

DETERMINING YOUR DESTINY THROUGH PRAYER

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1 John 5:14-15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

NOW LET US READ PETER'S SECOND EPISTLE WRITTEN TO BELIEVERS.

2 PETER 1:1-11

LET US LOOK FOR THE PROMISES IN THESE VERSES. (Search them out)

PROMISES:

VERSE 2.....GRACE AND PEACE

VERSE 3.....MERCY, HOPE BY JESUS RESURRECTION

VERSE 4.....INHERITANCE.....THAT IS INCORRUPTIBLE AND UNDEFILED AND WILL NOT FADE AWAY.

VERSE 5.....KEPT BY THE **POWER** UNTIL THE END

VERSE 6.....REJOICING IN TRIALS

VERSE 7.....TRIAL OF FAITH MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES

VERSE 8.....YOU LOVE JESUS, AND REJOICE WITH JOY AND ARE FULL OF GLORY

VERSE 9.....RECEIVE SALVATION

VERSE 10....YOU RECEIVE THE SALVATION BY GRACE THAT WAS PROPHESED BY THE PROPHETS

VERSE 11,,,,,YOU ALSO RECEIVED THE GLORY AS PROPHESED TO BE RECEIVED BY CHRIST'S SUFFERING.

TO DETERMINE THE FIRST STEP OF YOUR DESTINY.:

1TH 3:12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so that He may **establish** your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

TO WHOM DOES FAITH BELONG?.....TO YOU, TO BELIEVERS.

WHAT ARE WE SEEKING? KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, THE FATHER AND HIS SON, JESUS THE CHRIST.

WHAT IS THE REWARD? FAVOR AND GRACE.

1`1WE MUST BUILD ON A FOUNDATION.....THERE IS ONLY ONE.

1CO 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

GOD REQUIRES THAT THE FOUNDATION BE OF GREAT QUALITY.....WHY?

1CO 3:12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

WE MUST FORGET OUR PAST TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS, AND BUILD A NEW FOUNDATION.

1PE 1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your sojourning here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1PE 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

IF YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND AND RECEIVE WHAT THE HOLY FATHER DID FOR YOU, YOU ARE VOID OF LOVE. YOU NEED IT. PRAY FOR IT.....

LET US LEARN HOW NOT TO PRAY!

MAT 6:7 "But when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

BUT DO THIS;

MAT 6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

AND MAT 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

AND MAT 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO ACQUIRE FOOD, DRINK, CLOTHING?

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO ACQUIRE FREEDOM FROM TOMORROW'S WORRIES?

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

WHO WILL ASSURE THAT OUR PRAYERS ARE HEARD BY GOD THE FATHER?

JESUS CHRIST..... HOW DO WE KNOW THIS?

1TI 2:5 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,

MAT 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

AND: ROM 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

HOW DO WE GET TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.....AND WHERE IS IT?

JOH 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God."

AND:

JOH 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot **enter** the kingdom of God.

WHERE.....WHERE IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

LUK 17:21 "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN A BUILDING? IS IT IN A RELIGION? OR A CHURCH?....NO.....

IT IS WITHIN YOU!

NOW THAT WE KNOW OUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO GOD THE FATHER, WHO WILL ANSWER OUR PRAYERS? GOD THE FATHER, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

MAT 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

HOW ARE WE ASSURED THAT HE IS CONCERNED FOR EACH AND EVERYONE?

ROM 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

GOD WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, AND DELIVERED JESUS UP FOR US ALL, HOW SHALL GOD NOT, WITH JESUS, FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?

ISA 49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.

ISA 49:26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

AND: 3JO 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

HOW DOES OUR SOUL PROSPER? STUDY THE WORD. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO REVEAL TRUTHS AS YOU READ THE WORD.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT JESUS WILL DO FOR ME OR MY LOVED ONES AS HE DID IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS?

HEB 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

AND HE SAID SO IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

MAL 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

GOD ANSWERED PRAYERS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

JAM 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

WHAT OTHER REQUIREMENT MUST I PERFORM TO HAVE PRAYERS ANSWERED?

NUMBER ONE.....BE TRUE....

JAM 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

NUMBER TWO.....BE BELIEVERS.....

1JO 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
18 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

AND: 1JO 3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

EVEN THOUGH WE FEEL GUILTY, GOD HAS STILL FORGIVEN US, IF WE ARE BELIEVERS.

1JO 3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

IF WE DO NOT FEEL GUILTY, BUT KNOW WE ARE SINNERS, WE KNOW, WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT GOD HEARS US.

1JO 3:22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

WHAT THINGS ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT. OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENT.

1JO 3:23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

WE MUST BE WILLING TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENT. WE MUST ASK HIM TO MAKE US WILLING....IT IS THEN HIS RESPONSIBILITY, NOT OURS. WE CANNOT CHANGE OURSELVES: WE MUST ASK HIM TO MAKE US PLEASING UNTO HIMSELF.

PHI 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

REMEMBERIF WE DO IT.....CHRIST DIED IN VAIN.

NUMBER THREE.....BE INTERESTED

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2TI 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

WHY STUDY?

HEB 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

NUMBER FOUR.....WE MUST REMIND HIM.

ISA 43:25 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.

AND: ISA 43:26 Put Me in remembrance; let us contend together; state your case, that you may be acquitted.

AND IN THE OLD KING JAMES VERSION, IT REMINDS YOU TO PLEAD TOGETHER WITH CHRIST USING HIS NAME.

ISA 43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. 27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

IN OTHER WORDS:

JOH 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

NUMBER FIVE.....BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE WORD OF GOD

AMO 3:3 can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

NUMBER SIX.....BE BOLD

HEB 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

AND: HEB 4:15 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.

AND: HEB 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

NUMBER SEVEN.....YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS THROUGH JESUS...PRAY FERVENTLY

JAM 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

NUMBER EIGHT.....BE PERSISTENT

LUK 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

AND: 1TI 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

NUMBER NINE.....PRAY WITH URGENCY

MAT 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

AND: MAT 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

AND: MAT 7:9 "Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

AND: MAT 7:10 "Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

ANDMAT 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

AND LUK 11:5 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 "and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'?

DID THE MAN RISE AND DO HIS FRIEND A FAVOR?

LUK 11:8 "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his **persistence** he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

AND: LUK 11:9 "And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

AND: LUK 11:10 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

AND; LUK 11:11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

AND: LUK 11:12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

AND: LUK 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
BE PERSISTENT

AND.....WHAT IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PRAY? ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU, AND/OR PRAY FOR YOU.

JOH 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He **will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

AND WHAT MORE DOES THE WORD OF GOD SAY?

ROM 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

AND: ROM 8:27 Now He (GOD) who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He (JESUS) makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PRAY, WE ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PRAY FOR US, FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US WITH WORDS WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND. WE WILL GO TO GOD, POSSIBLY WITH PROBLEMS WE DO NOT EVEN KNOW WE HAVE. GOD WHO SEARCHES OUR HEARTS, AND KNOWS OUR INTENT, ALSO KNOWS THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT. THE SPIRIT CAN READ OUR MINDS, AND MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.

IF WE OBEY THE WORD OF GOD, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE CAN CONTROL OUR DESTINY BY PRAYER?

1JO 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

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