

Praying to be Delivered from Evil

The Most Essential Prayer

The ones He will drink the victory cup with when He returns are those who overcame His enemies that caused problems in the Body. The overcomers overcame by praying the most essential thing we can pray for. Certainly, we want our Father's name to be great, His will to be done, and His kingdom to come, but the greatest thing we can pray for as we walk daily in the Community is that we would be delivered from the temptations of the evil one. The overcomers are the ones who are praying that, pleading with our Father that they would be delivered from the evil one.

Our Master said this is how you should pray, in this manner: Pray that you would be delivered from the evil one. Then, if you're truly praying this, He'll give you the grace to overcome when you're encountered with the evil one, with temptation however it comes. Our Master was tempted, but He overcame every temptation. We have to do the same thing.

On the occasion that we do not overcome we have to confess that before we break bread. It has to be *confessed* and *forgiven*. Don't wait until you're in Breaking of Bread to confess it. It's too late then. It's not judging yourself rightly, as 1 Cor 11 instructs us to.

The most essential thing we can pray for in order for our Father's name to be made great is that we would be delivered from the evil one. Then, when the time comes when we must overcome, we will have the grace to employ our determination, our will, to overcome. Mt 6:13 — Deliver us from the evil one.

Obadiah — Years ago, there was a virus that came into the community in Sus, which devastated the community in a certain way. After we recovered, Yônêq gave a teaching in which he applied in a spiritual way how the virus came into the first Edah. They didn't recognize the virus because their immune system was down, so it destroyed the whole Edah.

The account in Luke shows that there were two cups. It is enough that it is in that account. The other accounts don't contradict it, which

means they support it. Judging ourselves before the victory cup strengthens our spiritual immune system.

If something happens between us, we have to overcome our enemies in the Community. If things happened that would destroy our unity, then those things need to be confessed and forgiven. It is an indication that we were not connected to the Vine. What we are saying with our prayer is, “I want to be connected to the Vine. Abba, help me in time of temptation, that I would not break communion with You and fall into sin!”

When they threw out the victory cup in the First Edah and stopped confessing their sins before they went into the breaking of bread, that’s when the immune system was gone. After that, every unclean thing came in and destroyed them.

Remember therefore how you have received and heard, hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch (be vigilant), I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. (Rev 3:3)

That’s certainly not speaking of the rapture. It’s the same thing as 1 Cor 16:22, “If anyone does not *love* our Master...” He said, “If you love Me you will obey Me.” If you don’t love our Master or, the same thing, if you don’t obey Him, then you don’t know the hour He is going to come upon you. He is going to lead you into temptation. He is going to give you a temptation that you can’t overcome, in order that you would see how horrible you’ve been doing, because you have not been confessing your sins.

According to what you’ve been led into, what you’ve done, you could be accursed. Concerning people who go on in sin, Paul said, “Maranatha!” *Maranatha* means literally “remove all the bitter.” Come now and remove! Come now and bring that curse. Don’t wait! Come now! Don’t let it keep on going and permeating the Body. That’s what Paul is saying, “Make the judgment now.”

So you see in the so-called “Lord’s Prayer” that our Master taught His disciples (us) to pray in Mt 6, He said to pray this way: “Don’t let it be that You have to lead me into temptation to show me where I’m at, to show me that I haven’t got grace, to show me that I’m not praying to be delivered from evil, to show me that I’m indifferent.” That’s

what it means. Why would our Master think that our Father would allow us to be led into temptation? There has to be a reason. People don't understand that.

So He said to pray in this manner: "Our Father in heaven, let Your name be hallowed..." We want it to be hallowed. We want it to be great as it says in Mal 1:11. We want it to be great in every place, all the people in unity and love, in order for His kingdom to be demonstrated on the earth, that it would come. We want to be a foretaste of that, and that His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

"Give us this day our daily bread." What is that? Physical food? No, it's spiritual food! "Let your prophets speak! Let people stand up and speak the Word. We need the Word!" We live by the Word. We live by every word that proceeds out of His mouth. That's the bread we are to pray for. We are thankful for our physical bread, yes, but we *pray* for our spiritual bread. We ought to do that. If you don't do that, you're not a disciple, are you? No, because that is what He asks us to pray for, and this is being obedient to Him.

"Give us our daily bread, and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors, so that we do not have to be led into temptation. Don't lead us into temptation!" We know many who have been led into temptation. A temptation has come up, and they couldn't overcome it, and they fell. Some could get back up, and some couldn't.

Our Master said it twice. Mt 6:12 – "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," and then in verses 14-15, "... if you forgive men their trespasses against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." If you don't, He won't forgive you, and so you go on in that unforgiven state.

How many years have some people gone on in that unforgiven state in the Body, working their hands to the bone? But at the judgment what will He say? "It was hay, wood, and stubble. All your works burned up because you didn't do it in the Spirit." We didn't do it by the grace, the strength that He provides. That is going to happen; you're

going to see it. We don't want it to happen to us. We don't want it to happen to our brother. We're our brother's keeper. We don't want him to go on in that state.

"You don't know the hour I am going to come upon you, that I will take you away from the Body. I am going to allow you to be tempted more than you can stand." God doesn't tempt us, but He allows us to be tempted. He is no longer a shield to us, because He's only a shield for those who walk uprightly (Ps 84:11; Pr 2:7).

What it Means to be Faithful

Shemiyah — The faithful are going to drink the cup when our Master returns. Lk 18:7 — The elect cry out to Him day and night. In verse 8, He asks the question, "Will the Son of Man find faith on the Earth when He comes?" What is the faith He is talking about, except for the faith that causes someone to cry out that we wouldn't be led into temptation, and that we would be able to forgive our brothers, maintaining our communion. If we walk in that faith we will be *faithful*. That faithfulness is what it means to abide in the Vine, and how we keep drinking from the victory cup every week.

Yowceph — Temptations are going to come, but we have to endure them and not give in. Our Master overcame because He maintained communion with His Father. We have to love Him more than we love ourselves, more than we love our desires, more than the things we love that draw us away from our Father. If we walk in the flesh, not seeking communion, then we will walk in our own mind, and we'll be drawn away, becoming indifferent, and we are set up for that temptation, and we'll fall.

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. (Jms 1:12-14)

We have got to reach our brother before sin is full-grown, as Jms 1:15 says. When sin is full-grown, He comes upon us. Our Father takes that shield away and we are led into that temptation and it's a sin unto death.

These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful. (Rev 17:14)

Our Master called so we were called, and we were chosen because we answered that call. We live in the Body as chosen people, and now we have to be faithful. Being faithful is what matters. He will come for the called, chosen, and faithful. We've got to be faithful. When He comes, we'll go with Him for that 30-day war.

God Cannot Be Tempted, But Our Master Was

It is wonderful that it says in Jms 1:13 that God cannot be tempted. When our Master was here on Earth, He was tempted (Heb 2:18 and 4:15). He was a human being; He was tempted and He overcame. He was without sin. He wasn't walking as God. Of course, God cannot be tempted and He can't fall into temptation. Our Master overcame for us! He had us on His mind, so that He wouldn't give in to temptation. And now we have to have Him on our mind so that we wouldn't give in to temptation.

For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Heb 2:18)

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Heb 4:15)

These verses express His humanity. He is like us and we are like Him. If He was walking as God and not as a human, well, it was no big deal. But this Man was tested in every way and He overcame.

Obadiah — Lk 18:8 and Rev 17:14 — Of course, He will find faith on the earth. If He couldn't find faith on earth He couldn't return, but He still put out the question. The victory cup is where we determine whether we are being faithful. 1 Cor 11:28 — "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The people who crucified our Master were spiritually so blind that they didn't understand who lived in that body, and then His body was pierced.

We can be spiritually blind and not discern the corporate Body and who dwells in the Body, and we can divide the Body by maintaining accusations, being offended and holding grudges, and then go to Breaking of Bread and say we are one body. That's what happened with the Corinthians. Some got sick and some died, and they didn't even know what was going on. Our self-examination with the Victory Cup is the spiritual immune system of the Body of Messiah. It's not being introspective, but

together with the Holy Spirit we take time and check whether we are clean to go into the Breaking of Bread.

Then it says the same thing in 2 Cor 13:5 — “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.” That’s why our Master asked whether He would find faith. It’s a serious warning for us. If there will be five wise and five foolish, then He will find faith with some and not with others. Some will not be among the faithful. So the Breaking of Bread and the Victory Cup are means of grace from our Father. These things provide a way for us to judge whether we are in the faith, in the Vine bearing the fruit.

Mevaser — What our Father wants to help us judge is our communion, because it was through communion that our Master did what He did. Many times, we don’t know how to judge our communion, but He is teaching and training us to stay connected. The goal for our children is that they stay connected to their parents. “Were you in my will? Were you connected to me? Were you receiving your discipline? Do you have my heart?”

We’re following our Master; He could have broken His fellowship with our Father. The doctrine that He was “God” makes it as though He couldn’t have fallen. God can’t be tempted, but the Man, Yahshua, was tempted. The only way He, a man like us, made it, was by crying out. He went back three times and said, “Is this the time, Abba?” It wasn’t easy for Him. He had to grope and beg and seek. It says that His sweat was as great drops of blood. It wasn’t easy for our Master, and it is not easy for us.

In Heb 4:16, the time of need is before we fall. We’re continually going to the throne of grace. “I want to be connected. I want to know You.” We’re not going to overcome apart from fellowship. That is what we were created for. If God wanted a body, He would have created one. Well, that’s what He did. That’s who we are! We’re the vessels He has chosen to live in and through. When we fall, we confess, “Father, I didn’t go to the throne of grace to get help. Obviously, I wasn’t connected to You.” We’re learning to judge ourselves morning and evening, week by week.

Our Master disciplines those whom He loves. He wants to be in the center of our being, where we have fellowship with Him. He can be outside of our soul, but still in our spirit. He stands at the door and knocks. He wants to be in the center of our being. Whoever overcomes as our Master overcame will sit down on His throne as “I have overcome and sat on My Father’s throne.” We will reign forever and ever with Him. “Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Edah.” (Rev 3:19-22)

We must discern our Master's Body (1 Cor 11:28). We know in a couple of places in the scriptures His Body is the Church. This is the edah, the witness of His life. Community and Edah are the same thing. If you hurt the Community, you hurt Messiah. As our Master told Paul, "You're persecuting Me. That's My body." We're His Body. There is no difference between us and Him when He was here on earth. If we can see that then we discern the Body rightly.

Simchah — I'm thankful for what we heard about being delivered from evil and temptation, which is really the evil and temptation of loving our own life. This is the practical understanding of it. We have to be delivered from a love for our own life, because that is where the enemy comes. Our enemy isn't outside, but it is the spiritual forces of darkness that come against us. The reason we overcome isn't because we know it's the right thing to do, or so that we will feel better or make someone happy, but we overcome because we love our Master above everything else.