

James

Chapter 3 (Pt. 2)

Yeshua's Teaching on Prayer: *Points to Remember*

“*Our Father...*”

- We are part of a community.
- Note to Whom you are praying.

John 14:6 *Yeshua said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

“...Who is in Heaven...”

- There is still an awkward distance between God and us...

“...May Your Name be kept holy.”

- ...and there should be a distance between us and the world.

“May Your Kingdom come...”

- Our time here is a time of patient endurance and preparation...

“...and may Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

- **...as we live our lives according to His Torah.**

Isaiah 56:6-7 *“And the foreigners who join themselves to Adonai, to minister to Him, to love the name of Adonai, and to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast My covenant – these I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”*

Psalms 103:17-19 *But the steadfast love of Adonai is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. Adonai has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.*

“Give us today our daily bread.”

- Like manna, we receive a daily supply of grace.

“And forgive us our wrongs to the degree we have forgiven those who wrong us.”

- God’s attitude toward us reflects our attitude toward others.

“And do not lead us into testing...”

- Don’t make the mistake that David made!

Psalm 26:1-2 *“Judge me, Adonai, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in Adonai without wavering. Prove me, Adonai, and try me; test my heart and my mind.”*

“...but deliver us from evil.”

- **But when we do fail a test, God uses that for our good.**

Psalm 51 *To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba...*

... (17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Job 5:17-19 *“Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproveth; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty. For He wounds, but He binds up; He shatters, but His hands heal. He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you.*

“For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever.”

Daniel 7:27 *And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.*

“Amen.”

- ***“I know that our words have been heard and that our Father will respond perfectly.”***

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“For if you forgive others for their wrongs, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your wrongs.”

- **The success of your prayers depend upon this single principle.**

Matthew 18:33-35 *“... And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”*

“Of him that hopes to be forgiven, it is indispensably required that he forgive. On this great duty eternity is suspended: and to him that refuses to practice it, the throne of mercy is inaccessible, and the Savior of the world has been born in vain.”

☞ Samuel Johnson

Joseph & Naomi

Forgiveness vs. Bitterness

Genesis 50:19-21 *But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.*

“The gates of Hell are locked from the inside.”

☞ C.S. Lewis

Ephesians 4:30 – 32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all **bitterness** and **wrath** and **anger** and **clamor** and **slander** be put away from you, along with all **malice**. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Messiah forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-14

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another** and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other**; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

And now, back to James...

James 3:13-18

