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Last Day of Unleavened Bread 2007

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Greetings brethren, welcome to the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a Holyday. Let's just do a little review, let's come to Exodus 13, because as I mentioned before the first holy day of the feast of unleavened bread has to do with the dedication of the first-born. So let's review, let's come to Exodus 12:51, because verse fifty-one is really a part of chapter thirteen but because men did the separation of the verses and the chapters, it just happens to fall that way. Exodus 12:51; 'And it came to pass the self-same day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.' Now chapter 13:1; 'And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Sanctify [that is set apart for a holy purpose] unto me all the first-born, whatsoever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.' Now we can take that and look back on that and we can look forward on that. Abraham was first-born, Isaac was first-born, Jacob was first-born and when you put it all together, Christ was the first-born, first-born of the virgin Mary, the first-born from among the dead. And all of this fits into sanctifying of the first-born and as well, as we will study for the Feast of Pentecost, we are the church of the first-born. So this becomes a very important thing. Now verse 3; 'And Moses said to the people, Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day you came out, in the month Abib.' So beginning on the fifteenth day of the first month, which then begins right after sunset on the fourteenth. And that is why we have the Night to be Much Observed at the beginning of the fifteenth. So there is to no leavened bread be eaten. He says down here in verse 5; 'you shall keep this service in this month. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day there shall be a feast unto the Lord.' So it is a holy day. Now we will read this again in Leviticus twenty-three in just a minute. Now let's understand this, whenever God repeats something that shows its importance. You go back and study concerning the Sabbath, how many times is the Sabbath mentioned, throughout the whole Bible, Old Testament and New Testament? How many times does it say, 'Obey My voice?' How many times does it say, 'keep the commandments?' How many times does it say that God will bless you for obeying Him? How many times does it say that you will receive the curse of God for not obeying Him? How many times does it say to worship the Lord your God only, and not have other gods and graven images? Over and over and over and over and that is why with the Feast of Unleavened Bread it is repeated. Because it is important and there is a purpose for it. And the first day is for the dedication of the first-born, but the whole feast is for a dedication and holiness and sanctifying and set aside before God. Now he says in Exodus 13:7; 'there shall no leavened bread be seen with you, neither shall there be leaven seen with you in all of your quarters. And you shall show your son that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did to me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be a sign for you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord's law may be within your mouth.' That is

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what it is, so that God's law will be in our minds, how we think and in our hands, how we work. Then you can take that and you can apply many, many other scriptures to it. You can go through the Proverbs, and how to control your mind, use your mind and how to work and all of that. It can all be expanded on from this one verse. Continuing in verse 9; 'that it may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out from Egypt.' And with a strong hand God has called us out of spiritual Egypt and spiritual Sodom, hasn't He? So you see, whenever we read these things in the Old Testament, we do not need to take the attitude that the protestants have, 'well that is old, that is the Old Testament and it is not for us today,' because everything here in the Old Testament, the laws and the commandments of God are a foundation for the spiritual application in the New Testament. Continuing in verse 10; 'You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.'

Now let's come to Leviticus 23:6, he says; 'And on the fifteenth day of the first month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread unto the Lord.' Now it is not to a church, it is not to yourself, it is not to a man, it is not to a minister, it is; 'unto the Lord.' Then he says; 'seven days you must [under obligation] eat unleavened bread. Then he says; 'On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work therein.' Then they were to make offerings at the temple and so forth. These were the official offerings and you can read of that in Numbers twenty-eight, the offerings that were to be given on each day and on the Sabbath and on the feast days. Continuing in verse 8; 'In the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work therein.' And we always take up an offering on the Holy day, because when we come before God, on these special days, we are to examine our lives, we are to see how God has blessed us, we are to look and see the spiritual things that God has given, the physical things that God has given and we are to be thankful in giving an offering to God, it is commensurate with how He has blessed us. Let's read that in Deuteronomy 16, and he says it in other places, but this is important for us to always keep in mind, and you know the thing that is important to God, is your heart and your mind and your attitude toward God, when you bring an offering or you give your tithes and offerings, it is what is your heart and mind, do you believe God, do you trust God, do you thank God, do you recognize God for it? And after all, what is the most important thing that you receive from what you are working in and laboring in, conducting business in, whatever it may be, it is the value and the money and the funds that you receive. And God says, He is the One Who gives power to get wealth. So that is why, we need to have the kind of attitude toward God in thanksgiving and in rejoicing and giving in the way that God delights in. So let's read it here, Deuteronomy 16:16; 'Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God in the place which He shall choose.' And today, it is wherever two or three are gathered, there I am in your midst. He has chosen that. He has chosen to be with us. So it does not matter if you live way away and you are alone or whether you are with a group of two or three or ten or twelve or twenty or thirty or forty or fifty, it does not make any difference, if the Spirit of God is there and in you, that is the place that God has chosen. And if you are there to love God and worship God and serve God and obey Him and thank Him for what He is doing and the great work that He is doing in each one of us, which is really the true work of God. Continuing in verse 16, he says; 'in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty.'

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Every man [or everyone] shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.' And so, when we come before God on these Holy days, to bring an offering before Him, we need to consider everything. And we need to understand that it is an expression of our love to God, our thankfulness to God, our expression to God, to honor Him because of what He has done for us and blessed us and watched over us and called us and given us understanding of His word and all of those things are all combined together. So we will go ahead at this time and take a pause and take up an offering.

Now let's continue on with the meaning of the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it has great meaning for us. And this helps us understand our relationship with God and what He will do for us. And how He expects us to respond to Him and doing the things that please Him, but also looking to God to intervene for us in our lives. Now, let me ask you the question: "Are you, where you thought you would be, when God first called you?" No, you are not. I do not think any of us are. Who would have ever dreamt that we would have gone through the things that we have gone through? Likewise, with the children of Israel, when God was bringing them out of Egypt, in their own minds, they figured, well God is going to take us right to the Promised Land, because He promised to give it to us. And there was a really easy road or highway from the Delta region, in Egypt that went along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and went right up to the Holy land. And, I am sure, that all the people thought, God is going to take us there, this is great, this is marvelous, but God had other things in mind, because He wanted to show them His great power. And He also needed to test and to prove them, just like God does with everyone of us, to test us and prove us. So what happened here, God said; 'No, I am not going to take them that way.' Let's come here to Exodus 13:17; 'And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines.' Or that is not on the highway going to the land of the Philistines, which is, like I said, right along the coast of the Mediterranean there, although that was nearer. 'for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt.' Now here is the thing this way, God wants to know what we are going to do. Now let's put this in terms of spiritual things for us, because all of these things are written, as Paul said, as examples for us, that we do not do like they do. Now, you say, 'well we don't see war,' well, yes we do. Because we are at war, let's put it this way, Satan the devil and the world is at war with us and we must fight back. And we also must let God fight our battles for us. So here, they were going to see physical war and God knew what Pharaoh was going to do. God knew that Pharaoh was going to come and He caused him to come, for the very purpose of glorifying Himself and showing the children of Israel, what He would do for them. And that also shows and demonstrates this, how much God loves you, how much God loved them and how precious they were in God's sight. Because He was going to do and perform a marvelous work and wonder among them, in bringing them through the Sinai and bringing them to the Promised Land. All they had to do was trust God and believe God. And so here is the first test, :18; 'but God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea.' Down toward where they would have to come to the Red Sea. 'And the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt, [and so forth.]' And God had the pillar of fire at night and the cloud by day and they followed wherever they would go. Exodus 14:2; so,

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'God told Moses to tell the children of Israel, that they were to turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it you shall encamp by the sea.' Now as they came down there, you have the Red Sea, and when they were in their marching columns, it was approximately, for that number of people, about eight to ten miles long. So, here they are all encamping by the sea. Now Pharaoh said, he got word, the children of Israel were tangled in the wilderness, 'Aha, I've got them, they have trapped themselves.' Well, God said here in chapter 14:4; 'And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honored upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord. And they did so.' Now, let's understand something important here, in history, from that time forward, Egypt never was a great power. When they rose to a certain amount of greatness, God always brought war against them and brought them down. And when Nebuchadnezzar came in and conquered Egypt, after he conquered the Jews in Palestine, he wasted them, just like God wasted them with the exodus. And then he sent in those who, in history, were called the Huxsos and the Huxsos ruled Egypt for four hundred years before it recovered any amount of prominence, that it had before God dealt with them, bringing all the plagues on them and killing the first-born and leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. So here is the last act to absolutely break the power of the Egyptians. So Pharaoh said, we are going to take all of the chosen chariots, we are going to get all of the horsemen and we are going to go after them and bring them back, because, look what we have done, this is a silly thing that we have done, we have let all of our workers go. And how can we go out and do it? You see, it would be like today, if you immediately had to give up everyone of your appliances and have no electricity and no running water and no grocery store to go to, you would think, what on Earth have we done? Well, that is similar to what it was with Pharaoh. So they came and pursued and they came with a high hand, they said, they are trapped, we are going to get them. Now let's see the reaction of the children of Israel and we are going to learn some lessons here, because this is the lesson of the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which we need to go over and rehearse and do lest we fall into the same attitude toward God that they fell into. Continuing in verse 10; 'And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: [terribly afraid].' There were very few weapons that they had and here comes the hardened soldiers with their chariots and their spears and their swords and everything to kill and destroy. They probably had their bludgeoning thing that they also used too. So they were afraid. 'And the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord. And they said to Moses.' Now, you see, the same thing with human nature, when you just look to a man, when things get going tough, you blame the man. Same way as Adam and Eve. What did Adam say? He said, 'well it was the woman.' What did the woman say? 'Well it was the serpent.' Now, here in this case, they come to Moses, because he was the one who was the physical man that they could see. And they accused him and they said; 'Because there were no graves in Egypt.' Well, there were plenty of them to bury us there. 'Why have you taken us away to die in this wilderness? Why have you dealt with us this way to carry us forth out of Egypt?' And they could have also said, 'well, why didn't you take us the easy way? Why is it so hard?' Well, you know, we are also told that the righteous shall have many trials and we have to say that many of the things that we have gone through in our Christian walk, which is likened unto the exodus of the children of Israel leaving Egypt, so we are to leave this world and walk in

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the way of God, so we come across many difficulties and problems and things that come upon us even much like Pharaoh and the soldiers coming from Egypt to get them right at the last, so here is the excuse, they are ready to go back, they are ready to turn against God and turn against Moses. Exodus 14:12; 'Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, Let us alone,' now they did not say that, they said, 'Oh, God, rescue us,' so God rescued them. Now they had a change of mind. So this is going to tell us something very important. When trouble comes upon us and it is difficult, do we have a change of mind? Do we have a change of heart? Do we blame the minister? Do we blame God? What do we do? Or do we look to God with an attitude saying, 'Oh, Lord God,' which they could have said, 'Look Pharaoh is here and we remember all that You did when we were in Egypt and the awesome plagues and everything that You caused, the killing of the first-born, surely You could rescue us from this. Oh God, help us.' No, they didn't, they said; 'For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said to the people, fear not, [do not be afraid].' And that is what we need to understand. This day tells us that with the Spirit of God, with God fighting for us, we do not need to be afraid of anything. We do not need to fear men, we do not need to fear even those who can even kill us, because God is for us, because they can not take our eternal life away from us. All they can do is kill the body, that is what Jesus said in Matthew ten. Continuing in Exodus 14:13; 'Fear not, stand still, [don't get ready to run away, make your stand] and see the salvation of the Lord.' You put it all into His hands and you say, 'Oh, Lord, deliver us, fight this battle for me, it is too big for me, I don't know how to handle it, it is overwhelming, emotionally, I can't cope with it, and that is when you go to God and pray, and pray words like that. Continuing in verse 13; 'stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show to you today.' And I want you to stop and think, in your life, from the time that you were called and received the Holy Spirit of God, and the time that you started walking in God's way, to keep the Sabbath, to keep the Holy days, to keep all of His commandments, how many times God has intervened in your life? How many times God has led you with His Holy Spirit? How many times has God done things for you that only God could have done and worked out circumstances for you? Many, many times and the longer you have been in the church of God, the longer you have had the Spirit of God, the more times you can see that yes God has delivered me many, many times over and over and over again. So He will fight for us. Continuing in verse 13; 'stand still, see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show you today.' Now at this time it had to be today. Sometimes you need help immediately. Other times the help will come later. But here this had to be immediate. 'For the Egyptians whom you see here today, you shall see them no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you.' Now I want you to take this promise of God and I want you to expand upon this in your life. And I want you to ask God to help you in all of your battles, all of your difficulties, all of your confrontations, whether it is on the job, whether it is with people in the world, whether it is with people in the church, whether it is with your children or your husband or your wife, ask God to intervene and work out the circumstances for you and claim the promise that He will fight for you. That is important to understand. Now we will look at some other scriptures in a minute, but let's finish the lesson that is here. Continuing with Exodus 14:15; 'And the Lord said to Moses,' because Moses was even complaining a bit. "Why do you cry unto Me? Now you speak to the children of Israel and tell them that they go forward." That is the key. Don't complain, hold your peace, go

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forward and whatever your circumstances are, you go forward, in the strength and the power of God. Now it may require a miracle to do it, like happened here, where He told Moses in verse 16; go hold up your rod out over the sea and God caused a strong east wind and it just opened up the sea. And He also sent an angel to put a barrier between the Egyptians, to where it was like night on their side and day on the side of the children of Israel. So it blew the rest of that day and all that night. So Moses did it. Now think of this, it had to open up eight or ten miles wide. Now I have often thought that in that, maybe God even raised the floor of the ocean a little bit, so you wouldn't go down in like this, but raise it up so they could walk across on dry land. So that is what happened. And you know the rest of the story. The Egyptians got in there and they looked to the north and they looked to the south and they all went in there with their chariots, because they thought, well if they did it, we're going to do it. And it is very interesting when they got out into the middle of where the Red Sea was, on the dry land, that the Hebrew gives an indication that the waters came and circled them first, left them with water all around and put them into confusion and God even took off the wheels of the chariot. So there they were because if God fights for you, He is going to fight for you. And when He does so, He is going to do it in a way that is going to be better than any plan or scheme that you can think of. Always remember that. Yes, the children of Israel had their part to do, they had to march across and get over there. So it was from the time just before the sun rose, remember it was light, it was light for the children of Israel, so they could see going across the Red Sea. And they all got on the other side and stood on the seashore and they were looking across the expanse of where the Red Sea was all the dry land there and then God lifted the veil from off the Egyptians so they could see what it was and they came into the sea. The sea came around them this way, when they were in the middle and God destroyed them all. And I imagine all the chariots were all just torn to bits and ripped apart so there was hardly a splinter or anything left. Amazing isn't it? Now notice what they said after this, and how they looked to God for fighting that battle. After that happened, Exodus 14:31; 'And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians.' Now let's understand that whenever God intervenes in our lives, it can be a great work, it can be a small work but it is the work of God to fight for us. And if we look to God in faith and we believe God and believe His word and believe Jesus Christ and ask Him to help us, He will. That is a promise, that is a guarantee. We are going to see it in just a minute. Continuing with verse 15; 'which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and His servant Moses.' So that is why you get into things like this in your life too. So it is going to drive you to your knees to pray to God to see whether you are going to believe Him, to trust Him, to see if you are going to let Him fight your battles for you or whether you are going to complain and gripe and accuse people and get mad and angry or whatever it may be. Now they were all happy. Then Moses and the children of Israel sung this song, I won't go through the whole thing here in Exodus 15, I will let you read it, we will just read a couple of verses here :1; 'Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.' Now I want you to think about the triumph of the resurrection. What that is going to do for you. Always remember, keep your mind focused on the goal. Continuing with verse :1; 'The horse and the rider He has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song,--and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation; My father's

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God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is His name.' Then you can read all the rest of it here.

Now let's come to the book of Psalms and let's see how David relied on God. And remember this, it is important to understand, whenever the children of Israel went out to battle, it was because God told them to. Because God was the One Who was going to lead the battle. Whenever they went out to fight on their own, they lost. They got defeated. Now here, look at what David said after one of his great victories that he had, even though he was on the verge of what he thought would be death. Psalm eighteen and what is this to do for us? Let's look and see what this is to do for us, and how this is to give us the faith and understanding and hope and trust and reliance on God. Psalm 18:1; 'I will love You, Oh Lord, my strength.' For what strength do you have but what God gives you? 'The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, my deliverer; my God, my strength, in Whom I trust; my buckler [that is shield], the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.' Now all of these things are talking about the defenses that you had in the ancient world when they had warfare. And so he looked to God for all of it. Now notice what he said here in :3; 'I will call upon the Lord.' And that is what to do in any one of your trials or difficulties. Don't complain to men, don't gripe about men. Now if God needs to change them, He can. If God needs to change the circumstances for you, He can. Continuing in :3; 'I called upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.' Now notice; '...so He saved me from my enemies.' We are going to talk about the enemies we have to fight today and there is a great enemy out there, with his horde of workers, Satan the devil and the demons. So we will talk about this a little bit more. Let's just read a couple more verses here. 'The sorrows of death compassed me.' Just exactly like the circumstances the children of Israel were confronted with. 'And the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell compassed me.' He could just see; I'm staring the grave in the face. '...compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me.' It was coming after him. He couldn't go out and do the things that he wanted to do because that was right there. 'In my distress.' Now remember this whenever you are stressed or in distress, do as David did. '...I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple.' Now this is talking about the spiritual temple in heaven above, because there was no temple yet built, because David's son Solomon built the temple. So this is out of His temple in heaven above. 'And my cry came before Him, even unto His ears. Then the earth shook and trembled.' What a tremendous answer to prayer. Now how is the enemy going to stand when the ground is quaking under them? 'The foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.' So then; 'He bowed the heavens and came down and fought.'

Come over here to Psalm 27:1, here is a tremendous psalm and this also has a wonderful solo song; 'The Lord is My Light.' Now, think about the emphasis toward God in all of this. 'The Lord is my light and my salvation;--whom shall I fear?' We have nothing to be afraid of brethren, nothing to be afraid of from any of the situations that we are going to be confronted with. Now, they may be difficult, they may be trying, they may be taxing but we have nothing to fear. Now notice the confidence that David had here. 'When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh,--they stumbled and fell.' I can look back on my life and I am sure you can look

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back on your life where God intervened and virtually caused the same things with your enemies coming after you and even some of those enemies within the church, because there have been false brethren and false ministers within the church of God. Now he says; 'Though a host [which is an army] should encamp against me,--my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me,--in this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the Lord,--that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,--and to enquire in his temple.' And this has to be, in the resurrection. So, one of the keys to always remember, as we have emphasized during this Feast of Unleavened Bread, always keep your focus on God. Never lose that. Now notice :5; 'For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle [or the secret place of His tabernacle] He shall hide me; He shall set me upon a rock. And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me: therefore I shall offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.' Well you can read the rest of it. This is a tremendous, tremendous psalm. So God is going to fight the battles for us.

Now let's come to the New Testament and let's see what Jesus said, to show what we need to do. Now let's come to Matthew seven and here is something really important, a principle that we know, we have gone over this many times, but now is the time to go over it. So what we are doing here, as Jesus said; when a scribe does his teaching, he takes from the word of God, something old and something new, and so, this is what we are doing here. Now let's come to Matthew 7 and let's see what Jesus said. Now this is compared to those who are false prophets or you can say false brethren, or those who have false Christianity. Let's pick it up here in verse 21; this is important. Now and also this is important to understand, when you look out and you see the wicked prospering, don't look to just the circumstances that you see in the immediate moment, keep your mind on God and look beyond that. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but the one who is doing the will of My Father who is in heaven." That needs to be the focus. Loving God, serving God, believing God, trusting God, looking to Him to fight our battles for us. Looking to Him to comfort us, to watch over us, to lead us. Verse 22; "Many will say to Me in that day, [that is the day of the resurrection], 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy through Your name?' Well I gave umpteen number of sermons, Lord. I had this many in the church, Lord. We met every Sunday, Lord. We did good works, Lord. We built hospitals, and we had missionaries and we had great numbers of followers, Lord. "Did we not cast out demons through Your name?" See it wasn't because of them but it was because of the power of God. "Did we not perform many wonderful works of power through Your name?" Now notice, Jesus said; "Then I will confess to them, I never knew you." Isn't that something? That's pretty powerful, isn't it? "Depart from me, you who work lawlessness." Because you didn't believe God, you didn't trust God, you didn't keep His commandments, you didn't do the will of the Father in heaven above. Whatever is the will of the Father, it is here in the Bible, the words of God, that tells you what it is. Now notice He gives this comparison; verse 24; "Therefor everyone who hears these words of Mine and practices them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house upon a rock." Now we are building a spiritual house and Christ is that foundation. And we are, each one of us, a small temple

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or tabernacle for the dwelling of God, with His Spirit, in us. We are building a house. So how are you building a house? Is God building it or are you building it? Remember what it says there in Psalm 127:1; 'the weary builders toil in vain, unless the Lord builds the house.' So if you are doing the will of God He is building the house. If you are doing the will of God and loving God and looking to Him for everything, He will fight your battles for you. He will help you. Now notice Matthew 7:25; "...and the rain came, and the floods came, and the winds blew." Now recently, at the time that I am recording this video, just several days ago, they had this unexpected tornado with winds of 250 miles per hour, come through Florida. Devastating and the thing that is really sad is that they have been hit so many times, over and over and over again, with hurricanes and tornadoes that now most of them do not have any insurance at all. So it is going to be a tough thing. And a lot of the homes that were destroyed with those hurricanes in 2005 have not even been rebuilt. And it was interesting, there was one man, who went out and he put special bands of metal over his house and secured it to hold it down: over his roof and over the sides. And the winds came through, and there was hardly any damage to his house because he was wise and prepared. Then there was the example of the church, they built a magnificent church to withstand winds of 150 miles per hour, but these winds were nearly 200 miles per hour and it was just kindling, nothing left. So the one man was wise and let's read on and see this here, because this also becomes important for us. Verse 25; "...and beat upon that house; but it did not fall: for it was founded on that rock." So if you are founded upon Christ and this tells us how to be founded upon Christ. Verse 26; "For everyone that hears these words of Mine, and does not practice them, he shall be compared to a foolish man, who built his house on the sand: and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the wind blew upon it, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." You can go back and read where Jesus with His temptation of Satan said man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. Here He says if you practice the things that I compare you, you are going to be like a wise man, build your house upon a rock, and when the difficulties and troubles come, it is not going to come upon you. And when you have problems and things that come upon you, God is going to hear you and fight for you, in spite of the circumstances. Now that doesn't mean that you won't have some close shaves, as it were, or some difficult times, but He is going to see you through it.

Now let's continue on brethren, let's come to Psalm thirty-four, we are going to look at some psalms here, which give us the hope, the trust, the looking to God to fight for us, to intervene for us. And you can go back and you can see in the examples in the Old Testament, how God intervened, to help, to fight, to intervene, to hold back the enemy, for those who really loved and served God. Likewise, in the New Testament, God has given us, as we will see, the promises that we can fight the battles and overcome. Now let's come here to Psalm 34:1; 'I will bless the Lord at all times.' That is a key. There are many, many keys that we are learning here. And if you are blessing the Lord and looking to Him; 'His praise shall continually be in my mouth.' And thanking God and loving God and even where it says in the New Testament, as we covered in: 'The Keys to Answered Prayer', we are to pray without ceasing. That means, many times during the day, we are looking to God to help us, to hear us, to answer us, to uplift us, whatever our circumstances may be. 'My soul shall make its boast in the Lord.' Not himself, not in

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other people, but in the Lord. 'The humble shall hear thereof and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me.' Now think about this for a minute. Just put in your notes, there, Psalm 136, every verse ends with; 'His mercy endures forever.' And since it endures forever, those are not vain repetitions. '...magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord.' Now that is what to do, because Jesus said; "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." And, of course, the Greek means there, seek and keep on seeking, ask and keep on asking, knock and keep on knocking and it shall be opened for you. And God will provide a way for you, just like it is here. 'I sought the Lord, and He heard me.' So it is important for you to understand that when you pray and pray to God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, He [the Father] hears you. Don't have any doubt about it at all. Don't think that no, God won't hear me. And even if you have to come and repent of your sins, as we covered on the Sabbath, and if your heart condemn you, that is God's Spirit working with you to get you to repent, so that He can remove the sin from you and you can have confidence in God, in your prayers. But notice the confidence here. Even though, he had difficulties and problems. Continuing now; 'And He delivered me from all my fears.' So lay everything before God. Let it be that God will deliver you from all your fears. 'They looked to Him and were lightened.' Because it gives light, it gives hope, it gives the things that you need for God to intervene for you. 'And their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.' Now notice that all your fears, all your troubles. And just like we covered there in Matthew seven, the rain is going to come, the wind is going to come, the floods are going to come and you are going to experience trials and just like the beating of wind and rain and flood, but if you are founded on that rock, you will be delivered from all your troubles and all your fears. Now notice this you have extra help and extra protection that comes from God. 'The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.' Now I can look back and see many times, God has delivered me, sent an angel to help me out of difficulties and problems, rescued me from certain death. And the same way with you, you can probably look and see all the different things God has done for you, in fighting your battles for you. Then he says; 'Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.' That means; taste His word, taste of His Spirit, taste of His way. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!' That is what all of this is for, to trust in God. Let Him fight for you. 'Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.' You can look out and see, yes, those in the world have want, animals have want, everything like this. Now here is the key, verse 14; here is how we do it, all a part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, now in connection with fighting the battles and those things that are against us; our human nature, the world and Satan the devil, and the demons, etc. Verse 14; 'Depart from evil.' Just like we covered earlier. Bring every thought into captivity and into the obedience of Christ. 'Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.' It will come, here is why. Never think you are alone. Never think you are forsaken. Never think, just like the children of Israel accused God: 'Oh, now what are we going to do the Egyptians are here?' No. Verse 15; 'The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous.' Think of this, God calls you, because He loves you, because He needs you, because He wants you, because He is delighted in what you are doing, in seeking Him. 'And His ears are open unto their cry.' So when you come up against circumstances that are too much for you, look to God, put it all in His hands. Verse 16; 'the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut

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off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears.' Oh, God hear me. Oh, God help me. Oh, God intervene. Oh, God give me wisdom, open the door, make a way, help me out of the mess that I am in. Deliver me from the circumstances, whatever it may be. 'The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.' Now we saw all fears, all troubles, all troubles, right? Yes. 'The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.' That is what it is all about. You are loving God, have a contrite spirit and are yielded to Him. 'Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.' Every single one of them. So we have, delivered out of afflictions, delivered out of trouble, delivered out of fears, in other words, God is there and intervening to help you. So that is what we need to look to. This is the lesson of this whole day.

Now let's carry this a little bit further. Let's come over here to Psalm 35:1, just the next psalm here; 'Plead my cause, O Lord.' Let God do your fighting and your battle for you. '...with those who strive with me; fight against those who fight against me.' Let God do it. You will be amazed. 'Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help.' Now we are going to talk about the shield, we are going to talk about the buckler, we are going to talk about these things that we need to use as our spiritual warfare. 'Also draw out the spear, and stop those who persecute me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor who seek after my life; let those be turned back and brought to confusion who plot my hurt. Let them be like chaff before the wind.' [wind sound] and they are gone. 'Let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.' Now then it blends into about Christ. 'For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit.' And many times we have things that are without cause that come against us too. So let God do the fighting. Let God do the things in that way.

Now let's come over here to Psalm 37:1 and let's see something else that is important. Part of our attitude toward God, I mentioned this, but now let's read the scriptures of it here. 'Fret not yourself.' That is don't be upset, don't be worried. '...because of evil doers, neither be you envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.' All of that is temporary. All of those things out there in the world, all the success of the world, don't envy that. Don't feel despondent. Look to the greater riches that God is going to give you, when you are resurrected and receive your reward and are in the Kingdom of God. We are going to have wealth untold. Think of that. We are going to have the greatest place in the world to live. We are going to have the greatest existence that could possibly be. We are going to be there with God the Father and Jesus Christ and all the resurrected saints. Amazing, isn't it? Keep that in mind. Verse 3; 'Trust in the Lord, and do good.' Don't worry. Don't complain. Don't get angry. Don't get resentful. Don't get bitter. 'So shall you dwell in the land, and verily shall you be fed.' Verse 4, key verse; 'Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.' That is why we have to have the desire for the Kingdom of God, first. 'Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him also, and He shall bring it to pass.' Now this is the confidence that we need. And this is the confidence that we need to have and understand when we are fighting the enemy,

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because we are going to see here, in a little bit, how we are going to fight that enemy. 'He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.' You are going to be exonerated. And if nothing else, you will be exonerated in the day of the resurrection and you will know all of your enemies have been destroyed. And furthermore, as we know, all the saints are going to see the vengeance of God. And the catastrophe and the plagues that God is going to bring on all those who rebel against the coming of Jesus Christ. That is the seven last plagues in Revelation sixteen. Continuing with Psalm 37:7; 'Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not yourself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.' That is a promise to us. You can read the rest of it here. And there are quite a bit more instances that say depart from evil again, wait on the Lord and all of those things are part of letting God fight our battles for us.

Now let's come to Ephesians six and let's see how this ties right in with Psalm thirty-five; with the sword and with the spear, with the helmet, with the breastplate and things like this. Because these are the tools of our warfare. Let's come back here to Ephesians six because this is very important for us to understand and realize, that the power behind all the enemies against us, is Satan the devil and his demons. And we need to look to God for the strength and help to fight these battles and how to fight them, because we are not just fighting against flesh and blood. There are powers in this world and we can overcome them. God says we can, without a doubt. Now let's come here to Ephesians 6:10; it is what we need to understand, this is the battle. Satan the devil is deceiving the whole world. He has blinded them. God has given them over to blindness. God has given the world over to lawlessness. He has called us out of it. Now, He hasn't taken us out of the world, because that won't happen until the resurrection. That is why Jesus said that He prays not to take them out of the world, to take us out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. And that is also our daily prayer, which we covered in: 'The Keys to Answered Prayer.' To rescue us from the evil one. So here is our part, wherever God has His part, we have our part. 'Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.' Now you recall the psalms that we covered, how trusting in the strength of God, to deliver us. 'Put on the whole armor of God.' Every bit of it, you can't put on just some of it. You can't put on a piece here, how would it be if one of the soldiers went to battle and he only had half a chest plate, and he only had a small sword, and he left his spear, and he didn't take his bow and arrow? What if he didn't put his armor to cover his legs, or his feet? 'Take the whole armor of God, so you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.' Now we are going to have to stand. And we are going to see one of the most important things that God wants us to do is, to stand. Now tie that in with Exodus 14:13 where God said; "Stand still and see the salvation of God." So we are to stand. We are not to fold up our tents, as it were. So here is the first place which says STAND. You can stand against them. In the name of Christ, every demonic spirit must leave. And though Satan may be there, to cause difficulties and problems, he can not have the upper hand. Oh, he may have it for awhile, so that we are tested, but God is going to deliver us from it. Continuing in Ephesians 6:12; 'For we are not wrestling against flesh and blood.' Just like a wrestling match, it is not against human

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beings, though humans may be instrumentalities that he is using. '...but against principalities, against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.' That is why brethren, it is impossible for men to reform the governments of this world because they are all controlled by Satan the devil. Think on that. Why do you think all governments are so corrupt? Why do you think the U. N. is so corrupt? Perhaps the most corrupt thing on earth, as far as any form of government goes. Because they are all controlled by Satan the devil, in high places. That has also happened in churches. Just like Satan liked to be there where the disciples were. Satan even came in on the first part of the last Passover that Jesus had with His disciples, because he likes to get next to the seat of power. And that is what happens in so many churches. As one man and I were discussing here recently. It seems like, in so many cases, there is someone there, maybe the second man in charge, or the third man in charge or someone is there as a satanic plant, just to be there, wait, wait, wait for the right time. Just like Satan has done for the Protestants, as I have brought out. Rick Warren and his Purpose Driven church and now Dr. Land of the Southern Baptist church have been approved by the Council of Foreign Relations to develop a more moderate Christianity, to blend in with the religions of the world. The Pope is celebrating ecumenical conferences with Jews and with Moslems and they even have, and at the last meeting they had just this last month, they brought the Bible, Old and New Testament, Old Testament in Hebrew, New Testament in Greek, the Koran in Arabic and brought them together, that the three religions, founded on Abraham, supposedly, can have peace and get along. And the Democrats, just yesterday, from the taping of this video, asked a Moslem to give a prayer in the Congress of the United States, where he virtually asked Allah to expunge the Jews, didn't say it in those words, get rid of those who are of the curse, that is directly to the Jews and to bring about peace and peace, by Moslem standards is, conversion to Islam. Infiltrated, part of the punishment for sin. That is why keeping the commandments of God is so important and having the Spirit of God is so important, because if you don't, you can't fight against these spiritual powers. You can't fight against this wickedness. Continuing in Ephesians 6:13; 'Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to resist [withstand].' It says; 'resist in the faith,' in 1 Peter 5:9 and James 4:7; 'resist the devil in the faith.' Continuing in Ephesians 6:13; '...in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.' There it is again, to stand. The second time, to stand. Now you have to work out all things. Here again, the third time. How important is it to stand? Do you stand for the truth or do you waffle with every wind of doctrine? Do you stand for righteousness or do you put up with sin and wickedness? Are you making a stand, in your own mind, in your own life, to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Jesus Christ? Are you making a stand in your life, to let God mould you and develop you and to bring you His character, the very character of Jesus Christ, the very mind of Christ, the very love of God into your life? Are you making that stand? Are you making the stand, just in every day things, when you are watching television and an evil and semi-pornography and great killing and slaughter takes place that you switch the channel and don't watch that and don't let that enter into your mind? Because those are all the wiles of Satan the devil there to reach in and to pollute the minds of all the viewers. And to bring down whatever moral standard that they have, bring it down more and more and more. And I think even Rush Limbaugh calls that, defining deviancy downward, which they are doing. And it is there, I don't care what television you watch, I don't care

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what news you watch, it is a best an assortment of good and evil and most evil and some a little bit of good. So are you guarding the door of your mind? Are you protecting the eyes that you have? Are you standing for truth in your daily life? Continuing in Ephesians 6:14; 'Stand therefore, having your loins gird about with truth [which is the word of God] and having the breastplate of righteousness.' To where it covers your whole body, it protects your heart, it protects your innards. And that is important. That is righteousness, righteousness, which comes from God. Righteousness that is imputed to you by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Righteousness that is given to you by the Holy Spirit, which is righteousness that leads you into all truth. Verse 15; '...and having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.' You are actively involved, in your life, in helping further the gospel, by your example, by people who ask you questions, to be able to give an answer to them. By helping other brethren, by helping those that are in churches who are in bondage to men, that are in slavery to these things. We have books, we have literature, we have tapes, and we will have CDs that you can give to them, so their lives can be changed. Are you busy with the preparation of the gospel, and walking in the way of Christ? Verse 16; '...besides all these things, take up the shield of faith.' If you don't have a shield, you have nothing to fight off the arrows and the slings that come. '...with which you have the power to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.' You can put out all those thrusts of lusts and passion that Satan sends, as the prince of the power of the air, and he is there to just bring about these things.

Now let's talk about something that has been observed as a phenomenon. And a question was brought up; 'Why did nations, like the Soviet Union, like Japan, like Germany, like Iran, like Iraq, like Darfur, like Somalia, what happens when Satan gets a hold?' And even the question was brought up; 'Can a whole nation be possessed?' That is so influenced, that it is just like a canopy or an umbrella over them, that they believe the lies, that they believe the propaganda, that they know, there are killings and deaths going on, and they do nothing about it, and can't do anything about it and they walk, kind of in a stupor, because they have all been beaten down and they have no control of their minds? Look at what they are doing with radical Jihadism today, teaching little children, hatred, and viciousness and death and doom and God is raising them up to be punishment for His people that sin against Him. And we live in this generation, that is why we need to take this very seriously what God asks us to do. Ephesians 6:16; '...quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. And put on the helmet of salvation.' You need your head protected, spiritually and physically, but spiritually because Satan is trying to bombard everything into our brains, to get us to sin, to get us to go against God, to get us to have doubt and worry and frustration and be busy in doing physical things. '...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.' You can not exercise the Spirit of God without the word of God. And that is the sword to fight against the enemy, Satan and his demons, they have absolutely no power over us. Understand that. Now notice how all of this comes together; 'praying at all times.' Never ceasing in praying. '...with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit [and in this very thing, everything that he has listed here and ending] with praying at all times in the Spirit [and in this very thing] being watchful with all perseverance [not giving up, not slacking down, not becoming lukewarm, not becoming dead, not mixing in false doctrines in with the truth of God, not looking at

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other people with their false religions and false Christ and demonic gods that they serve and so forth, no] with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.'

That is why we pray for the people of God, wherever they are. And also, I just might mention here to you also that not only, in addition to the ones that we know but those that we don't know, wherever they are and it has now been estimated that in China there are thirteen million people who keep the Sabbath. And they are watched, by the police, many have been arrested, some have been killed, and it has gotten so bad that what they have had to do is this; they have to meet in houses, but they can't let anyone know where the houses are because then the police will come and arrest them. So they have asked them, in faith, they have asked these Chinese brethren of ours, that we don't know anything about, and we need to ask God to be with them and help them and strengthen them. What they do, they all pray and God reveals to them where they ought to meet that next Sabbath, and they go there and they have their services, in private and quietness, but they are loving God and serving God to the very best of their abilities. Now you think about what God has given to us. You think about everything that God has given to us here in the United States of America and I tell you, brethren, the only reason that we have what we have is to truly preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to this nation, to this world, to His people and if we turn our backs on God or if we conduct our lives in the absolute ignominiousness of the children of Israel, when they accuse God of doing evil against them and yet He still fought their battle for them, if we can not serve God, if we can not sacrifice our time, our lives, and our money and our honor, then we, of all people are the most laodicean, worthless, deserving to be vomited out and spit out and to go through terrible trials and difficulties because we don't love God in the way that we ought to. Now continuing on in Ephesians 6:18; '...with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--and for me.' That is for any minister, anywhere who is truly preaching the word of God. '...that boldness of speech may be given to me, that I may open my mouth to make known the mystery of the gospel.' That is what we need to do. This is the battle that we are to fight. These are the things that are there and we can overcome. There is absolutely no doubt whatsoever, we can overcome.

Now let's come here to 1 Corinthians 9:24 and see what the apostle Paul said, this is what we need to keep in mind, brethren. We don't have this fight where we just sort of wail at it, wail away at it and nothing really happens. That is why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread, that is why we have the Passover, the first Holyday, the Sabbath in between and the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because that represents a complete segment, on how we have our sins forgiven, how we overcome sin, how we fight against sin, how we look to God, how we have faith, what we need to do to get sin out of our lives, what we need to do to put in righteousness, what we need to do to keep the commandments of God, do the will of God and do the things that are pleasing in His eyes. In 1 Corinthians 9:24, he says; 'Don't you know that those who run a race all run, but only one receives the prize?' That is the way you are to run, as if you are going to be the only one to win. Now God is going to give the same victory to everyone, but this is our individual race. That is why you are to; 'run in order that you may obtain the prize.' And what is the prize? Eternal life. For everyone who is striving for mastery, that is just in the athletic field, and they train and they practice, and they train and they practice and

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so forth, controls himself in all things. He doesn't indulge himself in things. He doesn't give himself over to his lusts and his passions, because he knows that is going to sap his strength, so he controls himself in all things. 'Of course, they do this so they may receive a corruptible crown.' Now recently, we just had the super bowl and they did this to have a trophy and to say; 'I am number one.' Well now when that is done and they are number one and the accolades are all over, well the day after the super bowl was over, guess what happened? They start putting it out of memory and what is in the paper? The beginning of baseball. 'They do it for a corruptible crown. But we are striving for an incorruptible crown.' An incorruptible existence, an eternal righteous character. So, he says, verse 26; 'Therefore I run thus: not as one who is uncertain.' No, we have to be knowledgeable, we have to be strong, we have to be trusting in God. 'So also I fight: not as beating the air [no shadow boxing, true fighting, with Christ]. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection.' That is what we need to do, bring our minds, our hearts, our lives, and our bodies into subjection to God. 'Lest after preaching to others, I myself might be rejected.' So that is the attitude that we need.

Now let's come to 1 Timothy 6:7 and this is really something for us to understand, and here is what he admonished Timothy, very, very important thing here. This is the attitude we need to have continuously and what it is that God expects us to do and that He will reciprocate and do for us. 'For we brought nothing into the world, and it is evident that neither do we have the power to carry anything out of the world. But having food and clothing, we should be satisfied with these. For those who desire to become rich [and there were those, back then] fall into temptation and a snare, and many foolish and hurtful lusts which cause men to sink into destruction and perdition.' You don't want to be taken down by the world. 'For the love of money is a root of all evils.' See, that is why we seek for the true riches, the true wealth. 'By which, some also striving after riches were seduced from the faith, and having impaled themselves with many sorrows.' Now impaling is done in two ways; they take a long, sharp pole and thrust it right through the middle of a person and stand it up and there they are with their bodies like this...just hanging. Another impaling is from the lower extremity of the intestine, right up through to the throat and the point comes out the mouth and they stick them up and there they are; an ignominious death. Now no one, in his right mind, would impale himself, but here it is; 'impaled with many sorrows. But you, O man [or woman] of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience [endurance], and gentleness [meekness]. Fight the good fight of faith, take hold of eternal life.' That is what He wants us to do. '...to which you were also called and did profess the good profession in the presence of many witnesses.' So then he gives him a charge, to do this.

Now let's look at another thing that is important for us to realize, let's come here to the book of Romans. I'll let you read 1 John two; they had to overcome the wicked one. But let's come here to Romans 8:14, and let's see how we put this all together and here is one of the greatest and most inspiring and wonderful parts of what the apostle Paul wrote for us. And this is why he suffered so many things, because you see, when you suffer and you overcome and God is with you and He lifts you out of it and you go through different things and God matures you and gives you strength and understanding and wisdom and love and humility and all of these things that come with all the trials that

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God gives us. 'For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.' And it shows that we are to be putting off the works of the flesh, developing the spiritual things. Verse 15; 'For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again unto fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship whereby we call out, "Abba, Father." Now Abba is a Hebrew name, meaning daddy. So here is a sacred name that Paul wrote into the scriptures. The only one, pay attention sacred namers. "'Abba, Father." The Spirit itself bears witness conjointly with our spirit testifying that we are children of God, and if we are children, we are also heirs--truly heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer together [if we fight the battle together, if we grow and overcome together] so that we may also be glorified together with Him. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.' And we are going to, with Christ, deliver it from the grips and the vice of the bondage of Satan the devil and the evil that they have brought upon themselves.

Now let's come over here to Romans 8:28, here is what we need to keep in mind and this is one of my favorite places in the New Testament, whenever I have trials and difficulties confronting me, and I have had many, you have had many. God's word is there to encourage us. God's Spirit is there to revive us and uplift us. So just keep this in mind, whatever things work whatever way they do, remember this, it's not over until it's over and claim this promise; 'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Because those whom He did foreknow, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.' Now when were you predestined for this? The instant that you responded to the call of God and then were subsequently baptized and received the Holy Spirit of God. You were predestined by God to be part of His plan, to be part of His family, to be part of what He is doing. 'Because whom He did foreknow, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His own Son.' To be just like Christ, we will see Him exactly as He is. 'That He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Now whom He predestined, these He also called,' because you answered the call. 'And whom He called, these He also justified,' through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. 'And whom He justified, these He also glorified.' Now if you have the Spirit of God, you have a bit of glory in you, in your mind. And being glorified, at the resurrection, with a Spirit mind and body and a transformation of this vile body that we have to be made like Jesus Christ. 'What then shall we say to these things?' What can be greater than this? 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' No man, not even Satan the devil and the demons. 'For He who did not spare even His own son, but gave Him up for us, how shall He not also grant us all things together with Him?' That is the whole purpose of God. 'Who shall bring an accusation against the elect of God?' Oh, Satan tries to bring accusations, but we overcome him with the blood of Christ and with the word of our testimony and we don't love our lives unto death. 'God is the One Who justifies. Who is the one that condemns? It is Christ who died, but rather Who is risen again, Who is even now at the right hand of God, and Who is making intercession for us.' Now think about that. Right today, at this minute, while we are reading these words, Christ is there making intercession for us, that we succeed, that we overcome and He will fight our battles for us. Now notice; 'What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

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tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger [peril], or sword?' And none of us have faced this yet, have we? But we will, won't we? Yes, indeed. 'Accordingly it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are reckoned as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in these things we are more than conquerors [we will win, we will overcome, we will succeed] through Him Who loved us.' Now this is the persuasion that we need to have, this is the faith, this is the trust, this is the thought, and this is the anchor of our soul, as it were. 'For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' So let God fight your battles for you, let Him intervene. You do your part, God will do His part and we will all attain to the resurrection and be with all the brethren on the sea of glass when that time occurs.

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