what he said, it was just entertainment to you? That's how it is. To sin this way could take you to death, as believers, not eternal death, if you ignored the word of the prophet, didn't hear what the prophet said. You weren't in tune with the spirit of the prophet. If a prophet has been in your midst, if you don't do what the prophets said, then you're guilty.

The prophets in the first century went from place to place and spoke. They didn't heed the word of the prophets. They were guilty, condemned. The lampstand was removed and that prophet never walked there again. He would bypass that location and go on to the next location. So it's very serious to listen to the prophets when they speak. We have to be encouraged by that, edified. Is that what it says? Let's be on the look out. Let's get our post on the wall and sound the alarm. Don't just be waiting for everyone to come to you. You go to them. If they're in such a state they have to be rescued. No "poor me songs."