



First Light Herald

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Sharing the tree of life with You.



Power Up



In looking around and seeing the world we live in we see tribulation and sorrow. Standing against discouragement is a daily thing for those who don't close their eyes and ears to the suffering of this world. Passing on the burden of the suffering of the world is only part of the answer. What good is it to pass on a burden if those around you aren't strong enough to bear the burden? So what is the answer? First we must always remember that God is in heaven on His throne and His son is right next to Him. That is little comfort to many around us unless we add that the word says, "As he is so are we in this world" and "His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him (Yeshua/Jesus)". We aren't here alone and we aren't without power UNLESS we are ignorant of the power that has been given to us. God said in Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". He wasn't speaking of natural knowledge based on the five physical senses, but on spiritual understanding, which comes from an intimate walk with God (love). We eat enough from the tree of knowledge of good and evil to be drunk with that sort of knowledge.

If there is one thing that people want today it is power or control over their lives. Truthfully, the only way to have control is to surrender it to God. That is what faith is all about. Faith is trusting God with your entirety knowing He IS love and loving to His children. He surrendered His best when He provided His son as the ultimate sacrifice for ALL sin and He has faith that he will receive a like return from us. Paul in Romans 12 begs the believers to present their bodies as living sacrifices as a REASONAL service. Why, because we are in a covenant

relationship. Covenant is two way, it isn't about God doing all the work while we sit back and do nothing. Sure there is nothing we can offer in repayment for what God did in Christ, we're not talking about that. We are to be like conduit for His will, His power to manifest. We basically step aside and allow Him to manifest His will, His love through



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Special points of interest:

- *Nothing you experience takes God by surprise.*
- *God is omnipotent (all powerful) the enemy is NOT.*
- *God is omnipresent (everywhere at all times) the enemy is NOT.*
- *Yeshua/Jesus was tempted exactly like you were so he understands what it is to be tried . He is easily touched by the feelings of our weaknesses. Talk to him. Listen to him.*

us. Getting past our fleshly weaknesses is the major obstacle. We must realize that God is fully aware of our infirmity or weakness of flesh. That is precisely why He provided His son for us. We then must realize we've been given a gift of righteousness completely separate from anything we do. There will be rewards for hearing His voice and obeying Him, but righteousness is purely a gift from God. We need righteousness so the enemy can't harass us with our past, present or future failures. He may try, but if we know we've received the **free** gift of righteousness we can put Yeshua/Jesus in his face and still his accusations.



Connect to the eternal "Grid" by allowing God to fill you with the Holy Spirit to overflowing!

Our power and peace come through complete reliance on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the ministry of God in and towards man today. The Lord told us that it was expedient for us that he leave us so that the Spirit of God, the Promise of the Father could come. God's plan was for man to receive salvation and then be immersed and led by His Spirit. We were then to be so intimately entwined with God via His Spirit that we would hear His voice and obey whatever He said. Our original earthly father Adam used to live intimately entwined with God (LOVE) and had no care at all. God sent Adam to dominate or be god over earth. He also expected His son to Lord it over the adversary and destroy his works (1 John 3:8).

Acts {1:8} "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

I shared this to exhort those of you who are NOT filled with the Holy Spirit to seek God until you receive this free gift. The only way we shall have the control or power we want so dearly is to surrender control of our flesh and soul to the perfect will of God. The Father is perfect love and He is willing for all to be filled with His spirit of Compassion. Without being led by the Spirit we shall walk led of the flesh, which brings death. Romans 8:6 "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

When I think about Paul in prison or John exiled on the island of Patmos, I know that they wouldn't have made it without the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

I exhort each of you to ask because he who asks receives! God delights in giving His Spirit and will not withhold this precious of all gifts! We live in perilous times and we NEED the Holy Spirit more today than ever before.

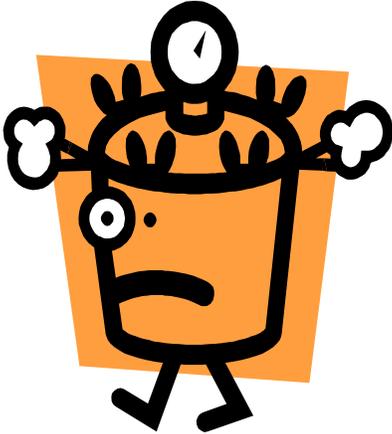
Satan Disarmed

Heb 10:1-2

1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged



should have had no more conscience of sins.



completed.

When the body of Christ receives the revelation that it is how much God loves us, not how much we love God that matters; we will begin to be free from a sin consciousness. Do we love Him? Of course we do. And because of our love for Him being stronger in our minds than His love for us, we go about trying to show Him and everyone around us just how much we love Him. When we fail in whatever manner of works we are attempting to show our love in, satan comes immediately with condemnation, fear and stress. Satan is able to do this because the body of Christ as a whole is going about attempting to do good and not understanding what His love for us has really ac-

In the Old Testament people that were under the law had a way to deal with their sin by killing an animal and shedding its blood, but neither that animal's blood nor the act of obedience to the law could take away a consciousness of their sin. No on the contrary, it all the more pointed out to them their sin. They were always conscious of their sin especially if they loved God. Now in the New and better covenant we have a sacrifice that is final that has been made for us that can take away a consciousness of sin. But because we are not given the freedom to learn this we are kept in remembrance of our sin. And because of sin consciousness we continually try to do good to gain the approval of God. Worse yet we attempt to secure a position in the kingdom of God that is higher in some way than someone "worse" than we are. I meet people every where I go that say they are learning to be Torah observant. I say to them, "You mean you're learning to keep the law?" "Yes", they say. When I asked them if they are "Toray observant" in order to please God they generally answer no. If that is so then why do it? In my mind there is no other reason to try and keep the law than to please God. I hope in their attempt to keep the law they realize that the law will always point to sin and their desperate need for a Savior.

John {8:36} "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."



We as the body of Christ should be walking in a new and living way with no consciousness of sin. In the revelation from the Spirit of God we see that Jesus was the only person that could ever be Torah observant. If you would like jump with joy because He was (Torah observant) and we don't EVER have to be! And for the reason he did everything that the law demanded we really can walk in newness of life, IN HIM. However, if we begin to walk in our own strength to establish our own righteousness by learning how to be Torah observant, satan comes to show us how wicked and evil we really are because we fail constantly. Satan uses the measuring stick that we hand to him and that ruler is the law that we say we can keep. Sa-

tan knows the law points to our sin, but he also knows that Jesus fulfilled all of the laws requirements for man and was an acceptable sacrifice for sin according to the law. Therefore Jesus made a way for God to do away with the power of sin according to the law, but satan likes to keep us in condemnation if he can.

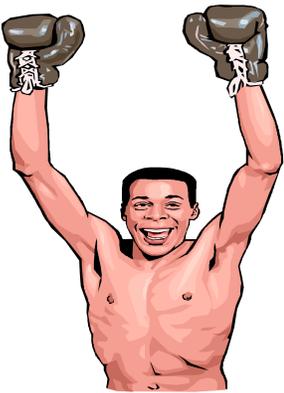


If by faith we believe that Jesus did it all for us, because of God's love toward us we can begin to be purged of a consciousness of sin and receive into our minds a righteousness consciousness. How is that possible? It is simply because God has made us the righteousness of Himself IN CHRIST PERIOD. Only those who have received Jesus as Lord and been born-again have been made the righteousness of God in Christ. Let's look at something God accomplished that a lot of folks don't see because of a sin consciousness.

Satan's weapon is the law to bring condemnation when we fail.

Col 2:13-15 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in Himself.

While we were without a covenant with God, still in our sin, God made a way to make us alive with Him. How? Jesus kept or fulfilled all the laws requirements for our righteousness which is by faith in Him, Jesus. Because of what Jesus was able to do God took the writing of the law that was against us and put it out of our way. The law has been taken out of the way by God and in what Jesus did satan was disarmed! That's what spoiled principalities means. Principalities have been disarmed because they only had the law to use as a weapon against us. The name satan literally means "accuser and prosecutor". Well the accuser has nothing to accuse us of when we have our faith operating in what Jesus did. Satan has no weapons any more unless we have been deceived into believing that he does. Jesus was the law made flesh by living in obedience to it. It was Jesus that was nailed to the cross in His perfection, no spot or blemish was found in Him according to the law. So God took those ordinances out of our way by nailing Him to the cross. Now we that believe have been given life and life more abundant because we shouldn't be conscious of sin when satan comes accusing us of sin according to the law. Now we can truthfully and confidently say, "There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ".



Now let me show you something that we have all sung songs about and quoted in times of trouble but never really understood what we were verbalizing. I believe this is going to come to some of you as a real life giving revelation. In *Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; (I guess not when we now know what the weapon here is referring to); and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. (Yes, when the accuser comes speaking words of condemnation and judgment*

to us we can be skillful with the word of righteousness and tell satan he is wrong) This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.(Did you see that? Our righteousness is not in keeping the law to shut satan up. Our righteousness is of Jesus!)

Satan has no weapon any longer when we have a revelation of what God did with Jesus at the cross. Satan has been disarmed! He has no power! He has no authority! The law was satan's weapon and the law has been fulfilled by Jesus for the entire world to be able to come to God who loved them so much.

It was God who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. To do away with the law of sin and death and make a new and living way where there is no more condemnation in Christ for those who believe. The world is condemned already without Jesus, but Jesus is all they need. They don't need to learn how to be good and taught how to stop the sin. All they need is Jesus who knew no sin and because of that the world's sin has been dealt with through the only sacrifice that could do away with a consciousness of sin. Jesus!

The cross with Jesus on it gives God the right to forgive all trespasses and take sin and put it as far away as east is from west. Then for us that are in Christ there is resurrection life because we are seen as dead and freed from sin. Christ is risen and we are no longer in our sin!

International Connection

TURKISH DELIGHT



We want to thank you for praying, we mailed a case of bibles to Turkey. Now we just wait to hear that they have arrived at their intended destination. Please continue to pray for the safety of the believers that will receive these bibles. They live in a very hostile environment and in fact the first martyrs since 1923 were in the place where they live. Persecution is on the rise and those who suffer through it need our prayers for strength and boldness to continue to walk in the love of God.

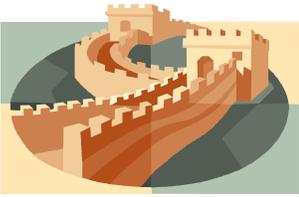
WHITE RUSSIANS



Belarus means "white Russia" and so we pray for the believers there. The leader of that last communist holdout from the former Soviet Union is determined to purge his country of anything except the Orthodox Russian church. We pray for him to have a revelation of the love of God. We pray for him to hear the message of the salvation of our Lord Yeshua/Jesus. He is partnering with many others like himself and we need to overcome evil with good. Though we may be tempted to send fire down from heaven to destroy our enemies, God has already demonstrated that "love NEVER fails" where all other methods have proven less than successful. Let us pray for

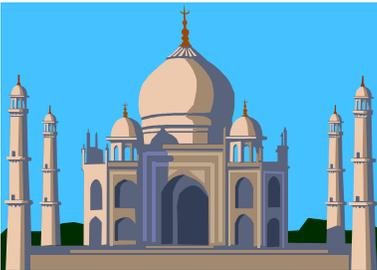
enemies and love them just like God loved them and gave His son to pay for their sin.

THE ORIENT EXPRESS



We need to be in constant prayer for the believers in Asia. The persecution there is huge and goes vastly unreported. We pray for strength and protection for those who remain faithful in the face of bodily harm and emotional oppression.

CURRY FAVOR



India was graced with the visitation of evangelist Reinhard Bonke. According to a short search I found that only 2-3% of the population are believers. We know of a couple of families there and they have shared horrible stories of persecution there. Christianity is not popular on the planet today. Christ warned us that if they (the forces of darkness) hated him they would hate us. We must pray for our brothers and sisters in India to remain strong in the face of strong opposition and persecution. We pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on India now that Reinhard shared the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Yeshua/Jesus the Anointed One. Many healings and salvations were reported. We Praise God for this victory!

GOOD SOLDIERS

I received an email from a young woman who is a soldier in Iraq. She was clearly feeling the distance between her and her husband. He is here in the states and she is in a foreign country far from everything familiar. Temptation doesn't sleep when you're in a foreign country. In fact our soldiers face all sorts of temptations while being surrounded by foreign religion and wickedness we can't even imagine. Do not forget to pray for our men AND women in service to our country. They really are a minority where they are. They keep dark forces from overtaking our country without limitation.



Praying

When things are rough we tend to be self absorbed, but we must take the focus off self and put it where God intended. We must believe that God cares for us when we are tempted to care for ourselves. We must NOT murmur or whine when we feel the pressures of the world (the wilderness) closing in. We MUST press into communicating with God so we can hear HIS voice and tap into the divine power available to those who practice effectual fervent prayer. Folks it's long past time to pray, so let's get up off our laurels and cozy sofas, get on our knees and faces and call out to our loving and giving Father.

Who is the voice of the Father? It is the precious Holy Spirit who then directs us to our Lord and High

Commander/High Priest Yeshua/Jesus. He has given us orders and until the first orders are accomplished we have no need to ask for “new” ones. Here are some things we should ALREADY be praying for:

1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Matthew 5:44 Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Mark 14: 33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Read John 17 (Yeshua/Jesus' prayer for us!)

When we pray in the spirit (in tongues): Romans 8 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (sicknesses and weaknesses): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. (We who press onto the frontlines need your prayers.)

Before we pray we must realize the fact that we ARE the temple of the Holy Spirit and the place where God lives. God filled the first temple with His presence, His Shekinah. Today He would do the same with us, but we must meet some requirements. We must be born again! We must be filled (continually) with His Spirit. We must be willing to depend upon him (this is humility). We are not to be humiliated, that isn't how a loving Father treats His children. We must turn from our wicked (twisted) ways. We have so much garbage floating in our minds and blocking our hearts from being effective. We need God to hear from heaven and believe He HAS forgiven our sins in the finished work of His son's cross.