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Prayer

Lord, I want to be strong enough to overcome any situation I'll ever face in life. Forgive me for sitting around and wasting valuable time that I could have used to train and prepare myself to be spiritually fit. I'm sorry I've allowed myself to be lazy at times, and today I am making the decision to throw myself into spiritual preparation. I have decided to strive for the masteries and make my life count. Holy Spirit, please help me become everything Jesus intends for me to be and to make the changes in my mental outlook that are required for me to become a winner in life, that I fulfill what God has given me to do. That I Lord finish the race set before me. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen....

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36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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1 FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God). 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. 3 Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass. 6 And He will make your uprightness and right standing with God go forth as the light, and your justice and right as [the shining sun of] the noonday. 7 Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass. 8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself—it tends only to evildoing. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait and hope and look for the Lord [in the end] shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while, and the evildoers will be no more; though you look with care where they used to be, they will not be found. 11 But the meek [in the end] shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plot against the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright in right standing with God); they gnash at them with their teeth. 13 The Lord laughs at [the wicked], for He sees that their own day [of defeat] is coming. 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to cast down the poor and needy, to slay those who walk uprightly (blameless in conduct and in conversation). 15 The swords [of the wicked] shall enter their own hearts, and their bows shall be broken. 16 Better is the little that the [uncompromisingly] righteous have than the abundance [of possessions] of many who are wrong and wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the [consistently] righteous. 18 The Lord knows the days of the upright and blameless, and their heritage will abide forever. 19 They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs [that is consumed in smoke] and as the glory of the pastures. They shall vanish; like smoke shall they consume away. 21 The wicked borrow and pay not again [for they may be unable], but the [uncompromisingly] righteous deal kindly and give [for they are able]. 22 For such as are blessed of God shall [in the end] inherit the earth, but they that are cursed of Him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step]. 24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support and upholds him. 25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread. 26 All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed. 27 Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely]. 28 For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked [in time] shall be cut off. 29 [Then] the [consistently] righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever. 30 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. 32 The wicked lie in wait for the [uncompromisingly] righteous and seek to put them to death. 33 The Lord will not leave them in their hands, or [suffer them to] condemn them when they are judged. 34 Wait for and expect the Lord and keep and heed His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land; [in the end] when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. 35 I have seen a wicked man in great power and spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil, 36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he was not; yes, I sought and inquired for him, but he could not be found. 37 Mark the blameless man and behold the upright, for there is a happy end for the man of peace. 38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together; in the end the wicked shall be cut off. 39 But the salvation of the [consistently] righteous is of the Lord; He is their Refuge and secure Stronghold in the time of trouble. 40 And the Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they trust and take refuge in Him.

Psalm 37 is an interesting psalm of David in which he begins with the words,

Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity (Psa 37:1).

In verse 7 he also says, "Fret not thyself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass." In verse 8, "Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil."

Now a common characteristic of our lives is that of fretfulness. How easy it is to fret over situations. How easy it is to worry. How easy it is to become anxious. And the things that create the fretfulness within my own heart are just these things that are spoken of here: the evildoers, those who are prospering in their wicked devices; the fact that wickedness seems to triumph, evil triumphs over good. These things cause me to fret. And yet, these are the very things that I am told I am not to fret over. God is in control, therefore I am not to fret over the evildoers nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. Why?

Because they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb (Psa 37:2).

The day of the wicked is short. He is going to be cut off. Therefore, don't be envious of him because, man, he has about had it. Why envy a person that is about ready to get cut off? So don't be envious of the wicked. But rather,

Trust in the LORD, and do good (Psa 37:3);

Put your trust in God. Better to put your trust in the Lord than your confidence in man. God knows your situation. God knows your limitations. God loves you. God will take care of you. Just trust in the Lord. Don't sit there and worry and fret over the situations of your life. Don't fret because it seems like everything is going down the tubes. Just trust in the Lord.

and so shalt thou dwell in the land, and thou shalt be fed (Psa 37:3).

Secondly, Delight thyself also in the LORD (Psa 37:4);

Have you ever tried to just delight yourself in the Lord? This comes through praise and through times of thanksgiving. So many times

I stop and reflect in the goodness of God that He has bestowed upon me. And as I think of God's goodness and as I look upon God's blessings, I just rejoice in the Lord. I just praise Him. I just delight myself in Him. "Oh God, it is so good to walk with You. It is so good to serve You. It is so good to know You. It is so good to be a child of the King. It is so good to have the hope of eternal life." And just delighting myself in the Lord and in the blessings and in the goodness of God is an experience that I indulge in too little. We should be indulging in this much more.

Now, "Delight thyself also in the Lord,"

and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart (Psa 37:4).

So here is a promise with a condition.

Commit thy way unto the LORD (Psa 37:5);

And this is so important that we come to the place of commitment of our lives and the commitment of the situations of our lives. How important that we learn to just commit our ways into God's hands.

trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass (Psa 37:5).

Or, the Hebrew word *asa*, He shall assemble it. He shall bring it into existence. Commit your way, trust in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. And then finally, when you've gotten to the place where you can commit your life and the affairs of your life into God's hands, then you have arrived at the place of that glorious resting in the Lord. "God, I'm just resting in You. Whatever comes, Lord. However. It's in Your hands."

Rest in the LORD (Psa 37:7),

One of the greatest blessings of the Christian walk in life is to be able to rest in the Lord in the midst of the problems, in the midst of the trials, in the midst of a world of turmoil. Resting in the Lord.

Cease from anger, forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. Because the evildoers are going to be cut off: but they that wait upon the LORD, will inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked are not going to be: in fact, you will diligently consider his place, and it won't be. But the meek shall inherit the earth (Psa 37:8-11);

Jesus in one of the beatitudes said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5).

and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace (Psa 37:11).

The glorious kingdom that Jesus establishes. A kingdom of righteousness and peace, and the meek will inherit the earth and be delighted with an earth that is filled with peace. Can you imagine? No, I don't suppose we can; we've never experienced it. But an earth that is filled with peace. I go by the school grounds and I see the little kids fighting. Seems like everyone is fighting. So much fighting in this world. What a glorious world it will be when we live together in peace, delighted in the abundance of peace.

The wicked plots against the just, he gnashes upon him with his teeth. The LORD will laugh at him: for he sees that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, they have bent down their bow, to cast out the poor and the needy, to slay such as be of an upright manner of life. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, their bows shall be broken. For a little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholds the righteous. The LORD knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever (Psa 37:12-18).

It says concerning Moses that he chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the riches... or the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. So here we are told that the wicked are going to be cut off. But the inheritance of the upright is eternal.

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs that are consumed into smoke. The wicked borrows, and he doesn't repay: but the righteous shows mercy, and gives. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way (Psa 37:19-23).

How glorious when God orders our steps and God takes delight in our way.

Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD will uphold him with his hand (Psa 37:24).

Oh, I love this! God is going to lead me in the right path, and if I stumble He is going to pick me up.

I have been young, I am now old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor God's seed begging bread (Psa 37:25).

If you are a child of God you will never need to beg for food.

He is merciful, he lends, and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; dwell for evermore. For the LORD loves judgment, and forsakes not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it (Psa 37:26-34).

So several exhortations. From the negative standpoint: fret not, envy not, don't be angry, cease from anger, and forsake wrath. From a positive standpoint: trust in the Lord, delight thy self in the Lord, commit your ways unto the Lord, trust in the Lord, rest in the Lord, and finally, wait on the Lord.

Mark the perfect man [the complete man], and behold the upright: for the result of that kind of life is peace. But the transgressors will be destroyed together: the end of the wicked will be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. The LORD will help them, and deliver them (Psa 37:37-40).
(Through The Bible c 2000 Series; Chuck Smith; Bible commentaries,1979-1986)

23. The More Sure Word ; Answer For Today; Chuck Smith

Today you sit in the judgment seat. You must make a decision concerning Jesus Christ. Is He the Son of God, or is He a shrewd charlatan? As a judge you must carefully weigh all of the evidence presented.

Often, an eyewitness report is the most powerful testimony. Peter declared he was an eyewitness of Jesus Christ:

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father, honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him on the Holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arises in your hearts. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (II Peter 1:16-21)

The New Testament, for the most part, was written by eyewitnesses of Jesus Christ's healing power. They wrote of the works He did: healing the lame, the deaf and the dumb, opening the eyes of the blind, straightening crooked backs and even bringing the dead back to life. They also witnessed His power over nature. They watched as He turned water into wine, walked on water, and controlled the elements with just His word, calming raging winds and the waves of the sea with a command. They bore witness to His death and resurrection from the dead; and wrote of how He visited with them for some 40 days after His resurrection, teaching them about the power and the glory of God.

They Bore Witness

As a judge, you must determine whether Peter and the others are competent witnesses. Are their statements reliable? Someone said: "You can't really believe their witness, most of them were fishermen, and you know what liars fishermen are!" However, it is interesting that one of these fishermen recorded his own account of how he and the others fished all night but caught nothing. He didn't even try to tell about "the one guy that got away," but frankly confesses the futility of their efforts.

Perhaps the whole thing was a big scheme. Suppose they got together, sat down and carefully rehearsed their story. They could have repeated it over and over again to one another and questioned and examined each other until they were sure they all had the same story. Then they could have gone out and told their carefully concocted tale. But Peter said, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty." He denied any hint of collusion and declared that their story was true. He made it known that he was an eyewitness; that he heard God's voice confirming what they had come to believe: that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the Savior of the world, the Son of the living God.

Now if all of this was just an elaborately concocted fable, would all of them have died defending its truth? At least one of them would have broken under the strain of the threat of death. In fact, even Satan declared: "Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath will he give for his life" (Job 2:4). His philosophy was that a man would give everything he had to protect his life, because life itself was the most important thing. If this is really true, then one of the "eyewitnesses" would have cracked under the strain, confessed the hoax and saved himself from tortures such as being crucified upside down or being dragged through the streets or being stoned or beaten. One of them, at least, would have tried to save himself. But all of them (with the exception of John, who died a natural death) were killed for the story they held to be true. They died because they declared that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, and was indeed risen from the dead. The tremendous personal risk they took to spread their story makes theirs a powerful testimony.

The Law Of Compound Probability

Although Peter was one of the eyewitnesses, he does not ask that we believe only his testimony. He says that we should examine evidence even stronger than eyewitness accounts. He says we have "the more sure word of prophecy." (II Peter 1:19)

For over a thousand years, holy, godly men wrote down the inspirations that God sent to their hearts, telling of One whom God would

send to be the Savior of the World. They listed His birthplace, the circumstances of His birth, and the events of His life. They even predicted how He would suffer and the way He would die. Finally, they wrote of His resurrection.

Examining the records of these holy men of God, we find over 300 stipulations concerning the Messiah and what He would accomplish in His birth, life, death and resurrection. It is fair to ask about the possibility of one person fulfilling all of the requirements by just "being in the right place at the right time." There is a way to compute the chance factor of this occurring.

The scientific "Law of Compound Probabilities" allows us to accurately calculate the chance of any prophesied event taking place. Each stipulation added to the prediction lessens the chance of the event's occurrence, because the possibility of several details coinciding is more remote than the possibility of one event occurring alone. When 300 details are considered, the chance factor becomes astronomical. Let's look at the Law of Compound Probability by starting with just eight of the Biblical prophecies pertaining to the Messiah and calculating the possibility of one man fulfilling all eight of those requirements.

For instance, Micah 5:2 said Christ would be born in the city of Bethlehem. The chance of an individual being born in Bethlehem is easy to determine by taking the average population of Bethlehem since the time of the prophecy in about 725 B.C. - it turns out to be about 7,000 - and comparing it with the average population of the earth - about 700 million. Divide the second by the first, and you find there is one chance in 100,000 of being born in Bethlehem.

Then Malachi 3:1 said there would be a forerunner who would go before Christ to prepare His way. How many men have had a forerunner prepare the hearts of the people to receive them? Though I can't think of any, let's say one in 1,000. Zechariah 9:9 said Christ would make His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. How many of the great rulers of history have made their triumphant entries on donkeys? I don't know of any others, but let's say one in 1,000 again, to keep it conservative. Most triumphant entries are made on something like a majestic stallion or in a great chariot - certainly not on donkeys. But Zechariah said, "Behold, thy king cometh unto thee; He is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass." Zechariah also said He would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver by a friend (Zechariah 11:12). How many men in history have been betrayed by a friend for exactly thirty pieces of silver? Again, keeping our estimates low, let's say one in 10,000.

Then Zechariah 11:13 added that the thirty pieces of silver would be used to buy a potter's field. What are the chances of that coincidence? Let's say one in 100,000, though I don't know of any others in history. Isaiah 53:7 says that, although He was innocent, He would make no defense. How many innocent men refuse to answer in their own defense when brought before a court? An innocent man falsely accused wants everyone to know about his innocence - that's a natural reaction. Still conservative, we'll say only one man in 10,000 would be silent in the face of false charges. Finally, Psalm 22 said that both His hands and feet would be pierced. On the average, how many men could you find with both hands and feet pierced? We'll say one in 10,000.

Multiplying these chance factors according to the Law of Compound Probability, we establish how many men we would have to look at before we found one who met all eight stipulations. The number of men would be 10 to the twenty eighth power, or 10, followed by 28 zeroes. And ours were just conservative estimates! (We can subtract the total estimated population factor of 10 to the eleventh power, but that still makes the chance factor one in 10 to the seventeenth power.)

If you had that many silver dollars, you could cover the entire state of Texas with a layer of silver dollars two feet thick - and Texas is a big state! If you marked one of these silver dollars and let someone roam through them blindfolded, his chance of coming up with that marked silver dollar would be the same as the chance of one person just happening to fulfill the eight requirements laid out in the prophecies we looked at. But there were over 300 stipulations contained in the prophecies! Let's examine the chance of 16 requirements fulfilled by one man.

Assuming the chance factors for another eight prophecies would be fairly equal to the factors of the prophecies we examined, there would be one in 10 to the forty fifth power, or 10 followed by 45 zeroes. This is a number so vast that if you had this many silver dollars, you could make a ball of silver dollars with a diameter which would be 30 times the distance from the earth to the sun. Can you imagine marking one of these silver dollars and letting some fellow dive into the pile blind folded? Can you imagine him grabbing the dollar you marked, just by chance? The coincidence of this is the same as the chance of Jesus fulfilling 16 of the prophetic requirements, just by accident. And again, remember - He fulfilled over 300!

Increase the number to 48 requirements. Now the chance factor increases to one in 10 followed by 157 zeroes, a number so huge our minds can't really conceive it. There's no way to make a ball this size of silver dollars. Even if there were enough silver dollars to make it, the universe is just too small. Let's compare the number to one of the smallest things we know - an electron. If two and a half quintillion electrons were placed single file, the line of them would only be an inch long. That would be 2.5×10 to the fifteenth power. To count these electrons would take one person nineteen million years of counting day and night at the rate of 250 per minute. Imagine how many electrons there are in a one inch cube - three times two and a half quintillion. To count that many would take 6,859,000,000,000,000,000 years!

Ten to the one hundred and fifty seventh power electrons make a solid ball the estimated size of our universe, which has a radius of approximately six billion light years. In fact, if you could go into mass production and somehow start manufacturing these balls at the rate of about five hundred per minute, you could go on making them for the six billion years it is estimated that this universe has been in existence and you could do that 100,000,000,000 over. Now if you marked just one of the electrons you had used to make the balls and asked someone to find it, the chance that it would be found by random selection is the same chance that Jesus had of fulfilling forty eight of the requirements set forth in prophecy just by accident. And Christ fulfilled over three hundred!

That is why Peter said: I was an eyewitness, I saw it all happen, I heard it all. But if you don't believe me, look at something more sure than what I've seen and heard: evidence that is stronger than an eyewitness account. Look at the evidence of God's sure word of prophecy fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

It's Time For Your Verdict!

In the prophecies mentioned, I didn't include Daniel 9:25, in which Daniel said: "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem until the coming of the Messiah, there would be sixty nine sevens" (or 483 years). Because Daniel was computing with the Babylonian calendar, we refer to a year with just 360 days, so it was 173,880 days from the time of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah, according to Daniel's prophecy. Artaxerxes, the Persian king, was the one to command the restoration of Jerusalem in the year 445 B.C. on March 14. We know this because the Persian record has been preserved by God so we can be sure of the exact date.

Starting then, on March 14, 445 B.C. and marking the next 173,880 days off the calendar, we come to April 6, 32 A.D. This happened to be a Sunday, the day that Jesus made His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem.

Luke 19:41 tells us that Jesus wept over Jerusalem that day as He beheld it. Now how many men made a triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem that day? Just one man, the one who fulfilled this and all of the other prophecies concerning the Messiah Jesus Christ!

Now you must make your decision based on the evidence set out for you. Jesus asked, "What think ye of Christ? Who's Son is He?" (Matthew 22:42) Now you must answer that important question.

If your verdict is: "Yes, Jesus is the Christ, the promised Messiah," then you should make Him the lord of your life. There is something very interesting about your decision concerning Jesus Christ. Though you are the judge, what you conclude will not change HIS destiny at all. Your decision determines your destiny because you will eventually be judged by your decision concerning Jesus Christ. He is what He is, whether you believe it or not.

John said "And this record, that God hath given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11-12).

It's time for your verdict. You have examined the evidence; what will you do with Jesus who is called the Christ?

May the Lord bless you and may His love fill your heart and life to overflowing. What a joy and blessing for us to share with you God's Word and God's love!

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