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# r Avenge Me

Jesus spake a parable unto them that they ought always pray and not to faint saying, there was in a city a judge who feared not God, nor regarded man. A poor widow came, and besought him to avenge her of her adver-

This is a prayer that every Christian needs to pray every day. "Lord, avenge me of mine adversary." because every Christian from the most astute scholar, down to the grade school dropout, must deal with the same adversary. Peter identifies our adversary in the 5th chapter of his first epistle, "Be sober; be vigilant, for your adversary, the Devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he might devour." And that adversary has devoured many; he especially likes to devour liberal scholars. In fact he has swallowed many of them whole; and when he does, it always gives him a bad case of acid reflux. There isn't any thing that will turn the stomach, even of the devil, like a liberal scholar. Avenge me of mine adversary.

Jesus also advised to pray always. We can always pray on our bed like Hezekiah who hearing that he would die, turned his face to the wall, and prayed a prayer that went right though the plaster, took a right angle turn, and went straight up to God, and his prayer was answered. Pray without ceasing. You can pray always like Hannah, who prayed without words, but merely moved her lips. They thought she was drunk, but God read her lips, and she had a son named Samuel. The list goes on: you can pray in the wilderness like Hagar. You can pray like Paul and Silas at midnight. You can pray like Peter on the house top or you can pray like Jesus on the mountain top. You can pray like David in a cave. You can pray like Simeon in his old age, when he found the Lord as an infant. You can pray like Stephen, at the moment of death, pray without ceasing. You can pray a short prayer like Peter when he tried to walk on the water, and began to sink; he prayed, "Lord save me!" The Lord lifted him up, and while he and the Lord walked back to the boat, the other apostles were singing a song of victory, "I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore." And remember if Jonah could pray in the belly of a whale, you can pray anywhere. Pray without ceasing.

If the Christian prays always, he has a pretty good shot of having his prayer answered, because Jesus said, "If the unjust Judge granted her request, just to get rid of her, how much more shall God avenge his elect, and yet he is long suffering over them." But remember, even the unjust judge answered her prayer only after a while. And sometimes the Lord who loves us will answer our prayers after a while like Elijah prayed for rain on Mount Carmel, and had to pray seven times before he got it. Pray without ceasing.

But the Christian has the greatest advantage in prayer because he is one of the elect—one of those who has been predestined to go to heaven. Many in various groups believe in predestination, everything in life is a part of God's plan. One woman told me she believed in predestination so much, that she believed what will be, will be, even if it never comes to pass.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I too, believe in the doctrine of election. It works this way. God votes for you to go to heaven, the Devil votes for you to go to hell, and then you cast the deciding vote. If you cast your vote for the heaven party, you will win the election by a landslide. As long as there is a "Whosoever will" in the Bible, I have something to say about my salvation. Yes, my name is in the Bible, and I know that it is true. It was written there by Jesus, that means me and that means you. And he knew it when he wrote it; by that bright and crystal sea, that my name is whosoever, that means you and that means me.

Peter said on the day of Pentecost: "Save yourselves from this evil generation." Pray without ceasing.

Now here is something that at first glance seems like a mystery. It was the curious statement that Jesus made when he referred to His second coming. He said, "But when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" We may wonder why Jesus referred to His second coming, when He was talking about prayer, asking us to always pray. And then we look back, and notice that when Jesus told this parable in Luke 18; it was the continuation of the speech he was making in the 17th chapter about unbelief of the world in the last days regarding his second coming. "When the Son of man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?" So pray without ceasing, and pray that God will avenge us of our adversary.

Regarding the second coming in the previous chapter, Jesus said: "For as the lightning, when it lighteneth out of one part of the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven, so shall the Son of man be in His day." When we see the lightning there is always a clap of thunder that follows. Peter says, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief and the heavens will pass away with a great noise. The elements being on fire will melt with a fervent heat, and the earth all things therein shall be burned up." The great noise that will be heard at the Lord's appearing must be the sound of celestial thunder that will attend the Lord's lightning fast faith of the Lord's return. No wonder he said, "When the Son of man cometh shall He find faith on the earth, pray without ceasing."

The day of the Lord will come as Jesus promised, "That day when the sun is turned into darkness, the moon into blood, the heavens removed as a scroll, the stars falling from heaven as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken by great wind, and the Lord descending with a shout, and the trumpet sound; the dead in Christ raised up, and death swallowed up in victory." No wonder Jesus said, "When the Son of man cometh shall He find faith on the earth, pray without ceasing. Avenge me of my adversary."

## UNSTAGGERING FAITH

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In the twentieth verse of Romans chapter four Paul says that Abraham staggered not. He did not mean by this that he was drunk and could hold his "likker" and staggered not. I do not mean by this that he was dizzy and staggered not. No, NO, No, He had plenty of reason to stagger, more reason to stagger than if he had been drunk and day and staggered not. If any man would have staggered Abraham was the man who had plenty of reason for it. Note how he staggered not.

He was told that he would be the father of many nations. Now this would make any man stagger in unbelief. But there was all the more reason for Abraham to stagger. His wife Sarah was barren. She could have no children. He staggered not.

Then think of it, if she not only was barren, she was past the age of childbearing. He staggered not. It says he considered not the deadness of Sarah's womb. Her womb was twice dead—barren and past the age of childbearing.

Abraham staggered not. There was yet another reason for him to stagger at such a promise his own age. Paul says he considered not his own body now as good as dead. Triple dead: One, Sarah was barren; two, past the age of child-bearing; three, his own body as good as dead, yet we are told he staggered not. A father of many nations have I made thee. His was an unstaggering faith.

We need a faith today that will not stagger. We walk by faith and not by sight. Many stagger by doubt and not by sight. I stagger not because of the pressure of the faith onlies. Some one wrote recently and said they had visited a Church where the preacher said he was tired of it all and had concluded that it did not make any difference what anyone believed. We are all going to heaven by whatever way we want to go. He was staggering by doubt and not walking by faith. I WILL NOT STAGGER, though all may say it is not necessary to be immersed for the remission of sins. When the Bible speaks of hell; I WILL NOT STAG-GER. When the Bible speaks of Judgment; I WILL NOT STAGGER. When the Bible speaks of itself as the inspired Word of God; I WILL NOT STAGGER. When it comes to Godless evolution and that is the only kind there is, Godless evolution, I accept the Word of God. I WILL NOT STAGGER. E.B.

### **LETTERS**

In the name of God I just need to forward my warmest greetings to all of you.

I am Solomon W. I am a Christian I came from Eritrea I was in prison for some months, I hope you have a bite information what is going on Eritrea (East Africa)?

When I was in the prison (Eritrea) I had a Christian friend there called Mengis then we were always help each other, one day he gave me a yellow A4 size paper holding your address and told me to e-mail and contact. That guy is going to stay at the prison (called Track B) for unlimited time. I keep on praying to get a chance and tell my story and how God is great and saving his people through different ways. (Solomon's story below)

Though we were not convinced of their reasoning; they stubbornly told us my brother died of coma. Now, as if that terrible ordeal was not enough; they moved to persecute me for speaking openly in public about the unlawful detention of my brother & the injustice that meted out against me & my family, above all for adhering to our Christian faith. Subsequently, my fear increased extremely with each passing day. And I was living only as in prayer, and as the dreadful circumstance had forced me to live.

As though born for dark doom, my turn came to be fated just like my family. So, one fateful day while on my way back to my house (around 10pm) I spotted 50meters or so from residence an identified dark blue small van been parked. Suddenly I heard someone calling me to come upon which then he flashed a security ID on my face & thus ordered me to get in the car silently. Then a

few meter had they drove me than I was blind folded.

Now, with out knowing where they were taking me, but later, unfolded the blind from my face. Immediately then I noticed what it seems to me was a residential house. Following five painful days of stay, they held me by the wrist to their interrogation room upon which they interrogated me claiming that my brother was totally against the regime, & also told me that I was collaborating with my brother. Hence, if you cooperate and tell us, you would be free now; if you don't, you would put yourself in trouble. But, I claimed firmly my innocence. Three days later they came back again to find out whether there was anything new, yet my word was the same that I knew nothing. Now when they realized that I couldn't submit to their demand, they left me there to Rotten for three painful months (Oct 2005 – Dec 2005), they released me the same way as they had done in the past (blind folded) then dropped me in town around evening time, with out knowing where I was, but they warned me seriously never to say a word as to what had happened to me.

Thereafter, no matter how hard I tried to live in peace, I was never able to. Though I was freed for four months, it was filled with suspense, fear & uncertainty. Thus, the 2nd persecution presented it self in a form of terrible indefinite detention when they picked me uparound noon—soon after surfing in one of the city's internet café. Obvious though, as always was the case, they led me to their van with out attracting undue attention. Following that, they sandwiched me between two men; mean while as they drove, they didn't utter a word until I reach the police station.

Then and there I was admitted there; three days later they took me to one of the most horrible prison: prison known for its brutal treatment of prisoners. But what atmosphere surrounded my second persecution? The regime, having lost its own confidence, was deeply worried that the prisoner's family might spread the injustice that is happening in the country. As a member of the victim's family, an excuse had to be created in order to persecute & terrorize me. In that regard, they charged me for distributing information Via Internet against the regime. But, as I understood long afterwards the moment they took me from the Internet-Cafe, it was intentionally planned so as to fit with the charges. Moreover, they accused me of my Christian faith, that I, together with other devotees allowed my residence to be used secretly for prayer.

Thanks to the almighty now I reached Nairobi Kenya in a safe way but am going to continue my journey to Bolivia to join my wife. And I need your assistance to study my Bible lesson. Please let me know if there is any informations by your side.

But God is great am still surviving I wish on day I will stand to tell to pray all the Christians to the regime. And honestly I am so happy to have brothers like you.

God bless you all! Solomon

Dear Brother Bousman.

I have received the Gospel Tracts "What Saves a Man" by Joe Q. Atchley, which you sent sometimes in

June this year. Indeed these tracts are very helpful in my ministry here. I have already given most of them our preachers who minister to people in buses in Monrovia. Thank you brother Ed and may the LORD bless the work you are doing for him. We can use more.

In Christ.

Mike Foday, Triumph Church of Christ,

Monrovia, Liberia

(Mike has 24 other Church of Christ congregations and ministers that he shares supplies with from US)

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Thank you for your most diligent and successful efforts to present the word of the Lord to your audience. To hear the word of the almighty God, unvarnished and without embellishment, brings one face to face with the truth and give the hearer an opportunity to reflect with understanding on his personal walk towards eternity. Thank you for your way with God's word, for I see a clearer picture because of it. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you long, ever faithful, and strong in your service to Him by serving us faithfully and unerringly with His word? Thank you.

Oscar from Petersburg, VA

Dear Pastor Bousman,

I'm a terminal cancer patient and listener in the Houston, TX area (thanks to XM Radio's simulcast of WLW programming on channel 173) and I really benefit from your Sunday morning religious programming. I routinely have insomnia especially in the early morning hours and your Sunday morning programming helps to relax me.

This morning, Sunday Aug. 12, 2007 at about 5:30am C.D.T. (could be 6:30am Ohio Time) your program was just perfect as I am dealing with some fear anticipating more surgery to remove another tumor on Wed. Aug 15 here at the Hospital in Conroe, TX.

I wonder if there is a way I could purchase a copy of your rendition of the song: "God is only a Prayer Away" either as a downloaded .wav or .mp3 file here on the Internet email, or perhaps on a CD recording Thank you for your words of wisdom and Bible teaching--both have helped me on many a Sunday morning. You are truly making a difference and I appreciate your comforting and inspiring biblical passages and preaching very, very much. God is blessing you and your ministry is blessing me...

Sincerely, Richard from Conroe, TX

Dear Bro. Ed Bousman,

Once again, I greet you and thank you for the good works that you are doing and continue to do. I have received the boxes, of clothes and with Holy Bibles 39 all, and Bible study lessons 1-30. Distribution of Bibles and clothes has already been done.

On correspondence courses, we have enrolled nine students six males and three females-namely Richard M., Brian H., Bright S., David H., Joseph K., Robert k., Roster S., Josephine L. and Jennipher S.. I am visiting all the students enrolled every once per week to have Bible studies

and give other lessons. The response among the students is overwhelming and the number should be doubled. Bye for now, may our Lord bless you.

JOHN MASEKA (Evangelist-Solwezi Church of Christ, Solwezi, Zambia)

#### Dear Brother Ed and Sister Naomi

Greetings from Union Christian College. Received the marked answer scripts. Hope within a weeks time I will be able to register the next batch of answer scripts. Please not with that five of them are completing the course of 30 lessons. I can see from their looks they eagerly wait for your certificates and books/cassettes. I thought I would give them the certificates at chapel in front of hundreds of other Union Christian College students. It might be a impetus to encourage others to study.

Your small servant,

Edward D. K.

a professor at Union Christian College in India.

#### Beloved Brother Bousman.

Thanks be to God I took delivery of two boxes of nice second hand clothing from you again at the weekend. What a nice brother that you are! Thanks, my brother. Truly speaking both the clothing and the Bibles have arrived at the right time. Yesterday was our visitors' Sunday and the number in attendance was great and everybody was happy to see those clothing in distribution, but not all people got! On every visitors Sunday, each member of the Church invites at least one unchristian to the Church.

It has been a method I have been adopting here to win souls to the Lord.

Muslims, traditionalists and various members from the denominational churches visit us and we teach special Bible lessons that lead to conversions on every visitor's Sunday. We win many souls on such days. We also distribute Bibles and tracts to them. I have a whole lot of tracts I use in this land.

Brother I and the entire Church here salute you. We planted one congregation at Old Jeshwang in April this year. Some few years back we also planted one in the Cassamance Region of Senegal. I move here and there once in a while to see how the brethren there are faring.

Brother, I thank you so much. Tell Sister Naomi that I thank her so much. Our women's fellowship group thanks her very much. surely, your labor will never be in vain. My radio ministry keeps on bringing many into the fold. I am very, very grateful for your love for us and the Lord's work here. Thanks for your concern, I am grateful. Brother, I am very pleased with your loving concern to assist me work hard on this hard soil in accordance to your ability. The Missionaries spent thousands upon thousands of dollars here but when they found out that the land was too tough for evangelistic purposes they sold the only Church plot and left. Today, thanks be to God, we have four congregations. Please pray for our new converts and prospects. I pray that God the Almighty continues blessing you and Sister Naomi, through His Son Jesus Christ, Amen.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of the Most High God from The London Corner Church of Christ, in The Gambia.





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