



Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit.

Despise not prophesying.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [*I pray God*] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful [*is*] he that calleth you, who also will do [*it*].

Brethren, pray for us (I Th 5.16-25).

Oh, come, let us adore Him, and seek His face, for He alone is worthy.

But if from thence thou shalt seek the **LORD thy God**, thou shalt find [*him*], if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, [*even*] in the latter days, **if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;**
(For the LORD thy God [*is*] a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them (Dt 4.29-31).

**Pray, seeking the Lord each step of *The Way, The Via Dolorosa* -
and all for His glory and your edification.**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)
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Pray Always with Perseverance and Supplication !

How long since you have prayed the whole night through? How long since you have been with the body of Christ praying the whole night through. II Chronicles 7:14 makes it clear that we are to pray, to seek the face of the Lord, turn from our wicked ways - yes, our wicked ways, turn from other gods, repent, and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ gave His life for us on the Cross of Calvary, and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave! And, we have no time for the Lord?

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

I wonder just how many who go to the square buildings are called by the Name of the Lord. How many know Him as Lord and Savior? Does the world know who it is that is a follower of Jesus Christ? Hear His Word to us. Read II Chronicles again and again, and re-read it seeking with me that we shall walk in obedience to this verse, shall seek the Lord for ourselves, and for this nation. Are we willing to bend the knee, to humble ourselves before the Lord and seek forgiveness?

The Lord God calls us to repent and to return unto Him.

Mal 3:6 For I *[am]* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *[them]*. **Return unto me**, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Has this nation cross the chasm in refusing to repent? No. This is not about being found out in our sins, and saying, "I'm sorry," meaning sorry we got caught, walking in disobedience to the Lord - and this nation having turned to other gods. Repentance is a heart that is broken because of hurting the one we love. Are we failing to walk with the Lord God that we might please others and turn to their gods to be as one with them?

There is a line of demarcation, a line over which one passes and finds there is no turning back, no desire to turn back to the Lord. It is a line which shows separation from the Lord Jesus Christ showing one no longer cares whom s/he hurts; they are only interested in pleasing themselves.

That is the line the children of Israel passed over when the Lord spoke to them in II Kings 22 when King Josiah sent the High Priests and others to the prophetess Huldah who gave forth the Word of the Lord.

The King, King Josiah, wanted to know the truth when he sent them to the prophetess Huldah.

2Ki 22:11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

2Ki 22:12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

2Ki 22:13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

Oh, read this carefully as the prophets in the Biblical days were not millionaires, or above persecution, for serving the Lord. They spoke the truth of God in Christ Jesus - not what the people wanted to hear. They were not willing to please people - as so many today place people above the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Ki 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

2Ki 22:15 And she said unto them, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel**, Tell the man that sent you to me,

2Ki 22:16 **Thus saith the LORD**, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *[even]* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

2Ki 22:17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

We need to hear once again the prophetic word given to the children of Israel for we are walking where they walked.

The Word of the Lord makes it clear we are to pray always. No, not with a want list, but with hearts turned to the Lord, seeking His will in our lives. Oh, the time is upon us when this nation will fall as did the children of Israel. The time is come. And the Word of God says we are to watch, be watchful, of what is occurring in this nation. Be watchful that we fall not into temptation. Be watchful and pray always. Read the following verse lest you miss the Lord at this time.

(Luk 21:36) Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

We read the same in the book of II Thessalonians.

(2Th 1:11) Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *[this]* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *[his]* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

Where are you in your life, your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ? We are at a time in which there will be little time to turn from our wicked ways, and seek the Lord. Are we not taught from the Word,

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *[are]* not your thoughts, neither *[are]* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

We must daily be in the Word to know the will of the Lord, but we must pray without ceasing. Praying without ceasing is a way of life, living a life of prayer for the Lord's will in our lives, and the lives of all of the body of Christ Jesus, moving together in Him for His glory. It is desiring in prayer that the Lord receive the glory in all that we do, that what we do and say, who we are, what we do, where we go, will bring honor and glory to His Holy Name.

Praying is not always doing the speaking. Prayer is listening to the One to Whom we are praying, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is with our hearts that we are to listen and then to hear what the Lord wants of us as all who know Jesus Christ move together whether we realize we are moving together. Our eyes must be upon the Lord.

I personally ask the Lord to give me 1) eyes to behold His glory; 2) ears fine tuned as an instrument to the hearing of His voice; and 3) a heart that walks in obedience to the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus.

Oh, my heart cries out in prayer daily that I might know Him. My colleague, in the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ these past 12 years, often reminds me of a passage in the Holy Bible that is her heart's cry.

Phi 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *[but]* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *[but]* dung, that I may win Christ,

Phi 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Phi 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death:

Phi 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Phi 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Oh, we need to be crying out to the Lord in prayer this passage, that we might be strengthened in the Lord for what lies before us in these days. We need to be listening to the Lord to know His will in these days - that shall be hard for those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, as there are false Christs and false prophets and pastors all around us, willingly leading us astray - if we are not in the Word of God daily and in prayer unceasingly.

We must persevere in prayer and supplication. We must persist and continue in prayer as a way of life that we might not falter in the days that lie before us.