

What does the Bible say about **PRAYER**, what it is, how is it performed?

PRAYER

Bible studies on **PRAYER**, writing what I feel the lord says to me, each time the word **PRAYER** (*or the derivatives of the word*) occurs in the Scriptures.

Preface

We all know what **PRAYER** means, and how it is done, don't we?

Well, we all appreciate that it should be ONLY directed to Yod Hey Vav Hey (*the Tetragrammaton name of God, given to Moses*) ADONAI, Elohim, Yehovah (*an amalgamation of Yod Hey Vav Hey and ADONAI, I am told*) the Lord God of Isra'el, the Mighty One of Ya'akov, Lord of Hosts, to give only some of His many names. In another study, into the names of ADONAI, I have found well over 120 names and attributes of ADONAI. Fortunately, that study and several others, are on the web site www.bible-studies-on-a-word.org.uk.

In common with the other several studies I have done so far, each on a single word in the Scriptures, the index is at the beginning instead of more traditionally, at the end, showing the Study number in order to help find what I felt the Lord is saying to me, to write, on each occasion. I have done this in order that these studies may be used as a source of reference, but not intended to be used as daily bible study notes, although that is up to the reader. These other studies may be found at:

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where I hope this study will join them, another study on a given word in Scripture.

What I have done, is to read the **whole context** of the verse containing the word **PRAYER** (*and the variants on that word*) then asking the Lord what he is telling me about **PRAYER** in that **whole context**. Obviously, I quote here, only the verse itself. I have used the Complete Jewish Bible and quoted the verse from that, I also quote the **AV or KJV** in parenthesis and italics, below the verse in the **CJB**. So often, the AV simply uses the word **PRAYER** without any explanation of the form of **PRAYER**. The **CJB** often offers a deeper meaning or the form of the **PRAYER**. To find out everywhere the word appears in the Bible, I have used my Cruden's Complete Concordance of the Authorised Version - **AV**.

I am, of course, **acutely** aware that my own thoughts have probably intruded in these studies, for which I ask forgiveness, where needed.

This is a means of Bible Study which, I suggest, is an alternative but a good way to study the Bible, finding out what the Lord is saying to you, but there are, of course, many other ways to study the Scriptures – "*yer pays yer money an' yer takes yer choice,*" so to speak.

May these studies be a source of blessing to all who read, consult or otherwise use them.

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1. **Genesis 20:7 CJB:** ⁷Therefore, return the man's wife to him now. He is a prophet, and he will **PRAY** for you, so that you will live. But if you don't return her, know that you will certainly die — you and all who belong to you.”

*(AV: ⁷Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall **PRAY** for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine)*

ADONAI Himself came in a dream to a non-believer! This should not surprise us, considering the numbers of Muslims, I hear, who are coming to salvation in Yeshua as a result of dreams. ADONAI told Avimelekh that Avraham was a prophet and would **PRAY** for him. This we see in **verse 17**, since ADONAI had made all Avimelekh's household, his wife and every woman there infertile (**verse 18**) and Avraham **PRAYED** and they were healed. In this case, we see that the outcome of the **PRAYER** was pre-ordained by ADONAI Himself

2nd May 2017

2. **1 Samuel 7:5 CJB:** ⁵Sh'mu'el said, “Gather all Isra'el to Mitzpah, and I will **PRAY** for you to ADONAI.”

*(AV: ⁵And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will **PRAY** for you unto the LORD.)*

The reason for the need for Sh'mu'el to **PRAY** for the people of Isra'el is given in the **first 4 verses** of **this chapter**. Isra'el had sinned greatly against their God, ADONAI, in that they had been worshipping other gods. Of this they had repented, as seen in **Verse 4**. Sh'mu'el was going to **PRAY** for them for the Lord to forgive them and accept the sacrificial lamb that Sh'mu'el offered for their repentance in **verses 9 and 10**. We learn here that when we turn to ADONAI **in repentance**, He will hear and answer our **PRAYER** and defeat our enemies. Halleluyah!

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3. **1 Samuel 12:19 CJB:** ¹⁹All the people said to Sh'mu'el, “**PRAY** to ADONAI your God for your servants, so that we won't die; because to all our other sins now we've added this evil as well, asking for a king over us.”

*(AV: ¹⁹And all the people said unto Samuel, **PRAY** for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.)*

The people of Isra'el had sinned greatly against ADONAI and were here asking Sh'mu'el to **PRAY** to ADONAI for forgiveness for all their sins upon sins, in that now they had asked for king, as other nations! Sh'mu'el assured them that ADONAI would not abandon them as long as they served Him. The message here for us is that we have a forgiving God who will not abandon us, but we must return to Him in repentance in order to receive that forgiveness. It will not come otherwise, but even so, that forgiveness does not come without conditions.

4th May 2017

4. **1 Samuel 12:23 CJB:** ²³ As for me, far be it from me to sin against ADONAI by ceasing to **PRAY** for you! Rather, I will continue instructing you in the good and right way.

*(AV: ²³ Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to **PRAY** for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:)*

In **verse 22**, we see why ADONAI does not abandon His people Isra'el, which is interesting in itself. This is also the reason why Sh'mu'el knew that he must continue to **PRAY** for His chosen people and also to continue instructing them how to keep within the good and right way. If it was incumbent upon Sh'mu'el to **PRAY** for the chosen people, amongst whom we gentile believers are grafted, how much more must we **PRAY** for them, ourselves and each other, to know and walk in the good and right way! This is the message for us today. 5th May 2017

5. **2 Samuel 7:27 CJB:** ²⁷ You, ADONAI-Tzva'ot, God of Isra'el, have disclosed to your servant, 'I will build you a house.' This is why your servant has the courage to **PRAY** this **PRAYER** to you.

*(AV: ²⁷ For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to **PRAY** this **PRAYER** unto thee.)*

Here **in this chapter**, we see king David, sitting in the Tabernacle, pouring out his thoughts and feelings to ADONAI-Tzva'ot in **PRAYER**, praising Him, extoling all that He has done for His people Isra'el. Then **in verse 29**, he makes his plea to ADONAI Elohim to remember His promises given **in verses 11 and 12**, to bless his family and establish the line of his descendants. The message here to us, is to start our **PRAYERS** by praising and magnifying the one to whom we offer our **PRAYERS**, before we make our request(s) to ADONAI. Amen. 6th May 2017

6. **1 Kings 8:30 CJB:** ³⁰ Yes, listen to the plea of your servant, and also that of your people Isra'el when they **PRAY** toward this place. Hear in heaven where you live; and when you hear, forgive!

*(AV: ³⁰ And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall **PRAY** toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.)*

We have a forgiving God! There is a pre-requisite though, we must confess whatever sin is in our heart **and** repent of it (*or them!*) in the assurance that if and when we do, ADONAI will forgive it (*or them!*). For Isra'el, they had to **PRAY** towards the Temple, wherever they were, much the same as Muslims must **PRAY** towards Mecca. This is not a requirement for us Gentile believers, we must **PRAY** to ADONAI in Heaven, yet His Name is still in the Temple Mount today, **verse 29**. 7th May 2017

7. **1 Kings 8:35 CJB:** ³⁵ “When they sin against you, and in consequence the sky is shut, so that there is no rain; then, if they **PRAY** toward this place, acknowledge your name and turn from their sin when you have brought them low;
(*AV: ³⁵ When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they **PRAY** toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:*)

This is all about why our **PRAYERS** are not answered. Very simply, we need to acknowledge the name of ADONAI, repent of (*turn from*) our sin(s) which have brought us to the place where we need to **PRAY** towards Heaven. When we do this, then ADONAI will answer that **PRAYER** and forgive us the sin(s) that we have confessed to Him and from them, repented. In **this chapter**, there are a whole series of scenarios where Isra’el could (*and should*) confess sin and repent (*i.e. turn away from*). **Verse 32** tells us that if we do the same, God will act to bring His righteousness to bear, to forgive the sin(s) we have committed. 9th May 2017

8. **1 Kings 8:42 CJB:** ⁴² (for they will hear of your great reputation, your mighty hand and your outstretched arm), when he comes and **PRAYS** toward this house;
(*AV: ⁴² (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and **PRAY** toward this house;*)

This paragraph of **verses 41 to 43**, form a “stand-alone” item within **the chapter**, concerning foreigners, Gentiles, Non-Isra’elis. It is a plea to ADONAI to hear the **PRAYERS** of them when they come from a distant land, to **PRAY** toward the Temple, having heard the reputation of ADONAI and know that the Temple bears the great name of Yehovah, ADONAI. Shlomo’s **PRAYER** stands today for us Gentiles and is reinforced by Yeshua’s birth, life, death and resurrection. The Lord God of Isra’el will hear and act upon our **PRAYERS**. Hallelujah! Amen. 10th May 2017

9. **1 Kings 8:44 CJB:** ⁴⁴ “If your people go out to fight against their enemy, no matter by which way you send them, and they **PRAY** to ADONAI toward the city you chose, toward the house I built for your name;
(*AV: ⁴⁴ If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall **PRAY** unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:*)

When the Isra’elis would go out to fight their enemies, by whatever route or means, they are here instructed to turn and **PRAY** towards Yerushalayim and specifically, towards the House, the Temple, where ADONAI has placed His name, in order to beat those enemies. If Isra’el does this, Shlomo is telling the people, that in reality, they are asking that ADONAI would hear their **PRAYER** and as **in verse 45**, “**uphold their cause.**” The implication being that ADONAI will, again as shown **in verse 45**, “**uphold their cause,**” as requested of ADONAI, and He will defeat those enemies, on their behalf, as seen so many times before. 11th May 2017

10. **1 Kings 8:48 CJB:** ⁴⁸ if, in the land of their enemies who carried them off captive, they return to you with all their heart and being and **PRAY** to you toward their own land, which you gave to their ancestors, toward the city you chose and toward the house I have built for your name;

*(AV: ⁴⁸ and so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and **PRAY** unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:)*

When we are in serious trouble (*especially of our own making, as were the people in the time for which Shlomo was praying*) and need the help of the Lord, the “secret” to having ADONAI hear and answer us, when we **PRAY** to Him, is given **in this verse:** “**They return to you with all their heart and being and PRAY to You.**” No use just saying, please Lord get me out of this problem! Our plea or **PRAYER** must be with all our “**heart and being,**” in other words, we must be totally committed to seeking the Lord God of Isra’el for His forgiveness and help, no easy words alone. *12th May 2017*

11. **1 Kings 13:6 CJB:** ⁶ The king then responded to the man of God. “Ask now the favour of ADONAI your God,” he said, “and **PRAY** for me, that my hand will be restored to me.” The man of God **PRAYED** to ADONAI, and the king’s hand was restored to him and became as it had been before.

*(AV: ⁶ And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and **PRAY** for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.)*

Oh what a sorry story! To get the full picture, please read **all of chapters 12 and 13** to the end. A long read, but very interesting too, as it was a complicated situation and story encompassing the separation of Isra’el and Y’hudah, the healing of Yarov’am’s (*Jeroboam’s*) hand and the end of the man of God who made the **PRAYER**. Now Yarov’am was sinning greatly against ADONAI and He sent a man of God, a prophet, from Y’hudah to Yarov’am, who didn’t believe what he said and would have had him killed for the message he brought from ADONAI. **Verses 4 and 5** tell of what happened to Yarov’am’s hand which caused him to ask this man of God to **PRAY** to ADONAI for the hand to be restored, a **PRAYER** which was answered. Now the events which followed resulted in this man of God disobeying ADONAI which resulted in his death by a lion! This man failed to complete the mission, of which his **PRAYER** to ADONAI to restore the hand was only a part. The message here, is not so much about **PRAYER**, but that when we respond to God’s command, we must obey completely, neglecting no part. *14th May 2017*

12. **1 Chronicles 17:25 CJB:** ²⁵ For you, my God, have disclosed to your servant that you will build him a house. This is why your servant has the courage to **PRAY** to you.

*(AV: ²⁵ For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to **PRAY** before thee.)*

In this chapter, we see king David, in verse 16 and following, humbling himself before ADONAI. He had just been told by Nathan the prophet that he was not to build a Temple, a House for the Lord. ADONAI's message, via Natan, was of all the good things He had planned for king David, as shown in Verses 3 to 15. All this had given king David the courage we see in our verse (25) to go and sit before God and confess that he didn't really understand why ADONAI had planned all these good things for him. When we look at our own lives and note all the things that ADONAI has done for us over our lifetime, we should take courage to sit before Him and pour out our heart, thanking Him for all that he has done for us. Amen. 15th May 2017

13. **2 Chronicles 6:24 CJB:** ²⁴ "If your people Isra'el sin against you and in consequence are defeated by an enemy; then if they turn back to you, acknowledge your name, and **PRAY** and make their plea to you in this house, *(AV: ²⁴ And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and **PRAY** and make supplication before thee in this house;)*

Here in verses 24 and 25, Shlomo, Solomon, continues to **PRAY** to ADONAI for his people, Isra'el, for when they sinned against ADONAI and He has punished them with no rain. Solomon is asking the Lord, that if they **PRAY** in the house (*the Temple*) to plead with You, acknowledging His name, that ADONAI would hear their **PRAYER** in Heaven and forgive them. Now we cannot **PRAY** towards, much less *in* the Temple, since it was demolished nearly 2,000 years ago, but we can know that ADONAI will hear our **PRAYERS** when we confess our sins that we have sinned against Him, and make our plea to be relieved of the punishment we are suffering. 17th May 2017

14. **2 Chronicles 6:26 CJB:** ²⁶ "When they sin against you, and in consequence the sky is shut, so that there is no rain; then if they **PRAY** toward this place, acknowledge your name and turn from their sin when you have brought them low; *(AV: ²⁶ When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they **PRAY** toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;*

In this verse today and the following one, Shlomo, Solomon, is asking ADONAI that when individuals or the nation of Isra'el sin specifically against ADONAI Himself, and He had withheld the rain from the land, then similarly to the **previous, and following verses in this chapter**, and they **PRAY** toward this place (*the Temple*) that He will forgive their sin and send the rain upon the land. To me, and this may sound trite, it is a reminder that our God both rains and reigns, in both senses of the word. In **our verse(s)** today, we see a reminder, that the land in which Isra'el today live, is their inheritance given by ADONAI Himself. In other words forever, not forgetting that this land of their inheritance is from the River Euphrates to the River of Egypt – including all the so called "west bank" and Jordan as they are today! 19th May 2017

15. **2 Chronicles 6:32 CJB:** ³² “Also the foreigner who does not belong to Your people Isra’el — when he comes from a distant country because of Your great reputation, your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, when they come and **PRAY** toward this house;

(AV: ³² Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name’s sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and **PRAY** in this house;

When we, as Gentiles, non-Jews, have heard about the reputation of ADONAI and the miracles He has performed, come to ADONAI and **PRAY**, Shlomo, Solomon, is asking Him to hear those **PRAYERS**. When we do this, we must bring those **PRAYERS** in a realisation of the awesomeness of this God, with a holy sense of fear, in an attitude of submission to Him. Shlomo also asked ADONAI to answer those **PRAYERS**, that we may tell others, as *the next verse* says: “so that all the peoples of the earth will know Your Name and fear you, as does your people Isra’el, and so that they will know that this house which I have built bears Your Name.” Obviously, the Temple, the house, mentioned here no longer exists, but the name of ADONAI still resides on the Temple Mount, He has never removed it! The message for us today is that we can **PRAY** to ADONAI today, secure in the knowledge that He hears us and will answer those **PRAYERS**. As Dr Grady McMurtry says, either yes, no or wait. Oh thank you Father God. Amen

20th May 2017

16. **2 Chronicles 6:34 CJB:** ³⁴ “If your people go out to fight their enemies, no matter by which way you send them, and they **PRAY** to you toward the city you chose and the house I built for your name;

(AV: ³⁴ *If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they **PRAY** unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;*)

In *this verse*, we must acknowledge that ADONAI sends His people out to fight their enemies (*a message to pacifists?*). We too can be given tasks by the Lord, maybe not going out to fight our enemies, but the point being made *in this verse*, is that we must **PRAY** to ADONAI for confirmation of the task and for specific directions. Also He is telling us to seek Him whilst carrying out the task. In other words, keep **PRAYING** to Him.

21st May 2017

17. **2 Chronicles 6:37 CJB:** ³⁷ then, if they come to their senses in the land where they have been carried away captive, turn back and make their **plea** to you in the land where they are being held captive, saying, ‘We sinned, we acted wrongly, we behaved wickedly,’

*(AV: ³⁷ yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and **PRAY** unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;)*

At this point in Shlomo’s **PRAYER**, he is asking that if the people make their confession, notice that this is not showing repentance at this point, that is shown in the **following verse(s)**. What is seen in this paragraph (**verses 36 to 39**) is that we must confess our sin(s) in order to repent of them in order that ADONAI can forgive them. The message here is that we must confess our sins and repent of them before ADONAI can forgive them. This begs the question of ‘what is true repentance,’ but that might become another study, but not part of this one. 22nd May 2017

18. **2 Chronicles 6:38 CJB:** ³⁸ if, in the land where they were brought and are being held captive, they return to you with all their heart and being and **PRAY** to you toward their own land, which you gave to their ancestors, toward the city you chose and toward the house I have built for your name;

*(AV: ³⁸ if they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and **PRAY** toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:)*

This verse, and the ones before, are prophetic, in as much that Isra’el **was** later taken away into another land. Shlomo’s **PRAYER** here is that when this happens, and the people turn to ADONAI with all their heart, in other words, confess their sin and repent – with all their heart, Shlomo’s **PRAYER** is that He will hear in Heaven and forgive them (**verse 39**). We know from other Scriptures that many did this when in Babylon, but many didn’t and stayed in Babylon when those who turned back to ADONAI, returned to Jerusalem. These returning one’s **PRAYER** was heard in Heaven only because they turned to ADONAI with all their heart, which is the secret as to why their **PRAYERS** were heard in Heaven and answered. 23rd May 2017

19. **2 Chronicles 7:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ then, if my people, who bear My Name, will humble themselves, **PRAY**, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.
(*AV: ¹⁴ 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.*)

Probably one of the **best known verses** in the Bible, after **John 3:16**. This is promise by ADONAI which still holds good for believers today! However, there are prerequisites shown here, for our **PRAYERS** to be answered:

We must bear the Name of ADONAI;
We must humble ourselves before ADONAI;
We must seek the face of ADONAI;
And we must turn from our evil ways;

Only then will ADONAI hear in Heaven when we **PRAY**, forgive our sins and heal our land. Now we may not have land, but we will likely have areas of our life which are blighted with problems, large or not so large. Thank God we have a God who cares for us. Amen.
24th May 2017

20. **Ezra 6:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ so that they can offer sacrifices with a fragrant aroma to the God of heaven and **PRAY** for the life of the king and his sons.
(*AV: ¹⁰ that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and **PRAY** for the life of the king, and of his sons.*)

Here is an order from a pagan king, to have the Temple of the living God rebuilt and all the animals required for sacrifices, to be supplied at his expense. This, in order that the king and his sons may have **PRAYER** offered for the good of their lives, by the Cohanim of Isra'el. We learn here of **PRAYER**, that it is not limited to only believers to ask to be **PRAYED** for by believers.
23rd July 2017

21. **Nehemiah 1:6 CJB:** ⁶ Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes be open, so that you will listen to the **PRAYER** of your servant, which I am **PRAYING** before you these days, day and night, for the people of Isra'el Your servants — even as I confess the sins of the people of Isra'el that we have committed against You. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned.

*(AV: ⁶ let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the **PRAYER** of thy servant, which I **PRAY** before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.)*

Here Nechemyah is **PRAYING** to ADONAI, the God of Heaven recounting the sins of his own and those of the nation of Isra'el. He goes on, **in verses 8 to 10**, to remind ADONAI of His word to Moshe, whereby He would scatter His people when they break His Mitzvot and bring them back to the promised land, to the place He has chosen to bear His name – Jerusalem, when they turn to Him in repentance. We learn here to recognise that ADONAI is a God of His word, and the message for us to follow His commands, Mitzvot, whereupon we can expect ADONAI to keep His word to us, our crowns in Heaven. We will not need to remind Him of His word as we follow His Mitzvot, His commands. *30th July 2017*

22. **Job 21:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ What is *Shaddai*, that we should serve Him? What do we gain if we **PRAY** to Him?

*(AV: ¹⁵ What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we **PRAY** unto him?)*

Iyov (*Hebrew word, **Job** in English*) is lamenting the mocking that he is receiving from his “comforters,” **in verses 1 to 4 of this chapter**. He goes on in his lament, now to ADONAI as well, about how, seen from Iyov's point of view, the wicked prosper and go to their graves in peace! **In our verse** today, he is lamenting that the wicked say, what is the point in **PRAYING** to Shaddai? The wicked say, “**What do we gain if we PRAY to Him?**” Poor Iyov felt abandoned by ADONAI, Shaddai, as he was being “comforted” by his “Comforters. He was experiencing ADONAI not giving him an answer at that time. As know, in the rest of the book of Job, ADONAI did answer him. The message to us is that we know that Shaddai, God, hears our **PRAYERS**, but we must exercise patience, since the timing of ADONAI is perfect, but maybe not according to our timescales. *31st July 2017*

23. **Job 33:26 CJB:** ²⁶ He **PRAYS** to God and is accepted by him, so that he sees [God's] face with joy, and [God] repays the man for his righteousness.
(*AV: ²⁶ he shall **PRAY** unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.*)

This passage actually begins at the start of **chapter 32**, where Elihu, being younger than the other 3 men, had waited patiently for the 3 older men to finish giving their advice to Job. When Elihu had the chance to speak to Job, he was very angry with Job and the 3 older men! Angry with Job for voicing his opinion earlier in the book, that he was right and God was wrong! Elihu asserts, in **verse 12 of chapter 33**, that Job has it wrong, for “**God is greater than any mortal!**” In our **verse** Elihu reminds Job that when a man “**PRAYS to God and is accepted by Him And God repays the man for his righteousness**” when he, **in the next verse**, confesses that he was wrong and had sinned. Finally, at **the start of chapter 38**, ADONAI Himself speaks to Job, admonishing him! We learn here (*after all that scene setting*) that God will answer our **PRAYERS** when we first confess to Him our sins, our errors, our rebellion against ADONAI, before trying to get ADONAI to answer us, or even to hear our **PRAYER**. ADONAI will not answer our **PRAYERS** whilst we remain in our own self-righteousness.

5th August 2017

24. **Job 42:8 CJB:** ⁸ So now, get yourselves seven young bulls and seven rams, go to my servant Iyov, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. My servant Iyov will **PRAY** for you — because him I will accept — so that I won't punish you as your boorishness deserves; because you have not spoken rightly about me, as my servant Iyov has.”
(*AV: ⁸ Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall **PRAY** for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.*)

In **the chapters before** this one, ADONAI had been “lecturing” Iyov (*Job*) about his own shortcomings and telling him about the Behemoth and how powerful it was, comparing Iyov's abilities to the Behemoth, badly. Then in the **first few verses** at the start of **chapter 42**, Iyov confessed to ADONAI that he was “as nothing” in the eyes of ADONAI and he repented of his previous misjudgements of ADONAI and His ways. Then, ADONAI having “dealt with” Iyov, turned His attention to Iyov's “comforters.” ADONAI expressed His blazing anger toward them, commanded them to get 7 young bulls and 7 lambs to offer up to ADONAI as sacrifices, in repentance, and then Iyov would himself **PRAY** for them, since only Iyov's **PRAYERS** would be acceptable after their boorish behaviour towards both ADONAI and Iyov. That would deflect the punishment that their words and actions really deserved. We see today then, that ADONAI will hear the **PRAYERS** a believer may **PRAY** for the wrong doing of others. Hallelujah!

7th August 2017

25. **Psalm 5:2 CJB:** ² Listen to my cry for help, my king and my God, for I **PRAY** to you.
(AV: ² *Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I **PRAY**.*)

When we **PRAY**, as king David is in **this Psalm**, the first thing we must do is, to realise, as did king David here, to whom we are **PRAYING**. We do not **PRAY** into thin air! We **PRAY** to almighty God Himself. We must acknowledge His position, so very high above all else that we could even begin to imagine, He is not like our pastor or vicar or..... He is the creator of all things, so far superior to anyone or anything else, we must have this in our mind as we **PRAY**. We do NOT **PRAY** to “God all matey,” but to the living God almighty Himself!!! Thank you ADONAI for opening my eyes to this truth, may I ever remember that. Amen. *8th August 2017*

26. **Psalm 55:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Evening, morning and noon I complain and moan; but He hears my voice.
(AV: ¹⁷ *Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I **PRAY**, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.*)

Interesting, that whilst the AV says “I **PRAY**, and cry aloud,” both the CJB and the Jewish Study Bible (*JSB produced by the Jewish Publication Society*) say “I complain and moan.” The JSB commentary notes that **this verse** would indicate that **PRAYING** should be done 3 times a day. The object here in **this verse**, is to tell us that ADONAI hears our voice, which is a comfort, especially to those in difficulties, as David obviously was, when he was **PRAYING** and writing **this Psalm**. David had a onetime friend who was now attacking him and was crying out to ADONAI for help and guidance. In the **last 2 verses of this Psalm**, David was expressing his confidence in ADONAI, that He will bring down the enemies. Dr Grady McMurtry of Creation World View Ministries (see www.creationworldview.org) maintains that ADONAI always answers **PRAYERS**, in one of 3 ways: Wait, No or Yes, the latter meaning that He will do what is requested of Him. Either view is a comfort. Thank you Lord Yeshua, that we know that you always hear us when we cry to you. *9th August 2017*

27. **Psalm 122:6 CJB:** ⁶ **PRAY** for *shalom* in Yerushalayim; may those who love you prosper.
(AV: ⁶ ***PRAY** for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.*)

An alternative translation of shalom here is “the wellbeing.” It is so long since I read the whole of **Psalm 122**, that it has quite excited me! I feel that I must quote the whole thing here:

Psalm 122 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

122 [Ⓞ] A song of ascents. By David:

[Ⓞ] I was glad when they said to me,
“The house of ADONAI! Let’s go!”

²Our feet were already standing
at your gates, Yerushalayim.

³Yerushalayim, built as a city
fostering friendship and unity.

⁴The tribes have gone up there, the tribes of *ADONAI*,
as a witness to Isra'el,
to give thanks to the name of *ADONAI*.

⁵For there the thrones of justice were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for *shalom* in Yerushalayim;
may those who love you prosper.

⁷May *shalom* be within your ramparts,
prosperity in your palaces.

⁸For the sake of my family and friends, I say,
“*Shalom* be within you!”

⁹For the sake of the house of *ADONAI* our God,
I will seek your well-being.

Wow! Wow again! Here is a clear instruction of that for which we should **PRAY!** Remember that Yerushalayim is where ADONAI has placed His name for ever and ever. Whatever Islam may think, say, or do, will not alter that! This is a command from the Lord God of Isra'el, one which we should obey, since we are Grafted-in Gentile believers (*Romans 11:19-20*). This is the first time (*in these studies at least*) where we are commanded to **PRAY**. In this Psalm, we are given the subject for which we should **PRAY** and also the reason for doing so. It will benefit all who do obey this command as we read *in the Psalm* itself! Hallelujah! Amen. 14th August 2017

28. **Isaiah 16:12 CJB:** ¹² Even when Mo'av is seen growing weary of worshipping on the high places and entering their sanctuaries to **PRAY**, they will have accomplished nothing.

(*AV: ¹² And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to **PRAY**; but he shall not prevail.*)

Mo'av was a pagan nation on the borders of Isra'el. The early part of **this chapter** is all about Mo'av and their problems and Isaiah is relaying from ADONAI, how their **PRAYING** in their high places and Sanctuaries will accomplish nothing! The **next verse** prophesies the near complete destruction of Mo'av (*it says that there will be a very small remnant left*). All their **PRAYERS** to their gods avail nothing, since they **PRAY** to foreign gods, not the true living Lord God of Isra'el – ADONAI Himself. The lesson for us is to not say things which even address foreign gods, such as “by gad!” Nor take the name of ADONAI (*or His son*) in vain. 15th August 2017

29. **Isaiah 45:20 CJB:** ²⁰ Assemble, come and gather together, you refugees from the nations! Those carrying their wooden idols are ignorant, they **PRAY** to a god that cannot save.

*(AV: ²⁰ Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and **PRAY** unto a god that cannot save.)*

Much of **this chapter** is about and to Koresh, the name here for Cyrus II, also known as Cyrus the Great. **The chapter** tells us much of what ADONAI is saying about things to be hundreds of years into the future (*at the time the book of Isaiah was written*). In **this verse**, we see that those who are worshipping idols, that their **PRAYERS** for salvation are falling upon the deaf ears of their wooden idols! Those **PRAYERS** will never be answered! We learn here that only if we **PRAY** to ADONAI, the Lord God of Isra'el, can we expect Him to save us in or from our situation, whatever that situation might be.

16th August 2017

30. **Jeremiah 7:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ “So you, [*Yirmeyahu*,] don't **PRAY** for this people! Don't cry, **PRAY** or intercede on their behalf with me; because I won't listen to you. *(AV: ¹⁶ Therefore **PRAY** not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor **PRAYER** for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.)*

I recommend **reading the whole chapter** now, in order to get the full impact of what ADONAI is saying to His people and why, **in this verse**, ADONAI is telling Yirmeyahu (*Jeremiah*) NOT to **PRAY**, cry or intercede for the people of Isra'el. What a catalogue listed here of wrong doings against the word of ADONAI, supposedly their God! They had gone so far away from ADONAI and His ways, committing every kind of abomination in God's eyes (*in Leviticus 18:22, it describes homosexuality as “an abomination.” This would seem, to the author, to be worse than simply a sin.*). However, before we condemn them in our own hearts, we must examine our own thoughts and actions before ADONAI. Remember the **last 2 verses of Psalm 139** and consider them and our thoughts and actions for ourselves. Amen. *17th August 2017*

31. **Jeremiah 11:14 CJB:** ¹⁴“So you, [*Yirmeyahu,*] don’t **PRAY** for this people! Don’t cry or **PRAY** on their behalf, because I won’t listen to them when they cry to me because of their troubles.
(*AV: ¹⁴Therefore **PRAY** not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or **PRAYER** for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.*)

Please **read the whole of chapter 11** before proceeding to read the following. In the first part of **the chapter**, up to **this verse**, ADONAI is outlining to Yirmeyahu what the people of Y’hudah have been doing against Him, abandoning His commandments etc. ADONAI then goes on in the **rest of the chapter**, to outline how disaster is going to fall upon the people of Y’hudah, He also reveals to Yirmeyahu how the people from his own town are plotting against him, to kill him. (*This last is in verses 18 to 21.*) Hence, **our verse (14)** is a sort of **pivot in the chapter**, hence my request at the beginning of this Study. Yirmeyahu is instructed in no uncertain terms, NOT to **PRAY** for the people! Now we know why – ADONAI has already determined what He will do to them all. So what do we learn here about **PRAYER**? That we should not **PRAY** for those ADONAI has already condemned is one thing. However, who do we know those that ADONAI has already condemned today? None. In **Revelation 22**, it is revealed who will be condemned at the end, but not any of those today. Therefore, we must continue to **PRAY** for our unsaved family and friends, since whilst we may be aware of things, maybe some serious things, that they may be doing (*or sins of omission*) we are not permitted to judge them (*easy as that is, for we are all sinners in God’s sight!*). In our **PRAYER** for them, we must plead with ADONAI to have mercy upon them and reveal to them where they are in God’s sight and to whence it is leading them when they die. We learn here that since we are not in the days of the Bible, so we should **PRAY** for the salvation of our family and friends, as well as for other people and situations which we lift up to the Lord.

19th August 2017

32. **Jeremiah 14:11 CJB:** ¹¹ Then ADONAI said to me, “Don’t **PRAY** for this people or for their welfare.

(*AV: ¹¹ Then said the LORD unto me, **PRAY** not for this people for their good.*)

Again, this would seem to be a **pivotal verse**. If you read the **whole chapter** once more, it will be seen that the problems that Y’udah is mourning over, is a drought, the resulting lack of water anywhere, and the death that follows, for humans and animals alike. Yirmeyahu is once again, commanded NOT to **PRAY** for the people or their welfare, even though Yirmeyahu is pleading with ADONAI in **verses 7 to 9** for mercy from ADONAI, He turns it back to Yirmeyahu with a round condemnation of the people in **verse 10**. As **the chapter** continues from **verse 12**, ADONAI is saying to him that He will not respect anything by way of weeping and fasting, or any sacrifice by them. ADONAI goes on to condemn the people for accepting the predictions and prophesies by the false prophets. The Lord goes on to say that worse things than a drought is coming upon them! What do we learn here about **PRAYING** for people, even God’s chosen people, Isra’el, if they are not following God’s ways? Basically, be aware that if ADONAI instructs us not to **PRAY** for a person, people or situation - **don’t do it!** Now before anyone goes off on a tangent concerning the faithfulness or otherwise of Isra’el today, remember **Ezekiel 36:24-32**, which ADONAI is performing today! It is often said that we should only **PRAY** in the will of God, but **in this verse**, we learn that sometimes it is God’s will not to **PRAY** for something and we must be sensitive to know that.

20th August 2017

33. **Jeremiah 29:7 CJB:** ⁷ Seek the welfare of the city to which I have caused you to go in exile and **PRAY** to ADONAI on its behalf; for your welfare is bound up in its welfare.’

(*AV: ⁷ And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and **PRAY** unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.*)

This verse is a part of a letter that Yirmeyahu sent to the exiles in Bavel. They are here exhorted to settle-in there in Bavel, to build houses, marry and have children a-plenty. Then we read **this verse** where they are exhorted to **PRAY** for the city of Bavel and they are given the reason why they should do this, since “**for your welfare is bound up in its welfare.**” Here we have again, a command to **PRAY** and, as in **Psalms 122:6** ADONAI gives a benefit if **PRAYER** is made. Effectively we learn, for us, we must **PRAY** for our own local Council. Now, for myself, I haven’t done this, certainly not on a regular basis. One could extend this to suggest that we must **PRAY** for our national Government, for our **welfare is bound up in it!**

21st August 2017.

34. **Jeremiah 29:12 CJB:** ¹² When you call to me and **PRAY** to me, I will listen to you.
(*AV: ¹² Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and **PRAY** unto me, and I will hearken unto you.*)

Once again, **reading the whole chapter** is a good thing to do before proceeding, since there is so much happening! In **this verse**, ADONAI is telling the people in exile, that when they are released from Bavel to return to Yerushalayim after 70 years, that He will listen to them. In **verse 13**, He tells them that He will hear their **PRAYERS** when they seek Him wholeheartedly. **Obviously, the same applies to us today!** We must earnestly seek His Person in order for our **PRAYERS** to Him to be heard! Rather fundamental. He knows our heart and knows when we are “serious” in our relationship with Him. Thank you Father, Amen. 22nd August 2017

35. **Jeremiah 37:3 CJB:** ³ Tzidkiyahu the king sent Y’hukhal the son of Shelemyahu and Tz’fanyahu the son of Ma’aseiyah, the *cohen*, to the prophet Yirmeyahu with the message, “Please **PRAY** to ADONAI our God for us.”
(*AV: ³ And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, **PRAY** now unto the LORD our God for us.*)

Tzidkiyahu (*Zedekiah in English*) had ascended to the throne but, as we **learn in verse 2**, neither he nor anyone else in Y’hudah paid any “**attention to the words of ADONAI, which He spoke through the prophet Yirmeyahu.**” So in asking Yirmeyahu to **PRAY** to ADONAI for them (*himself and the people*) when they were not observing anything that ADONAI spoke to them, the king was, effectively, contradicting himself. He asked, simply because the Kasdim had lifted the siege of Yerushalayim. The people of Y’hudah were, from the king downwards, in rebellion against ADONAI and His ways. We learn then, that this request for **PRAYER** was not in accord with the Will of God and the subsequent word that came via Yirmeyahu, was for the disaster that was to come upon the city of Yerushalayim. When we are in rebellion against ADONAI and His Will, don’t ask for **PRAYER!** At least, not until we repent. 23rd August 2017

36. **Jeremiah 42:2 CJB:** ² and said to Yirmeyahu the prophet, “I beg you, approve our request: **PRAY** for us to ADONAI your God for all of this remnant. For, while once we were numerous, only a few of us are left, as you can see.
(*AV: ² and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and **PRAY** for us unto the LORD thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)*)

These people, who were from Mitzpah, where G’dalyahu (*the governor appointed by N’vuzar’adan, the commander of the Guard of N’vukhadnetzar*) had just been assassinated by Yishma’el, the son of N’tanyahu (*Netanyahu today?*) and his followers. These people were determined to go down to Egypt, to what they thought of a place of safety, to escape from the wrath of N’vukhadnetzar. But they came to Yirmeyahu, the Prophet, to ask him to **PRAY** to ADONAI for His guidance. Here we see that we can **PRAY** to ADONAI for His guidance in our life’s decisions. Whilst the people asked Yirmeyahu to do the **PRAYING**, we know that we have direct access to our High Priest, Yeshua Ha’Mashiach, God Himself! Hallelujah! 24th August 2017

37. **Jeremiah 42:3 CJB:** ³ **PRAY** that ADONAI your God will tell us what direction to take and what to do.”

(AV: ³ that the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.)

The remnant of the people left in Y'hudah after the sacking of Yerushalayim, were asking Yirmeyahu to get ADONAI to confirm their plans to go down to EGYPT. These were the plans of men, not ADONAI, as is seen in the answer Yirmeyahu brought back to the people. However, that was not the answer they wanted, much less expected, as an answer to their request for Yirmeyahu to **PRAY** to ADONAI! They had already determined what they would do and simply expected ADONAI to confirm their actions. WRONG! The lesson for us today is to seek God for His direction, only when we don't know which way to proceed in our lives. 26th August 2017

38. **Jeremiah 42:4 CJB:** ⁴ Yirmeyahu the prophet said to them: “I hear you. All right, I will **PRAY** to ADONAI your God, as you have asked. And whatever ADONAI answers you, I will tell you; I will withhold nothing from you.”

(AV: ⁴ Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will **PRAY** unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.)

Here Yirmeyahu had acquiesced to the request of the people of Y'hudah, for him to seek ADONAI on their behalf. Yirmeyahu tells them that whatever ADONAI answers the **PRAYER** on their behalf, he will tell them everything that ADONAI says in answer to that **PRAYER**. This shows that it is OK for a Believer to **PRAY** on behalf of non-Believers and that ADONAI, in His mercy will answer that **PRAYER**! What the non-Believers do in response to that answer is not the problem of the Believer, only that he must give the warning to them, as seen in **verse 13 to the end of the chapter**! If any were to ask **PRAYER**, but ignore the reply from ADONAI, then we must bear the consequences! So sad when the answer is ignored! 28-August 2017

39. **Jeremiah 42:20 CJB:** ²⁰ For you have been behaving deceitfully, against your own interests. You sent me to ADONAI your God, saying, ‘**PRAY** for us to ADONAI our God; tell us everything ADONAI our God says, and we will do it.’

(AV: ²⁰ For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, **PRAY** for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.)

Whilst the remnant of the people of Y'hudah requested Yirmeyahu to ask ADONAI for His direction for them, they had no intention of doing what He said if it didn't accord with their will! They had deceived Yirmeyahu into **PRAYING** to ADONAI. ADONAI had clearly set out to them what was going to happen to them, yet they were going to (and did) exactly what they wanted in spite of being told the consequences. The message to us today about **PRAYER** to ADONAI is simply, do not **PRAY** to ADONAI if you are only asking Him to endorse our plans and knowing that if He doesn't, then we would not obey His plans for us if they are different to our own! 30th August 2017

40. **Zechariah 7:2 CJB:** ² He sent Sar'etzer and Regem-Melekh with his men to Beit-El in order to ask ADONAI's favour,
(AV: ² when they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regem-melech, and their men, to **PRAY** before the LORD,)

The CJB says that they came "to ask ADONAI'S favour." I found it difficult to determine why, when reading the last paragraph of **chapter 6, and all chapter 7**. However, reading further **in chapter 7**, it appears that the men from the captivity were asking from wrong motives. They were asking if they should continue weeping and fasting as they had been doing? The word came to Zechariah revealing that they were justifying themselves before ADONAI, as to what they had been doing. Yet, they had omitted to perform what ADONAI expected them to do, as shown in **verse 8 and following, in the chapter**. For us today, do what ADONAI expects us to do, not come expecting to bless us for what we have been doing in self-righteousness as against what we should have been doing.
31st August 2017

41. **Zechariah 8:21 CJB:** ²¹ the inhabitants of one city will travel to another and say, "We must go to ask ADONAI's favour and consult ADONAI-Tzva'ot. I'll go too."
(AV: ²¹ and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to **PRAY** before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.)

Zechariah is relaying the words of ADONAI to the people of Y'hudah, of when the whole world will seek ADONAI. They will seek His favour, reading on to the end of **the chapter (only 2 more verses)** we see that it will be to seek His advice. Today, we should **PRAY** to ADONAI for His advice on whatever subject in which we need direction.
1st September 2017

42. **Zechariah 8:22 CJB:** ²² Yes, many peoples and powerful nations will come to consult ADONAI-Tzva'ot in Yerushalayim and to ask ADONAI's favour.'
(AV: ²² Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to **PRAY** before the LORD.)

This verse reflects **Isaiah 66:23** wherein **"²³ "Every month on Rosh-Hodesh and every week on Shabbat, everyone living will come to worship in my presence," says ADONAI.**" Whilst this is an instruction for the Jews in Temple times in **Isaiah 66:23. Zechariah 8:22** is effectively a promise of ADONAI, a prophecy that many people of many nations will come to Yerushalayim to **PRAY** to ADONAI, to seek His favour, as the CJB puts it. That means you and I. Now this is not a command, but a prediction of what will come to pass sometime in the future, maybe in the Millennium. Thank our Lord, that today, we may seek His favour where we are, and at any time, in **PRAYER**.
2nd September 2017

43. **Matthew 5:44 CJB:** ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies! **PRAY** for those who persecute you!
(*AV: ⁴⁴ But I say unto you, 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;*)

A **very interesting chapter**, giving us the way to live our lives by Yeshua Himself! The **whole chapter** is explaining how the traditions of man are NOT the way to live. In **this particular verse**, we are told to reverse the ways of men and **PRAY** for those who persecute us, not hate them (*as in verse 43*). This does not mean to **PRAY** for Yeshua (or ADONAI) to stop them persecuting you, but **PRAY** for their salvation! We are told earlier **in the chapter**, in **verses 11 & 12**, that we will be persecuted by those one might call enemies, but to rejoice when they do so. *3rd September 2017*

44. **Matthew 6:5 CJB:** ⁵ “When you **PRAY**, don’t be like the hypocrites, who love to **PRAY** standing in the synagogues and on street corners, so that people can see them. Yes! I tell you, they have their reward already!
(*AV: ⁵ And when thou **PRAYEST**, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to **PRAY** standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*)

The **first four verses of this chapter** are about not doing tzedaka (*works of charity*) openly, to show off. Similarly, **this verse** today, is about how and where we **PRAY**, we must not to do it publically, to show off. Those that do **PRAY** in that manner, as **this verse** tells us, have their reward here and now – and nothing in the “afterlife!” This begs the question of **PRAYER** Meetings within our Churches/Fellowships.... **Verse 6**, in the **next study** tells more on where and how to **PRAY**. *4th September 2017*

45. **Matthew 6:6 CJB:** ⁶ But you, when you **PRAY**, go into your room, close the door, and **PRAY** to your Father in secret. Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
(*AV: ⁶ But thou, when thou **PRAYEST**, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, **PRAY** to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*)

We are called to **PRAY** to the Father in our room with the door shut, in secret, in order that no-one knows our **PRAYERS** except you and the Father alone. That way, ADONAI who hears our **PRAYERS**, will answer them (*reward us*) in His good time and place. It is not revealed here ‘what’ we should **PRAY**, only that we should not share those **PRAYERS** with everyone else. *5th September 2017*

46. **Matthew 6:7 CJB:** ⁷“And when you **PRAY**, don’t babble on and on like the pagans, who think God will hear them better if they talk a lot
(**AV:** ⁷*But when ye **PRAY**, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*)

I sometimes I wish that I could **PRAY** like some Christians do, they seem to be able to go on and on, apparently not repeating themselves. I find that when I **PRAY** for something, after maybe 30 to about 50 words, I have run out of ways or different aspects of the subject of the **PRAYER**, to put in my request to ADONAI. Now that is all very much me, not ADONAI writing / typing, I am sure! What is the Lord telling us though? ADONAI will not answer our **PRAYERS** for the sheer quantity of words, but only by the believing heart that is behind the request. Wow! *6th September 2017*

47. **Matthew 6:9 CJB:** ⁹You, therefore, **PRAY** like this: ‘Our Father in heaven! May your Name be kept holy.
(**AV:** ⁹*After this manner therefore **PRAY** ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*)

Many would say that when we **PRAY**, we should start by giving honour and glory to Yeshua Ha’Mashiach, Father God, ADONAI, in order to acknowledge to whom we are **PRAYING**. This seems eminently correct. To me, this would preserve, as a reminder to ourselves, that we are **PRAYING** to a Holy God, hence maintaining the idea of that Holiness in our minds. From that point, we may make our praise and thanks to ADONAI and make our requests in humbleness before Him. *7th September 2017*

48. **Matthew 9:38 CJB:** ³⁸**PRAY** that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers to gather in his harvest.”
(**AV:** ³⁸***PRAY** ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*)

In **this verse**, there is an item for which we should **PRAY!** In context, this was an instruction to the Talmidim (*Disciples*), but it is just as relevant to us today, probably more so! When we look at the state of even our own country, as it is literally descending into ever deeper depravity (*with fewer and fewer people walking in the ways of ADONAI*) it is quite obvious that there is a greater than ever need for workers to go out and gather the sinners out of their sinful ways, by giving them the Gospel, that they may admit their sin, repent and accept the salvation of our God. I am as guilty in this respect, or more so, than all others! My **PRAYER** is that the Lord will change and encourage me and my attitude to personal evangelism. Amen.

8th September 2017

49. **Matthew 14:23 CJB:** ²³ After he had sent the crowds away, he went up into the hills by himself to **PRAY**. Night came on, and he was there alone.
(*AV: ²³ And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to **PRAY**: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*)

PRAYER is very important to the Lord Yeshua! So important that he wanted to be left alone, in order for Him to be with His Father, ADONAI. He sent the crowds and the Talmidim (*Disciples*) away, back across the Kinneret. Yeshua had just performed the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. I imagine that He would want to speak to the Father about that miracle, tell Him how 5 loaves (*possibly just baps, as we call them*) and 2 fish had fed over 5,000 people, share His joy with the Father over what had happened. We find that Yeshua spent a lot of time **PRAYING**, talking to the Father, ADONAI, when we **read the Scriptures!** Should we not also need to make the time to talk with our Father, ADONAI?
10th September 2017

50. **Matthew 19:13 CJB:** ¹³ Then children were brought to him so that he might lay his hands on them and **PRAY** for them, but the *talmidim* rebuked the people bringing them.
(*AV: ¹³ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and **PRAY**: and the disciples rebuked them.*)

This verse begs the question in my mind, of why the Talmidim (*Disciples*) would try to turn the children away from the Lord? However, that is not what is being studied here. Yeshua laid hands on the children and He **PRAYED** for them. Now, if the children were sick (*some might have been*) we would have been told here in **the Scripture**, so, He would probably have **PRAYED** that they would come to know Him later in their lives, as their Mashiach, their Messiah, their Lord and saviour. The message for us today is that we should **PRAY** for our own children, or all children everywhere, to come to know Yeshua as their personal saviour and Lord in all of their lives.
11th September 2017

51. **Matthew 24:20 CJB:** ²⁰ **PRAY** that you will not have to escape in winter or on *Shabbat*.
(AV: ²⁰ But **PRAY** ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day)

Not part of this study, but **verse 12** caught my eye and I had to explore it in different translations:

AKJV ¹² And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

NASB ¹² Because lawlessness is increased, ¹² most people's love will grow cold.

CJB ¹² and many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from *Torah*.

It is the progression that impressed me, we go from “**Iniquity shall abound**” and love grows cold to “**Because lawlessness is increased**” and love will grow cold – again, to “**because of increased distance from Torah**,” love will grow cold, a third time. The CJB indicates that the reason love will grow cold is because people no longer studying the Scriptures, especially the first 5 books of the Bible.

Back to **PRAYER**. This **whole chapter** is Yeshua's discourse about the “end times.” (If you have time, please read the whole chapter, where, amongst other Cross References there are **Daniel 9:27, 11:31 and 12:11**. *Daniel is an excellent book to read about the “end times.”*) We are instructed here, by Yeshua, to **PRAY** to ADONAI, Father, that if we are caught in the Tribulation, we should, in that **PRAYER**, ask that these things will not happen in winter or on a Shabbat, in order that those caught in these times will be able to more easily flee to the safe place reserved for them in the desert. This message is primarily for the Jews (*Isra'elis*) at that time. **Revelation 12:3 to 12:6** tell more about this, where the woman is, of course, Isra'el. This instruction to **PRAY** is not restricted to Isra'el, but to all believers. My apologies for the digression into **verse 12 of our chapter**. I hope it was interesting for you too. 12th September 2017

52. **Matthew 26:36 CJB:** ³⁶ Then Yeshua went with his *talmidim* to a place called Gat-Sh'manim and said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and **PRAY**.”
(AV: ³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and **PRAY** yonder.)

Once again, we see how important it was, for Yeshua to talk with (**PRAY to**) ADONAI, His Father, even when He knew He was about to die the most horrible death known to man at that time! His Talmidim (*Disciples*) still could not conceive the death of Yeshua, even though He had told them in so many words in **verse 2 of this chapter**. They were calmly celebrating the Passover (*Pesach*) Seder with Him when Yeshua shattered their peace by saying that one of the 12 would betray Him. Yeshua then instituted what we now call Communion. (*There is a way of thinking, to which I subscribe, that Communion should be a celebration of Pesach, annually...*) What is being shown in the context here, is that if Yeshua saw **PRAYER** as being so important, to talk with the Father, so should we today! Notice, however, that Yeshua usually **PRAYED** whilst alone, having either sent the Talmidim away, or He went away, leaving them where they were, as here. 13th September 2017

53. **Matthew 26:41 CJB:** ⁴¹ Stay awake, and **PRAY** that you will not be put to the test — the spirit indeed is eager, but human nature is weak.”
(AV: ⁴¹ Watch and **PRAY**, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.)

This was after Yeshua had left the Talmidim to go off on His own to talk (**PRAY**) with ADONAI, His Father, and returning to them, said the words **in this verse**. Doing so, He acknowledged that the human frame was not strong enough to overcome sleep, remember that they had all been eating and drinking wine, although their spirit wanted to stay awake and **PRAY**, as Yeshua had told them, for them not to be put to the test, the lateness of the hour, the food and the wine, all combined to overcome whatever their spirit wanted. We learn here that ADONAI and His son Yeshua are well aware of that weakness of ours, Yeshua was here pleading with the Talmidim (*and us today*) to stay awake and **PRAY** for the Father’s help and mercy to keep us away from testing. This is a message to myself especially, not to neglect to **PRAY** every night, when I go to bed!
14th September 2017

54. **Matthew 26:53 CJB:** ⁵³ Don’t you know that I can ask my Father, and He will instantly provide more than a dozen armies of angels to help me?
(AV: ⁵³ *Thinkest thou that I cannot now **PRAY** to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*)

Yeshua knew exactly what was happening and was to happen in the near (*and distant*) future. Here, to me, the CJB gives a clearer description of what ADONAI, the Father, could (*and would*) do if He were to even ask, or as the AKJV puts it, to **PRAY** to ADONAI to rescue Him from the situation. This power is also available to us when we **PRAY** to Yeshua or ADONAI when we **PRAY** in accordance with His will. Now, I feel that the Lord is saying here, that we don’t have KNOW His will precisely when we **PRAY**, but we do have to believe what we **PRAY** is in His will, if we don’t believe, then why do we **PRAY**?
16th September 2017

55. **Mark 5:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ and the people began begging Yeshua to leave their district.
(AV: ¹⁷ *And they began to **PRAY** him to depart out of their coasts.*)

Having seen the ‘happenings’ with the man who had previously been uncontrollable, now normal, and the demons which had previously possessed him, drive a whole herd of pigs into the sea, the local people were very much afraid! We see here another meaning of the word **PRAY** and also, that it isn’t always to ADONAI as such. **PRAY** here means, as shown in the CJB, to beg something of someone, in this case for Yeshua to depart from them, which He promptly did. We can see this in the very **next verse**. Yeshua doesn’t want to stay where His is not wanted. In other words, Yeshua will not force Himself on anyone, we all have free choice.
18th September 2017

56. **Mark 6:46 CJB:** ⁴⁶ After he had left them, he went into the hills to **PRAY**.
(*AV: ⁴⁶ And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to **PRAY**.)*)

Yeshua had just performed the miracle of feeding the 5,000. He then sent off the Talmidim to go ahead of Him to Beit-Tzaidah (*Bethsaida*) whilst He went, as we see in **this verse**, up into the hills to **PRAY**. There is only one to whom He would **PRAY** and that is to ADONAI, His and our Father. We do not know what He said to ADONAI, but one might say that He would offer praise to the Father for the miracle He had just performed, for the Holy Spirit, who enabled Him to do it. We do not KNOW that, of course, He may simply have had a chat with Father God, as we humans do - as a son would with his Dad. However, we can see that **PRAYER** is not always asking ADONAI for 'things' or for 'something' to happen.
21st September 2017

57. **Mark 11:24 CJB:** ²⁴ Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in **PRAYER**, trust that you are receiving it, and it will be yours.
(*AV: ²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye **PRAY**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*)

This is a question of how much faith or trust that we have! In the **previous verse**, Yeshua tells the Talmidim, the disciples, that **"Yes! I tell you that whoever does not doubt in his heart but trusts that what he says will happen can say to this mountain, 'Go and throw yourself into the sea!' and it will be done for him."** This kind of faith is obtained from ADONAI Himself. So, before we **PRAY** for something, we should ask ADONAI for (*obviously to know His will first*) the faith that He will answer our **PRAYER**.
22nd September 2017

58. **Mark 13:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ **PRAY** that it may not happen in winter.
(*AV: ¹⁸ And **PRAY** ye that your flight be not in the winter.*)

This verse is meaningless without reading the whole chapter, at least up to **verse 27**. Yeshua was telling the Talmidim what was to happen during the time of Ya'akov's Trouble, otherwise known as the Tribulation. Yeshua explained some of the terrible things would happen to the Jews in that time! Hence, in that time, there will be a very great urgency to get away from Yerushalayim, so His advice was to **PRAY** to ADONAI, that it doesn't happen in winter. Since amongst many other problems, the people would need winter clothing, for which they would not have had the time to collect, and there would be many other problems, like travelling in snow. Here, then, we see that there are times when we should not only **PRAY** for something to happen, but also for the timing of that happening.
23rd September 2017

59. **Mark 13:33 CJB:** ³³ Stay alert! Be on your guard! For you do not know when the time will come.

(AV: ³³ Take ye heed, watch and **PRAY**: for ye know not when the time is.)

This verse is in a paragraph, **verses 28 to 33**, where Yeshua was telling His Talmidim more of the signs that will happen before He returns. **Verse 28** is of the return of the people of Isra'el to the land sworn to them - Avraham, Yitz'chak and Isra'el (*Ya'akov*) back in **Genesis 12:7, 26:3, 28:5, 35:12**, amongst others. This happened, formally, with the re-establishment of the State of Isra'el in May 1948. Thus, as we do stay alert and on our guard, as Yeshua instructed, we see that we are ever closer to the return of Yeshua. We must **PRAY** that we are not ignorant of this sign and the others to follow, and their meaning!

24th September 2017

60. **Mark 14:32 CJB:** ³² They went to a place called Gat Sh'manim; and Yeshua said to his *talmidim*, "Sit here while I **PRAY**."

(AV: ³² And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall **PRAY**.)

At his point, Yeshua knew exactly what was before Him, not only the terrible drawn out pain of Crucifixion, but for the first and only time in all Eternity, He would be separated from ADONAI, His Father, for 72 hours! Yeshua told them He was going to **PRAY**. We know it was to ask ADONAI if there is anyway this situation could be avoided, but that He would submit to the Will of ADONAI. What a dilemma! We know, of course, that Yeshua did submit to the Father's plan and took all our sins down to Hell with Him – leaving them there! As so often, Yeshua went off on His own, to **PRAY**. Once again, we see that it is good to be on our own when we **PRAY**.

25th September 2017

61. **Mark 14:38 CJB:** ³⁸ Stay awake, and **PRAY** that you will not be put to the test — the spirit indeed is eager, but human nature is weak."

(AV: ³⁸ Watch ye and **PRAY**, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.)

In **this verse**, Yeshua specifically told the Talmidim for what to **PRAY**, that they "**would not be put to the test**." Sometimes, the Lord does this, and we have to be (*spiritually*) awake enough to hear Him! Then having heard, to obey. Yeshua, in **this verse**, is acknowledging that we are only human and need sleep. 26th September 2017

62. **Luke 6:12 CJB:** ¹² It was around that time that Yeshua went out to the hill country to **PRAY**, and all night he continued in **PRAYER** to God.
(**AV:** ¹² *And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to **PRAY**, and continued all night in **PRAYER** to God.*)

What would Yeshua have been, in our terms, **PRAYING** about all night? The question is posed simply because in our limited minds, **PRAYER** is to bring some praise to ADONAI and then present our list of thanks and requests. Yeshua, would have been simply talking or chatting with ADONAI, His and our Father, as might a grown up son to his dad. How we have had it wrong for so many decades, I can imagine Yeshua telling His Dad something like: “did you see the way the minds of those P’rushim (*Pharisees*) worked, they are so tied up in their interpretation of the Scriptures (*which is **always** referring to the Old Testament when used in the New Testament!!!*) that they have forgotten the underlying meaning or purpose.” When we **PRAY**, our Father is longing for us just to talk to Him, tell Him things happening in our lives, as a son to his dad, not just bring a “shopping list” of requests. I must confess that most of my **PRAYER** life has been just that “shopping list,” Hence, **I must change!!!** How the meaning of **PRAYER** is changed by the **last 4 words in this verse!** To better understand the meaning of **PRAYER**, change “to” to “with.”

27th September 2017

63. **Luke 6:28 CJB:** ²⁸ bless those who curse you, **PRAY** for those who mistreat you.
(**AV:** ²⁸ *bless them that curse you, and **PRAY** for them which despitefully use you.*)

Yeshua had just finished what one might call “a healing and driving out demons” session. His Talmidim (*disciples*) and many others from all around the area were there, listening to His every word. In His discourse, is **this verse**. Now He gave what must have seemed astounding teaching and even today, it is astounding! It is an instruction to us today. **PRAY** for those who curse you and mistreat you. WOW! It is and will continue to be difficult to do, since our first human reaction is to say something like “I’ll get you back for that!” WE must always remember that ADONAI does not react like that, even when we “poke Him in the eye.” We must learn to suppress our natural feelings and **PRAY** for all those who oppress or attack us in any way, reacting in a Godly way always, allowing the Holy Spirit to run our lives.

28th September 2017

64. **Luke 9:28 CJB:** ²⁸ About a week after Yeshua said these things, he took Kefa, Yochanan and Ya'akov with him and went up to the hill country to **PRAY**.
(*AV: ²⁸ And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to **PRAY**.*)

This time, Yeshua took Kefa, Yochanan and Ya'akov with Him to **PRAY**. However, the 3 Talmidim (*disciples*) fell asleep (*again!*). Yeshua **PRAYED** and as He did so, His appearance changed, then Moshe and Eliyahu were with Him. These 2 spoke of what was shortly to happen to Yeshua in Yerushalayim. Then the 3 Talmidim awoke, saw the Glory and Moshe and Eliyahu with Yeshua. Once again, we do not know of what Yeshua was speaking to ADONAI His Father, only the result, which was His glorification, in no uncertain terms. What is apparent is that effectively, Yeshua was once more **PRAYING** alone, since the Talmidim were asleep! 29th September 2017

65. **Luke 10:2 CJB:** ² He said to them, “To be sure, there is a large harvest. But there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the Harvest that he speed workers out to gather in his harvest.
(*AV: ² Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: **PRAY** ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*)

In **this chapter**, Yeshua was sending out the workers into the “fields” (*i.e. Isra'el*) to spread the Gospel in order to bring people into His Kingdom. The CJB says the 70 were to plead with Him, the Lord of the harvest, to “**speed workers out to gather in his harvest**” and we should note that He didn't send them out alone, but in pairs! We see then that we are to **PRAY** that ADONAI would send out the workers to spread the Gospel, acknowledging that He might be sending you and me! 30th September 2017

66. **Luke 11:1 CJB:** ¹One time Yeshua was in a certain place **PRAYING**. As he finished, one of the *talmidim* said to him, “Sir, teach us to **PRAY**, just as Yochanan taught his *talmidim*.”
(*AV: ¹And it came to pass, that, as he was **PRAYING** in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to **PRAY**, as John also taught his disciples.*)

Yeshua taught His Talmidim (*disciples*) and us, to **PRAY**, as in the “Lord's **PRAYER**” that follows. If only this were not repeated so often as a mantra, I'm sure that Yeshua meant it as a pattern, not as something just to be repeated ad nauseam. Personally, I think of **John 17** as the **PRAYER** that the Lord made (*the real Lord's **PRAYER***) even that should be not be repeated, over and over again either. The pattern I see in the “Lord's **PRAYER**” is that we should start any **PRAYER** by praising ADONAI and acknowledging His holiness, then present our needs and wishes to Him, especially to confessing our sins and ask forgiveness. Looking at the **second part of the verse**, it does leave one wondering how and in what way Yochanan taught his talmidim to **PRAY**?
2nd October 2017

67. **Luke 11:2 CJB:** ² He said to them, “When you **PRAY**, say: ‘Father, May your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come.
(*AV: ² And he said unto them, When ye **PRAY**, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*)

Yeshua here tells His Talmidim (*disciples*) “When you **PRAY**, say.....” Here, I could almost copy at this point, the study above, but what is the Lord saying here? He is saying that the first thing to remember (*and say*) is that we must keep the name of the Father, ADONAI, sanctified, Holy, above all else. This is, as said, is to remind ourselves of that supreme Holiness, He is not, as some would have it, “God allmately!” Having said that, we must remember that His Kingdom is eternal and the promise to mankind, is that His Kingdom WILL come and we must **PRAY** (*ask*) for the help of Yeshua to be ready for that event. This, of course, begs the question of how do we get ready for that event, but I feel that question is outside the scope of these studies into **PRAYER**, as such. It is interesting to note the difference, at the end of the 2 translations of the verse quoted above. 5th October 2017

68. **Luke 18:1 CJB:** Then Yeshua told his *talmidim* a parable, in order to impress on them that they must always keep **PRAYING** and not lose heart.
(*AV: ¹ And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to **PRAY**, and not to faint;*)

In the end of **the previous chapter**, Yeshua had been telling His Talmidim of what will happen on the day of the Rapture (*now there are many who argue against there being any Rapture*). In **our verse above**, Yeshua is urging His Talmidim, to always keep **PRAYING** and not give up. He did this by means of a parable, which is related **following this verse**. Yeshua is not, in **our verse**, saying what to **PRAY**, but by implication **in the context** before and after **our verse**, it is to **PRAY** that we will be ready for the Rapture when it happens, worthy, in Yeshua’s eyes, to be raised up to Heaven. This, make no mistake, does not imply lethargy, but constantly seeking out areas in our lives that need to be confessed to Yeshua and then repented, seeking the Lord’s help in those **PRAYERS**. 6th October 2017

69. **Luke 18:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the Temple to **PRAY**, one a *Parush* and the other a tax-collector.
(*AV: ¹⁰ Two men went up into the temple to **PRAY**; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.*)

Oh boy! What a lesson for us in this passage! One **MUST** read the whole passage, **verses 9 to 14**, to understand what the Lord was telling His Talmidim. Here we see that it is not so much what we **PRAY** but the attitude behind it! “Humility is the name of the game.” We must be honest before God when we **PRAY** to Him. Self-righteousness, as displayed by the Parush in this parable, will not get our **PRAYERS** answered. 7th October 2017

70. **Luke 21:36 CJB:** ³⁶ Stay alert, always **PRAYING** that you will have the strength to escape all the things that will happen and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.”

*(AV: 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.)*

What Yeshua is saying **in this chapter**, is warning of all the terrible things that are going to happen in the end times and told of some of the signs (*things that will take place*) before the Tribulation arrives. **In our verse**, Yeshua is telling His Talmidim to keep their eyes open, watching for the signs (*and are they not happening today with all the evil around us now, with Homosexuality rampant and abortions, to name but two*) and to be ready, **PRAYING** to Him to be ready ourselves, for the Tribulations when it comes and to have the strength to escape that time. 8th October 2017

71. **Luke 22:40 CJB:** ⁴⁰ When he arrived, he said to them, “**PRAY** that you won’t be put to the test.”

*(AV: ⁴⁰ And when he was at the place, he said unto them, **PRAY** that ye enter not into temptation.)*

It would be good to read this **whole chapter**, in order to understand the complete situation surrounding the final night of Yeshua as a man, certainly down **to verse 62**. Knowing what was about to happen, He told His Talmidim (*disciples*) to **PRAY** that they would not be put to the test, to be tempted. Yeshua knew only too well, that they were subject to human failings! This **PRAYER** was not just for this one occasion but for all the rest of their lives – AND ours too. We must remember to **PRAY** this continually throughout our lives – not easy. 10th October 2017

72. **Luke 22:46 CJB:** ⁴⁶ He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and **PRAY** that you won’t be put to the test!”

*(AV: ⁴⁶ and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and **PRAY**, lest ye enter into temptation.)*

Oh dear, the Talmidim (*disciples*) had not been able to grasp what was to happen within the hour! They still did not comprehend why Yeshua was there, or that Yeshua was going to die an awful death on the “cross,” nor even why He had to die. Again, **in our verse** here, Yeshua was instructing them to **PRAY** that they would not be tested, not beyond their endurance at least! Yeshua knew what was going to happen to each of them, that most were going to die for Him and also that Shim’on (*Peter*) was going to deny three times that he knew or was even associated with Yeshua, as he was told **in verse 34** of **this chapter**. Here we have the lesson for each and every one of us, and it is that we too must **PRAY** to ADONAI that we will not fail Him in the time of our testing that will surely come. Amen! 17th October 2017

73. **John 14:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counsellor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever
(*AV: ¹⁶ And I will **PRAY** the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*)

Never realised before, **this verse** is conditioned by the **previous verse**: “**If you love me, you will keep my commands,**” also, in our verse, Yeshua is telling His Talmidim (*disciples*) that the Father will send a “**comforting Counsellor like Him, the Spirit of Truth.**” Never saw it before, but this is a **personal** Counsellor and Spirit of Truth, not one to, sort of, be a blanket cover over ever believer! This is because Yeshua Himself will ask, **PRAY** to the Father for that to happen for each individual one of us. The word “discernment” comes to mind here, we shall be able, knowing all truth in our spirit, be able to discern the truth of statements, actions and situations! **WOW!** This is for each one of us individually. Hallelujah! We see here that when Yeshua **PRAYS** to ADONAI, whatever He requests, **PRAYS** for, will happen. *21st October 2017*

74. **John 16:26 CJB:** ²⁶ When that day comes, you will ask in my name. I am not telling you that I will **PRAY** to the Father on your behalf,
(*AV: ²⁶ At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will **PRAY** the Father for you:*)

What Yeshua is saying here is that He will no longer **PRAY** to the Father on our behalf, but that we should ask the Father in Yeshua’s name and the Father will hear that **PRAYER** directly from us, Yeshua will not be asking on our behalf. We have direct access to the Father when we ask in the name of Yeshua, no more intermediary needed, not Yeshua nor anyone nor any other person or thing. **WOW!** What a privilege!
22nd October 2017

75. **John 17:9 CJB:** ⁹ “I am **PRAYING** for them. I am not **PRAYING** for the world, but for those you have given to me, because they are yours.
(*AV: ⁹ I **PRAY** for them: I **PRAY** not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*)

A long gap since I last did this Bible study, as I have been away in Isra’el, to celebrate the centenary of the Balfour Declaration (*2nd of November*) and sorting myself out upon return. This whole **chapter 17** is the real “**Lord’s PRAYER,**” the one He actually did **PRAY**. The other one, commonly known as the Lord’s **PRAYER**, is the pattern He gave us of how we should pray. In **our verse** today, Yeshua is re-iterating to the Father that His **PRAYER** here was for His disciples, given to Him by the Father, and not for the world’s people, those who would never accept the Truth. The Triune God knows those who would not reject Him, since He knows the decisions each one of us would (*and will*) make in our free will that He has given to each one of us. Thank you Lord, Yeshua, that even now, You are praying for each and every one of us who accept Your truth, Your Word. Hallelujah!
18th of November 2017

76. **John 17:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ I don't ask you to take them out of the world, but to protect them from the Evil One.
(AV: ¹⁵ I **PRAY** not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.)

Yeshua here is asking the Father, ADONAI, to keep us believers in the world as long as we live, but to keep us safe from the world, which is the evil one – Ha'Satan (*Hebrew name, in English – The Adversary*). **Matthew 5:13** tells us that we are salt in the world. My Crudens Concordance describes salt ... “they used it as an antidote to the effects of the heat of the climate on animal food ... Salt symbolizes hospitality, durability and purity.” We then, are to be the antidote to the evil in the world! This is why we are to remain in the world, as Yeshua asked the Father – **PRAYED** to Him as in our **verse today**.
20th November 2017

77. **John 17:20 CJB:** ²⁰ “I **PRAY** not only for these, but also for those who will trust in me because of their word
(AV: ²⁰ Neither **PRAY** I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;)

When reading **this chapter** and approaching **this verse**, I could feel a rising sense of excitement. I realised that not only is Yeshua **PRAYING** for me (*and you reading this*) in Heaven, but He was actually **PRAYING** for me (*and you reading this*) about 2,000 years ago! He actually **PRAYED** for me (*and you reading this*) long before we even existed! This is almost mind-boggling, that I (*and you reading this*) am/are so important to Yeshua, that even as He made His way to the Cross, He would **PRAY** for you and I when He was **PRAYING** for His disciples. Oh wonderful God, how are you to be praised for such a **PRAYER** at such a time as that! Thank you Father God,
ADONAI, Yeshua.
9th December 2017

78. **Acts 8:22 CJB:** ²² So repent of this wickedness of yours, and **PRAY** to the Lord. Perhaps you will yet be forgiven for holding such a thought in your heart.
(AV: ²² Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and **PRAY** God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.)

Whilst Kefa was telling Shim'on to repent of the wickedness in his heart, he told him that perhaps the Lord would forgive him. He was to **PRAY** to the Lord asking for that forgiveness. After Kefa had exposed the content of Shim'on's heart, Shim'on asked Kefa to **PRAY** for to the Lord for him to avoid the consequences of what he had done. Thank ADONAI that when we accept Yeshua as Lord and saviour, as had Shim'on (*verse 13*) all our sins are forgiven, past, present and future. What we learn in this passage is that we may still suffer the consequences, hence Shim'on's request that Kefa **PRAY** to the Lord that he might avoid those consequences. We are not told either: if Kefa did **PRAY** as requested; or if those consequences were avoided. We cannot expect to have a “smooth life” just because we become believers –look at Kefa, look at Stephen – these and many others killed in a dreadful way for their belief. So why should we think that we shall avoid all pain and disgrace. *13th December 2017*

79. **Acts 8:24 CJB:** ²⁴ Shim'on answered, "**PRAY** to the Lord for me, so that none of the things you have spoken about will happen to me."
(*AV: ²⁴ Then answered Simon, and said, **PRAY** ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.*)

Shimon had just been told by Kefa in **verse 22** (see the previous Study) to repent and **PRAY** to the Lord for forgiveness, but in **our verse**, we see that Shimon immediately asked Kefa to **PRAY** for him. We are not told either, if Kefa did **PRAY** for him, or if Shimon was forgiven. If we can only assume, that if he did as he was told, then he would have been forgiven. It must be noted however, that Kefa told him that repentance was an essential part of the process of forgiveness and that is the part of which we do not know if he did or not.

29th of March 2018

80. **Acts 10:9 CJB:** ⁹ The next day about noon, while they were still on their way and approaching the city, Kefa went up onto the roof of the house to **PRAY**.
(*AV: ⁹ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to **PRAY** about the sixth hour:*)

Now why would Kefa have gone up onto the roof to **PRAY**? Could have been for privacy or to be nearer ADONAI. What I feel the Lord is saying to me just now, is that a Tannery is very smelly and Kefa may have escaped the smell by going up upon the roof of the house (*just what came to me*). Back to Kefa's **PRAYER**, we know not for what or why Kefa went up to the roof to **PRAY**, but that the Lord had His purpose for that time. The Lord gave Kefa a vision and spoke to him about the vision. It was the Lord's timing to have Kefa know that he was to have no problem in going to a Gentile's home and speaking to the household about Yeshua, even though going in there was not "Kosher" for him! So Kefa obeyed the Lord and went to the home of a Gentile.

30th of March 2018

81. **Romans 8:26 CJB:** ²⁶ Similarly, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we don't know how to **PRAY** the way we should. But the Spirit himself pleads on our behalf with groanings too deep for words;
(*AV: ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: 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.*)

Speaking for myself, where **our verse** says about our **PRAYING**, it is quite correct. Many people I have met seem to be able to **PRAY** about one thing for several minutes, apparently without repeating themselves, I run out of words in only seconds or a minute or so. However, I, we, have assurance, **in this verse**, that the Ruach HaKodesh (*the Holy Spirit*) however inadequate as we feel our **PRAYERS** to be, that Holy Spirit is interpreting those **PRAYERS** to ADONAI! We do not need to worry (*not that we should worry about anything, as believers*) if our **PRAYERS** are "getting through" to ADONAI. **This verse** gives us that reassurance.

31st of March 2018

82. **1 Corinthians 11:13 CJB:** ¹³ Decide for yourselves: is it appropriate for a woman to **PRAY** to God when she is unveiled?
(AV: ¹³ Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman **PRAY** unto God uncovered?)

Here we must read **this verse** in context and the context is authority in Messiah. This is shown in **verses 1 to 16**. Amongst other things in **this passage**, a man should not wear his hair long, nor a woman wear her hair short, much less shaved! Having set the “scene” here, if a woman would **PRAY** or prophecy, her head should be veiled. This veiling is to show that she is under the authority of a man, as also the man is under the authority of the Messiah. It is obvious in **this passage** that the subject matter of the **PRAYER** is not the point, just that the man must show that he is under the authority of Messiah by having his head not covered, and the woman has her head covered to demonstrate that she is under the authority of her husband. Curiously, this passage does not deal with single or widowed women as such. *1st of April 2018*

83. **1 Corinthians 14:13 CJB:** ¹³ Therefore someone who speaks in a tongue should **PRAY** for the power to interpret.
(AV: ¹³ Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue **PRAY** that he may interpret.)

Shaul, having enthused about the gifts of the Ruach HaKodesh and spoken a lot about the one gift: speaking in Tongues, here **in this verse today**, gives instruction that the person so doing should **PRAY** for the power, the gift, to interpret the Tongue. **In verse 5 of this passage**, Shaul says that someone in the congregation may be able to give the interpretation of the message given in a Tongue. **In our verse today**, Shaul gives the specific subject for which the one speaking in a Tongue should **PRAY**. This is one of the places in Scripture where we are given specific guidance of that for which we should **PRAY**. *2nd of April 2018*

84. **1 Corinthians 14:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ For if I **PRAY** in a tongue, my spirit does **PRAY**, but my mind is unproductive.
(AV: ¹⁴ For if I **PRAY** in an unknown tongue, my spirit **PRAYETH** but my understanding is unfruitful.)

Here we have both **PRAY** and **PRAYETH** in the AV. Shaul is saying, in **this chapter**, that **PRAYING** in Tongues is speaking to ADONAI and we ourselves don't know what is being said, but our spirit and the Ruach HaKodesh does. The implication here is that Tongues is mainly for personal use rather than in the congregation, where we don't know if anyone present has the gift of interpretation. Thank you Father, that when I run out of words to use to **PRAY** about anything, we can revert to **PRAYING** in Tongues. Hallelujah! Amen. *3rd of April 2018*

85. **1 Corinthians 14:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ So, what about it? I will **PRAY** with my spirit, but I will also **PRAY** with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

(AV: ¹⁵ *What is it then? I will **PRAY** with the spirit, and I will **PRAY** with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*)

Shaul is telling us here that **PRAYING** or singing in Tongues does not exclude **PRAYING** or singing in our minds – in English in our case. Or vice-versa, since the Lord hears both. He is telling us that both are equally valid, but how can anyone say Amen at the end of a **PRAYER** or singing in Tongues, when no-one know what was said? In **verse 18**, Shaul gives thanks to God for the gifts of tongues and that he uses the gift more than anyone, but in **verse 19** cautions that common sense should be exercised when used in a congregation. 4th of April 2018

86. **2 Corinthians 5:20 CJB:** ²⁰ Therefore we are ambassadors of the Messiah; in effect, God is making his appeal through us. What we do is appeal on behalf of the Messiah, “Be reconciled to God!

(AV: ²⁰ *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we **PRAY** you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.*)

So, to **PRAY** in this context, is to appeal, or beseech. In ancient days, the word **PRAY** was often used in this way, but not in use outside the Church. In this case, it is for each of us, by this appeal, on behalf of Yeshua Ha’Mashiach, to be reconciled to ADONAI, God. **This chapter** is written to the members of the Church (*Messianic Fellowship*) in Corinth, who had been going somewhat astray from God’s purposes. Come back to ADONAI and His ways is the plea of Shaul here. 6th of April 2018

87. **2 Corinthians 13:7 CJB:** ⁷ And we **PRAY** to God that you will do nothing wrong. We are not concerned with our appearing successful, but with your doing what is right, even if we appear to be failures

(AV: ⁷ *Now I **PRAY** to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates*)

Shaul, in **this verse** before us, is here **PRAYING** that the Corinthians Church (*Messianic Fellowship*) will keep doing what is right from ADONAI’s perspective (*or in His eyes*). So what do we learn about **PRAYING** here? We see that it is right and proper to **PRAY** for others, for them to do what is right, and not do wrong, that by God’s standards. Shaul goes on in **verse 9c** to **PRAY** for their perfection – as we also should **PRAY** for each other. 7th of April 2018

88. **Philippians 1:9 CJB:** ⁹ And this is my **PRAYER**: that your love may more and more overflow in fullness of knowledge and depth of discernment, *(AV: ⁹ And this I **PRAY**, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;)*

Shaul is **PRAYING** for the Philippian believers for their love to grow more and more in knowledge (*not meaning worldly knowledge!*) and the deeper ability to discern between Spirits (*Holy, Godly or evil*). Shaul had, **in earlier verses 3 to 6** been praising the Philippians for the way in which they proclaimed the Gospel (*Good News*), yet he felt the need to **PRAY** for more for them from ADONAI. So what do I learn about **PRAYER** in this passage? One thing is that we may always need **PRAYER**, another is that the **PRAYER** needs to be specific (*no more or the “God bless Mummy and Daddy” type*) another is that we need to have our knowledge of the Scriptures (*Only the Old Testament, wherever the word is mentioned in either Testaments!!!*) increased and we need to learn to exercise more the Spiritual Gift of Discernment. Much is written about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, including the Gift of Discernment, **in 1 Corinthians 1 verses 6, 7** and, of course, **in chapter 12**, what they are and in the exercising of them. *8th of April 2018*

89. **Colossians 1:9 CJB:** ⁹ Therefore, from the day we heard of it, we have not stopped **PRAYING** for you, asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will in all the wisdom and understanding which the Spirit gives; *(AV: ⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to **PRAY** for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;)*

This is one place in the Bible where I struggle to accept the literal truth - of **this verse**. Shaul is saying that “**we have not stopped PRAYING for you**” (*CJB*) or “**we also, do not cease to PRAY for you**” (*AV*) as, in my mere human understanding, Shaul must have **PRAYED** for others, slept, eaten and other diversions of the believer’s life. That is my problem which I must give to ADONAI.

However, leaving that aside, what the Lord is saying here to us, is that as in Shaul’s example, we should always **PRAY** for each other. **Our verse** says “**Therefore, from the day we heard of it,**” Shaul continued to **PRAY** for the believers in Colosse. This begs the question of why “therefore?” The answer is found if one reads **the first 8 verses of this chapter**. May **we** be worthy of such praise! Amen. *9th of April 2018*

90. **1 Thessalonians 5:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ **PRAY** regularly. *(AV: ¹⁷ **PRAY** without ceasing.)*

What a **brilliant verse**, often used as a “**stand-alone**” **verse** to believers. However, in its context, we are told of much for which we should **PRAY**, for instance, the very **next verse** tells us to remember to give thanks - in every situation. In **the previous verses**, whilst the WORD doesn’t say **PRAY** for this or that specifically, but gives pointers for what to **PRAY**: for ourselves never to repay evil with evil; for ourselves to be led to do good to each other; to help us to be always joyful; for those who are discipling us; to be ready for the day of the Lord, and many more things. Hallelujah! *10th of April 2018*

91. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 CJB:** ²³ May the God of *shalom* make you completely holy — may your entire spirit, soul and body be kept blameless for the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

(*AV: ²³ 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.*)

Here in the CJB, Shaul is asking ADONAI, which is a form of **PRAYING**, for Him to make us Holy and for our whole spirit, soul and body to be kept blameless until the resurrection, the coming of our Lord. So, to repeat, to **PRAY** is here shown to be making a request to ADONAI, which in this case is for someone other than the one **PRAYING**, not just for oneself. 11th of April 2018

92. **2 Thessalonians 1:11 CJB:** ¹¹ With this in view, we always **PRAY** for you that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfil by his power every good purpose of yours and every action stemming from your trust.

(*AV: 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:*)

Shaul **PRAYS** always for those, in this case the Thessalonians. Since he uses the term, “we,” there must be others with him and may be corporate **PRAYER**. That is not the main point here, it is that as he is doing, we should also **PRAY** for our brothers-in-Messiah, not only those in our own Fellowship or Church, but for those of whom we only hear and never see. Shaul says elsewhere that we should imitate him and this is an example to follow. For myself, I have difficulty in remembering ALL those for whom we are exhorted to **PRAY** and admit to only succeed a little. However, we are here exhorted to **PRAY** more specifically: “**that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfil by his power every good purpose of yours and every action stemming from your trust.**” This is much more than just asking ADONAI for healing and restoration or upholding and blessing, it calls for dedication on our part! Please help me Lord, to remember and to do this. Amen. 12th of April 2018

93. **2 Thessalonians 3:1 CJB:** ¹ Finally, brothers, **PRAY** for us that the Lord’s message may spread rapidly and receive honour, just as it did with you;

(*AV: Finally, brethren, **PRAY** for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:*)

In **this last chapter** of this second letter to the believers in Thessalonica, there is Shaul’s final exhortation to them. Shaul and those with him were evangelists and constitute the “we” in this case. He is asking the brothers in Thessalonica to **PRAY** for them and for their work in spreading the Gospel, and that the message may be received and with honour, even as it did when they received it. So **PRAYER** here is to request the brothers in Thessalonica to **PRAY** for “we,” and their work. Likewise, we should **PRAY** for the evangelists of our day. 13th of April 2018

94. **1 Timothy 2:8 CJB:** ⁸Therefore, it is my wish that when the men **PRAY**, no matter where, they should lift up hands that are holy — they should not become angry or get into arguments.

(AV: ⁸*I will therefore that men **PRAY** every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*)

One thing shown here is that the place where **PRAYER** is offered is not restricted by time or place. We may **PRAY** anywhere and at any time. Our **PRAYER** may be out loud, under our breath or in our mind, ADONAI hears them all. One thing here stipulated, is that we should lift up holy hands – not often seen to be done. So what are holy hands? **The verse** continues by telling us that we must not become angry or argumentative. These, it would seem, render our hands unholy, but I am sure that other things, words or actions would have the same effect. How is it that when we pray in Church or elsewhere, we always are exhorted “every eye closed, every head bowed.” How could we lift up holy hands like that? 14th of April 2018

95. **2 Timothy 4:16 CJB:** ¹⁶The first time I had to present my defence, no one stood by me; everyone deserted me — may it not be counted against them.
(AV: ¹⁶At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I **PRAY** God that it may not be laid to their charge.*)

There was a saying in my childhood: “*Nobody loves me, everybody hates me, I think I’ll go and eat worms.*” Sha’ul must have been feeling a bit like this when he wrote this letter to Timothy, BUT he turned to the Lord, he didn’t let the situation get him down! He knew that Yeshua was with him and in the **next verse**, we see that the Lord gave him “**power to proclaim the full message**” to the Goyim. In the AV, we see that Sha’ul **PRAYED** that the Lord would not count their desertion against them. It would not seem that all those that did leave Shaul there were enemies of his, but he still **PRAYED** for them for their good. So too must we **PRAY** for those who were friends, but have left us alone in whatever we are doing for the Lord. 15th of April 2018

96. **Hebrews 13:18 CJB:** ¹⁸Keep **PRAYING** for us, for we are certain that we have a clear conscience and want to conduct ourselves properly in everything we do.

(AV: ¹⁸***PRAY** for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.*)

It is not known who wrote **the letter to the Hebrews**, many think it may have been Shaul. Who-ever did, is here exhorting the Jews in the Diaspora to continue to **PRAY** for the writer(s) of this letter, for them “**to conduct ourselves properly in everything we do.**” The context of **this verse** is **PRAY** for the writer(s) to keep doing good and living an honest life, writing in **earlier verses** of brotherly love, loving outsiders, honourable in marriage, not loving money, respecting our leaders, reflecting the love of God, sharing with others and many other desirable attributes of the true Christian life. All this is to live the true Christian life. 16th of April 2018

97. **James 5:13 CJB:** ¹³ Is someone among you in trouble? He should **PRAY**. Is someone feeling good? He should sing songs of praise.
(*AV: ¹³ Is any among you afflicted? let him **PRAY**. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.*)

In trouble or afflicted? Any sort of trouble or affliction? We see **in this verse** that the answer to trouble of any sort, is **PRAYER**. This is not a plea to anyone for help, but to ADONAI Himself and no-one else. He alone can really help us in our trouble! He may take us out of our troubles or He may be with us **in** those troubles, and help us cope in the troubling situation, as He walks us through them. ADONAI may even have caused us to have the trouble, in order to teach us something. Which-ever way, the answer is to **PRAY** to Him, to seek the way out, or the way through those troubles. Seek Him for the answer.
17th of April 2018

98. **James 5:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ Is someone among you ill? He should call for the elders of the congregation. They will **PRAY** for him and rub olive oil on him in the name of the Lord.
(*AV: ¹⁶ Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and **PRAY** for each other, so that you may be healed. The **PRAYER** of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*)

Here we see one of the functions of the Elders in the Church, to **PRAY** for the sick to be healed. We also note here that it is the sick(!) that are to call for the Elders to **PRAY** for him. It is seen here that there is a big difference in the translation of the second part of **this verse**. The second translation used for each of these Bible studies is the AKJV (*Authorised King James Version*) and looking at several translations in www.biblegateway.com, the AKJV is the only one that does not mention the anointing with oil (*interesting, as John MacKay, CreationResearch, would say*). So, we see that the Elders should not only **PRAY** for the sick person, but anoint him with Olive Oil (*specifically*). The second part of **the verse** today is also echoed in **verse 16**, a reminder that the **PRAYER** of a righteous person is powerful and effective. So when the Elders **PRAY** and anoint with Olive Oil, we should expect to see a healing. *18th of April 2018*

99. **James 5:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and **PRAY** for each other, so that you may be healed. The **PRAYER** of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
(*AV: ¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and **PRAY** one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent **PRAYER** of a righteous man availeth much.*)

We see in **this verse** that we should be open to one another acknowledging our sins and we should thus **PRAY** for each other, that we may be healed and when confessed (*to the Lord*) our sins may be forgiven. We also see in **this verse**, the second part, the well-known Scripture, "**The PRAYER of a righteous person is powerful and effective,**" and this is true. So, who is this righteous person? It is the one who has confessed their sins and repented of them before the Lord.
19th of April 2018

100. **1 John 5:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin that does not lead to death, he will ask; and God will give him life for those whose sinning does not lead to death. There is sin that does lead to death; I am not saying he should **PRAY** about that.

*(AV: ¹⁶ If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall **PRAY** for it.)*

Wow! This is a hard one, since there is much conjecture about what IS this “**sin that does lead to death,**” and here is not the place in which to speculate. In **this verse**, the subject for which we should not **PRAY** is the one known as the “unforgivable sin.” If we do not know what comprises this sin, this makes it difficult to know how and when and for whom we should **PRAY**. As I sit here at my PC, I am not hearing anything from the Lord..... I can only imagine that rejection of Yeshua Ha’Mashiach and remaining in that way into Death’s arms is unforgivable, but that is speculation on my part. Oh Lord????

20th of April 2018

PRAYED

101. **Genesis 20:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Avraham **PRAYED** to God, and God healed Avimelekh and his wife and slave-girls, so that they could have children.
(**KJV:** ¹⁷ So Abraham **PRAYED** unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.)

So, Avraham **PRAYED** to ADONAI for Avimalekh, for his wife and all the slave girls, that they might have children. The surprising thing in this passage is that ADONAI spoke to whom Avraham had thought to be a pagan (*king*) who immediately confessed and repented of what he had done in taking Sarah into his palace. His repentance and restitution, correcting the wrong he had done, caused Avraham to **PRAY** for him, a **PRAYER** which was answered quickly. ADONAI saw what Avimelekh had responded immediately to the warning he had been given. Oh, that every one of us did that when warned by ADONAI, that we even heard it. Amen!
21st of April 2018

102. **Numbers 11:2 CJB:** ² Then the people cried to Moshe, Moshe **PRAYED** to ADONAI, and the fire abated.
(**KJV:** ² And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses **PRAYED** unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.)

Verse 1 tells us that “the people began complaining about their hardships....” This greatly upset ADONAI! They had just come out of slavery in Egypt and they were here complaining about hardship? So ungrateful! ADONAI was so very angry He sent fire to consume the outskirts of the camp, so much so, that the people were terrified and cried to Moshe, who **PRAYED** to ADONAI to stop the fire – which He did. We see here that they did not **PRAY** themselves, when they were in great trouble. We also note that the people of God’s chosen nation had not developed any sort of personal relationship with ADONAI for themselves and only called upon Moshe for help.
22nd of April 2018

103. **Numbers 21:7 CJB:** ⁷ The people came to Moshe and said, “We sinned by speaking against ADONAI and against you. **PRAY** to ADONAI that he rid us of these snakes.” Moshe **PRAYED** for the people,
(**KJV:** ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; **PRAY** unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses **PRAYED** for the people.)

Again, we see that the Isra’elis had no relationship yet with ADONAI, for they asked Moshe to **PRAY** for them to ADONAI to rid them of the snakes. The snakes had been sent by ADONAI because the Isra’elis had spoken against God and Moshe, complaining about everything! When they confessed their sin, Moshe **PRAYED**, as they asked. ADONAI’s answer in the **next 2 verses**, is surprising, to put it nicely - make a model of a snake and put it up on a pole for all to see and, upon looking at it, the people would be healed and not die. This, of course, is a precursor of the Cross, with Yeshua hanging upon it and the salvation offered (*no eternal death*).
23rd of April 2018

104. **Deuteronomy 9:26 CJB:** ²⁶ I **PRAYED** to ADONAI; I said, ‘Adonai ELOHIM! Don’t destroy your people, your inheritance! You redeemed them through your greatness, you brought them out of Egypt with a strong hand!
(**KJV:** ²⁶ I **PRAYED** therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.)

This chapter is a rehearsal of the times Isra’el had rebelled against ADONAI! Moshe here **PRAYED** to ADONAI not to destroy the people He had made His own and He had determined several times to destroy them, but Moshe again **PRAYED**, pleading with ADONAI not to destroy them. Moshe’s **PRAYER** was not for ADONAI to preserve the people in spite of their sins, but because He, ADONAI had made them His own people, His own inheritance and He had demonstrated His great power and outstretched arm in bringing them out (of Egypt). Hallelujah!
24th of April 2018

105. **Deuteronomy 9:20 CJB:** ²⁰ In addition, ADONAI was very angry with Aharon and would have destroyed him; but I **PRAYED** for Aharon also at the same time.
(**KJV:** ²⁰ And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I **PRAYED** for Aaron also the same time.)

Moshe **PRAYED** to ADONAI not to destroy Aharon for what he had done with the people in (See **Exodus 32:4-6**) in making a golden calf for the people to worship, who then did so! Aharon was the older brother of Moshe, so it was asking for God’s mercy on that man, who was also the High Priest. Aharon had led the people seriously astray from the living Lord God of Isra’el here! The destruction decreed by ADONAI was well deserved, but He heeded the **PRAYER** of Moshe. We must not think that ADONAI changed His mind here, ADONAI didn’t want Aharon to do those things, ADONAI already knew what was to happen in the future and Aharon was part of that, He wanted Aharon (and probably Moshe too) to learn the lesson. 25th of April 2018

106. **1 Samuel 1:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ In deep depression she **PRAYED** to ADONAI and cried.
(**KJV:** ¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and **PRAYED** unto the LORD, and wept sore.)

Hannah was at this time, sorely oppressed by P’ninah, the other wife because Hannah was childless. In the depths of depression, she poured out her heart to ADONAI, with tears she cried out to Him moving her lips but uttering no sound. After accusing her of being drunk, Eli, in **verse 17**, wished her peace and an answer to her **PRAYER**. Perhaps we can learn here of how we should **PRAY** when we are desperate for our situation or our need. We know that ADONAI hears all our **PRAYERS**, but sometimes He wants us to become so desperate for what we need, in order to bring us to the place where He can then answer those **PRAYERS**.
26th of April 2018

107. **1 Samuel 1:21 CJB:** ²¹ The husband, Elkanah, went up with all his household to offer the yearly sacrifice to *ADONAI* and fulfil his vow
(*KJV:* ²¹ And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.)

Whilst the word **PRAYED** does not appear in this verse in either translation quoted here, it is in the Crudens Concordance. We learn that Hannah had the baby by this time and named him Sh'mu'el, which means, from **verse 20**, "**because I asked ADONAI for him (CJB).**" The context here leads us to think that Sh'mu'el would have been only about 2 or 3 months old, when Hannah said that she would not go up to Shiloh to the Tabernacle, until he was weaned. (*I have since heard that in those days, a child might not be weaned until up to 5 years old!*) When weaned, she took Sh'mu'el up to Shiloh, to give him to the Lord, to work in the Tabernacle, as she had promised the Lord if or when she became pregnant, as **in verse 12** in response to her request to *ADONAI*. What we learn here, is that Hannah honoured the Lord for answering her **PRAYER** so precisely, not just a child, but a male child. We must remember to give praise and thanks for answered **PRAYERS**.
26th of April 2018

108. **1 Samuel 1:27 CJB:** ²⁷ I **PRAYED** for this child, and *ADONAI* has granted the request I asked of him.
(*KJV:* ²⁷ For this child I **PRAYED**; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:)

Hannah was talking with Eli, the Cohen Hagadol, reminding him of their previous meeting. She explained to him in **this verse**, how she had **PRAYED** to *ADONAI* for the male child and how He had answered her request. Now some might say that the **PRAYER** was answered because the High Priest had **PRAYED** for Hannah, but the writer does not agree. In the **next verse**, she said that Sh'mu'el now loaned to the Lord for the rest of his life. The point here is that Hannah poured out her heart to *ADONAI* and He heard her request. If we are **really** honest with *ADONAI*, He will always hear those honest **PRAYERS**. Amen.
28th of April 2018

109. **1 Samuel 8:6 CJB:** ⁶ Sh'mu'el was not pleased to hear them say, "Give us a king to judge us"; so he **PRAYED** to *ADONAI*.
(*KJV:* ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel **PRAYED** unto the LORD.)

Sh'mu'el thought that the people were rejecting him, but this was all part of *ADONAI*'s plan, as we see when reading the Scriptures (*Tanakh, or what we call the Old Testament*). So Sh'mu'el **PRAYED** to *ADONAI* about this rejection. *ADONAI* then comforted him, that it wasn't him that was being rejected by the people, after all, they had come to Sh'mu'el with this demand, but *ADONAI* Himself. The reason for their demand is shown in the **first 5 verses of the chapter**. In the **remaining verses of the chapter**, Sh'mu'el listed out all the problems that having a king would bring upon them, but they took no notice. We learn here, that when we have problems, we should turn to the Lord with them, who would comfort us.
29th of April 2018

110. **1 Kings 19:20 CJB:** ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Eliyahu and said, “Please let me kiss my father and mother good-bye; then I will follow you.” He answered, “Go; but return, because of what I did to you.”

*(KJV: ²⁰ And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I **PRAY** thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?)*

In **this chapter, from verse 1** and on, Eliyahu (*Elijah*) had been in conversation with ADONAI and received instructions from Him. In **our verse**, Eliyahu had just thrown his cloak over Elisha, who obviously had **a)** recognised Eliyahu for who he was and **b)** realised the symbolism of what had been done to him. Where the KJV says “**PRAY**,” the CJB has “please let me.” In other words, as this is not a case of **PRAYING** to ADONAI, but just a question to a person. Whilst the CJB uses today’s language, this is where 400 year old English language can cause confusion,. In no way was Elisha **PRAYING** to a man! 30th of April 2018

111. **2 Kings 4:33 CJB:** ³³ He went in, shut the door on the two of them and **PRAYED** to ADONAI.

*(KJV: ³³ He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and **PRAYED** unto the LORD.)*

This whole episode needs one to read **from verse 8** through **to verse 37**, as there are several different “happenings” here. In **our verse** today, the son, for whom she had not asked Elisha, was dead. Sending Geichazi, the servant, to lay the staff across the face of the child, had no effect. By this time Elisha and the Shunamit woman, were on their way. At this point Elisha went into the room alone and shut the door behind him and **PRAYED** to ADONAI. The child, to cut the story short, recovered and was returned to his mother. Apparently, Geichazi was sent to do something, but it didn’t work. However, when Elisha **PRAYED**, ADONAI answered the **PRAYER**. The difference being that only when Elisha **PRAYED** was there a result. So we see here then, that **PRAYER** is essential. 1st of May 2018

112. **2 Kings 6:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Elisha **PRAYED**, “ADONAI, I ask you to open his eyes, so that he can see.” Then ADONAI opened the young man’s eyes, and he saw: there before him, all around Elisha, the mountain was covered with horses and fiery chariots.

*(KJV: ¹⁷ And Elisha **PRAYED**, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.)*

Elisha **PRAYED**. He asked ADONAI to open the (*Spiritual?*) eyes of the servant to see the host of the Lord surrounding the city, which then allayed the fears of the servant. What faith had Elisha, to know exactly what the Lord would show the man. This was the first of two **PRAYERS** in which Elisha asked something of ADONAI. From the context, one can see that Elisha had great confidence in ADONAI and knew that He would give the answer expected. 2nd of May 2018

113. **2 Kings 6:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ When they came down to him, Elisha **PRAYED** to ADONAI, “Please strike these people blind;” and he struck them blind, as Elisha had asked.

*(KJV: ¹⁸ And when they came down to him, Elisha **PRAYED** unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.)*

Again, Elisha **PRAYED!** ADONAI answered the **PRAYER** and struck blind the whole army of the king of Aram. Now whether or not that army had seen the hosts of the army of God surrounding them or not, we don’t know, as we are not told, but Elisha simply led that army to Shomron, to the king of Isra’el, where they were taken prisoner, where upon Elisha asked ADONAI to open their eyes again. We see here two things, **a)** Elisha **PRAYED** and ADONAI answered that **PRAYER** and **b)** the way the Lord works to defeat the enemies of His people is not the way we might expect, the worldly ways. Elisha must have known what ADONAI what He wanted him to **PRAY**. Oh what a God we have! Amen!

3rd of May 2018

114. **2 Kings 19:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ Hizkiyahu **PRAYED** as follows in the presence of ADONAI: “ADONAI God of Isra’el, who dwells above the *k’ruvim!* You alone are God of all the kingdoms on earth. You made heaven and earth

*(KJV: ¹⁵ And Hezekiah **PRAYED** before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.)*

Having had the letter from Sancheriv, the king of Ashur, as to what Sancheriv was intending to do to the Isra’elis and Hizkiyahu their king, Hizkiyahu turned to the Lord God of Isra’el in sackcloth – humility. Hizkiyahu **PRAYED** to ADONAI, starting with praising and extolling him, as in **our verse today**. Hizkiyahu then went on to detail before ADONAI the troubles facing Isra’el, then finally, asking ADONAI to save Isra’el from all that had been threatened against them. What a pattern for our **PRAYERS**, in humility extol ADONAI, tell him all the problems we face and then ask Him to save us (*or provide the answer*) from our troubles! Hallelujah! Amen! *4th of May 2018*

115. **2 Kings 20:2 CJB:** ² Hizkiyahu turned his face toward the wall and **PRAYED** to ADONAI:

*(KJV: ² Then he turned his face to the wall, and **PRAYED** unto the LORD, saying,)*

Please read at least the **first 11 verses** of **this chapter**. Some might say that this shows that ADONAI sometimes changes His mind. This is not correct! ADONAI, who knows the end from the beginning, wanted Hizkiyahu to learn something, that **PRAYER** changes things, from **our** perspective. Hizkiyahu was to **PRAY** in his situation in order that Almighty God could then answer that **PRAYER**. Which He did by stopping Yesha’yahu, and caused him to return to Hizkiyahu, and we read the rest of what happened in those **first 11 verses** of **this chapter**, Hizkiyahu was healed and given another 15 years to live. None of us knows how long we are going to live, so Hizkiyahu was privileged to be told this. Think however, how this must have seemed like a death sentence as the end of those 15 years approached! We learn here in this passage that ADONAI answers **PRAYERS**, when we **PRAY** in accordance with His Will, even though we may not know what that Will may be. In other words, we come into line with God’s Will and NOT the other way around.

5th of May 2018

116. **2 Chronicles 30:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ For a large number of the people, especially from Efrayim, M'nasheh, Yissakhar and Z'vulun, had not cleansed themselves but ate the *Pesach* lamb anyway, despite what is written. For Hizkiyahu had **PRAYED** for them, "May ADONAI, who is good, pardon
(*KJV: 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the pass-over otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah PRAYED for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one*)

We have in **this chapter**, a large number of the people of Isra'el and Y'hudah, who had not ritually cleansed themselves before eating the Pesach Lamb, which was against that which is written (*the Torah, teachings*). Many of the Cohanim had not been ritually cleansed either, so we have here the king himself **PRAYING** for the people to be pardoned by ADONAI for failing to cleanse themselves before eating the Pesach Lamb. ADONAI answered the **PRAYER** of Hizkiyahu, pardoned and healed the people. We know from other Scriptures that Hizkiyahu followed God with all his heart, hence God heard when he **PRAYED**. We learn here that if we want our **PRAYERS** answered, we should be following ADONAI with all our heart!

6th of May 2018

117. **2 Chronicles 32:24 CJB:** ²⁴ Around this time, Hizkiyahu became ill to the point of death. But he **PRAYED** to ADONAI, who answered him, even giving him a sign.

(*KJV: 24 In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and PRAYED unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.*)

This passage is a shortened version of what happened in **Study 115** on **2 Kings 20:2**. There is here a little extra to that Study, in that we see in this Study, that Hizkiyahu, having had his **PRAYER** answered, grew proud and didn't respond correctly or appropriately, to ADONAI for his healing, with the result that he brought the anger of ADONAI upon himself and the people as we see **in verse 25**. **In verse 26**, we see that Hizkiyahu did humble himself eventually, but that ADONAI's anger was only deferred. We learn the lesson in **this passage**, that when ADONAI answers our **PRAYER**, we must respond to ADONAI in thanks and gratefulness, we must never take the Lord God of Isra'el for granted!

7th of May 2018

118. **2 Chronicles 32:20 CJB:** ²⁰ Because of this, Hizkiyahu the king and Yesha'yahu the prophet, the son of Amotz, **PRAYED** and cried out to heaven.

(*KJV: 20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, PRAYED and cried to heaven.*)

Yesha'yahu and Hizkiyahu didn't only **PRAY**, they cried out to Heaven, in much the same way that a drowning person would cry out to be saved. We know, from the **following verses**, that ADONAI answered that which they **PRAYED** very effectively, in that the entire army of Sancheriv was killed by an Angel sent by ADONAI. This shows that, as long as we are believers in ADONAI, when we are desperate and we cry out to the Lord, He hears us. Remember, sometimes, the Lord brings us to desperation in order to get us to **PRAY** and cry out to Him.

8th of May 2018

119. **2 Chronicles 33:13 CJB:** ¹³ He **PRAYED** to him; and God was moved by his plea, paid attention to his entreaty and brought him back to Yerushalayim, to his kingly office. Then M'nasheh understood that *ADONAI* really is God. (*KJV: ¹³ And **PRAYED** unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.*)

M'nasheh was a totally evil man, corrupted and corrupting the whole of Y'hudah! When everything went against him and he was carried off to Bavel in chains, in utter degradation, he, as those in our last study, **PRAYED** to God in desperation! In **our verse** today, we see that as he had humbled himself and **PRAYED** to ADONAI, He heard him and brought M'nasheh back to Yerushalayim as king. WOW!!! That is some answer by ADONAI, for he was a prisoner in a foreign land. As a prisoner, only the king of Ashur could have him released and only ADONAI could have brought him back, and even to his position as king. M'nasheh had repented of all the evil he had seen and carried out in the land of Y'hudah and the city of Yerushalayim, that we see in **the first 10 verses of the chapter**. What a transformation: **Then M'nasheh understood that ADONAI really is God**, at the end of **our verse**. Father God, I personally would wish for such a transformation in some that I know and that would include myself in that **PRAYER**. Amen. What we do see is how effective ADONAI's response to our **PRAYER** can be, when we humble ourselves before our Him.

9th of May 2018

120. **Ezra 10:1 CJB:** ¹ While 'Ezra was **PRAYING** and making confession, weeping and prostrated before the house of God, a huge crowd of Isra'el's men, women and children gathered around him; and the people were weeping bitterly. (*KJV: ¹ Now when Ezra had **PRAYED**, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.*)

It would be good to **read**, at least, **verses 10 to 15 of the previous chapter, and the first 6 verses of chapter 10**, in order to get the whole picture, of why Ezra here is **PRAYING**, making confession, weeping and prostrating himself (*worshipping*) before the Lord God of Isra'el. Such was the intensity of his **PRAYER** for the sins of the people, in that they had been marrying the corrupted women, who were in the land. Such was that **PRAYING**, that the men, women and children of Isra'el gathered and wept also. How many of us, **PRAY** with such intensity? Should we be so intense? Isn't too easy just to say the so called "Lord's **PRAYER**?"

10th of May 2018

121. **Nehemiah 1:4 CJB:** ⁴ On hearing this answer, I sat down and wept; I mourned for several days, fasting and **PRAYING** before the God of heaven.
(**KJV:** ⁴ *And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and **PRAYED** before the God of heaven.*)

Now Nechemyah was the king's personal servant (or specifically cup bearer in the *KJV*) in Shushan, Persia (*Iran today*) when one of his kinsmen, a Judean of the remnant left in Judea after the exile, came with sad news of the state of Yerushalayim. At this Nechemyah sat down and wept, mourning for several days also fasting and **PRAYING** to ADONAI. His actual **PRAYER** is in **the rest of the verses in this chapter**, where he reminds God of His word, shown in **verses 8 and 9**. This tells us that it is OK to remind ADONAI of what is written in His word, but, as we see here, it must be done in a spirit of humility. 11th of May 2018

122. **Nehemiah 2:4 CJB:** ⁴ The king asked me, "What is it that you want?" I **PRAYED** to the God of heaven,
(**KJV:** ⁴ *Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So, I **PRAYED** to the God of heaven.*)

Please read the **first 8 verses**. Nechemyah went before the king, with his wine, with a sad face. Now this was not allowed in the presence of the king, so Nechemyah, after trying his hardest, must have been unable to conceal his sadness. Upon revealing the reason for his sad appearance to the king's question, the king asked Nechemyah what he wanted. This must have frightened Nechemyah, so, in modern parlance, he shot an "**arrow PRAYER**" up to heaven for the answer from ADONAI to give the king! Encouraged by the answer from ADONAI, he poured out his heart's desire. This must have taken a lot of courage! It was all part of God's plan though, and the rest of the story is revealed in the **following verses** to the **end of the chapter**. We see here that we don't need long elaborate **PRAYERS**, for ADONAI knows what we want before we even ask. In these sort of circumstances, one word, HELP, is enough, nothing more is needed. Hallelujah! 12th of May 2018

123. **Job 42:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ When Iyov **PRAYED** for his friends, ADONAI restored his fortunes; ADONAI gave Iyov twice as much as he had had before.
(**KJV:** ¹⁰ *And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he **PRAYED** for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.*)

The **previous 4 chapters** detail the extent of ADONAI's question to which Iyov started to answer at the **start of this chapter**. Iyov then repented and ADONAI turned his anger upon "Job's comforters." **In our verse**, Iyov **PRAYED** for his friends, which was accepted by ADONAI as we see **in verse 9**, after said 3 friends did as ADONAI had instructed them. What we see here is that ADONAI restored and increased Iyov's fortunes. So what has happened? The pre-requisite to the answer to his **PRAYER**, all 4 involved in the situation had repented before ADONAI in order that Iyov's **PRAYER** could be answered, and **HOW** it was answered. We cannot expect our **PRAYERS** to be answered whilst we have unconfessed, un-repent sin in our lives. 13th of May 2018

124. **Isaiah 37:21 CJB:** ²¹ Then Yesha'yahu the son of Amotz sent this message to Hizkiyahu: "ADONAI the God of Isra'el says: 'You **PRAYED** to me against Sancheriv king of Ashur.'

(**KJV:** ²¹ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast **PRAYED** to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:)

Yesha'yahu, the prophet was told by ADONAI to give a message to Hizkiyahu which is **in the verses following our verse, down to verse 35**. ADONAI heard the **PRAYER** of Hizkiyahu when he **PRAYED** in humility. Once again, we see in our passage today, that humility is a necessary requirement if we want ADONAI to hear and respond to the **PRAYERS** (*requests*) we make to Him. 14th of May 2018

125. **Jeremiah 32:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ After giving the purchase contract to Barukh son of Neriyah, I **PRAYED** to ADONAI:

(**KJV:** ¹⁶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I **PRAYED** unto the LORD, saying,)

Wow! **This is some chapter!** Although it is rather long, please take the time to read it all, as **our verse** today, is the pivot to the **whole chapter**. Allow me to break it down a little: **Verses 1 to 15** show that Yirmeyahu, whilst in "prison," bought a piece of land; **our verse 16** is the pivot where Yirmeyahu **PRAYED** to ADONAI; **verses 17 to 25** gives his **PRAYER**; then in **verses 26 to 35**, where ADONAI lists out the evil which the people had done to ADONAI; then in **verses 36 to 44** (*the end of the chapter*) gives the answer of ADONAI to that **PRAYER**. For Yirmeyahu, he at that time couldn't see much point in buying the piece of land that ADONAI had instructed him to buy, whilst the Kasdim were in the process of taking over the whole land. That is why he **PRAYED**, and here we see the answer of ADONAI showing the future situation for the people and the land. This 2nd part of the answer has only partially been fulfilled at the time of writing, as they will eventually take possession of the whole land promised to Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov, from the river Euphrates to the river of Egypt. **Hallelujah!** Amen. 15th of May 2018

126. **Dani’el 6:10 CJB:** ^{11 (10)} On learning that the document had been signed, Dani’el went home. The windows of his upstairs room were open in the direction of Yerushalayim; and there he kneeled down three times a day and **PRAYED**, giving thanks before his God, just as he had been doing before.

*(KJV: ¹⁰ Now when Dani’el knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and **PRAYED**, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.)*

Dani’el in the Lion Pit, is probably the best known episode in the Tanakh. Dani’el was faithful to his belief in the power and fairness of the Lord God of Isra’el. Knowing what had been decreed, he simply carried on his life as before and **PRAYED** 3 times a day to ADONAI, with his window open in the direction of Yerushalayim, the place where ADONAI has placed his name. Oh what faith! It does show how essential it is for each of us to be faithful in **PRAYING** to ADONAI, for it is in maintaining a faithful **PRAYER** life that we are able to keep our contact with the Lord and His ways. This will help us to remain faithful to Yeshua in our daily lives and to bring praise, honour and glory to Him, also to know His will for each one of us. One might wonder what would have happened if Dani’el had submitted to the law of the land rather than to the Lord God of Isra’el, but we know that Dani’el would not have abandoned his faith in ADONAI.

16th of May 2018

127. **Dani’el 9:4 CJB:** ⁴ I **PRAYED** to ADONAI my God and made this confession: “Please, ADONAI, great and fearsome God, who keeps his covenant and extends grace to those who love him and observe his *mitzvot*!

*(KJV: ⁴ And I **PRAYED** unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;)*

Dani’el was seeking an answer as to how the prophet, Yirmeyahu, who had said that Y’hudah would be banished from the land for 70 years and how this would work out. Dani’el **PRAYED** a confession to ADONAI, of how His people had done every wrong thing, action and word against ADONAI. This he **PRAYED** with fasting, sackcloth and in ashes, and that confession lasted right down to **verse 20**, whereupon Gavri’el came to him and showed the 70 weeks of years to come. This is not the time or place to try to explain those 70 weeks, except to say that the first 69 weeks finished with the death and resurrection of Yeshua Ha’Mashiach and the 70th week is the 7 years of the Tribulation yet to come. We learn here that God answers **PRAYERs** made in faith and that when making confession before ADONAI, we should be **truly** humble before our God and saviour. Please Father God, have mercy upon each one of us as when we humble ourselves before you in **PRAYER**.

17th of May 2018

128. **Jonah 2:1 CJB:** ² (1) From the belly of the fish Yonah **PRAYED** to ADONAI his God;
(*KJV: ¹ Then Jonah **PRAYED** unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,*)

Amazingly, in the **last 4 verses of Chapter 1**, the sailors cried out to ADONAI for help! Then, as the sea suddenly stopped raging, they offered a sacrifice to ADONAI. As we read the **whole of chapter 2**, it would seem that Yonah had **PRAYED** to ADONAI from the belly of the great fish. The rest of **this chapter** recounts what he had **PRAYED** and he vowed to fulfil what ADONAI had instructed him to do – to go to Ninveh and proclaim the message He had given him. We see this at the **beginning of chapter 3**. So what is the message here for us about **PRAYER**? When we don't do what ADONAI has told us to do, then ADONAI will either get someone else to do it, or we repent in **PRAYER** and do it anyway. Yonah would have died in the fish if he had not repented, but we read that ADONAI hears **PRAYERS** of repentance, even from the belly of a fish!
18th of May 2018

129. **Jonah 4:2 CJB:** ² He **PRAYED** to ADONAI, “Now, ADONAI, didn't I say this would happen, when I was still in my own country? That's why I tried to get away to Tarshish ahead of time! I knew you were a God who is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in grace, and that you relent from inflicting punishment.
(*KJV: ² And he **PRAYED** unto the LORD, and said, I **PRAY** thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*)

In **verse 4**, ADONAI asked Yonah if it was right for him to be so angry? Yonah's problem was that the people of Ninveh were deadly enemies of his people and Yonah did not want them to be anything other than destroyed. Yonah was angry because ADONAI had not destroyed Ninveh, so he **PRAYED** to ADONAI to remonstrate with Him on His “letting his enemy get off scot free,” as the saying goes. Yonah “got the hump” and went away to a place where he would watch and see what would happen to Ninveh and its people. We read here that if we are angry, God can take it! So we can express our anger at ADONAI in our **PRAYERS**.
19th of May 2018

130. **Matthew 26:39 CJB:** ³⁹ Going on a little farther, he fell on his face, **PRAYING**, “My Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me! Yet — not what I want, but what you want!”
(*KJV: ³⁹ And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and **PRAYED**, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*)

Yeshua **PRAYED** to His Father, God, is there not another way but for me to die on a cross? Yeshua then expressed His willingness to go through with what His Father had planned - for our salvation from the wrath of God. It is ironic that **in verse 38**, Yeshua told His disciples that His heart was so filled with sadness, that He could die, when that was exactly what was about to happen, **and** He knew! We see in the **whole chapter**, Yeshua submitted to the Father's will, which was a “lonely” **PRAYER**, as the disciples couldn't stay awake after the Passover meal and wine. So, what do we see of **PRAYER in this chapter**? We see the example that was set by Yeshua, of submitting to the will of the Father, no matter what that entailed.
20th of May 2018

131. **Matthew 26:42 CJB:** ⁴² A second time he went off and **PRAYED**. “My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, let what you want be done.”
(**KJV:** ⁴² *He went away again the second time, and **PRAYED**, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.*)

This is the second time that Yeshua **PRAYED** the same **PRAYER** to His Father, asking to not have to go through the most painful and drawn out death known to man (*even today apparently*) and to be burdened with the sin of the whole world! Yet again He submitted to the Father’s plan. Yeshua did this knowing that there is no other way by which man can be saved from the wrath of God, eternal punishment, in the Lake of Fire, the result of our trying to be independent of God, which is the original sin, the basis of all the sins of man. 21st of May 2018

132. **Matthew 26:44 CJB:** ⁴⁴ Leaving them again, he went off and **PRAYED** a third time, saying the same words.
(**KJV:** ⁴⁴ *And he left them, and went away again, and **PRAYED** the third time, saying the same words.*)

To **PRAY** to the Father 3 times, shows how Yeshua was not at all looking forward to His death on the Cross, but, even so, He willingly submitted to His Father’s plan. The lesson here is: are we prepared to go to the same lengths in our submission to God’s plans? Even Kefa, said vehemently that he would, but when push came to shove, he fled! Would we follow Yeshua’s example, or Kefa’s? There are many examples **in the Scriptures** of those that went right through with the plans of ADONAI, so we have more examples to follow than Kefa’s. We must follow the line in what is known as the Lord’s **PRAYER**, “lead us not into temptation” and in another place it says, “Lead us not into hard testing.” Yeshua came to this place of hard testing, but He knew that He must go through that hard testing. If that is what the Father wants from us, may we not be found wanting, and **PRAY** for the strength to cope. Amen. 22nd of May 2018

133. **Mark 1:35 CJB:** ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Yeshua got up, left, went away to a lonely spot and stayed there **PRAYING**.
(**KJV:** ³⁵ *And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there **PRAYED**.*)

For Yeshua, **PRAYER** was / is very important. He had, the previous evening healed many and driven out demons, more or less at the front door of the home of Shim’on and Andrew, but still He arose and went out to a lonely place where He **PRAYED** to the Father. We don’t know, but it probably would have been asking Father God for directions and His plans for that day, in what Father would have Him say and do. Being basically nocturnal myself, I don’t think I could cope with that, as today, it was getting light at about 04:00! Sunrise today was 05:02. If Yeshua arose and went out whilst still dark, that is quite an aiming point, to which we should aspire. The point is though, that **PRAYER** should be so important in our daily lives. 23rd of May 2018

134. **Mark 5:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demonized begged him to be allowed to go with him.
(**KJV:** ¹⁸ *And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil **PRAYED** him that he might be with him.*)

One might call **this chapter, a chapter** of miraculous healings, yet **the first 20 verses** are about the man who had many demons, which were driven out into 2,000 pigs! Having been delivered from these demons, the man here **PRAYED** (*begged in the CJB*) to be able to stay with Yeshua, but He had other plans for the man. We see here, that a form of **PRAYER** is to beg ADONAI (*this time in the person of Yeshua*) to do or allow something, or even to make something stop. One could say that whatever the issue, we can **PRAY** to God, it is not limited in anyway. It has been said by many, that He can handle our anger in any situation. Thank you Father God, that whatever happens, you are always there for us. Hallelujah! Amen. 24th of May 2018

135. **Mark 14:35 CJB:** ³⁵ Going on a little farther, he fell on the ground and **PRAYED** that if possible, the hour might pass from him:
(**KJV:** ³⁵ *And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and **PRAYED** that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.*)

In **the next verse**, Yeshua acknowledges that “Abba,” His Father could easily accomplish the purpose of His plan another way, but Yeshua submits to Plan A as it is. It is often said that God has no Plan B, which is, in effect, for what Yeshua was asking. This begs the question, are we prepared to follow God’s plan for us, even if it leads to death? Peter was quite adamant that he would die for Yeshua, but when faced with that possibility, he “bottled out!” Yet he did eventually die for Yeshua. Would I or you “bottle out?” A **PRAYER**, please Lord Yeshua, strengthen each of us, that whatever is your Plan A for each of us, we will obey You. 25th of May 2018

136. **Luke 5:3 CJB:** ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Shim‘on, and asked him to put out a little way from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.
(**KJV:** ³ *And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and **PRAYED** him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*)

One may wonder why the word **PRAYED** is in the KJV? It has nothing to do with **PRAYING** to the Father or to Yeshua! 400 or 500 years ago, it may have been used simply to mean ask, which must confuse new believers today, when the KJV uses several hundred year old language. So much for the King James only brigade, with all its translation errors. 26th of May 2018

137. **Luke 5:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ However, he made a practice of withdrawing to remote places in order to **PRAY**.
(**KJV:** ¹⁶ *And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and **PRAYED**.)*)

How interesting that Yeshua “**made a practice of withdrawing to remote places in order to PRAY.**” Yeshua used the power and authority that He had from the Father, and one sees that He needed to talk to the Father in order to refresh Himself and those powers. Isn’t that an example for us? Yeshua needed to get back to His Father, and ours, and so do we. Our trust or faith doesn’t grow stronger by **not** consulting ADONAI our Father, we need constant contact with Him. I, we, must **PRAY** much more than we have been doing! Dear Lord Yeshua, please help me, us, to learn this lesson AND put it into practice. 27th of May 2018

138. **Luke 9:29 CJB:** ²⁹ As he was **PRAYING**, the appearance of his face changed; and his clothing became gleaming white.
(**KJV:** ²⁹ *And as he **PRAYED**, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.*)

Once again we read that Yeshua went up to the hill country to **PRAY**, taking with Him again, Kefa, Yochanan and Ya’akov and once again those three fell asleep! They did, however, awaken to see Moshe and Eliyahu before they disappeared. In his excitement and fear, Kefa spoke up to offer to make three shelters.... However, we are studying **PRAYER**. We see that Yeshua needed to speak with His Father, and as He did so, His appearance was changed and His clothing became “gleaming white.” Then, as the cloud enveloped them, they heard **in verse 35**, the voice of the Father saying, “**This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to him!**” At that point Yeshua was once more alone with the three of them. This is a message, an instruction even, to each one of us! We may not be in a cloud, but Yeshua spoke with the Father and the Father answered Him, so do we stop long enough to hear the answer? 28th of May 2018

139. **Luke 18:11 CJB:** ¹¹ The *Parush* stood and **PRAYED** to himself, ‘O God! I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity, greedy, dishonest, immoral, or like this tax-collector!
(**KJV:** ¹¹ *The Pharisee stood and **PRAYED** thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.*)

Oh dear, how awful to even be in the same room as such a one as this “lowlife specimen.” This **whole passage** shows us that when we **PRAY**, as in ALL the rest of our life, we **must** humble ourselves, counting everyone else better than “me.” The tax-collector, beat his breast and **PRAYED** in complete humility before ADONAI or anyone else who happened to overhear, so he had his **PRAYER** answered by the Lord. There is the lesson for us, when we **PRAY**, and in life, humility in all circumstances. Joking aside, we certainly must not be like the Dickens character, “I’m ever so ‘umble.” Now we have here what must be our attitude when we **PRAY**. 29th of May 2018

140. **Luke 22:32 CJB:** ³² But I **PRAYED** for you, Shim'on, that your trust might not fail. And you, once you have turned back in repentance, strengthen your brothers!" *(KJV: ³² But I have **PRAYED** for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.)*

How wonderful to realise, that Yeshua is before the Father in Heaven, **PRAYING** for each one of us, even now. In **our verse today**, Yeshua told Shim'on (*Kefa*) that He had already **PRAYED** for him, that after he had repented (*of denying Yeshua 3 times*) that he would then strengthen his brothers (*fellow believers*). How would he strengthen his brothers? By encouraging each of them, in their trust (*faith*) in Yeshua, and His offer of salvation from the wrath of God. This is something which all believers should be doing for our believing brothers and sisters. This is a teaching for every one of us. Do "T" do this? 30th of May 2018

141. **Luke 22:44 CJB:** ⁴⁴ and in great anguish he **PRAYED** more intensely, so that his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. *(KJV: ⁴⁴ And being in an agony he **PRAYED** more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.)*

The point here in this passage, is not the "drops of blood," but that Yeshua **PRAYED** in great anguish. Yeshua was talking to His Father in Heaven, fully aware of not only the physical pain that He would suffer, but that **all** the sins of the world, past, present **and** future were to put upon Him, Him who knew no sin! We cannot, as mere humans even begin to imagine the depth of that anguish! The full horror of all those sins laid upon the sinless one! Oh Yeshua, Father God, how do we even begin to thank you? Mere words are not enough. **PRAYER** is not enough. We are called upon to **be** Christians, our very lifestyle and actions must be a witness to our beliefs in Yeshua, His Father and the power of the Ruach Ha'kodesh. We must be willing to give up our whole lives, not just go to Church twice on Sundays and House Group one evening per week. Help us each one to get where you want us to be and do and say what you want us to do and say, that You may be glorified Amen! 31st of May 2018

142. **Luke 22:41 CJB:** ⁴¹ He went about a stone's throw away from them, kneeled down and **PRAYED**, *(KJV: ⁴¹ And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and **PRAYED**.)*

One might ask, why Yeshua would move away from His disciples? Having done so, He kneeled down in worship of the Father and **PRAYED**, knowing what lay ahead, that there might be some other way to accomplish God's plan. Having asked in that **PRAYER**, He submitted to the Father's plan and an angel appeared and strengthened His resolve to go through with plan A (*with God, there is no plan B*). This is an example of what we must do when faced with a disheartening situation as we do what God has told us, is His plan for each of us. An angel will give us the strength, mental or physical, to carry through the task set before us. Hallelujah! Adonai will always give us what we need to accomplish the task He sets before us. 1st of June 2018

143. **John 4:31 CJB:** ³¹ Meanwhile, the *talmidim* were urging Yeshua, “Rabbi, eat something.”

*(KJV: ³¹ In the mean while his disciples **PRAYED** him, saying, Master, eat.)*

This, in the KJV, is another instance of 4 or 5 hundred year old language having totally changed since that time up to today and gives a complexly wrong impression of the word **PRAY** and its meaning. **In this verse**, the disciples were simply asking, or in the CJB, urging Yeshua to do something. *2nd of June 2018*

144. **Acts 1:24 CJB:** ²⁴ Then they **PRAYED**, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

*(KJV: ²⁴ And they **PRAYED**, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,)*

Here is a time when the Emissaries (*Apostles*) **PRAYED** to Yeshua as Lord. They acknowledged that He knew all things, His greatness, that He even knew the thoughts of everyone’s heart, and asked Yeshua to show which of the 2 men considered suitable to take the place and duties of the traitor Y’hudah. The method chosen to decide which one of the two, to be the Lord’s choice, was by lot. Some would hold that to draw lot, is not a right thing to do, but that is a completely different issue! Here, this is the method by which the man was chosen by the Lord. *3rd of June 2018*

145. **Acts 4:31 CJB:** ³¹ While they were still **PRAYING**, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the *Ruach HaKodesh*, and they spoke God’s message with boldness.

*(KJV: ³¹ And when they had **PRAYED**, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.)*

They **PRAYED**, God answered! The *talmidim* (*disciples*) asked the Lord to take note of the threats uttered against them by the Sanhedrin and to empower the “slaves of Yeshua” to speak out in boldness. And to use them, by enabling them, to carry out miracles of healing and signs in the name of Yeshua. The Lord answered them by shaking the place where they had gathered and by pouring out the *Ruach HaKodesh* upon each and every gathered there and they spoke God’s message with boldness! Hallelujah! Father, please hear our puny little **PRAYERS**. *4th of June 2018*

146. **Acts 8:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ who came down and **PRAYED** for them, that they might receive the *Ruach HaKodesh*.

*(KJV: ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, **PRAYED** for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:)*

Kefa and Yochanan **PRAYED** for the people of Shomron, who had received Yeshua as Lord and had been immersed (*baptised*). They **PRAYED** for them to receive the *Ruach Ha’Kodesh*, which they did. That **PRAYER** was to the Father, or Yeshua Ha’Mashiach. Interesting to notice that they didn’t receive Him upon belief and immersion. We see here in this passage, that a purpose of **PRAYER** is, whilst “laying on of hands,” for believers to receive the *Ruach Ha’Kodesh*. We notice that it is the power of **PRAYER** to do this - and many other things. *9th of June 2018*

147. **Acts 9:40 CJB:** ⁴⁰ But Kefa put them all outside, kneeled down and **PRAYED**. Then, turning to the body, he said, “Tavita! Get up!” She opened her eyes; and on seeing Kefa, she sat up.

*(KJV: ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and **PRAYED**; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.)*

Kefa kneeled down and **PRAYED**. Kneeling is a form of worship of anyone, in this case, Yeshua and the Father, to whom Kefa **PRAYED** for the restoration of Tavita (*which means “gazelle”*) for her life and spirit to return to her body. Having thus **PRAYED**, Kefa then simply told the woman to “get up.” The **PRAYER** and worship were immediately answered and she was restored to full health and given back to the grieving widows and believers. Wow! The message here to us is that if and when we **PRAY** to the Father and Yeshua, we must **PRAY** believing that we are heard and that we must do so in recognition and respect of the glory of our God, who is magnificent and powerful way beyond our conception, hence the worship.

10th of June 2018

148. **Acts 10:2 CJB:** ² He was a devout man, a “God-fearer,” as was his whole household; he gave generously to help the Jewish poor and **PRAYED** regularly to God. *(KJV: ² A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and **PRAYED** to God alway.)*

He, Cornelius, a devout God fearing man, **PRAYED** regularly to God. Whilst this is a fairly **long chapter** (*do read it all*) it is a brilliant episode in the lives of the Emissaries (*Apostles*) and a more or less complete message in itself and gives glory to God! The message though, is that this Gentile, **PRAYED** regularly. This is what each believer should be doing, Jew or Gentile. The passage doesn’t tell us whether it should be hourly, daily or weekly, just regularly. Please, in your mercy, Father, help me discipline myself and do exactly that, that your purposes for my life may be fulfilled. Amen.

11th of June 2018

149. **Acts 10:30 CJB:** ³⁰ Cornelius answered, “Three days ago around this time, I was at *minchah* **PRAYERS** in my house, when suddenly a man in shining clothes stood in front of me

*(KJV: ³⁰ And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I **PRAYED** in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,)*

God is no respecter of persons. Up until this time, the Jews had believed that only they had access to ADONAI, the Lord God of Isra’el, but this occasion, with all these Gentiles in the house of Cornelius were saved, they all received the gift of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh. Now what is the Lord saying in this passage, about “**PRAYED**?” Cornelius, we read earlier in **this chapter**, **PRAYED** to the Lord God of Isra’el regularly and was a “God fearing man.” On this occasion, God answered his **PRAYER** by sending an Angel to him with instructions on what he was to do. In the rest of **this chapter**, we read what happened when Cornelius obeyed the instructions. To us, this raises the question of: how obedient are we to instructions from God? *12th of June 2018*

150. **Acts 10:48 CJB:** ⁴⁸ And he ordered that they be immersed in the name of Yeshua the Messiah. Then they asked Kefa to stay on with them for a few days. (**KJV:** ⁴⁸ *And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then **PRAYED** they him to tarry certain days.*)

In **this verse** is another example of where **PRAYED** is ancient language and does not mean **PRAY**. The CJB translates the word **PRAYED** as “asked.” I trust that none are confused by the continued use of ancient language here. *13th of June 2018.*

151. **Acts 13:3 CJB:** ³ After fasting and **PRAYING**, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (**KJV:** ³ *And when they had fasted and **PRAYED**, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*)

In **this verse**, we see a linking of **PRAYER** with worship and fasting, after which, the Lord gave them instructions **in verse 2**. After more fasting and **PRAYING**, the group obeyed the Lord and sent off Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba, who went to Cyprus, preaching the word. We see here then, that if we are really serious about our **PRAYER**, which should always be preceded by worship of the Lord God of Isra’el, we fast, this shows our commitment to our **PRAYER** to the Lord. We also see that it helps us to know the Will of God, again, as shown in **the previous verse (2)**. *14th of June 2018*

152. **Acts 14:23 CJB:** ²³ After appointing elders for them in every congregation, Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba, with **PRAYER** and fasting, committed them to the Lord in whom they had put their trust. (**KJV:** ²³ *And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had **PRAYED** with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.*)

Once again, we see in **this verse**, the coupling together fasting and **PRAYER**. Note that Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba, appointed the Elders, then **PRAYED** and fasted to commit them to the Lord. One might wonder why that order of appointing and **PRAYING**, but that is not the point here, it is that fasting is coupled with the **PRAYER**. So what is the significance of fasting here? It is to re-inforce one’s commitment to the **PRAYERS** one utters to the living Lord God of Isra’el.

15th of June 2018

153. **Acts 16:9 CJB:** ⁹ There a vision appeared to Sha’ul at night. A man from Macedonia was standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” (**KJV:** ⁹ *And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and **PRAYED** him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.*)

Once again, we see an ancient use of the word **PRAYED**, no longer in such use today, must be very confusing to new believers trying to read their Bibles for the first having been recommended to buy the AV. Whilst at Troas, Sha’ul had a vision in the night in which a man from Macedonia begged him to come over to Macedonia to help them there, i.e. bring the Gospel (*the good news*) to them. Immediately, in **the following verses**, Sha’ul and his companions got ready and obeyed the vision, taking a ship to Philippi in Macedonia. We learn that if we have instruction from the Lord, we should not hang about, but straight away set about doing what we had been instructed.

16th of June 2018

154. **Acts 16:25 CJB:** ²⁵ Around midnight, Sha'ul and Sila were **PRAYING** and singing hymns to God, while the other prisoners listened attentively. (**KJV:** ²⁵ *And at midnight Paul and Silas **PRAYED**, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.*)

Even in prison, Sha'ul and Sila were **PRAYING** and singing hymns (*praising*) to God, to which the other prisoners were listening. Effectively, Sha'ul and Sila were witnessing to the other prisoners. We are not told of the effect this had on the other prisoners, but that when the prison was broken open by the earthquake, it is obvious that they stayed put in the prison. I don't suppose that they were **PRAYING** for an earthquake, but this is how God answered their **PRAYER** and praise. The end result of their **PRAYER** and praises, was that they were released and the Jailor and his family were all brought into the Kingdom of God. The message here to us, is that we should **PRAY** and praise God no matter what circumstances! I personally put forward: P. T. L. A. Which can have two meanings, either "Praise The Lord Always" or, "Praise The Lord Anyway," depending on the situation. 17th of June 2018

155. **Acts 20:36 CJB:** ³⁶ When he had finished speaking, Sha'ul kneeled down with them all and **PRAYED**. (**KJV:** ³⁶ *And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and **PRAYED** with them all.*)

Sha'ul was in Miletus, having sent for the Elders of the congregation in Ephesus. Having spoken to them at some length, he kneeled down with them, kneeling being a form of worship (*of ADONAI*) and he **PRAYED**. We are not told of that for which he **PRAYED**, but it would likely have been for the Lord to strengthen and guide those Elders and keep them safe from the evil which will afflict them, even from within the congregation (*verses 29 and 30*). We have seen in previous studies in this series, that fasting is coupled with **PRAYER** and in *our verse* today, we see that kneeling (*in worship*) is also coupled with **PRAYING**. 18th of June 2018

156. **Acts 21:5 CJB:** ⁵ but when the week was over, we left to continue our journey. All of them, with their wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the town. Kneeling on the beach and **PRAYING**, (**KJV:** ⁵ *And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and **PRAYED**.*)

Sha'ul and fellow talmidim were on their way back to Yerushalayim with several port stops on the way. At the time of *this verse*, he was at Tzor (*Tyre today*) and stayed there for seven days. He had found some talmidim of Yeshua, who tried to persuade Sha'ul, in the Spirit, not to go up to Yerushalayim *in verse 4*. Sha'ul was leaving anyway and in *our verse* today, we see that Sha'ul **PRAYED** with them, once again kneeling (*worshipping ADONAI*) in the process. It shows us today, that kneeling is an important part of **PRAYER**. In my 85 years, I have only ever once seen a man kneel in **PRAYER** in a non-conformist Church meeting! Is this something we should or even must consider, to humble ourselves in worship to the God to whom we are **PRAYING**. 19th of June 2018

157. **Acts 22:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ “After I had returned to Yerushalayim, it happened that as I was **PRAYING** in the Temple, I went into a trance,
(**KJV:** ¹⁷ *And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I **PRAYED** in the temple, I was in a trance;*)

Sha’ul had returned to Yerushalayim in order to **PRAY** in the Temple, as he was relating here to the mob, the story of how he came to believe in Yeshua as Lord. When he reached the point of telling them that he was to be sent to the Goyim, this infuriated the mob. In between telling them all that had happened and about the Goyim, Sha’ul told, as **in this verse**, how he had gone into the Temple to **PRAY** and had fallen into a trance, where the Lord had spoken to him. It would seem to be not unusual to go into a trance whilst **PRAYING** to ADONAI, and as we see **in the following verses**, Sha’ul received instruction from the Lord to get out of Yerushalayim and then to go to the Goyim, at which point the mob was inflamed! Oh that we might all be in a position or state, to so hear from the Lord. 21st of June 2018

158. **Acts 23:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ So he took him and brought him to the commander and said, “The prisoner Sha’ul called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, because he has something to tell you.”
(**KJV:** ¹⁸ *So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and **PRAYED** me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.*)

Another instance of where language has changed meaning. As may be seen by comparing the two translations above, **PRAYED** in this context is quite meaningless, hence, the current language is simply, ask. 22nd of June 2018

159. **Acts 28:8 CJB:** ⁸ Now it so happened that Publius’ father was lying in bed, sick with fever attacks and dysentery. Sha’ul went in to him, **PRAYED**, placed his hands on him and healed him.
(**KJV:** ⁸ *And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and **PRAYED**, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.*)

What a mess it must have been with the father of Publius in bed with dysentery! And, with a fever. Sha’ul went into the bedroom and laid his hands on the father and **PRAYED** for his healing, which, of course, is exactly what happened. Now, I feel the Lord is saying in this situation, if we are filled with the Ruach Ha’Kodesh and do not doubt (!!!) the Lord will answer our **PRAYER**. However, if we are surrounded by people full of doubt, this will inhibit the answers to our **PRAYERS**! Today, 23rd of June 2018, is the 2nd Anniversary of our vote for Independence from the EU!

160. **James 5:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Eliyahu was only a human being like us; yet he **PRAYED** fervently that it might not rain, and no rain fell on the Land for three years and six months.

*(KJV: ¹⁷ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he **PRAYED** earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.)*

Eliyahu, the Prophet, **PRAYED** fervently (*earnestly in the KJV*) and the Lord answered his **PRAYER**. What does it mean then, to **PRAY** fervently or earnestly? It means **PRAYING** in strong faith or trust that ADONAI hears that **PRAYER** and believing that ADONAI will answer. If we **PRAY** with an attitude of “if only God would hear my **PRAYER**,” then we are not fully trusting ADONAI to hear and implement the answer to our **PRAYER**. *24th of June 2018*

161. **James 5:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ Then he **PRAYED** again, and heaven gave rain, and the Land produced its crops.

*(KJV: ¹⁸ And he **PRAYED** again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.)*

It was after 3 ½ years of the drought in answer to Eliyahu’s 1st **PRAYER**, that he **PRAYED** again, this time for the rain to return. Read about this second **PRAYER** in **1 Kings 18:41 to 19:8** and see the effects there. This 2nd **PRAYER**, although 3 ½ years later, would have been with the same fervency and trust as in the 1st **PRAYER** and, as may be seen here in **James 5**, and in **1 Kings 18/19**, ADONAI answered with the same completeness as with the 1st **PRAYER**. Hallelujah, our God answers **PRAYERS!** *25th of June 2018*

PRAYER

162. **2 Samuel 7:27 CJB:** ²⁷ You, *ADONAI-Tzva'ot*, God of Isra'el, have disclosed to your servant, 'I will build you a house.' This is why your servant has the courage to **PRAY** this **PRAYER** to you.

(KJV: ²⁷ For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to PRAY this PRAYER unto thee.)

King David is, **in this chapter**, expressing his wonder at what ADONAI-ELOHIM has said that He will do to and for David. **This chapter** starts speaking of the Tabernacle, then, it says **in verse 18**, of David **"Then David went in, sat before ADONAI"** and starting speaking (**PRAYING**) to ADONAI. He was asking God, why me? This was done in a passive way, as not being able to comprehend why He was doing these things for him. What we see **in this chapter**, is a lesson for all, that when we come to offer **PRAYER** about ourselves to ADONAI, we must come in a spirit of humility. We can ask ADONAI why something has happened to us, undeservedly good or seemingly bad for what we may not realise that we have done wrong. *26th of June 2018*

163. **1 Kings 8:28 CJB:** ²⁸ Even so, *ADONAI* my God, pay attention to your servant's **PRAYER** and plea, listen to the cry and **PRAYER** that your servant is **PRAYING** before you today,

(KJV: ²⁸ Yet have thou respect unto the PRAYER of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the PRAYER, which thy servant PRAYETH before thee to day:)

Allow me to commend this **whole chapter** to your reading. Having exalted ADONAI with praise and honour in the **preceding verses**, Shlomo then pleaded with ADONAI to pay attention to the **PRAYER** he was offering to Him. Shlomo pleaded with ADONAI, to have His eyes open toward the place (*the Temple*) and to hear the people of Isra'el as they **PRAY** toward that place, wherever they were, confessing their sins. That He would forgive those sins. Shlomo **PRAYED** for many more things in his **PRAYER**, which started **in verse 15** and carried on to **verse 53** (*more or less*). There followed a huge sacrifice of thousands of Oxen and tens of thousands Sheep. Shlomo was, **in this chapter**, consecrating the whole Temple area to ADONAI in front of all the leaders of Isra'el. Now, for myself, I am not, as are many, able to **PRAY** long multi-faceted **PRAYERS**, as had Shlomo, but what we see here is that we should honour and praise ADONAI as a prelude to what we are going to ask from Him, also that there is no limit to what we can ask of Him. *27th of June 2018*

164. **1 Kings 8:29 CJB:** ²⁹ that your eyes will be open toward this house night and day — toward the place concerning which you said, ‘My name will be there’ — to listen to the **PRAYER** your servant will pray toward this place.

*(KJV: ²⁹ That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the **PRAYER** which thy servant shall make toward this place.)*

Twice in **2 consecutive verses**, Shlomo pleaded with ADONAI to listen to his **PRAYER**. We see here in **this passage**, that ADONAI expects us to continue in our **PRAYERS** to Him, not to give up, but keep asking until we have His answer. Dr Grady McMurtry suggests, that ADONAI will answer our **PRAYER** in one of three ways: yes; no or wait. We may rest assured, that ADONAI does hear all our **PRAYERS**. ADONAI will never simply ignore us. Oh, what a faithful God we have. Hallelujah! *28th of June 2018*

165. **1 Kings 8:38 CJB:** ³⁸ then, regardless of what **PRAYER** or plea anyone among all your people Isra’el makes — for each individual will know what is plaguing his own conscience — and the person spreads out his hands toward this house;

*(KJV: ³⁸ What **PRAYER** and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:)*

This is concerning individual **PRAYER** rather than corporate **PRAYER**. We see here, **in this verse**, that when **PRAYING** to ADONAI, we should spread out our hands towards the Temple in Yerushalayim. There are places where the congregation is expected to spread their hands toward the person or group being **PRAYED** for or about. We must learn to differentiate between the “laying on of hands,” to **PRAY** for someone’s healing or safe journey etc. and to commission someone or group for a specific purpose. Oh, this is fundamental stuff! *29th of June 2018*

166. **1 Kings 8:45 CJB:** ⁴⁵ then, in heaven, hear their **PRAYER** and plea, and uphold their cause.

*(KJV: ⁴⁵ Then hear thou in heaven their **PRAYER** and their supplication, and maintain their cause.)*

This is a **PRAYER** to ADONAI for Him to hear in Heaven, the **PRAYER** of any foreigner (*gentile*) when he travels to Yerushalayim and **PRAYS** toward the Temple. If we foreigners (*gentiles*) today, wish to **PRAY** to ADONAI, we should look towards the Temple in Yerushalayim and Shlomo’s **PRAYER** ensures that our **PRAYER** will be heard in Heaven and ADONAI will answer our plea. Oh Hallelujah, thank you Father God that if we **PRAY** toward the Temple, we shall be heard and answered. Once again, Hallelujah! Amen. *30th of June 2018*

167. **1 Kings 8:49 CJB:** ⁴⁹ then, in heaven where you live, hear their **PRAYER** and plea, uphold their cause,
(**KJV:** ⁴⁹ Then hear thou their **PRAYER** and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,)

Please **read verses 44 to 53**. This is Shlomo's **PRAYER** to ADONAI for the people of Isra'el, the people who are God's inheritance (*as we are told in verse 51*) when they have been carried away captive (*because they did not turn back to God from their sins*). In his **PRAYER**, Shlomo does make a condition for the forgiveness and mercy of ADONAI to be shown, that the people turn with all their heart, in repentance, to ADONAI, when they have been carried away captive, in battle against their enemies. This turning can be seen when we read of the captivity in Babylon in other places in the Scriptures. This **PRAYER**, which Your people would make, Shlomo is asking God, that He would answer and have compassion upon them. We see here, **in these verses**, that we need to turn to ADONAI in repentance, in order to expect Him to show mercy and compassion toward us and to hear our **PRAYERS**. *1st of July 1028*

168. **1 Kings 8:54 CJB:** ⁵⁴ When Shlomo had finished **PRAYING** all this **PRAYER** and plea to ADONAI, he got up from in front of the altar of ADONAI, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven,
(**KJV:** ⁵⁴ And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of **PRAYING** all this **PRAYER** and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.)

In **this verse**, we see that Shlomo, in **PRAYING**, was on his knees, which is a form of worship to ADONAI. Whilst offering his **PRAYER** to ADONAI, he was in front of the altar, the ultimate direction to which, as seen the recent studies, of **PRAYING** toward the Temple, where ADONAI, God, has placed His name. One might discuss, since this was shown to the Isra'elis, that this requirement is not placed upon the Gentile believers, but it still remains where ADONAI has placed His name forever! Interestingly, His name hasn't anywhere in Scripture, been shown to have moved to any other place, even though the Temple structure is no longer there. **1 Timothy 2:8**, tells us that we should "**PRAY everywhere lifting up holy hands**," which what Shlomo was doing in **our verse today**. *2nd of July 2018*

169. **2 Kings 19:4 CJB:** ⁴ Maybe ADONAI your God will hear all the words of Rav-Shakeh, whom his master the king of Ashur has sent to taunt the living God, and will rebuke the message which ADONAI your God has heard. So, **PRAY** for the remnant that is left."
(**KJV:** ⁴ It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy **PRAYER** for the remnant that are left.)

It would seem that ADONAI had heard the words of Rav-Shakeh as they were spoken out loud, and had already given Yesha'yahu the words in answer, to say to Hizkiyahu. A case of "*before you ask, I will answer!*" Yesha'yahu didn't **PRAY** whilst Hizkiyahu's servants were there, he had ADONAI's answer ready for them, this answer is shown in **verses 6 and 7 of this chapter**. Reading on from **verse 8** tells of the rather involved fulfilment of the word from ADONAI. What a God we have! *3rd of July 2018*

170. **2 Chronicles 6:19 CJB:** ¹⁹ Even so, *ADONAI* my God, pay attention to your servant's **PRAYER** and plea, listen to the cry and **PRAYER** that your servant is **PRAYING** before you,
(**KJV:** ¹⁹ *Have respect therefore to the **PRAYER** of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the **PRAYER** which thy servant **PRAYETH** before thee:*)

For what did Shlomo **PRAY**, to ADONAI? He **PRAYED** that if anyone **PRAYS** (*a confession*) toward the Temple, he asked that ADONAI would hear their **PRAYER** and forgive whatever they are confessing before God. 4th of July 2018

171. **2 Chronicles 6:20 CJB:** ²⁰ that your eyes will be open toward this house day and night — toward the place where you said you would put your name — to listen to the **PRAYER** your servant will **PRAY** toward this place.
(**KJV:** ²⁰ *That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the **PRAYER** which thy servant **PRAYETH** toward this place.)*

We see here again, that it is important that our physical attitude, certainly of the Isra'elis at the time, facing toward the Temple (*or the remains on the Temple Mount today*) is how we **PRAY**. Why? Because here Shlomo is asking the Father, to listen, to hear those **PRAYERS** spoken in this manner. The implication is that upon hearing the **PRAYERS**, ADONAI would take action. Shlomo is not only referring to the **PRAYER** he was making at this time, also the **PRAYERS** of repentance of His people, as shown in the rest of **the chapter** down to **verse 39**. 6th of July 2018

172. **2 Chronicles 6:29 CJB:** ²⁹ then, regardless of what **PRAYER** or plea anyone among all your people Isra'el makes — for each individual will know his own plague and his own pain — and the person spreads out his hands toward this house;
(**KJV:** ²⁹ *Then what **PRAYER** or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:*)

Again, we see spreading out the hands toward the Temple and **PRAYING** being linked. If a person with a worldly problem does this, Shlomo is **PRAYING** to ADONAI to hear that person's **PRAYER**. This message is to the Isra'elis of that time and certainly up to the time of Yeshua. If a person does these things, then that **PRAYER** will be heard in Heaven – by ADONAI (*and if there is repentance where needed, in the heart of that person*) that **PRAYER** will be answered. Amen. 7th of July 2018

173. **2 Chronicles 6:35 CJB:** ³⁵ then, from heaven, hear their **PRAYER** and plea, and uphold their cause.

*(KJV: ³⁵ Then hear thou from the heavens their **PRAYER** and their supplication, and maintain their cause.)*

Having dealt with the **PRAYER** of a Gentile in the **verses 32 and 33**, Shlomo's **PRAYER** turns to the case where Isra'el goes out to fight their enemy, obeying ADONAI's instructions, then ADONAI will hear their **PRAYER** and uphold their cause. Again, this is a **PRAYER** toward the Temple in Yerushalayim and we are reminded in **verse 34** that this is where ADONAI has placed His Name, hence, why we should **PRAY** toward the Yerushalayim and the Temple. 8th of July 2018

174. **2 Chronicles 6:39 CJB:** ³⁹ then, from heaven, from where you live, hear their **PRAYER** and pleas, uphold their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

*(KJV: ³⁹ Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their **PRAYER** and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.)*

This part of the **PRAYER** made by Shlomo in this dedication of the, at that point, new Temple, for there were several parts to his **PRAYER**, is for sinner's **PRAYERS** to be heard, and by implication, responded to by ADONAI. Now, in **the previous three verses**, the conditions for a response from ADONAI are: that they confess their sin; they return to ADONAI with all their heart and they **PRAY** towards the Temple in Yerushalayim, wherever they might be. As may be seen, we are not talking about "God bless Mummy and Daddy" types of **PRAYERS!** 9th of July 2018

175. **2 Chronicles 6:40 CJB:** ⁴⁰ "Now, my God, please, let your eyes be open, and let your ears pay attention to the **PRAYER** being made in this place.

*(KJV: ⁴⁰ Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the **PRAYER** that is made in this place.)*

This was Shlomo "wrapping up all the **PRAYERS** he had **PRAYED** in **this chapter** up to this point AND asking ADONAI to continue to "let your eyes be open, and let your ears pay attention to the **PRAYER** being made in this place," effectively for Eternity. Eternity means today, for us. There doesn't seem to be any instruction or advice for us today, to change the need for facing toward the Temple in Yerushalayim when we **PRAY**. Certainly, it is still the place where ADONAI has placed His name, that is something that has not changed! 10th of July 2018

176. **2 Chronicles 7:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears will pay attention to the **PRAYER** made in this place.

*(KJV: ¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the **PRAYER** that is made in this place.)*

Please read verse 12 to the end of the chapter. In our chapter, verse 13 tells us that if ADONAI “shuts up the sky so that there is no rain....” and the people turn to ADONAI in repentance and **PRAYER**, He will hear their **PRAYER** and heal their land. Presently Isra’el is officially in the 5th year of drought! They must obey verse 14, which says “**If My people...!**” However, **Psalm 122:6** says: “**Pray for shalom in Yerushalayim; may those who love you prosper.**” This is an instruction, in the Scripture, to all people, not just to the Isra’elis of today, in other words we should all **PRAY** for this peace, or shalom, (*Shalom is more accurately translated “well-being.”*) and for adequate rain in the land of Isra’el, 11th of July 2018

177. **2 Chronicles 30:27 CJB:** ²⁷ Then the *cohanim*, who were *L’viim*, stood up and blessed the people; [ADONAI] heard their voice, and their **PRAYER** came up to the holy place where he lives, heaven.

*(KJV: ²⁷ Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their **PRAYER** came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.)*

The Isra’elis had not been diligent to celebrate Pesach (*Passover*) for years and ADONAI had moved Hizkiyahu to call all Isra’el to “do the job properly.” They were too late to do it in the 1st month, so it was celebrated in the second month, as prescribed by Moshe. Many in Isra’el (*the 10 tribes, as against Y’hudah and Binyamin*) mocked the call, although some responded. What do we learn of **PRAYER** in this chapter? If we are diligent to do what ADONAI prescribes for us to do, as He says and when He says and in the way He says, then ADONAI will hear our **PRAYERS** in Heaven, with the implication that He will answer them. Amen! 12th of July 2018

178. **2 Chronicles 33:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ Other activities of M’nasheh, his **PRAYER** to his God and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of ADONAI the God of Isra’el are recorded in the Annals of the Kings of Isra’el.

*(KJV: ¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his **PRAYER** unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.)*

To get the picture, please read the chapter down to verse 20. M’nasheh was totally evil and corrupt, until, when in captivity in Bavel, he realised that ADONAI is the only God, so he repented and changed. Then we come to our verse today, where we see that his **PRAYERS** etc. are recorded. We also see that ADONAI was moved by his repentance and change in behaviour, as seen in this chapter. The lesson for us here is that if we turn to ADONAI in true repentance, seek and do His Will, our **PRAYERS** will be heard in heaven. 13th of July 2018

179. **2 Chronicles 33:19 CJB:** ¹⁹ Also his **PRAYER** and how God was moved by his plea, all his sin and disloyalty, and the locations where he built high places and set up the sacred poles and carved images before he humbled himself are written in the History of the Seers.

*(KJV: ¹⁹ His **PRAYER** also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.)*

Again, **reading the chapter up to verse 20** is illuminating. In **our verse today**, it records how M'nasheh sinned greatly and then realised how evil he had been in God's eyes. Realising that, he **PRAYED** to ADONAI and acted out his repentance, humbling himself before ADONAI and putting right the things he had done wrong before God. We learn that ADONAI heard, and answered his **PRAYERS**. What is the lesson for us? If we want our **PRAYERS** heard and have a response, we must look to our own life and show our repentance by our actions.....

14th of July 2018

180. **Nehemiah 1:6 CJB:** ⁶ Let your ear now be attentive and your eyes be open, so that you will listen to the **PRAYER** of your servant, which I am **PRAYING** before you these days, day and night, for the people of Isra'el your servants — even as I confess the sins of the people of Isra'el that we have committed against you. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned.

*(KJV: ⁶ Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the **PRAYER** of thy servant, which I **PRAY** before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.)*

This whole chapter is Nechemyah's **PRAYER** of confession. Having heard the bad news from Yerushalayim, he mourned, weeping, fasting and **PRAYING**. He was pleading for ADONAI to listen to his **PRAYERS**, for His people Isra'el and for his own sin. He was reminding ADONAI of His words through Moshe. In the **next chapter** (*you are allowed to "cheat" and have a peep ☺*) is described what he did about the situation. In **the verse** before us today, we see that if we are REALLY serious with God, asking Him to do something, then we would weep and mourn where appropriate, but fast and **PRAY** to ADONAI, to present our **PRAYER** (*petition*) before Him and expect Him to hear. (*If you are diabetic, or on other medication, fasting is something that should not be done, without checking with your Doctor first.*)

15th of July 2018

181. **Nehemiah 4:9 CJB:** ³ ⁽⁹⁾ However, we **PRAYED** to our God and, because of them, organized a watch against them day and night.
(**KJV:** ⁹ Nevertheless we made our **PRAYER** unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.)

³⁽⁹⁾ May confuse. In the AV and most subsequent English Bible translations, they have made **Chapter 4** start at **verse 33 of chapter 3** the Hebrew Bible, so **our verse in chapter 4 verse 3** was originally **Chapter 3 verse 33**. I trust that helps.
Nechemyah and all with him **PRAYED** to ADONAI, but also in Godly wisdom, Nechemyah took action. **Verses 7⁽¹³⁾** and onwards tell how Nechemyah organised some of the people to keep Watch, armed, from behind those doing the construction work. We learn here then, that when we want ADONAI to help us, we don't, as Michel Yousef would say, having **PRAYED**, just "sit back on our blessed assurance!" Action and organising on our part is also required. **PRAYER** calls for action on our part sometimes.
16th of July 2018

182. **Job 15:4 CJB:** ⁴ "Why, you are abolishing fear of God and hindering **PRAYER** to him!
(**KJV:** ⁴ Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest **PRAYER** before God.)

Here, Elifaz the Teimani is ripping into Job with the "words of comfort" that Job needs in his situation – really? Elifaz is rebuking Job, for apparently making himself out to know more than God! Hence, Elifaz is accusing Job of making himself the equal of God and hence, abolishing the fear of God. Not only that but hindering **PRAYER** to God. Why **PRAY** to a God to whom one is equal? What we see here is that Elifaz was wrong, that we are not equal to God and we must **PRAY** to Him in our situation, whether that situation is "good" or "bad," in fear and reverence of Him., knowing from previous studies in this series, that the same God will hear us. 17th of July 2018

183. **Job 22:27 CJB:** ²⁷ you will entreat him, and he will hear you, and you will pay what you vowed;
(**KJV:** ²⁷ Thou shalt make thy **PRAYER** unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.)

From the beginning of this chapter, Elifaz is pouring out a tirade of abuse against Job for his faith in God, and finishes by suggesting that Job should **PRAY** to ADONAI and that He will hear Job. Elifaz is goading Job for his trust or faith in the God who has allowed such as these calamities to come upon Job – what sort of God would do or allow such a thing? So, what do we learn of **PRAYER** here? What the Lord is saying to the writer is that we should not treat **PRAYER** lightly! It is a serious thing to talk to the living Lord God of Isra'el, which is what **PRAYER** really is. 18th July 2018

184. **Psalm 65:2 CJB:** ³ (2) You who listen to **PRAYER**, to you all living creatures come.

(**KJV:** ² *O thou that hearest **PRAYER**, unto thee shall all flesh come.*)

In **this Psalm and our verse** today, it tells more about the one to whom **PRAYERS** are directed rather than about the **PRAYER** itself. That one is, of course, ADONAI our Father. One could simply type out this whole **Psalm**, which tells of ADONAI and all His great works and wonders, but even that, is not a beginning of telling of the greatness of our God! ADONAI is so far beyond all that we can believe or even imagine. As Roger Price used to say, some decades ago, if man could reach the end of all the Galaxies and the entire Universe, we would find the hand of God, for He has everything in His hand!

19th of July 2018

185. **Psalm 72:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ May [*the king*] live long! May they give him gold from the land of Sh'va! May they **PRAY** for him continually; yes, bless him all day long.

(**KJV:** ¹⁵ *And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: **PRAYER** also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.*)

Firstly, as we are told in **verse 20**, **this Psalm** is a **PRAYER** of king David. Secondly, **our verse** begs the question, of “who is the subject of these **PRAYERS?**” From **verses 1 and 2**, it would seem to be either king David or his son, king Shlomo, however, since **the Psalm** is a **PRAYER** of king David, it is more likely that the subject is king Shlomo. It is a reminder that we must **PRAY** for our government and those who run the country. The **PRAYER** itself is a whole series of statements, but is actually a prophetic statement of what will to be done by ADONAI through Shlomo when he becomes the king of Isra'el.

20th of July 2018

186. **Psalm 80:4 CJB:** ⁵ (4) ADONAI, God of armies, how long will you be angry with your people's **PRAYERS?**

(**KJV:** ⁴ *O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the **PRAYER** of thy people?*)

In **this Psalm** of Asaf, he is lamenting all the problems that have overtaken Isra'el. He is pleading with ADONAI to remember what He has done for Isra'el in the past and asking ADONAI in **this Psalm** of **PRAYER** to rouse His power (**verse 2**) and restore Isra'el (**verse 3**). Asaf's **PRAYER** starts in **verse 1** by acknowledging what ADONAI does for Isra'el, a form of recognition of ADONAI, which continues as the theme of **this Psalm**, entwined among it are pleas for Him to revive and restore Isra'el. **This Psalm** shows us a way to **PRAY** before ADONAI.

21st July 2018

187. **Psalm 102:17 CJB:** ¹⁸ (17) when he has heeded the plea of the poor and not despised their **PRAYER**.
(*KJV: ¹⁷ He will regard the **PRAYER** of the destitute, and not despise their **PRAYER**.)*)

In the CJB, **this Psalm** is started with: ⁽⁹⁾ **PRAYER** of a sufferer overcome by weakness and pouring out his complaint before **ADONAI**: if you read the whole **Psalm**, you will realise just why the **verse 0** has this as a heading. But we do learn here, that it is quite permissible to pour out our complaint in **PRAYER** to Father God. The Psalmist is not known, but he is simply talking to **ADONAI**, as a Father, about his troubles and those of the people of Isra'el.
22nd of July 2018

188. **Psalm 109:4 CJB:** ⁴ In return for my love they became my accusers, even though I **PRAYED** for them.
(*KJV: ⁴ For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto **PRAYER**.)*)

What a tirade, is **this Psalm** of David, of the way the evil doers are asking **ADONAI** to bring evil against David, those who had accused David, even after he had **PRAYED** for them! This is a message to each of us, to **PRAY** for those who do evil against us. David is, in this **PRAYER** in a **Psalm**, is asking **ADONAI** to return the evil upon the heads of those who had perpetrated evil against David without cause. We too can ask such things of **ADONAI**, but we must continue to **PRAY** for blessings upon the evil doers.
23rd of July 2018

189. **Psalm 109:7 CJB:** ⁷ When he is tried, let him be found guilty, may even his plea be counted a sin.
(*KJV: ⁷ When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his **PRAYER** become sin.*)

David's accusers are wishing all these terrible things, **in verses 6 to 19**, against David. That even David's **PRAYER** to **ADONAI** may be counted as sin! What an awful thing to wish upon anyone, but for such wishes to come from sinful people against one of God's chosen people is even worse. Then **from verse 20**, David is calling upon **ADONAI** for His grace, for Him to uphold David. Whether the Lord heard the **PRAYERS** of the wicked is not shown, but the **PRAYERS** of those who love **ADONAI**, as did David, we know they are heard in Heaven.
24th of July 2018

190. **Proverbs 15:8 CJB:** ⁸ ADONAI detests the sacrifices of the wicked but delights in the **PRAYERS** of the upright.

*(KJV: ⁸ The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the **PRAYER** of the upright is his delight.)*

Proverbs is a difficult book to read, as it is mostly a series of contrasts of good and bad, **our verse today** would almost seem to be a “stand alone” **verse** in that context. Many, if not most of the proverbs were the writings of king Shlomo and in **our verse today**, we see the contrast between the statement that ADONAI will not accept the sacrifices of a wicked person, since He detests them. This begs 2 questions: firstly, of who is a wicked person in this context? That is someone who only pays lip service to the Lord and His ways. The other question is: who is the upright one? This is surely, one who tries with all their heart, mind and strength to walk in the ways of the Lord God of Isra’el. Tries is the word, because we ALL fail in our walk with ADONAI! ADONAI knows our weakness and this is why He does not make allowances for, or permit sin in our lives, but forgives us when we confess them and repent, and then ADONAI delights in our **PRAYERS, even just talking with Him**. Thank you Father God, for Your grace that you show to us when we confess and repent before you. Hallelujah! Amen.

25th of July 2018

191. **Proverbs 15:29 CJB:** ²⁹ ADONAI is far from the wicked, but he listens to the **PRAYER** of the righteous.

*(KJV: ²⁹ The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the **PRAYER** of the righteous.)*

This is very similar in meaning to the previous 2 studies. If we are right with God, then He hears our **PRAYERS**. However, this begs the question, are we right with God? To answer that takes the answers to a number of questions, including these: Are we born again?

Do we read our Bible at least every day?

Do we note the instructions, showing the way which we should live, as in Scriptures New **AND** Old Testaments?

Do we act upon those instructions, in which we should live?

Bearing in mind that no-one can **completely** follow the instructions in the Scriptures, new **AND** old, do we live our life according to Scriptures?

Do we live, knowing that Yeshua could return at any moment?

Do we rise up in the sky to meet Him?

Only the reader can answer for themselves, these questions, and others similar, to know if we are right with God, for our **PRAYERS** to be answered. However, ADONAI is always listening for our cry for salvation!

26th of July 2018

192. **Proverbs 28:9 CJB:** ⁹ If a person will not listen to *Torah*, even his **PRAYER** is an abomination.
(**KJV:** ⁹ *He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his PRAYER shall be abomination.*)

What **this verse** is saying is, if you don't bother to read the teachings (*of the Torah, the first 5 books of the Tanakh, the Old Testament*) don't bother to **PRAY!** One could put it as, if you don't "listen" to God, by never reading His Torah ("*teachings*" in English, "*Law*" is an incorrect translation!) He will not listen to you. This not to say that ADONAI never hears the cry of the unrighteous, especially if that cry is for salvation. So, if your desire is to **PRAY** for God's Will to be done, read His word, for His Will is all in there, if you search diligently. 27th of July 2018

193. **Isaiah 26:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ ADONAI, when they were troubled, they sought you. When you chastened them, they poured out a silent **PRAYER**.
(**KJV:** ¹⁶ *LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a PRAYER when thy chastening was upon them.*)

When we are in some sort of difficulty or trouble, we seek for ADONAI. How often do we, having had help or guidance from Him, then just carry on with our lives, without even giving thanks? Guilty here m'Lud! When He chastens us in anyway, what do we do? We see in **this verse**, we might pour out a silent **PRAYER**. From this, we see that not all **PRAYERS** have to be spoken out loud. There are times and places where **PRAYING** out loud is either not permitted, such as on the Temple Mount in Yerushalayim, or is in a place where silence is the mandated condition. So, if we **PRAY** silently or out loud, the Lord hears all. 28th of July 2018

194. **Isaiah 37:4 CJB:** ⁴ Maybe ADONAI your God will hear the words of Rav-Shakeh, whom his master the king of Ashur has sent to taunt the living God, and will rebuke the message which ADONAI your God has heard. So **PRAY** for the remnant that is left."

(**KJV:** ⁴ *It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy PRAYER for the remnant that is left.*)

Please take the time to read the **whole chapter**, at least down to **verse 37**. At this point, Hizkiyahu didn't have the confidence to **PRAY** to ADONAI himself, so he sent to Yesha'yahu to **PRAY** for them. Yesha'yahu heard words of comfort from ADONAI, which he passed back to Hizkiyahu. Rav-Shakeh continued uttering threats against Hizkiyahu and Yerushalayim, sending another threatening message, but this time, Hizkiyahu himself **PRAYED** in the House of ADONAI. Hizkiyahu had a reply, not himself, but through Yesha'yahu, telling of what ADONAI was going to do about the situation. We see in **verse 36** what He did. Hallelujah! What do we learn of **PRAYER** here? When we are so terrified in whatever situation we find ourselves, we can have confidence in the Lord God of Isra'el to **PRAY** ourselves. 29th of July 2018

195. **Isaiah 56:7 CJB:** ⁷ I will bring them to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of **PRAYER**; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of **PRAYER** for all peoples.”
(**KJV:** ⁷ *Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of **PRAYER**: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of **PRAYER** for all people.*)

Reading this **whole Chapter**, shows us ADONAI holds that keeping Shabbat is so important to Him! Today, as a result of the actions of a certain Caesar and his wife (*who worshipped the Sun god*) who (*amongst others*) decided to remove all vestiges of Judaism from the roots of Christianity, we no longer celebrate Shabbat, but an adulterated form - **and on the day of worshipping the Sun god!** The writer, along with many others, is of the opinion that this is wrong. The foundations of Christianity are the Tanakh, which is the true Judaism. Back to **our verse** in our study on the word **PRAYER** and what ADONAI tells us about it. ADONAI makes it clear, as written here by Yesha'yahu, that His House, the Temple is to be a House of **PRAYER** for all nations, which means for all believers, Jew or Gentile. All believers are expected to assemble to the Temple on the Holy Mountain in order to offer up our **PRAYERS** of exaltation (*of ADONAI*) and our petitions to Him. Today this is prohibited by the Waqf in Yerushalayim, even if we were able to go to the Temple Mount. With the result that we **PRAY** now, in our closet, or with others in the **PRAYER** meeting or in a Church service. Messianic and observant Jews today, of course, still follow the Tanakh and **PRAY** in their Synagogue on Shabbat. 30th of July 2018

196. **Jeremiah 7:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ “So you, [*Yirmeyahu,*] don't **PRAY** for this people! Don't cry, **PRAY** or intercede on their behalf with me; because I won't listen to you. (**KJV:** ¹⁶ *Therefore **PRAY** not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor **PRAYER** for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.*)

This verse shows something terrible, ADONAI is telling Yirmeyahu NOT to offer up **PRAYER** for His chosen nation! ADONAI says even if Yirmeyahu did **PRAY** for them, He will not listen to that **PRAYER!** The people have gone too far, even defiling the Temple which bares the Name of ADONAI! This **whole chapter** lists some of the evil things which they are doing, even offering their own sons and daughters as sacrifices to non-gods! What a terrible state to reach, where ADONAI tells the Prophet NOT to **PRAY** for the people. We learn here about **PRAYER**, that only ADONAI will say when NOT to **PRAY**, not a decision we should make, that would be judging.

31st of July 2018

197. **Jeremiah 11:14 CJB:** ¹⁴“So you, [*Yirmeyahu,*] don’t **PRAY** for this people! Don’t cry or **PRAY** on their behalf, because I won’t listen to them when they cry to me because of their troubles.
(**KJV:** ¹⁴ *Therefore **PRAY** not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or **PRAYER** for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.*)

As in the previous study, Yirmeyahu is commanded NOT to **PRAY** for the people or even **PRAY** on their behalf. Reading the **whole chapter**, we see once again the evil that the people of Y’hudah were committing, especially in that they were worshipping and sacrificing to many gods and not to ADONAI, the Lord God of Isra’el (*or of Y’hudah in this case*). Thus, we see again, that Yirmeyahu as commanded by ADONAI not to **PRAY** for them. Again, we see that we should only ever judge anyone such that we refuse to **PRAY** for them, if it is a command from the Lord Himself! *1st of August 2018*

198. **Lamentations 3:44 CJB:** ⁴⁴ You have covered yourself with a cloud so thick that no **PRAYER** can pass through.
(**KJV:** ⁴⁴ *Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our **PRAYER** should not pass through.*)

In reading Lamentations, one must remember that it is a grieving over the destruction of Yerushalayim and the personal problems afflicting the people, especially the writer, caused by ADONAI, as a result of the people turning away from Him! The writer, commonly thought to be Yirmeyahu, is feeling that everything is going wrong in his life and even his **PRAYERS** are being prevented from getting through to ADONAI, since ADONAI has covered Himself in a cloud so thick that “**no PRAYER can pass through.**” The writer was obviously feeling completely discouraged at this point, and each of us must have felt like this at times, but the lesson we must learn here is not to give up. **PRAYER** is an essential part of the Christian life and it is not a thing to be taken (*or given*) lightly! We must persist in **PRAYER** and not give up, even when we feel that our **PRAYERS** are not going beyond the ceiling, when we have been **PRAYING** for some time. *2nd of August 2018*

199. **Dani’el 9:3 CJB:** ³ I turned to *Adonai*, God, to seek an answer, pleading with him in **PRAYER**, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.
(**KJV:** ³ *And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by **PRAYER** and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:*)

Having read of what Yirmeyahu had prophesied, that Yerushalayim would be desolate for 70 years, Dani’el “**turned to Adonai, God, to seek an answer.**” We can also see **in this verse**, that Dani’el was REALLY serious in his **PRAYER**, not only fasting but also wearing sackcloth and covering himself with ashes, normally a sign of mourning, which is what Dani’el was doing as he recounted before ADONAI, the many ways in which his people had sinned against Him. Notice that his **PRAYER** starts by extolling the almighty God, before recounting the many sins against Him. We then see that ADONAI sent His Angel, **in verse 21 and following**, to explain to Dani’el the vision that he had and what was going to happen in the more distant future, the well known “70 weeks” prophesy. We learn much about **PRAYING** here in this chapter, that if we are really earnest we will do as did Dani’el. *3rd of August 2018*

200. **Dani’el 9:13 CJB:** ¹³ As written in the *Torah* of Moshe, this whole disaster came upon us. Yet we did not appease *ADONAI* our God by renouncing our wrongdoing and discerning your truth.

(KJV: ¹³ As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our PRAYER before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.)

The crux of **PRAYER** in our verse is, “Yet we did not appease *ADONAI* our God by renouncing our wrongdoing and discerning your truth.” Note that this verse is a part of the whole **PRAYER** of Dani’el, which is verses 4b to 19, after which came the answer. In our verse, Dani’el is confessing that his ancestors didn’t even try to appease *ADONAI*, which had the result of the disaster which had come upon his people. We learn that we must, as did Dani’el, confess our sins and repent before *ADONAI*, before we can expect *ADONAI* to respond to our **PRAYERS**, we must be clean before Him.

4th of August 2018

201. **Dani’el 9:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Therefore, our God, listen to the **PRAYER** and pleadings of your servant; and cause your face to shine on your desolated sanctuary, for your own sake.

(KJV: ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, hear the PRAYER of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.)

Having exalted *ADONAI*, confessed the sins of the people of Isra’el and his own sin, Dani’el now turned to pleading with *ADONAI* for Him to turn away His anger and fury from His city of Yerushalayim. In our verse, Dani’el is **PRAYING** that He would listen to his **PRAYER** and cause His face to shine on the desolated Sanctuary, for His glory to be seen. We see in this **PRAYER**, a similarity in the order of his **PRAYING** in what is known as the Lord’s **PRAYER**, with which we are all familiar. What we learn in this chapter is that the Lord Yeshua confirmed that this order of our **PRAYER** should be as shown here, not just repeatedly saying those words like some form of mantra.

5th of August 2018

202. **Habakkuk 3:1 CJB:** ¹ This is a **PRAYER** of Havakuk the prophet about mistakes:

(KJV: ¹ A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.)

There is no clear translation of the Hebrew word *Shigionoth*, so it is left as a transliteration in the KJV, but David Stern, a Hebrew speaker, translates this in the CJB as “mistakes.”

Havakuk is here **PRAYING** with a mixture of extolling *ADONAI* yet asking Him to remember compassion in verse 2. The **PRAYER** goes to relate many of the things which *ADONAI* has done and will do, good or bad (*in our opinion!*). Havakuk at the end tells how, no matter how good or bad things become on earth, in verses 18 and 19 how he will still rejoice, take joy and relates how *ADONAI* gives him strength and speed. Some **PRAYER!** Not the same as other **PRAYERS** seen in previous studies and probably in ones to come.

6th of August 2018

203. **Matthew 17:21 CJB:** ²¹ But this kind does not go out except through **PRAYER** and fasting.
(**KJV:** ²¹ *Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by **PRAYER** and fasting.*)

(In the CJB, *this verse* is not in some original manuscripts, but is there in the footnotes.) In this study of **our verse**, it is very important to **note the previous verse!** The whole point in this little episode in Yeshua's life on earth is in that **verse 20**, where we see that the crux of the matter is trust in Yeshua and Father God, ²⁰ **He said to them, "Because you have such little trust! Yes! I tell you that if you have trust as tiny as a mustard seed, you will be able to say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!' and it will move; indeed, nothing will be impossible for you!"** The fasting and **PRAYER** part is an adjunct to the **PRAYER** being answered. Yes, fasting and **PRAYER** are important, but done without trust in ADONAI (*including Yeshua and the Ruach Ha'Kodesh*) will not produce an answer from Heaven. *7th of August 2018*

204. **Matthew 21:13 CJB:** ¹³ He said to them, "It has been written, '**My house will be called a house of PRAYER.**'^[e] But you are making it into a **den of robbers!**"^[f]
(**KJV:** ¹³ *And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of **PRAYER**; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*)

The cross reference of ^[f] is to **Jeremiah 7:11**, which Yeshua is quoting here. Our Lord here is furious and would have been shouting these words in **our verse**. The Temple was/is the only House of **PRAYER**, despite the opinion of many. No Church building or even Cathedral is "a house of **PRAYER!**" Not only that, most Cathedrals and many Churches have book stalls and trinket sales selling goods - a **den of robbers?** So where do we, thousands of miles from the Temple mount go to **PRAY?** Didn't Jesus say, "When you **PRAY**, go into your closet (*home*) and shut the door and **PRAY** to God in private?" **PRAYER** is between each of us and ADONAI. This is not to deny corporate **PRAYER** of course. The only **designated** place in which to **PRAY**, the house of **PRAYER**, is still the Temple, which is still the direction in which, maybe, we should face when we **PRAY**. *8th of August 2018*

205. **Mark 9:29 CJB:** ²⁹ He said to them "This is the kind of spirit that can be driven out only by **PRAYER**."
(**KJV:** ²⁹ *And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by **PRAYER** and fasting.*)

Only the various versions of the AV Bible have the added word "fasting," most other translations, as here in the CJB, have only **PRAYER**. In the episode **in this passage**, Yeshua drove out the evil spirit with a command, so why in **our verse** does He say only by **PRAYER** can the evil spirit be driven out? This **PRAYER** is not just a "God bless Mummy and Daddy" type of **PRAYER**, but one in which there is great trust or faith behind the **PRAYER**, **no doubts!** We need to have strong belief that we have enough of the Holy Spirit within us and the authority that goes with that. Amen.

9th of August 2018

206. **Mark 11:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Then, as he taught them, he said, “Isn’t it written in the *Tanakh*, **My house will be called a house of PRAYER for all the Goyim** ^[1] But you have made it into a **den of robbers!**” ^[2]
(**KJV:** ¹⁷ *And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of PRAYER? but ye have made it a den of thieves.*)

This verse parallels study 203, **Matthew 21:13**, and once again Yeshua is quoting **Isaiah 56:7** and **Jeremiah 7:11**. We see again that Yeshua is saying that the House of **PRAYER** had been corrupted. The main thing He was saying, however, is that the Temple **IS** the House of **PRAYER**, that is a main purpose of it being there. We know that it is also the place of sacrifice for those days, but there would be no need for sacrifice after Yeshua was hung on the stake (*or cross*). BUT, there is still a need for **PRAYER, PRAYERS** of thanksgiving, **PRAYERS** of confession, **PRAYERS** of repentance and **PRAYERS** of request, **PRAYERS** of just talking with ADONAI etc. The lesson here is simply that the Temple is the place where **PRAYER** is to be made.
10th of August 2018

207. **Luke 1:13 CJB:** ¹³ But the angel said to him, “Don’t be afraid, Z’kharyah; because your **PRAYER** has been heard. Your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you are to name him Yochanan.
(**KJV:** ¹³ *But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy PRAYER is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*)

Wow! An Angel came to Z’kharyah to tell him that his, and probably his wife’s, **PRAYERS** were being answered. They had probably **PRAYED** for a child for very many years, and here was an **Angel** standing before him, telling Z’kharyah that their **PRAYERS** were being granted. Who wouldn’t be terrified! We all hope for our **PRAYERS** to be answered, but to have an Angel appear before us, we would all be terrified! However, what do we learn about **PRAYER** in this situation? We don’t know how old were Z’kharyah and his wife, but as with Avraham, who was 100 years old, and Sarah, who was 90 years old before their **PRAYERS**, for their own child, were granted, it shows that if we really want our **PRAYERS** to be heard in Heaven and granted, we must **PERSIST** in those **PRAYERS**. We must remember that God’s timing is not usually the same as ours This brings to mind what Winston Churchill was reputed to have said, but not in his actual words, but “keep on working” at our **PRAYERS**. AMEN is the only response here!
11th of August 2018

208. **Luke 19:46 CJB:** ⁴⁶ saying to them, “The *Tanakh* says, ‘**My House is to be a house of PRAYER,**’^[b] but you have made it into a **den of robbers!**”^[c]
(**KJV:** ⁴⁶ *Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of PRAYER: but ye have made it a den of thieves.*)

Once again, the Lord is quoting from **Isaiah 56:7** and **Jeremiah 7:11**. This study is similar to those in studies 203 and 205, relating to the same situation. One wonders if the Lord said these things with an air of sadness rather than anger? The **preceding 5 verses to our verse** today, show Yeshua telling His disciples the terrible things that were going to happen to Yerushalayim in the near future. We have seen in **our verse** today, and in those two previous studies, that ADONAI is serious when it comes to protecting the House, the Temple, in Yerushalayim, that it is an exclusive place for His sacred Name, for sacrifices and here, for **PRAYER**. The Temple (*or the Temple Mount today, which is all we have*) is the only place designated by ADONAI for **PRAYER**, the direction, maybe, to which all our **PRAYERS** should be made.

12th of August 2018

209. **Acts 3:1 CJB:** ¹ One afternoon at three o'clock, the hour of *minchah* **PRAYERS**, as Kefa and Yochanan were going up to the Temple,
(**KJV:** ¹ *Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of PRAYER, being the ninth hour.*)

In Judaism, there are three daily fixed times for particular **PRAYERS**, *Shacharit* and *Maariv* are early morning and evening **PRAYERS** whilst *Minchah* is the afternoon **PRAYER** at about three PM. This *Minchah PRAYER* time is when Kefa and Yochanan (*Peter and John*) were going up to the Temple, presumably as observant Jews, for the purpose of joining with those **PRAYERS**. The Jews had fixed **PRAYERS** for each of these times. In **our verse today**, however, the happenings related here, were whilst they were passing through the Gate Beautiful on their way up to the Temple. We see here in this passage, two things about **PRAYER**, it should be regular and it should be unrestrained – as displayed by the onetime crippled man, as he leapt and praised God as he also went into the Temple, probably for the first time in his life, for the *Minchah PRAYERS*. Oh that I would be as excited to **PRAY** to God.

13th of August 2018

210. **Acts 6:4 CJB:** ⁴ but we ourselves will give our full attention to **PRAYING** and to serving the Word.”
(**KJV:** ⁴ *But we will give ourselves continually to PRAYER, and to the ministry of the word.*)

Here we see in **our verse**, that **PRAYER** and studying the word of God (*don't forget, the Tanakh or Old Testament was all there was!*). Prior to this, the Emissaries (*Apostles*) had been doing everything from studying and **PRAYING** to serving at tables. Since the number of Talmidim (*Disciples*) was growing rapidly, as we **read in verse 7**, the serving at tables and other important jobs were similarly growing. This meant that the Emissaries were overloaded and had to cut back to the essentials – **PRAYER** and “serving the Word.” Now we do not read here what the **PRAYERS** were, but we do see that **PRAYER** and studying the Word of God are equally important in their lives and so it should be in ours. We, today's Disciples, must not neglect either!

14th of August 2018

211. **Acts 10:31 CJB:** ³¹ and said, ‘God has heard your **PRAYER** and remembered your acts of charity.

*(KJV: ³¹ And said, Cornelius, thy **PRAYER** is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.)*

Obviously, we see two things **in this chapter**, God hears and answers **PRAYERS** and he has no favourites, Jew or Gentile. Cornelius, a Gentile, had converted to Judaistic beliefs, believing that ADONAI is the only God, the Lord God of Isra’el, and **PRAYED** to Him. We see in **our verse** today that ADONAI heard that **PRAYER**. We could also observe that when God “hears” our **PRAYER**, it means that He acts upon it too. The message for us today is that we must **believe** that God “hears” our **PRAYERS**, if we don’t believe that, what is the point of that **PRAYER**? 15th of August 2018

212. **Acts 12:5 CJB:** ⁵ So Kefa was being held under watch in prison, but intense **PRAYER** was being made to God on his behalf by the Messianic community.

*(KJV: ⁵ Peter therefore was kept in prison: but **PRAYER** was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.)*

What a story to tell the Church, which at that time was almost entirely made up of Messianic Jews! The most important part though is that “intense **PRAYER**,” or “**PRAYER** without ceasing,” was made by the Messianic community, as it then was. We see here that if we are really serious about an issue with ADONAI, we should gather the believers together and **PRAY** and **PRAY** and **PRAY** to ADONAI, without ceasing, until we have an answer from Him, which they certainly did have, as we see in the **following verses**. Here we have, what is maybe, the first all-night **PRAYER** meeting in the “new Church,” and it brought the answer from ADONAI. Amen.

16th of August 2018

213. **Acts 16:13 CJB:** ¹³ then on *Shabbat*, we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we understood a *minyan* met. We sat down and began speaking to the women who had gathered there.

*(KJV: ¹³ And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where **PRAYER** was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.)*

First question, what is a minyan? A minyan is an assembly of a minimum of 10 adult Jewish men in order to be able to meet with ADONAI to worship and **PRAY** to Him. This is related to **Numbers 13 & 14**. In **our verse** today, Sha’ul and those with him, came on *Shabbat*, to the place where that minyan met, and there found a number of women, with whom they spoke. One in particular, Lydia, responded to what Sha’ul was saying, as we read on. We see nothing of what **PRAYER** was made there, only that it was a place where **PRAYER** was offered to ADONAI. 17th August 2018

214. **Acts 16:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ Once, when we were going to the place where the *minyan* gathered, we were met by a slave girl who had in her a snake-spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She earned a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. (**KJV:** ¹⁶ *And it came to pass, as we went to PRAYER, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:*)

This passage is not about **PRAYER**, but about the use of the Spiritual gifts bestowed upon us as a result of our trust in our salvation by Yeshua. On their way to that same place, where the minyan met for **PRAYER**, but this time, on their way, they were met by a demonised slave girl. We do not learn much about **PRAYER** as such, in this passage, only that using the authority given by Yeshua to all those with trust or faith in Him, Sha'ul, in that authority, ordered the spirit of divination to come out of the girl, which it promptly did. All we believers have that authority! 18th of August 2018

215. **1 Corinthians 7:5 CJB:** ⁵ Do not deprive each other, except for a limited time, by mutual agreement, and then only so as to have extra time for **PRAYER**; but afterwards, come together again. Otherwise, because of your lack of self-control, you may succumb to the Adversary's temptation. (**KJV:** ⁵ *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and PRAYER; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*)

Oh the quaint language in the KJV, "defraud." Once again, the translators of the KJV have added the word "fasting," which is not in the original Hebrew text. One wonders if that was done in order to guide readers minds away from the context of husbands and wives? This **verse** doesn't talk about how or for what one should be in **PRAYER**, it is speaking of the priority that **PRAYER** should be given – much higher than sex, to put it bluntly! We are effectively told, in this passage, that we should make a regular space for our **PRAYER** time with the Lord, and that it should come before all that we might desire to do on a human level. 19th of August 2018

216. **2 Corinthians 1:11 CJB:** ¹¹ And you must add your help by **PRAYING** for us; for the more people there are **PRAYING**, the more people there will be to give thanks when their **PRAYER** for us is answered. (**KJV:** ¹¹ *Ye also helping together by PRAYER for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.*)

In **our verse** today, we see Sha'ul exhorting, what is not necessarily corporate **PRAYER**, but **PRAYER** by many people, believers. In this situation, Sha'ul and those with him had been under a heavy burden, despairing even to feeling "**we were under sentence of death**" in **verse 9**. Hence Sha'ul was pleading for the community in Corinth to **PRAY** for him and those with him, to have more of them **PRAYING** for him and remembering to give thanks when the **PRAYERS** are answered. The **PRAYER** for which Sha'ul is asking, is for him and those with him to be upheld through the various trials, tribulations and the burdens of him and those with Sha'ul. So should **we PRAY** for each other, although we mostly do not share our burdens to others due to our natural British reserve. 20th of August 2018

217. **2 Corinthians 9:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ And in their **PRAYERS** for you they will feel a strong affection for you because of how gracious God has been to you.
(**KJV:** ¹⁴ And by their **PRAYER** for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.)

Using the CJB and reading the **whole chapter** to understand the context. We see that the **PRAYER** mentioned, is thanking God for your tzedakah (*righteousness or charity*) which will make those **PRAYING** for you at this time, feel closer to you, having strong affection for you as a result of how gracious God has been to you. Now this could sound like buying friendship, but this **PRAYER** is probably for one that would never again be heard from or seen. It would be a **PRAYER** of thanksgiving, as well for your safety and wellbeing.
21st of August 2018

218. **Ephesians 6:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ as you **PRAY** at all times, with all kinds of **PRAYERS** and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.
(**KJV:** ¹⁸ **PRAYING** always with all **PRAYER** and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;)

In **our verse today**, there is a clear command to **PRAY** "*in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.*" Notice that this is after we have put on all the war equipment, as given in **the previous 5 verses**. Without doing this (*and this is a message to the writer!*) our **PRAYERS** could fail, since we would not be prepared! **Our verse** starts with telling us to offer these **PRAYERS** "**at all times**," no restrictions there. Also "**all kinds of PRAYERS and requests**," again, no restrictions. We must not let our British reserve inhibit our **PRAYERS**.
22nd of August 2018

219. **Philippians 1:4 CJB:** ⁴ Whenever I **PRAY** for all of you I always **PRAY** with joy,
(**KJV:** ⁴ Always in every **PRAYER** of mine for you all making request with joy,)

Sha'ul is telling the Philippians how it is always with joy that he **PRAYS** for them. The reason for this joy is that they are growing in the good work of proclaiming the good news of the Gospel. **Verse 9** tells us, that Sha'ul's **PRAYER** for them is that their "**love may more and more overflow in fullness of knowledge and depth of discernment,** ¹⁰ so that you will be able to determine what is best and thus be pure and without blame for the Day of the Messiah, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Yeshua the Messiah — to the glory and praise of God." Oh that this would be our **PRAYER** for each other today, as well as bringing joy to those who are or mentors or tutors.
23rd of August 2018.

220. **Philippians 1:19 CJB:** ¹⁹ for I know that **this will work out for my deliverance,**^[a] because of your **PRAYERS** and the support I get from the Spirit of Yeshua the Messiah.

*(KJV: ¹⁹ For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your **PRAYER**, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,)*

Sha'ul is here saying to the Philippians, that their **PRAYERS** and the support of the Spirit of Yeshua, was bringing him to rejoicing. The **PRAYERS** are thus always important in supporting one another. We always have the support of the Spirit of Yeshua the Messiah (*praise Him*) but, due to human nature, the **PRAYER** side of that support is variable.... We are told elsewhere that we should **PRAY** for those in authority over us (*Government and Local Councils etc.*) but our **PRAYERS** for our spiritual leaders is equally important. We can see in **our verse** today that the **PRAYERS** for Sha'ul, gave him confidence for his deliverance. *24th of August 2018*

221. **Philippians 4:6 CJB:** ⁶ Don't worry about anything; on the contrary, make your requests known to God by **PRAYER** and petition, with thanksgiving.

*(KJV: ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in everything by **PRAYER** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.)*

Verse 1 of this chapter: "So, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, my dear friends, keep standing firm in union with the Lord." And then **verse 4**: "Rejoice in union with the Lord always! I will say it again: rejoice! Wow! What a commendation to start **the chapter**, then instruction to rejoice! Little wonder then that Sha'ul goes on to tell the Philippians, and hence us, to not worry. He tells them to continue **PRAYING** to God with thanksgiving, making their requests and petitions to Him. We have a wonderful God who delights in hearing our **PRAYERS**, and in answering them too. *25th of August 2018*

222. **1 Timothy 4:5 CJB:** ⁵ because the word of God and **PRAYER** make it holy.

*(KJV: ⁵ For it is sanctified by the word of God and **PRAYER**.)*

All things are made holy by the "**Word of God and PRAYER.**" In this, **our verse today**, the context is about false teaching on forbidding marriage and, mainly, not eating certain foods, which God has created for us to eat. If we are diligent to read **the Word of God** on the subject and receive the food with thanksgiving and **PRAYER**, wherein the Lord God doesn't warn us to avoid, we should eat what is put before us with a grateful heart. Our **PRAYER** in this case is to ask God if we should or should not eat the food. He will answer our question. *26th of August 2018*

223. **James 5:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ The **PRAYER** offered with trust will heal the one who is ill — the Lord will restore his health; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. (**KJV:** ¹⁵ *And the **PRAYER** of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*)

If we wish to **PRAY** for something specific, healing in the case of our passage today, if we don't have trust, or faith, that the Lord will both hear and answer that **PRAYER**, then don't waste your time **PRAYING!** This is the message in **our verse today**. An essential requirement for **PRAYER** is that we believe that ADONAI will hear and answer that **PRAYER!** If we don't have that trust or faith, then there is no point in trying to **PRAY**. **PRAY** only with trust (*faith*). 27th of August 2018

224. **James 5:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and **PRAY** for each other, so that you may be healed. The **PRAYER** of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (**KJV:** ¹⁶ *Confess your faults one to another, and **PRAY** one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent **PRAYER** of a righteous man availeth much.*)

In **our verse** today, we are told that the **PRAYER** of a righteous man (*or woman?*) is powerful and effective! In other words, if we are righteous in the Lord and our lives reflect that righteousness, we can expect that our **PRAYERS** will be answered. Dr Grady McMurtry (www.creationworldview.org) puts it nicely, the answer will be “yes” or “no” or “wait.” If “yes,” then the request in the **PRAYER** will be brought to pass, if “no,” well, that's it, we got it wrong in our **PRAYER**. If the answer is “wait,” then obviously, we have to wait, for we know that the Lord's timing of all things is perfect! 28th of August 2018

225. **1 Peter 4:7 CJB:** ⁷ The accomplishing of the goal of all things is close at hand. Therefore, keep alert and self-controlled, so that you can **PRAY** (**KJV:** ⁷ *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto **PRAYER**.*)

This letter, as we see in the **early verses of chapter one**, was written to the Jews living in the diaspora, who had previously lived in the same way as the pagans, amongst whom they lived, but they had become believers in Yeshua as Messiah. **Our verse** contains a warning that the end of all things is near, hence we are exhorted to “**keep alert and self-controlled**,” in order that we can **PRAY**. The subject of this **PRAYER** is shown in **verses 1 & 2**, that we should no longer be controlled by mere human desires as does the world around us. Hence, we must **PRAY** for ourselves, that we may become pure in God's eyes and stay that way by continual **PRAYER**. 29th of August 2108

In PRAYER

226. **Nehemiah 11:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ and Matanyah the son of Mikha, the son of Zavdi, the son of Asaf, the leader who began the thanksgiving **PRAYER**; and Bakbukyah, the second among his kinsmen; and 'Avda the son of Shamua, the son of Galal, the son of Y'dutun.

*(KJV: ¹⁷ And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving **IN PRAYER**: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.)*

Well, we have all heard of the mythical “worship” leaders of today (*who are in reality praise leaders, not worship – see my studies on the word “Worship”*) but in **our verse** today we have Matanyah “**the leader who began the thanksgiving PRAYER**,” but it doesn't tell us if he continued to lead other **PRAYERS**. In our **PRAYER** meetings, one of the elders usually start with the first **PRAYER**, then the rest follow **PRAYING** the rest of the time of the meeting. What do we learn of **PRAYER** here? Only that there was **PRAYER(S)** of Thanksgiving, considered so important, that there was one leader appointed to give Thanksgiving in **PRAYER!** *30th of August 2018*

227. **Dani'el 9:21 CJB:** ²¹ yes, while I was speaking **IN PRAYER**, the man Gavri'el, whom I'd seen in the vision at the beginning, swooped down on me in full flight at about the time of the evening sacrifice,

*(KJV: ²¹ Yea, while I was speaking **IN PRAYER**, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.)*

Reading **verse 4** to the end (*the whole chapter really*) to get the complete picture here, we see that Dani'el's **PRAYER** was in 2 parts, confessing his own and the sins of his people and pleading for ADONAI to have mercy upon him and them. As we read in **our verse**, the answer to his **PRAYERS** was almost instant! (*This would suit many people today, for whom everything has to be instant....☺*) The **PRAYER** starts in **verse 4** extolling the greatness of ADONAI, then in **verse 15** by reprising all that ADONAI has done for His people in the past. Basically, apart from the **PRAYER** itself, we have a pattern similar to the pattern the Lord Yeshua gave us in what has become known as “The Lord's **PRAYER**.” Although the actual Lord's **PRAYER**, is in **John 17**. So now we know how we should **PRAY**. *31st of August 2018*

228. **Matthew 21:22 CJB:** ²² In other words, you will receive everything you ask for **IN PRAYER**, no matter what it is, provided you have trust.”
(**KJV:** ²² *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask **IN PRAYER**, believing, ye shall receive.*)

This verse would seem to be at variance with those who say that we must only **PRAY** in accordance with God’s Will. Here we are told that we “**will receive everything you ask for in PRAYER, no matter what it is, provided you have trust.**” If we were to ask for silly things, such as asking the Lord for £1M in my bank today please, that would be testing the Lord, which is something we must not do! However, we are told in **this verse**, that whatever we ask, it will be done for us. **Maybe** that should be qualified by “in His service,” but that is not for us to say, but it is qualified by the fact that when asking, we **MUST** have trust (*faith*). 1st of September 2018

229. **Luke 6:12 CJB:** ¹² It was around that time that Yeshua went out to the hill country to **PRAY**, and all night he continued **IN PRAYER** to God.
(**KJV:** ¹² *And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to **PRAY**, and continued all night **IN PRAYER** to God.*)

Yeshua went out into the hill country and **PRAYED** all night. The writer finds it difficult to **PRAY** for half an hour, running out of words very quickly, so to **PRAY** all night is something which I cannot even contemplate. To **PRAY** all night must mean that Yeshua was talking **WITH** the Father rather than just talking **TO** Him. Oh that I had reached the stage of talking (**PRAYING**) with my Father in Heaven. That is a stage to which we must all aspire, expecting to hear the Father. 2nd of September 2018

230. **Acts 1:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ These all devoted themselves single-mindedly to **PRAYER**, along with some women, including Miryam (*Yeshua’s mother*), and his brothers.
(**KJV:** ¹⁴ *These all continued with one accord **IN PRAYER** and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*)

After Yeshua had been taken up to Heaven as they watched, the eleven went back into the city, to the upstairs room where they were staying. Here, they, with some women including Miryam, Yeshua’s mother, “**devoted themselves single-mindedly to PRAYER,**” where the subject it is not revealed. We see in the **following verse** that in total they were about 120 in that room. What happened in that room was **NOT** that they excitedly discussed what had happened that day, but they went straight into **PRAYER!** Single minded **PRAYER**. No “*God bless Mummy and Daddy*” or “*please heal Auntie Jane,*” type of **PRAYERS**, but right down to praising the Father for all that had happened over the last 3 ½ years, and **PRAYING** about the future and what were the Father’s plans for them? Right down to basics! 3rd of September 2018

231. **Romans 12:12 CJB:** ¹² Rejoice in your hope, be patient in your troubles, and continue steadfastly **IN PRAYER**.
(**KJV:** ¹² *Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant **IN PRAYER**;*)

This paragraph, **verses 9 to 13**, starts with Lord's instruction(!) to "**Don't let love be a mere outward show.**" Also, **verse 14** says "**Bless those who persecute you — bless them, don't curse them!**" These are instructions which we may find very hard to do, when the coming persecution of we Christians, in the soon coming days! Hence, in **our verse** today, we have strong advice from our Lord, to develop **rejoicing, patience and steadfastness**, in our **PRAYER** life. Possibly, that last item is or will be the most difficult to obey. **PRAYER** seems to come easily to some people, when you hear them **PRAYING**, the words just seem to flow, whilst other, like the author, may struggle to find the words to **PRAY**. Take comfort, for ADONAI knows our hearts and is patient with His children – you and me. Hallelujah! *4th of September 2018.*

232. **Colossians 4:2 CJB:** ² Keep persisting **IN PRAYER**, staying alert in it and being thankful.
(**KJV:** ² *Continue **IN PRAYER**, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;*)

At the time of writing **this letter**, Sha'ul was in prison for speaking out the Gospel. In his letter to the Colossians, he was encouraging them to persist in **PRAYER**, to be aware of (*or alert to*) what ADONAI is doing, and what ADONAI is allowing to happen around them and other believers, and **PRAY** into what ADONAI is doing, i.e. **PRAYING** into His Will, not forgetting to give thanks when they see their **PRAYERS** being answered. In the **next verse, 3**, Sha'ul is asking them to **PRAY** for him and those working with him, that they may have the opportunity and be bold in proclaiming the Gospel, speaking the message clearly. *5th of September 2018*

My PRAYER

233. **Job 16:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ Yet my hands are free from violence, and **MY PRAYER** is pure.
(**KJV:** ¹⁷ *Not for any injustice in mine hands: also **MY PRAYER** is pure.*)

What a terrible state to which was poor Iyov (*Job*) reduced. He was, at this stage, thinking that all the terrible things that had happened to him were done by ADONAI! What had happened, was that ADONAI had indeed **allowed** Ha'Satan (*the Adversary in English*) to do these things, to allow Iyov's true faith to shine through. Here, his friends were throwing all sorts of allegations against him. In **our verse**, Iyov is protesting his innocence and that his "**PRAYER is pure!**" All that ADONAI had allowed Ha'Satan to do to him, was to prove to Ha'Satan and to Iyov himself what "he was made of." Yet, instead of buckling under all this pressure, Iyov maintained his trust or faith in his God! He kept **PRAYING**, although that isn't shown as such **in this chapter**. So too, when we are afflicted in any way – keep **PRAYING**.

6th of September 2018

234. **Psalms 4:1 CJB:** ¹ O God, my vindicator! Answer me when I call! When I was distressed, you set me free; now have mercy on me, and hear **MY PRAYER**.
(**KJV:** ¹ *Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear **MY PRAYER**.*)

In **this verse**, David starts by telling what God has done for him, he then pleads with Him to have mercy upon him and hear his **PRAYER**. What we see here, is that however much God has done for us, there is no limit to God, and it is acceptable to ask Him for more mercy and for Him to continue to hear our **PRAYERS**. We see that there is no limit to our **PRAYING** to God and knowing that He will hear us.
Hallelujah Father God. Amen!

7th of September 2018

235. **Psalms 5:3 CJB:** ³ ADONAI, in the morning you will hear my voice; in the morning I lay my needs before you and wait expectantly.
(**KJV:** ³ *My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct **MY PRAYER** unto thee, and will look up.*)

Here, **in verse 8**, David is throwing himself before ADONAI, we see that he bows down toward ADONAI in worship and lays his needs before Him. In **our verse**, he is doing this expectantly in the morning. In the **rest of the Psalm**, David goes on to tell ADONAI that he knows that He cannot abide evil or evil people and asks ADONAI in his **PRAYER** to keep him from those who lie in wait for him. All this is the form of David's **PRAYER**.

8th of September 2018

236. **Psalm 6:9 CJB:** ¹ ADONAI has heard my pleading, ADONAI will accept **MY PRAYER**.

*(KJV: ⁹ The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive **MY PRAYER**.)*

In **our verse** today, after David's pleadings with ADONAI, he expresses his confidence in ADONAI having heard his **PRAYER**. We too should have that confidence in our **PRAYERS** to ADONAI, after all, Yeshua told us that "we receive not because we ask not!" We do need, however, to not ask silly things, but to ask for that which would please ADONAI, who wants to give good gifts to all. 9th of September 2018

237. **Psalm 17:1 CJB:** ¹ Hear a just cause, ADONAI, heed my cry; listen to **MY PRAYER** from honest lips.

*(KJV: ¹ Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto **MY PRAYER**, that goeth not out of feigned lips.)*

A **Psalm** from David, pleading with ADONAI that He should hear his **PRAYER**, for his cause is just. David is asking ADONAI to see what is right, and to heed his cry. We see here, how we can always turn to ADONAI and plead our cause in **PRAYER** to Him. ADONAI is always there, listening for us to talk **with** Him, telling Him all our problems, asking for help, as in **our verse** today, He would love us to tell Him our joys too. What is **PRAYER**? It is simply talking **with** God. 10th of September 2018

238. **Psalm 35:13 CJB:** ¹³ But I, when they were ill, wore sackcloth; I put myself out and fasted; I can **PRAY** that what I **PRAYED** for them might also happen to me.

*(KJV: ¹³ But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and **MY PRAYER** returned into mine own bosom.)*

In **this whole Psalm**, David is pleading with ADONAI to, in the language of today, "Sort out" those who persecute and mock him! In **our verse**, he is reminding ADONAI of how when they were ill, he put on sackcloth, fasted and **PRAYED** for them. David must have **PRAYED** for good things to happen to those who were persecuting and mocking him, since we see at the end of **our verse**, that he **PRAYED** for the same to happen to him as he had **PRAYED** for them. Yeshua said that we should **PRAY** for our enemies and for those who persecute us. In this **whole Psalm**, we can see that David sets an example for us in our **PRAYERS** today, as also Yeshua said. 11th of September 2018

239. **Psalm 39:12 CJB:** ¹² Hear **MY PRAYER**, ADONAI, listen to my cry, don't be deaf to my weeping; for with you, I am just a traveller passing through, like all my ancestors.

*(KJV: ¹² Hear **MY PRAYER**, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.)*

Once again, we have a plea by David to ADONAI for Him to hear his **PRAYER**. Here in **this Psalm**, David is being oppressed and attacked. In the second part of **our verse**, David is acknowledging his position before ADONAI. David is **PRAYING** whilst being humble before God, which is the condition in which we should be, when we **PRAY** to ADONAI. 12th of September 2018

240. **Psalm 42:8 CJB:** ⁸ By day, ADONAI commands his grace, and at night his song is with me as a **PRAYER** to the God of my life.

*(KJV: ⁸ Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and **MY PRAYER** unto the God of my life.)*

This Psalm reflects the feeling of one being persecuted for their trust or faith in ADONAI, one who is taking comfort in Him and His presence. This Psalm says that ADONAI's song is "as a **PRAYER** to the God of my life." Seemingly, this indicates that we may **PRAY** in song, or that the song of ADONAI will come to us as a **PRAYER**. Another way to explain this is that ADONAI may prompt us to **PRAY**, by putting a song about Him into our minds, maybe in a dream. *13th of September 2018*

241. **Psalm 54:2 CJB:** ² God, hear **MY PRAYER**; listen to the words from my mouth.

*(KJV: ² Hear **MY PRAYER**, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.)*

Once again, David wrote this **PRAYER** Psalm whilst under persecution, after the Ziphim betrayed his presence to Sha'ul. David is turning to ADONAI for Him to hear this **PRAYER** for his vindication. In verse 4, David is saying that in spite of violent foreigners seeking him, he is acknowledging that ADONAI is his support and is helping him. We see here then, a pattern in this **PRAYER** Psalm, asking ADONAI for help, setting out the problem, and acknowledging his need, and his reliance upon God. It finishes with his offer of a generous sacrifice and praise to ADONAI for His help in rescuing him. *14th of September 2018*

242. **Psalm 55:1 CJB:** ¹ God, deliver me by your name; in your power, vindicate me. *(KJV: ¹ Give ear to **MY PRAYER**, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.)*

This is another **PRAYER** in the form of a Psalm by David. In it, he displays his confidence in ADONAI to save him in the circumstance of what had been a close friend, who turned against him, that confidence is shown in verse 17. Verse 3 tells of how he told ADONAI that he was panic stricken. We learn here, of how we can, and should, pour out our hearts in **PRAYER** to ADONAI. ADONAI can "take it!" We need to be able to do this, to cast our burden upon Him, as Yeshua told us, no matter what that burden might be. As mentioned, He can "take it!" *16th of September 2018*

243. **Psalm 61:1 CJB:** ¹ Hear my cry, God; listen to **MY PRAYER**. *(KJV: Hear my cry, O God; attend unto **MY PRAYER**.)*

Once again, David is calling out to ADONAI, please hear my cry, please listen to my **PRAYER**. Haven't we all been in this situation at some stage or another, we called out to God, but not sure if He is listening? Because we know, trust and love Yeshua our Saviour, we can know that ADONAI hears our **PRAYERS**, as long as they are accompanied by our trusting, having faith, that He hears, we can expect that He will answer those **PRAYERS** and He will uphold us in answer to those **PRAYERS** that we offer up to Him. *17th of September 2018*

244. **Psalm 64:1 CJB:** ¹ Hear my voice, God, as I plead: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
(**KJV:** ¹ Hear my voice, O God, in **MY PRAYER**: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.)

This **PRAYER** of David is somewhat unusual in that he is asking God to preserve his life from the **fear** of the enemy, rather than from the enemy itself. What this reveals to us is that we can **PRAY** against, not just the assaults of the enemy, but even the thought of the fear of those assaults, which can sometimes paralyse us. Very simply, there is no restriction or limit on the number or type of our problems which we can bring to the Lord in **PRAYER**.
18th of September 2018

245. **Psalm 66:19 CJB:** ¹⁹ But in fact, God did listen; he paid attention to **MY PRAYER**.
(**KJV:** ¹⁹ But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of **MY PRAYER**.)

This is a **Psalm** of praise to ADONAI, possibly upon the return from exile in Babylon. **Our verse** is proclaiming that God did in fact listen to the **PRAYER** offered by the (*unknown*) writer. In **this Psalm**, 2 things we learn about **PRAYER**, to be exuberant in praise of ADONAI and give thanks for what He has done for us. Also give testimony about the latter.
19th of September 2018

246. **Psalm 66:20 CJB:** ²⁰ Blessed be God, who did not reject **MY PRAYER** or turn his grace away from me.
(**KJV:** ²⁰ Blessed be God, which hath not turned away **MY PRAYER**, nor his mercy from me.)

As we read **this Psalm** again, since the previous Study is on the **preceding verse** to our one today, we see that for ADONAI to hear our **PRAYERS**, there is a condition. **Verse 18** tells us that if we cherish “**evil thoughts, Adonai would not have listened.**” We learn here that we need to be clean before Him in order that our **PRAYERS** are to be heard! So, it is important to be in the right place, humble, before we **PRAY**, much more so than that for which we **PRAY!**
20th of September 2018

247. **Psalm 69:13 CJB:** ¹³ As for me, ADONAI, let **MY PRAYER** to you come at an acceptable time; In your great grace, God, answer me with the truth of your salvation. (**KJV:** ¹³ *But as for me, **MY PRAYER** is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.*)

Please read the **whole Psalm**. When David wrote **this Psalm**, he was obviously in some great problems and being persecuted. **The verses prior to our one** show some of those problems, whilst **verses 13 to 20** are his pleading with ADONAI for help. After that, he turns to asking ADONAI to turn the actions of those persecuting him back onto them. Now to **our verse** and what do we learn of **PRAYER** here? The operative term is “**an acceptable time**.” In my Jewish Study Bible (*not the CJB*) it tells me that “**an acceptable time**” can be translated as “**at a favourable moment**,” Although we know that we can, and should **PRAY** to ADONAI at any time without restriction, and that we can bring to Him all our praises, joys and troubles, but here, David doesn’t have that confidence. So “**an acceptable time**” is any time, ADONAI is always listening for each one of us to talk with Him. Remember, ADONAI created Human Kind in order to have fellowship with Him, and remember that the original sin is simply to ignore God..... Think about these things as we **PRAY** to ADONAI with our problems and just talk with Him.

21st of September 2018

248. **Psalm 84:8 CJB:** ⁸ ADONAI, God of armies, hear **MY PRAYER**; listen, God of Ya’akov. (*Selah*) (**KJV:** ⁸ *O LORD God of hosts, hear **MY PRAYER**: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.*)

How happy are those sons of Korach who wrote **this Psalm**! It is all about how great it is to dwell in the House of the Lord. **Verse 10** shows this in that well known phrase: “**Better a day in your courtyards than a thousand [days elsewhere]**.” Obviously, today we are unable to dwell in the Temple, but we should **PRAY** acknowledging the presence of ADONAI with us – or us with Him. Thus, we know that He is hearing our **PRAYERS** all the time, He is seeing all that we are, all that we think, all that we say, all that we do, all the time.

22nd of September 2018

249. **Psalm 86:6 CJB:** ⁶ Listen, ADONAI, to **MY PRAYER**; pay attention to my pleading cry. (**KJV:** ⁶ *Give ear, O LORD, unto **MY PRAYER**; and attend to the voice of my supplications.*)

This Psalm is headed, “A **PRAYER** of David.” In **verse 2** he is calling out to ADONAI to preserve his life..... because he puts his trust in Him. Then in **verses 6 & 7**, he is crying out to Him because he knows that ADONAI will answer that cry. We too must have that trust (*or faith*) that He hears our cry for help. If we don’t believe that ADONAI will answer our **PRAYER**, then there is not much point in making any **PRAYER**!

23rd of September 2018

250. **Psalm 88:2 CJB:** ² let **MY PRAYER** come before you, turn your ear to my cry for help!

*(KJV: ² Let **MY PRAYER** come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;)*

Once again, **this Psalm**, by the sons of Korach, is a cry to ADONAI for help. The writer is saying in **verse 3** that he is, “**oversupplied with troubles, which have brought me to the brink of Sh’ol.**” **Our verse** is a cry to ADONAI for help, for an end to all the troubles which have overcome the writer, most of this **PRAYER Psalm** is relating what the writer feels is happening to him. He is doing what we can all do in our **PRAYERS**, telling ADONAI all our troubles, cares and woes. Our God has broad shoulders and can take it all, even if we blame Him for these problems. Oh thank you ADONAI, that we can tell you ALL that is happening to and around us, good or bad, He listens to it all, and He is not going to tell us to not be so blind, not keeping our eyes on Him. We must look for what He is saying in and through the troubles that are happening to and around us.

24th of September 2018

251. **Psalm 88:13 CJB:** ¹³ But I cry out to you, ADONAI; **MY PRAYER** comes before you in the morning.

*(KJV: ¹³ But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall **MY PRAYER** prevent thee.)*

The writer here is crying out to ADONAI for all the troubles besetting him, he feels that ADONAI has rejected him. We are shown here that when we **PRAY** to ADONAI, even though we may feel that He has rejected us, we must not be deceived by feelings or appearances, for it is in these circumstances that we must retain our trust (*faith*) in Him. In our **PRAYER**, we can still pour out to ADONAI how we feel, even if we feel rejected by Him. Remember that **PRAYER** is talking WITH God, not at God, He is listening, even when we feel alone.

25th of September 2018

252. **Psalm 102:1 CJB:** ¹ ADONAI, hear **MY PRAYER!** Let my cry for help reach you!

*(KJV: ¹ Hear **MY PRAYER**, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.)*

The CJB prefaces **this Psalm** with: “**PRAYER of a sufferer overcome by weakness and pouring out his complaint before ADONAI:**” it consists of crying out for help, extolling ADONAI and in the **last few verses** telling of the security that will come for ADONAI’s children. In the middle of the **Psalm (verse 15)** the one **PRAYing** tells of how all the nations and even kings, will fear even the name of ADONAI and His glory. This is a wide ranging **PRAYER** and an example for us all.

26th of September 2018

253. **Psalm 141:2 CJB:** ² Let **MY PRAYER** be like incense set before you, my uplifted hands like an evening sacrifice.
(**KJV:** ² Let **MY PRAYER** be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.)

This **verse** gives the idea of the (*physical*) attitude in which we should be, when we **PRAY** - hands uplifted. Incense is a very expensive item, precious, and that is how the Lord God of Isra'el sees our **PRAYERS** to Him. It also gives an idea to us of how we should treat our time (*and words*) when we **PRAY**. *27th of September 2018*

254. **Psalm 141:5 CJB:** ⁵ Let the righteous strike me, let him correct me; it will be an act of love. Let my head not refuse such choice oil, for I will keep on **PRAYING** about their wickedness.
(**KJV:** ⁵ Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet **MY PRAYER** also shall be in their calamities.)

In **this verse**, we are encouraged to **PRAY** about the wickedness coming over the world, be it Islamic terrorists, abortion on demand, transgender, homosexual acts and marriage, the terror on the streets in stabbings and shootings. One could go on about these things which are forbidden in the Scriptures but are happening. These and more should be the content of our **PRAYER** to ADONAI. *28th of September 2018*

255. **Psalm 143:1 CJB:** ¹ ADONAI, hear **MY PRAYER**; listen to my pleas for mercy. In your faithfulness, answer me, and in your righteousness.
(**KJV:** Hear **MY PRAYER**, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.)

This Psalm is another **PRAYER** to ADONAI for help, for mercy. It is a cry for an answer from ADONAI, for David to be hidden from his enemies. In **verse 8b**, we see a slightly different request, to know the way in which he/we should walk, to know in what way ADONAI would have us to walk. To know His ways and to walk in them, and in them alone. Help me ADONAI to both know and walk in them. Amen.
29th of September 2018

256. **Lamentations 3:8 CJB:** ⁸ Even when I cry out, pleading for help, he shuts out **MY PRAYER**.
(**KJV:** ⁸ Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out **MY PRAYER**.)

The writer is here bemoaning his affliction. My Jewish Bible Study Bible (*not CJB*) suggests that the writer is being afflicted by ADONAI, possible when going into captivity as a result of national sin. The writer feels that ADONAI is shutting out his **PRAYER**. The only lesson for us is that when we feel that ADONAI isn't hearing our **PRAYER**, we must look to our lives, our conscience, our attitude, and instead of whinging at God, work out in our conscience, why He isn't hearing (*or responding to*) our **PRAYER**. Then confess our wrongdoing and repent before ADONAI. We cannot expect God to respect our **PRAYERS** if we are not clean (*honest*) before Him, so, get clean before Him.
30th of September 2018

257. **Jonah 2:7 CJB:** ⁷ As my life was ebbing away, I remembered ADONAI; and **MY PRAYER** came in to you, into your holy temple.

*(KJV: ⁷ When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and **MY PRAYER** came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.)*

What a story is that of Yonah, if it was not in your word, Father, it would be unbelievable! As Yonah's life was ebbing away in the belly of the great fish (*it was apparently not a Whale as it is not able to swallow anything as big as a man*) he remembered ADONAI. When we are in serious trouble, then we should turn to ADONAI, never give up our trust or faith in Him, for He will hear our **PRAYER**, as He did that of Yonah. Remember that ADONAI is omnipresent, as Yonah found out, even in the belly of a great fish! The lesson for us in **today's verse**, is that ADONAI is always listening.

1st of October 2018

258. **Romans10:1 CJB:** ¹ Brothers, my heart's deepest desire and **MY PRAYER** to God for Isra'el is for their salvation;

*(KJV: Brethren, my heart's desire and **PRAYER** to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.)*

Here, in **this verse**, Sha'ul is expressing his greatest desire in his **PRAYER**, is for all his people, Isra'el, to be saved. He is saying in public, for what he **PRAYS** to ADONAI, he is telling the Roman believers that apart from the fact that he is **PRAYING** for his own brother Jews, but that he is obeying the Tanakh (*Old Testament*) in **Psalm 122:6** to **PRAY** for the wellbeing (*or peace in many Bibles*) for the people of Yerushalayim. Now many church-going people ignore the Tanakh, only ever reading the New Testament, but Sha'ul is here reminding us that the Tanakh is relevant to us today and that we are also to **PRAY** as instructed there. Sha'ul is here specifically reminding us to also **PRAY** for the salvation of Isra'el.

2nd of October 2018

PRAYERS

259. **Psalm 72:20 CJB:** ²⁰ This completes the **PRAYERS** of David the son of Yishai. (**KJV:** ²⁰ *The **PRAYERS** of David the son of Jesse are ended.*)

This **whole Psalm** is a **PRAYER** of David for his son, Shlomo, who had been put on the throne of Isra'el by David. The **PRAYER** is for both good things to happen to Shlomo and for him to do good things for the people and for ADONAI. This is an example of how we should **PRAY** for our children and those around us. *3rd of October 2018*

260. **Matthew 23:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ Woe to you hypocritical *Torah*-teachers and *P'rushim*! For you swallow up widow's houses while making a show of *davvening* at great length. Because of this your punishment will be all the worse! (**KJV:** ¹⁴ *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long **PRAYER**: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.*)

First of all, **this verse** doesn't appear in all versions of the Bible. **This verse** gives one of seven woes in **the Chapter**, starting with **verse 13** and going on until **verse 29ff**. These woes are all directed at the Torah Teachers and the P'rushim, and lists the things they do wrong or in the wrong way. We see in **our verse** today, **how not to PRAY!** We learn that our **PRAYERS** should come out of our lifestyle, not from a hypocritical lifestyle. If we don't do what we tell others to do, then we are hypocrites, as are the Torah Teachers and P'rushim. We should **PRAY** out of our heart, not out of some book we may have read (*other than the Bible of course*). *4th of October 2018*

261. **Mark12:40 CJB:** ⁴⁰ Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long **PRAYERS**: these shall receive greater damnation. (**KJV:** ⁴⁰ *Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long **PRAYERS**: these shall receive greater damnation.*)

The proud, make a show of who and what they are and **PRAY** for widows at such great length, all for show! "**These shall receive greater damnation.**" We must, repeat must, be sure of our motives before we start to **PRAY** for others, any pride or pomposity as we do so, has its reward, as **our verse** today shows. True humility is the order of the day, here, not as the Dickens character said, fooling himself, "I'm ever so 'umble." Our **PRAYER** should only come from our heart. *5th of October 2018*

262. **Luke 2:37 CJB:** ³⁷ and had remained a widow ever since; now she was eighty-four. She never left the Temple grounds but worshipped there night and day, fasting and **PRAYING**.

*(KJV: ³⁷ And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and **PRAYERS** night and day.)*

Josef and Miryam had taken the baby Yeshua to the temple in Yerushalayim, to do what the Teachings (*the correct meaning of Torah*) required. They were met first by Shim'on and then by the Prophetess Hannah Bat-P'nu'el. Hannah was an 84 year old Widow who spent most of her time in the Temple, fasting and **PRAYING**. When she saw the Baby Yeshua, she began thanking God and telling everyone about Yeshua. We see here in **this verse**, that **PRAYER** and fasting are closely linked, hence there are times when we really want to be serious in making our **PRAYERS** with God, we should do both. This is not to show God that the **PRAYER** is important, but to show oneself that one is serious.

6th of October 2018

263. **Luke 5:33 CJB:** ³³ Next they said to him, "Yochanan's *talmidim* are always fasting and *davvening*, and likewise the *talmidim* of the *P'rushim*; but yours go on eating and drinking."

*(KJV: ³³ And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make **PRAYERS**, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?)*

Once again, in **our verse** today, we have a link between **PRAYER** and fasting. The word "Davvening" is the Hebrew word for prayer. I would venture to suggest that there will be no fasting in the millennium or in Heaven as the Bridegroom will be with us. It is not suggested that we **MUST** fast now, but it may be, in our particular circumstances, that fasting should accompany our **PRAYER**, but it is not mandatory. We should seek the Lord to know if we should fast with (*or without*) our **PRAYERS**.

7th of October 2018

264. **Luke 20:47 CJB:** ⁴⁷ the kind that swallow up widows' houses while making a show of *davvening* at great length. Their punishment will be all the worse!"

*(KJV: ⁴⁷ Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long **PRAYERS**: the same shall receive greater damnation.)*

This verse is, of course, the same as **Mark 12:40, Study Number 260**. This great show of **PRAYING** is, of course, falsely **PRAYING**, only for show and is to be avoided by believers! The **PRAYERS** themselves are quite meaningless, just fancy words to make the one **PRAYING** look, or sound good. These **PRAYERS** do not reach ADONAI as requests for help for the ones being **PRAYED** for, but only cause ADONAI to rain greater punishment upon those doing this. These people (*Torah Teachers*) have their glory at the time of **PRAYING** and will not be in Heaven to receive eternal glory.

8th of October 2018

265. **Acts 2:42 CJB:** ⁴² They continued faithfully in the teaching of the emissaries, in fellowship, in breaking bread and in the **PRAYERS**.
(**KJV:** ⁴² *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in **PRAYERS**.)*)

“**In breaking bread and in the PRAYERS.**” Many have been taught that this means that they had Communion and **PRAYED**, all it means is that they shared everything and ate their meals together. Many of these, 3,000 at least, had been believers for only an hour or two at this point and were used, as Jews, to being together in **PRAYER**, as they were, every one of them, Jews, so to gather together in groups to **PRAY** was not new to them. What we learn here that it is good to gather in groups to **PRAY** together. 9th of October 2018.

266. **Acts 10:4 CJB:** ⁴ Cornelius stared at the angel, terrified. “What is it, sir?” he asked. “Your **PRAYERS**,” replied the angel, “and your acts of charity have gone up into God’s presence, so that he has you on his mind.
(**KJV:** ⁴ *And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy **PRAYERS** and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.*)

Cornelius and his relatives were the first non-Jews, Gentiles, to be saved and receive the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. We see in **our verse** today, that God hears the **PRAYERS** of non-believers, when, as we see here, God knows when they are going to be saved, by belief in Yeshua Ha’Mashiach. God hears all **PRAYER** and answers yes, no or wait, as Dr Grady McMurtry puts it. In **our Chapter** today, we see that Cornelius, who had been a devout man (*which did not bring him to salvation*) finally received an answer to his **PRAYERS**, which had been over a long period – he had to wait for the response from God. We too, in this instant world, must learn to wait for the answer that God has for our **PRAYERS**. 10th of October 2018

267. **Romans 1:9 CJB:** ⁹ For God, whom I serve in my spirit by spreading the Good News about his Son, is my witness that I regularly remember you ¹⁰ in my **PRAYERS**;
(**KJV:** ⁹ *For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my **PRAYERS**;*)

Sha’ul is calling upon God, to be his witness that he does regularly remember the Roman believers in his **PRAYERS**, and is looking forward to seeing them, as we see in the **next verse**. It is being shown here that we should remember one another in our **PRAYERS**, lifting all up to God in that remembrance. 11th of October 2018

268. **Romans 15:30 CJB:** ³⁰ And now I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Yeshua the Messiah and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by **PRAYING** to God on my behalf

*(KJV: ³⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your **PRAYERS** to God for me;)*

We see here in this, even the greatest spiritual leaders need the **PRAYER** support of fellow believers. The Scriptures tell us, in **2 Timothy 2:1 to 2:3**, (“**1**First of all, then, I counsel that petitions, **PRAYERS**, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all human beings, **2**including kings and all-in positions of prominence; so that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, being godly and upright in everything. **3**This is what God, our Deliverer, regards as good; this is what meets his approval”) to **PRAY** for those in authority over us, which includes those to whom we pay respect in our spiritual life. This means that we have a clear command to **PRAY** for those who are in authority, government, and our spiritual leaders. Is that how we **PRAY**? For myself, I will have to make a change in my **PRAYER** life! *13th of October 2018*

269. **Ephesians 1:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you. In my **PRAYERS** I keep asking ¹⁷ the God of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, the glorious Father, to give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you will have full knowledge of him. *(KJV: ¹⁶ Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my **PRAYERS**;* ¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:)

The **following verse** is included here for clarity of the **PRAYER** of Sha’ul. Sha’ul is here **PRAYING** for the believers of Ephesus to have “a spirit of wisdom and revelation” (*of the Word of God*) and a full knowledge of Yeshua Ha’Mashiach. Wow, for what more could we even desire? For this, we should be **PRAYING** for ourselves and for our fellow believers. *14th of October 2018*

270. **Colossians 4:12 CJB:** ¹² Epaphras sends greetings; he is one of you, a slave of the Messiah Yeshua who always agonizes in his **PRAYER** on your behalf, praying that you may stand firm, mature and fully confident, as you devote yourselves completely to God’s will.

*(KJV: ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in **PRAYERS**, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.)*

In reading **this Chapter**, we learn of the **PRAYER’s** content and that Epaphras “**always agonises in his PRAYER....**” and that he **PRAYS** that the Colossian believers would stand firm, be mature, fully confident and fully devoting themselves to the Will of God. That is quite a lot for which to **PRAY**, but it does indicate to us today, how we should **PRAY** for other believers, *15th of October 2018.*

271. **1 Thessalonians 1:2 CJB:** ² We always thank God for all of you, regularly mentioning you in our **PRAYERS**,
(**KJV:** ² *We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our **PRAYERS**;*)

Although **our verse** today mentions only that Sha'ul, Sila and Timothy make mention of the Thessalonians in their **PRAYERS** to ADONAI, reading the **rest of the chapter**, reveals how they **PRAYED** for those Thessalonians, thanking and praising God for them and their actions, which had been come known throughout the area. Thus, in our **PRAYERS**, we can (*and even should*) thank the Lord for the way other believers treat us, praising and thanking God for them. 16th of October 2018

272. **1 Timothy 2:1 CJB:** ¹ First of all, then, I counsel that petitions, **PRAYERS**, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all human beings,
(**KJV:** ¹ *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, **PRAYERS**, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*)

PRAYERS are to be made for all Human Beings! That means we are to **PRAY** for everyone, but **the chapter** goes on to particularly mention kings and all our leaders. Since this starts with kings, it probably means all those in our Government. Oh that we had a Christian Government – first subject for us to **PRAY** is that we might have Godly leadership in our country at all levels! 17th of October 2018

273. **1 Timothy 5:5 CJB:** ⁵ Now the widow who is really in need, the one who has been left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in petitions and **PRAYERS** night and day.
(**KJV:** ⁵ *Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and **PRAYERS** night and day.*)

This widow is (*or these widows are*) childless and grand-childless, hence has no one to help or support her and she is over 60 years old. She has no one to turn to except the Lord, to whom she turns night and day with her petitions and **PRAYERS**. If she is a distance away, it is our personal duty to lift her needs up to the Lord in **PRAYER**. This is our Christian (*or Jewish*) duty as clearly outlined in the **first 16 verses of this chapter** before us today. 18th of October 2018

274. **2 Timothy 1:3 CJB:** ³ I give thanks to God, whom, like my forbears, I worship with a clean conscience, as I regularly remember you in my **PRAYERS** night and day.
(**KJV:** ³ *I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my **PRAYERS** night and day;*)

We see, in **this verse** today, that Sha'ul's **PRAYERS** were regular and were carried out both night and day. This indicates to us, that we should be trying to do the same with our **PRAYER** time. As Sha'ul remembered Timothy in his **PRAYERS**, so our **PRAYERS** should also include **PRAYING** for others. 19th of October 2018

275. **Philemon 22 CJB:** ²² One more thing: please get a room ready for me. For I hope that through the **PRAYERS** of you all God will give me a chance to visit you. (**KJV:** ²² *But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your **PRAYERS** I shall be given unto you.*)

Please read **all 25 verses** of this letter, to understand the whole context. Sha'ul was obviously hoping, at the time of writing this letter, to be released from prison, hence would be able to visit Philemon. Sha'ul was resting that hope on the **PRAYERS** of the believers who were with Philemon. We see here in **this letter** from Sha'ul, that he knew that the group with Philemon were a **PRAYING** people, and he knew they would be **PRAYING** for him. Their **PRAYERS** would include asking the Lord for this fellow believer, Sha'ul, to be set free from prison. We should in like manner, **PRAY** regularly for those we know are imprisoned, although not necessarily in jail, but maybe, in some form of addiction or some (*evil?*) situation from which they are struggling to be set free. 20th of October 2018

276. **Hebrews 5:7 CJB:** ⁷ During Yeshua's life on earth, he offered up **PRAYERS** and petitions, crying aloud and shedding tears, to the One who had the power to deliver him from death; and he was heard because of his godliness. (**KJV:** ⁷ *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up **PRAYERS** and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;*)

Interesting that the writer of Hebrews separates **PRAYERS** and petitions. **Our verse today** tells of how Yeshua cried aloud and shed tears when He **PRAYED** to His Father in Heaven. If we were to feel that passionate about that of which we are **PRAYING**, we should not be ashamed to cry and shed tears. If Yeshua did, then it is perfectly OK for us to feel the same emotions as we **PRAY** to ADONAI our Father, the same Father as He to whom Yeshua **PRAYED**. Oh that we have the same Father as Yeshua has, what a privilege we have to **PRAY** directly to our Father in Heaven in the name of His Son, Yeshua., that Father who has power over sin and death, who we shall meet in Heaven soon. 21st of October 2018

277. **1 Peter 3:7 CJB:** ⁷ You husbands, likewise, conduct your married lives with understanding. Although your wife may be weaker physically, you should respect her as a fellow-heir of the gift of Life. If you don't, your **PRAYERS** will be blocked. (**KJV:** ⁷ *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your **PRAYERS** be not hindered.*)

In **the first 6 verses of this chapter**, we see how a wife should and should not conduct herself. "Women's libbers" and "#MeToo-ers" reject this, as they mostly reject Yeshua Ha'Mashiach, but that doesn't alter the fact that this is the Word of God. However, **our verse today** concerns us men. In order for our **PRAYERS** to be heard in Heaven, we must maintain certain standards of behaviour, which includes respecting our wives intelligence and feelings, **PRAYING** for them and the relationships with her. These are the Lord's instructions for we married men and our treatment of our Wives. There is no leeway here for men, no excuses, no "yes-but!" 22nd of October 2018

278. **1 Peter 3:12 CJB:** ¹² For ADONAI keeps his eyes on the righteous, and his ears are open to their **PRAYERS**; but the face of ADONAI is against those who do evil things.”

*(KJV: ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their **PRAYERS**: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.)*

My CJB gives a cross reference to **Psalm 34 VV 1-16**, where **verse 16** tells of how “ADONAI opposes those who do evil.” We are shown in **our verse today**, that a pre-requisite for having our **PRAYERS** answered by ADONAI (*except the “Sinners **PRAYER**” of repentance*) is to be righteous in our ways. If we do evil things, then “**the face of ADONAI is against**” us! We see then, that our whole lifestyle affects the way ADONAI responds to our **PRAYERS**. *23rd of October 2018.*

279. **Revelation 5:8 CJB:** ³ Another angel came and stood at the altar with a gold incense-bowl, and he was given a large quantity of incense to add to the **PRAYERS** of all God’s people

*(KJV: ³ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the **PRAYERS** of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.)*

In the previous **study, 279**, we saw that the pieces of incense are the **PRAYERS** of the saints, we believers in Yeshua, the Son of God. The writer is of the opinion that this extra incense are the **PRAYERS** of Yeshua, interceding before the Father, for us believers. *18th of February 2019*

280. **Revelation 8:4 CJB:** ⁴ on the gold altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense went up with the **PRAYERS** of God’s people from the hand of the angel before God.

*(KJV: ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, which came with the **PRAYERS** of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.)*

Still in that gap between the opening of the Seals and before the sounding of the Shofars. Here, the **PRAYERS** of all God’s people are ascending to Heaven with incense added as in the **previous verse** and study. Our **PRAYERS** then, are completed in some way, by the smoke (*and scent*) of the incense, although we learn little or nothing about the content of those **PRAYERS**. *26th of October 2018*

PRAYEST

281. **Matthew 6:5 CJB:** ⁵“When you **PRAY**, don’t be like the hypocrites, who love to pray standing in the synagogues and on street corners, so that people can see them. Yes! I tell you, they have their reward already!

*(KJV: ⁵ And when thou **PRAYEST**, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.)*

In **this verse today**, the Lord tells us how and when we should **PRAY**. The form of what we should **PRAY** comes in **verses 9 to 13**. Neither what nor why we should **PRAY** is not covered in **this chapter**. What Yeshua tells us in **today’s verse** is that we should make our **PRAYERS** in private, out of the sight and hearing of others, what we **PRAY** is between each of us and the Father alone. This is not to say that group **PRAYING** is not to be done nor wrong.

27th of October 2018

282. **Matthew 6:6 CJB:** ⁶But you, when you **PRAY**, go into your room, close the door, and **PRAY** to your Father in secret. Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

*(KJV: ⁶ But thou, when thou **PRAYEST**, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, **PRAY** to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.)*

This study is almost a repeat of the previous one. We do learn in **our verse** today, that when we **PRAY** to the Father in private (*secret*) He will reward us - in Heaven - when we reach there. **Verse 7** tells us “**don’t babble on and on like the pagans**,” filling out our **PRAYERS** with many words, or repeating our request to Him over and over in many different ways of expressing the same thing, that is not what the Father wishes to hear! **Verses 7 & 8** express this adequately and show why. As mentioned in the previous study, **verses 9 to 13** is a format (*not the words, as is so often **PRAYED** by rote*) of for, how and for what, we should **PRAY**.

28th of October 2018

PRAYETH

283. **1 Samuel 1:12 CJB:** ¹² She **PRAYED** for a long time before *ADONAI*; and as she did so, ‘Eli was watching her mouth.
(**KJV:** ¹² *And it came to pass, as she continued **PRAYING** before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.*)

Please read **the chapter** to understand the context here. Hannah was only mouthing her **PRAYER** to *ADONAI Tzva’ot* for Him to have mercy upon her and to give her a male child, since P’ninah constantly taunted her. As P’ninah had sons and daughters. Eli, the Cohen, because he couldn’t hear any **PRAYER**, thought she must be drunk and remonstrated with her. But her **PRAYER**, as we can also do, was pouring out her whole heart to *ADONAI* about how she was being tormented by P’ninah for being childless and asking Him for a child. As we read on in **the chapter**, *ADONAI* answered her **PRAYER** by allowing her to become pregnant and having a male child. We know, of course, that the child was Samuel and, as promised to *ADONAI*, he was loaned to Him when he was weaned. Oh praise God that we can bring our deepest hurts and our requests to Him. Hallelujah! Amen. *3rd of November 2018.*

284. **1 Samuel 1:26 CJB:** ²⁶ and she said, “My lord, as sure as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here near you, **PRAYING** to *ADONAI*.
(**KJV:** ²⁶ *And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, **PRAYING** unto the LORD.*)

Hannah’s **PRAYER**, so long ago, included a vow to *ADONAI*, that she would loan the child to Him for as long as he lived. In **our verse** today, she had brought the child, Sh’mu’el, to the Lord at Shiloh (*and was reminding Eli of her **PRAYER***) this was in fulfilment of her vow in that **PRAYER**. It must have been terribly hard for her, after bearing the baby and then feeding him at her breast for all that time until he was weaned! He would not be only a few months or a year, but probably until Sh’mu’el could feed himself before he was given to the Lord. An indication of his age is given in **verse 28**, where he prostrated himself (“*worshipped,*” in the *KJV*. See my study on the word **WORSHIP** in the website) before the Lord. We learn here today, in our study on the word **PRAYER**, that if we make a vow before *ADONAI* in our **PRAYERS** to Him, we **MUST** fulfil that vow. *4th of November 2018*

285. **1 Kings 8:28 CJB:** ²⁸ Even so, *ADONAI* my God, pay attention to your servant's **PRAYER** and plea, listen to the cry and **PRAYER** that your servant is **PRAYING** before you today,
(**KJV:** ²⁸ *Yet have thou respect unto the **PRAYER** of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the **PRAYER**, which thy servant **PRAYETH** before thee to day:*)

The **PRAYERS** in **this verse** come as part of the dedication of the Temple. It is a small part of Shlomo's **PRAYER** of dedication, in which he is pleading with *ADONAI* to hear the content of the whole **PRAYER**. There is so much, that I can only suggest **reading verses 22 to 53**, which gives all of that **PRAYER**. 5th of November 2018

286. **1 Kings 8:54 CJB:** ⁵⁴ When Shlomo had finished **PRAYING** all this **PRAYER** and plea to *ADONAI*, he got up from in front of the altar of *ADONAI*, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven,
(**KJV:** ⁵⁴ *And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of **PRAYING** all this **PRAYER** and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.*)

What a **PRAYER** he **PRAYED**! To know this **PRAYER's** content and all that went with it, please **read this chapter** from **verse 1 down to verse 63**. Shlomo **PRAYED** a lot here for forgiveness for the People of Isra'el when, having done wrong, they turn back to *ADONAI* in repentance, confessing their sins. The message for us today, is that we must be clean before Him before we can **PRAY** for all these things. Hence, we must confess each of our own sins against Him and repent before **PRAYING** to *ADONAI*. This does not mean corporately, as in the Church of England general confessional, but privately one to one with *ADONAI* Himself. Just reciting the **PRAYER** in the **PRAYER** Book isn't really confessing anything! We must acknowledge each of our own sins before the Lord God of Isra'el! 6th of November 2018

287. **2 Chronicles 6:19 CJB:** ¹⁹ Even so, *ADONAI* my God, pay attention to your servant's **PRAYER** and plea, listen to the cry and **PRAYER** that your servant is praying before you
(**KJV:** ¹⁹ *Have respect therefore to the **PRAYER** of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the **PRAYER** which thy servant **PRAYETH** before thee:*)

This part of **2 Chronicles 6** is, to a large extent, a repeat of the **PRAYER** in **1 Kings 8**. Here we see the cry to *ADONAI* to hear the **PRAYER** and plea made to Him. However, we see in **2 Chronicles 6:32, 33**, we see that foreigners are included in Shlomo's plea to *ADONAI*, for Him to hear their **PRAYER** if they acknowledge *ADONAI* and honour Him. To the Isra'elis, all Gentiles are foreigners and we have here how we are included in Shlomo's **PRAYER** to *ADONAI* to be heard. Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen, Amen. 7th of November 2018

288. **2 Chronicles 6:20 CJB:** ²⁰ that your eyes will be open toward this house day and night — toward the place where you said you would put your name — to listen to the **PRAYER** your servant will **PRAY** toward this place.
(**KJV:** ²⁰ *That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the **PRAYER** which thy servant **PRAYETH** toward this place.*)

In **our verse today**, Shlomo is asking ADONAI to listen to, to hear his **PRAYERS** and those of His people, Isra'el, when they come in repentance to the House of God, the Temple. The **rest of the chapter** goes on to list those **PRAYERS** for His people, culminating in the **last two verses** of **the chapter** asking ADONAI to go up with the Ark, to His place of rest, to complete the dedication of the Temple. *8th of November 2018*

289. **2 Chronicles 7:1 CJB:** ¹ When Shlomo had finished **PRAYING**, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of ADONAI filled the house,
(**KJV:** ¹ *Now when Solomon had made an end of **PRAYING**, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.*)

Such was the response of ADONAI to the **PRAYERS** offered to Him by Shlomo, that all the people of Isra'el prostrated themselves and gave thanks to ADONAI. In **our verse today**, we read that “**fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of ADONAI filled the house.**” The people were not even able to say **WOW!** Nor could they say anything, in such a way did ADONAI manifest His presence, which would have been terrifying! The glory of ADONAI filled the Temple and was “**over the house**” we read in **verse 3**. ADONAI answered all the **PRAYERS** that Shlomo and the people had offered and so we know He will hear all our **PRAYERS** and answer them, it may not be the answer we expect, but answer He certainly will. *9th of November 2018*

290. **Isaiah 44:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ With the rest of the log he fashions a god, a carved image, then falls down before it; he worships it and **PRAYS** to it. “Save me,” he says, “for you are my god!”
(**KJV:** ¹⁷ *And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and **PRAYETH** unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.*)

Verses 9 to verse 20 are an admonishment to those who make images, carved from wood or cast in metal, idols, false gods. **Our verse today** shows this and that the idol maker does prostrate himself, worships the idol and **PRAYS** to it. **Verse 18** shows what ADONAI thinks of them, which is the truth! The following **verses down to verse 20**, show how deceived is the idol maker and those who use such things! The message here about **PRAYER** is that we must not worship before nor **PRAY** to anyone but ADONAI alone, **no other!** Many years ago, every Sunday morning, people would religiously wash their car, not occurring to them that they should worship the living God, instead of worshipping their car, thinking to themselves, “what a lovely car I have acquired for myself.” Nuff said, as the saying goes. *10th of November 2018*

291. **Dani’el 6:11 CJB:** ¹¹ Then these men descended on Dani’el and found him making requests and pleading before his God.
(*KJV: ¹¹ Then these men assembled, and found Daniel **PRAYING** and making supplication before his God.*)

There is that Christian song from my childhood, “Dare to be a Dani’el,” remember that? Here in **our verse today**, we see Dani’el, contrary to the decree (*which king Daryavesh signed **without thinking***) **PRAYING** 3 times a day exactly as he had always done. Dani’el trusted in his God, no matter what the circumstances, and he **PRAYED**. No doubt he **PRAYED** about the decree, that the Lord would save him, as he was obedient to God and continued to **PRAY**. As we see in the **rest of the chapter** (*do read this **whole chapter***) Dani’el was vindicated in the eyes of the king, with the result that he issued another decree, which we see **in verses 27 and 28**. The message here today is that no matter the circumstances, we must **PRAY** to the living Lord God of Isra’el!
11th of November 2018

292. **Dani’el 9:20 CJB:** ²⁰ While I was speaking, **PRAYING**, confessing my own sin and the sin of my people Isra’el, and pleading before *ADONAI* my God for the holy mountain of my God —
(*KJV: ²⁰ And whiles I was speaking, and **PRAYING**, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;*)

Please **read the chapter**, at least **down to verse 23**. This really is some pattern for us to use when we **PRAY** to *ADONAI*, starting with extolling *ADONAI*, His greatness and praising Him, then confessing our sins (*Dani’el also **PRAYED** for the sins of his people*) before making our requests to *ADONAI*. In **our verse today**, Dani’el starts to explain how, even as he was still **PRAYING** to *ADONAI*, that he received an answer in the form of Gavri’el swooping down upon him to explain things he hadn’t understood before. Now *ADONAI* does hear all our **PRAYERS** but we may not receive an instant answer, as did Dani’el in this case. Since *ADONAI* always hears our **PRAYERS**, just because we don’t have an instant answer, as in Dani’el’s case, we must also await God’s timing for His answer.
12th of November 2018

293. **Mark 11:25 CJB:** ²⁵ And when you stand **PRAYING**, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive your offenses.”
(*KJV: ²⁵ And when ye stand **PRAYING**, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*)

Where would one stand **PRAYING**? The Torah Teachers (*Scribes*) and Parushim (*Pharisees*) would stand on the streets to be noticed. In the situation which **our verse** portrays, it would probably have been in the Temple or in a lonely place, as Yeshua was wont to go to **PRAY**. The message in **our verse today** is not about standing, sitting, kneeling or any other posture, but the fact that we must not **PRAY** to God with any unforgiveness in our heart or mind. **Our verse** explains that this is necessary to obtain Father God’s forgiveness of our own sins. Wow! That makes our forgiveness of others rather important, thus we must sort out our own situation before coming before God in **PRAYER**!
13th of November 2018

294. **Luke 1:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ All the people were outside, **PRAYING**, at the time of the incense burning,
(**KJV:** ¹⁰ *And the whole multitude of the people were **PRAYING** without at the time of incense.*)

Presumably, it was required, that when the Cohen went into the Holy of Holies to burn Incense, that the people, who were outside the Temple itself, would **PRAY**. Amongst other things, they would offer **PRAYERS** to ADONAI for safe keeping of the Cohen who had gone in, since, to go into the Holy of Holies was not permitted, on pain of death, to enter that place except at certain prescribed times of the year. In fact, the Cohen who did go in, would have a long rope tied around his ankle, such that if he went in with the wrong attitude, not clean (*having confessed his sins and repented*) or without due reverence to ADONAI and was killed, others could pull out his body without going into the place. To go into the Holy of Holies was a most frightening thing to do.
14th of November 2018

295. **Luke 3:21 CJB:** ²¹ While all the people were being immersed, Yeshua too was immersed. As he was **PRAYING**, heaven was opened;
(**KJV:** ²¹ *Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and **PRAYING**, the heaven was opened,*)

One can conclude from **this verse**, that Yeshua **PRAYED**, either before being immersed or after, we are not told here. What we do see is that as He **PRAYED**, the Ruach Ha'kodesh came upon Yeshua, Heaven was opened and Father God pronounced that "**You are my Son, whom I love; I am very pleased with you.**" Thus announcing to the world, that Yeshua is the Son of the living God. We don't know if the crowds heard that, or even if they saw the physical Dove come down and settle on Yeshua. All that we do know is what is written here, that this happened as a result of Yeshua's **PRAYER**. So, **PRAYER** was made and an answer came from Heaven. Now this was an instant answer to **PRAYER** and instant answers is not what happens every time we **PRAY**, God's timing is not for our convenience. As Dr Grady McMurtry (*he preaches on Revelation TV*) once said, "God answers: yes, no or wait," and often it is wait – not always instant answers for our **PRAYERS**, but, unless God says No (*as may happen when we **PRAY** not in accord with His will*) there will always be an answer. Hallelujah! AMEN!
15th of November 2018

296. **Luke 9:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ Once when Yeshua was **PRAYING** in private, his *talmidim* were with him; and he asked them, “Who are the crowds saying I am?” (**KJV:** ¹⁸ *And it came to pass, as he was alone **PRAYING**, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?*)

We find in this passage, that Yeshua was **PRAYING** in private with His Talmidim, and in the course of His **PRAYING**, asked the Talmidim who people thought He is? It is strange to us, that Yeshua would ask those around Him such a question! But the circumstances were, that sometime earlier, Yeshua had, in front of 5,000 men, performed the miracle of the feeding the 5,000. One must assume that His **PRAYER** would have been in that context. Had the people realised that He was the Mashiach? The Talmidim said they hadn't but further in the chapter, Kefa did know by a revelation from the Father that He is the Mashiach. In this verse and in the course of His **PRAYER**, Yeshua was not talking to a crowd, but privately to the 12. We learn, that when we are in a small group **PRAYING**, it is quite normal for us to ask a question of those around us, but not start a conversation though!

16th of November 2018

297. **Luke 11:1 CJB:** ¹ One time Yeshua was in a certain place **PRAYING**. As he finished, one of the *talmidim* said to him, “Sir, teach us to **PRAY**, just as Yochanan taught his *talmidim*.” (**KJV:** ¹ *And it came to pass, that, as he was **PRAYING** in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to **PRAY**, as John also taught his disciples.*)

Now **PRAYER** is a part Jewish life, so we should notice that in this verse today, the Talmidim did NOT ask Yeshua WHAT to **PRAY**, which is how the Church has interpreted the “Lord’s Prayer” for nearly 2 millennia. They were asking Yeshua to teach them TO **PRAY**, He gave them a pattern of the things for which they (*and now us believers*) should cover in the course of their **PRAYERS**, not to simply repeat by rote, what is known as “The Lord’s **PRAYER**” parrot fashion, which is the way in which it is treated in most of the Church today. The real Lord’s **PRAYER**, the one He **PRAYED**, the real Lord’s Prayer is in John 17! So when we **PRAY**, apart from “arrow **PRAYERS**,” we should follow the pattern given in the verses following our verse today.

17th of November 2018

298. **Acts 9:11 CJB:** ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to Straight Street, to Y’hudah’s house; and ask for a man from Tarsus named Sha’ul; for he is **PRAYING**, (**KJV:** ¹¹ *And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he **PRAYETH**,*)

This passage, **verses 1 to 25** give the story of Sha’ul’s re-birth and subsequent activity, both of which were miraculous. He was struck blind by Yeshua and Hananyah went in some trepidation, to place hands on Sha’ul - to receive his sight again, another miracle. When Hananyah arrived at the house, he found Sha’ul was (*or had been*) **PRAYING**. Sha’ul would have **PRAYED** to Yeshua about his past life, confessing and repenting to Him of all those terrible things he had done, to get himself clean before the Lord, and to learn from the Lord what His plans were for him from that time on. Thus one of that of which our **PRAYERS** should contain is confession and repentance of things which Yeshua will bring to mind from the deep recesses of our memory, of which we may have completely forgotten. For myself, I find the Lord is so gracious that He only brings them to mind one at a time, with a gap of days or weeks between, in order that we don’t become depressed. 18th of November 2018

299. **Acts 11:5 CJB:** ⁵ “I was in the city of Yafo, **PRAYING**; and in a trance I had a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners from heaven, and it came down to me. (**KJV:** ⁵ *I was in the city of Joppa **PRAYING**: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:*)

Kefa was **PRAYING**, talking to and listening to ADONAI. Which is exactly what it means to **PRAY**! Kefa saw in the vision that came whilst **PRAYING**, as detailed in the **first part of this chapter**, that he was not to treat Goyim (*Gentiles, non-Jews*) as unclean. The Jewish tradition was/is not to mix in any way with the Goyim, but here, ADONAI was exposing and changing that tradition. In His eyes, all men (*and Ladies*) are equal. We are to respect all Mankind in our **PRAYERS** too, be we Jew or Gentile. 19th of November 2018

300. **Acts 12:12 CJB:** ¹² Realizing what had happened, he went to the house of Miryam the mother of Yochanan (*surnamed Mark*), where many people had gathered to **PRAY**. (**KJV:** ¹² *And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together **PRAYING**.*)

PRAYER, PRAYER, PRAYER! In **verse 5** we have **PRAYER** being given on Kefa’s behalf. When the Angel of the ADONAI led Kefa out of prison, having loosed the chains by which he was fastened to the 2 soldiers, Kefa went to the home of Miryam where there was more **PRAYER** going on! Whilst the believers were still **PRAYING**, Kefa had been freed from the chains and had been set loose and led out of the prison. WOW! Did ADONAI answer **PRAYER!!!** However, it was not because of the amount of **PRAYING** going on, but the fact that there was **PRAYER!** 20th of November 2018

301. **1 Corinthians 11:4 CJB:** ⁴ Every man who **PRAYS** or prophesies wearing something down over his head brings shame to his head,
(**KJV:** ⁴ Every man **PRAYING** or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.)

According to my CJB Study Bible, this does not apply to the Skull Cap, but to a veil or hat. When I see orthodox Jews **PRAYING** at the Kotel, they all wear a hat! But that is not for us believing men. In **our verse today**, we are not looking at what we **PRAY** about, but more of the physical attitude (*yes, I know the joke about the 2 men in a pub, one with a dog*) when **PRAYING** to ADONAI. We have seen about standing, looking up, kneeling and other physical positions when **PRAYING** and here we have another, for men with our head uncovered. Amazing what comes out when we study the word **PRAYER** in the Bible. 21st of November 2018

302. **1 Corinthians 11:5 CJB:** ⁵ but every woman who **PRAYS** or prophesies with her head unveiled brings shame to her head — there is no difference between her and a woman who has had her head shaved.
(**KJV:** ⁵ *But every woman that **PRAYETH** or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.*)

Many believing women I know, always cover their head when **PRAYING**, certainly, **our verse today** and **the following verses** make clear that a woman is shamed if she **PRAYS** or prophesies with her head uncovered. For myself, I'm not sure about these things, my doubts are fed by the content of **verse 16 of this chapter**. When in Isra'el, married ladies have their head covered all the time when out, but single girls go about with heads not covered. Male or female, lady or gentleman, single or married, **the chapter** makes clear that we believers are all under the authority of the Lord God of Isra'el, ADONAI, all the time. The important thing is that we do **PRAY** to our Father God. Prophecy is outside this study. 22nd of November 2018

303. **1 Corinthians 14:14 CJB:** ¹⁴ For if I **PRAY** in a tongue, my spirit does **PRAY**, but my mind is unproductive.
(**KJV:** ¹⁴ *For if I **PRAY** in an unknown tongue, my spirit **PRAYETH**, but my understanding is unfruitful.*)

Today, in **this chapter** and in **our verse**, we come to a very contentious issue! Many Churches and Fellowships are against the exercise of speaking or **PRAYING** in Tongues or Prophecy! That is not what Sha'ul is telling us in **this chapter**, rather, he is cautioning about how, where and when we should use these gifts, and to be sure, they are a gift from ADONAI, not to be despised, ignored or forbidden! Personally, in order not to offend those in the Fellowship I attend, I refrain from using Tongues when with them. The Joy of **PRAYING** in Tongues is that only God Himself knows what we are saying to Him, they are prompted by the Ruach HaKodesh who knows what we need to **PRAY** about when we don't. We can **PRAY** in Tongues at any time and in any place. Hallelujah! At home, in the car, whilst walking. We can even do it in silence in our head. Oh what a wonderful freedom. 23rd of November 2018

304. **2 Corinthians 8:4 CJB:** ⁴They begged and pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service for God's people.

*(KJV: ⁴ **PRAYING** us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.)*

This verse has a very old, and no longer used, meaning of the word **PRAYING**. The CJB uses a different language, English, as used today, uses "begged" instead. This is where 400 or 500 year old language confuses and why I don't use the KJV for my Bible studies, although I quote it here for those traditionalists amongst us. However, when we **PRAY** to ADONAI, we are, if we are asking Him for something, then we are begging Him to answer the request we are making.

24th of November 2018

305. **Ephesians 6:18 CJB:** ¹⁸ as you **PRAY** at all times, with all kinds of **PRAYERS** and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.

*(KJV: ¹⁸ **PRAYING** always with all **PRAYER** and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;)*

This verse today is not telling us to **PRAY** at all times, but "**as you PRAY.....**" which is not to say that we shouldn't **PRAY** at all times. In our **PRAYERS**, we are to remember "**all God's people.**" With whatever kind of **PRAYER** and request, we are here told to **PRAY** in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently. In other words, don't stop just because there is no immediate answer, but persist in those **PRAYERS for all God's people**, remembering that God's timing isn't the same as our timing, after all, we all live in an instant world - we want it **now** Lord! We must exercise patience for God's time, for Him to give the answer.

25th of November 2018

306. **Colossians 1:3 CJB:** ³ Whenever we **PRAY**, we always give thanks for you to God, the Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

*(KJV: ³ We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **PRAYING** always for you,)*

What a wonderful commendation! We learned in an earlier study, that we should give thanks to ADONAI, and in **our verse today**, we are shown a great example of the sort of things for which we should thank Him. Thank Him for those people or things, which give us joy. Praise the Lord, in our **PRAYER** life, for how He guides us I every way. All glory, honour and praises belong to our God! Amen. *26th of November 2018*

307. **Colossians 4:3 CJB:** ³ Include **PRAYER** for us, too, that God may open a door for us to proclaim the message about the secret of the Messiah — for that is why I am in prison.

*(KJV: ³ Withal **PRAYING** also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:)*

When we **PRAY**, *our verse today*, instructs us to **PRAY** for, in today's terms, the Missionaries. That the Lord may open doors (*doesn't that ring a bell!*) for the Gospel to be proclaimed. Now, today, to proclaim the Gospel in some places, countries, is to put one's life on the line. Only a week or so ago, one fellow tried to land on North Sentinel island, part of the Andaman Islands, off the coast of India to give them the Gospel and was shot dead with arrows before he even managed to get onto the beach! In *our verse today*, Sha'ul was writing from Prison, having been put in there for preaching the Gospel! For us today, in this world's spiritual climate, preaching the Gospel anywhere is not going to invite many plaudits for doing so. **Verse 2** encourages us to persist in **PRAYER**, being thankful for every opportunity. *27th of November 2018*

308. **1 Thessalonians 3:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ Night and day we **PRAY** as hard as we can that we will be able to see you face to face and supply whatever shortcomings there may be in your trust.

*(KJV: ¹⁰ Night and day **PRAYING** exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?)*

Sha'ul and those with him **PRAY** as hard as they can, that they might be able to see again those believers in Thessalonica, face to face. That they would be able to supply all that is needed to strengthen the trust (*faith*) of those believers in Thessalonica. This is an example of how we should offer **PRAYER** for our own fellow believers, to strengthen their trust in our Lord Yeshua. *28th of November 2018*

309. **Jude 20 CJB:** ²⁰ But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, and **PRAY** in union with the *Ruach HaKodesh*.

*(KJV: ²⁰ But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, **PRAYING** in the Holy Ghost,)*

In *our verse today*, we are exhorted to **PRAY** in union with the *Ruach HaKodesh*. This means that we need to seek that for which ADONAI, by or in the *Ruach HaKodesh* would have us **PRAY**. In effect, seek first to find out that of which He would have us **PRAY**, then we should offer up our **PRAYER** to ADONAI, knowing that this is what He requires of us. In this way, we fulfil what ADONAI would have us **PRAY** to Him.

29th of November 2018

Hallelujah! Thank You Father God, for all these revelations You have revealed through these studies on **PRAYER**. AMEN!