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Faith or Fear – What's In Your Wallet?

Last Shabbat, we looked at the prayer of Shlomo in 2 Chronicles 6 and Adonai's response to that prayer in 2 Chronicles 7. I specifically shared with you how it aligned with Yeshua's instruction to prayer, known as the Lord's Prayer.

Yet I also shared with you that we should not be rote in our prayer but should make our prayers personal and known to him because we are each made individual through Him. A book written by Adonai for each one of us. If we are uniquely created, where there is only one of each of you and thus no one else is like you, why wouldn't we make our prayers unique as we are.

Mat 6:9 You, therefore, **pray like this:** 'Our Father in heaven! May your Name be kept holy.

He says we are to pray like this...not we are to pray this way.

Yeshua gave us a guideline as I shared last week, first recognizing who Adonai is and then seeking him in our need. Yeshua did the same thing in His prayer in the garden...

Joh 17:1 After Yeshua had said these things, he looked up toward heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you—

Joh 17:2 just as you gave him authority over all mankind, so that he might give eternal life to all those whom you have given him.

Joh 17:3 And eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and him whom you sent, Yeshua the Messiah.

Joh 17:4 "I glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

He prayed as He instructed us to pray but notice how his prayer was not what he shared.

Mat 6:9 You, therefore, pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven! May your Name be kept holy.

Mat 6:10 May your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Prayer is about communicating with God, in your own words, in your own way yet, according to how we are instructed to pray. A guideline so to speak.

If you are Praying to Adonai, do you trust Him?

Pro 3:5 Trust in Adonai with all your heart; do not rely on your own understanding.

Pro 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge him; then he will level your paths.

Solomon, the one whose prayer we looked at last week conveys this when we pray...

Pro 22:17 Pay attention, and listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my knowledge;

Pro 22:18 for it is pleasant to keep them deep within you; have all of them ready on your lips.

Pro 22:19 I want your trust to be in Adonai; this is why I'm instructing you about them today.

Pro 22:20 I have written you worthwhile things full of good counsel and knowledge,

Pro 22:21 so you will know that these sayings are certainly true and bring back true sayings to him who sent you.

His Father David, wrote this...

Psa 37:3 Trust in Adonai, and do good; settle in the land, and feed on faithfulness.

Psa 37:4 Then you will delight yourself in Adonai, and he will give you your heart's desire.

Psa 37:5 Commit your way to Adonai; trust in him, and he will act.

Psa 37:6 He will make your vindication shine forth like light, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Thus, if we have these affirming verses when we are to come to Adonai, make ourselves and our concerns known to him, why do we not walk in that power and that authority given to us by Yeshua...

Luk 10:17 The seventy came back jubilant. "Lord," they said, "with your power, even the demons submit to us!"

Luk 10:18 Yeshua said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Luk 10:19 Remember, I have given you authority; so you can trample down snakes and scorpions, indeed, all the Enemy's forces; and you will remain completely unharmed.

Luk 10:20 Nevertheless, don't be glad that the spirits submit to you; be glad that your names have been recorded in heaven."

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

Yet do we truly walk in this authority or do we walk more in fear, rather than faith. Doubt rather than confidence?

Do we walk that way when it comes to giving to God, tithes and offerings.

Capital One has this slogan, "what's in your wallet?"

So my question when it comes to giving is...

Faith of Fear.

Do you walk in faith when it comes to your finances or do you walk in fear and worry. Wondering what and how can we do this.

After Yeshua had instructed in prayer, he shares this passage...

Mat 6:25 "Therefore, I tell you, don't worry about your life—what you will eat or drink; or about your body—what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Mat 6:26 Look at the birds flying about! They neither plant nor harvest, nor do they gather food into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they are?

Mat 6:27 Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to his life?

Mat 6:28 "And why be anxious about clothing? Think about the fields of wild

irises, and how they grow. They neither work nor spin thread,

Mat 6:29 yet I tell you that not even Shlomo in all his glory was clothed as beautifully as one of these.

Mat 6:30 If this is how God clothes grass in the field—which is here today and gone tomorrow, thrown in an oven—won't he much more clothe you? What little trust you have!

Mat 6:31 "So don't be anxious, asking, 'What will we eat?,' 'What will we drink?' or 'How will we be clothed?'

Mat 6:32 For it is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Mat 6:33 But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Mat 6:34 Don't worry about tomorrow—tomorrow will worry about itself! Today has enough tsuris already!

I share these verses with you because for myself we have a monumental task ahead of us.

Share about the search for a building

So we are not to worry, we are not to be afraid.

The upcoming business meeting.

Luk 21:1 Then Yeshua looked up, and as he watched the rich placing their gifts into the Temple offering-boxes,

Luk 21:2 he also saw a poor widow put in two small coins.

Luk 21:3 He said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

Luk 21:4 For they, out of their wealth, have contributed money they could easily spare; but she, out of her poverty, has given all she had to live on."

We are to be good stewards of what God has provided.

I rarely do a message on giving or tithing, yet I felt the need to prepare you for what lays ahead for us. Though we do not have a specific building in mind and has been revealed to us, we are moving forward in this process, by faith, knowing that the reality is beyond our means yet Adonai can do things that will.

Sha'ul conveys...

Rom 10:17 So trust comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through a word proclaimed about the Messiah.

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