

TWO PRAYERS

Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 21 May 2023

Introductory Comments

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-When Thampi asked me to speak, I asked if there was any particular topic area that would be of benefit to the assembly at this time.

-Thampi responded that- that there many of you that are experiencing things that tend to be discouraging. This includes sickness, death, and various other problems associated with the fallen world in which we live

-As a result, Thampi suggested that I bring a lesson that would bring encouragement to my brothers and sisters in Christ.

-Kathy and I have experienced this too.

- Things like air conditioners have broken
- Roof damage by windstorms
- Our bodies are getting older
- Family members are suffering medical problems
- Close family members have died unexpectedly.

Attention Step:

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-How many here have felt at least some sense of discouragement during this past year?

Overview of Lesson

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1. Problems of the present tend to cause discouragement
2. Anticipation of future joy will tend to encourage the heart
3. Two prayers that provide Christians hope for the future

Body of Lesson:

SHOW SLIDE OF POINT 1 (problems bring discouragement)

1. Problems of the present tend to cause discouragement

(click to show examples of discouraging problem)

- The children of Israel experienced this as they approached the promised land.
 - Numbers 21:4 -- And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.
- Job had lost everything and had no hope or expectation of recovery
 - And Job spake, and said, Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. (Job 3:2-3)

SHOW SLIDE OF POINT 2 (joy brings encouragement)

2. Anticipation of future joy will tend encourage the heart

(click to show 1st example of encouraging event)

--Joy of having a new baby encourages a woman who just delivered a child.

John 16:21 -- A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

(click to show 2nd example of encouraging event -- The LORD Himself!)

--Even the Lord anticipated future joy as He died for His people

Hebrews 12:1-3 -- 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who **for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

SHOW SLIDE OF POINT 3 (Two Prayers bringing Hope for the Future)

3. Two prayers that provide Christians hope for the future

-One of them is the Lord's Prayer -- Can you tell which One???

(click to show first prayer)

Prayer 1:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name ... " (Matthew 6:9-13)

-How many recognize this as the Lord's prayer?

--Well, actually it isn't! Certainly He was the one that presented it BUT as a model for His disciples

--But, **this is a prayer which wouldn't make sense for Him to pray!** Why?

(click to show WHY this first prayer couldn't be a prayer Jesus could make)

---Consider the words of this short prayer:

----(Matthew 6:9-13)9 -- "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen"

-----Notice: Christ is and always has been sinless. Asking for forgiveness of sins would not make sense!!!

-----Rather: this is a model prayer for His disciples. FOR US!!!

(click to show WHY this first prayer is encouraging)

--Nevertheless: this prayer is encouraging!!!

---God is our Father!

---He is in Heaven and rules all things!

---The very mention of His name is awesome

---We are to anticipate His perfect will to be obeyed here as in Heaven

---He faithfully provides our daily bread and a multitude of other needs

---We are encouraged to ask Him for forgiveness when we “blow it”!

---We can seek His strength to avoid temptations that would deliver us into evil

---His kingdom, power and glory shall never end!!!!

OR

(click to show second prayer)

-Now let's look at the second prayer

Prayer 2:

“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: ...” (Matthew 26:39)

-How many think this is the Lord's prayer?

--Well, it is!!!

--He prayed it urgently to His Father (and now ours) as he was contemplating the punishment He was about to bear at His Father's hand!

--It also brings us encouragement.

--Let's look closer at the context of the entire prayer

---(Matthew 26:37-43) -- “And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little further, 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. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 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. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

--Because of His willingness to bear the incredible punishment for sins we, His people, are SAVED!!! FOREVER!!!

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CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

-Those whose hearts the Lord has captured with His Love have an everlasting

reward awaiting us from Christ for what HE did.

-We are bought, paid for, and His forever!

-If you are His, He, Himself, looks forward to this eternal union with You.

--1 Corinthians 2:9 -- But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

[\(click to show warning to any unbelievers present\)](#)

HOWEVER

-If you are one that doesn't love Him, and continue apart from him for the rest of your life, you will never have hope.

-Is anyone here burdened with this reality. Then there's hope for you too.

[\(click to show hope to any a burdened unbeliever present\)](#)

--Jesus said:

---John 6:37 -- "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

---Matthew 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

---Revelation 21:3-8 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

--Those of us who the Lord has saved have a serious mission to pursue. Perhaps someone to whom you present Christ shall believe and be saved!!!!