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Cry out to the LORD our God:

Deuteronomy 26

26:7 So we cried out to the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of our fathers heard our voices, and saw our afflictions, and our labors, and oppressions,

26:8 And he brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and great terrible things, and miracles and wonders.

And he hath blessed thee and thy house with all the blessings and joy of thy house, with his mighty hand and with his outstretched arm, and with great terrible things and miracles.

Cry out to our God, and God will answer: the way of faith

In this challenging and changing world, many people seek strength beyond human reach, and faith is their safe haven. Behind the phrase "cry to our God, and God will answer" carries a deep faith, representing an unwavering trust in an invisible force and a desire to seek comfort and guidance in life.

The wonderful thing about faith is that it is not just an emotion, but a pillar of the heart. When people are faced with the twists and turns and difficulties of life, they often turn to faith for strength and inspiration. This is not only a plea for help, but also a quest for the deeper meaning of life. The seeds of faith take root in the depths of the heart, allowing people to find light in the darkness.

When people sincerely cry out to God, God will respond to that sincerity. This belief empowers people to look beyond adversity and find purpose in life.

The path of faith is not easy, but a journey of finding and growing. On this path, people learn to let go of their pride and accept the ups and downs of life because they believe that even in the darkest of times, God will answer their cries and bring them hope and strength.

However, such a belief is not blind obedience, but is based on a deep personal understanding of divinity and spiritual awakening. Through prayer and meditation, people are able to form a deep connection with God and find answers in that connection. This kind of dialogue between God and man is a kind of heart-to-heart exchange, which allows people to better understand their situation and find wisdom to solve problems.

Old Testament

Psalms 17:1 - "Hearken to the righteousness of the saints, O Lord, and to my appeal, and hearken to my prayer with heed and not out of a false mouth. 』

Psalms 86:7 - "I ask you in the day of trouble, for you will answer me. 』

Psalms 102:1-2 - "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come before you. I beseech thee ear unto me in the day of distress, and answer me quickly in the day of my cry. 』

Jeremiah 29:12 - "Call ye unto me, pray unto me, and I will answer you. 』

New Testament

Matthew 7:7-8 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 』

James 5:16 - "Confess ye therefore your sins to one another and pray one another, that ye may be healed. The power of the prayers of the righteous is very effective. 』

These passages are just a few of the passages in the Bible that relate to prayer and supplication, and there are many other passages in the Bible that also contain conversations with God.

Believers often use these verses to express their prayers, thanksgiving, and worship for God.

Sincere Prayer of the Heart: Prayer is a way for Christians to have a conversation with God. Pray with a sincere heart, sharing your needs, thanksgiving, and repentance. Make prayer a time of intimate communion with God.

Biblical Prayer: The content of your prayer should be biblical to ensure that your prayer is in accordance with God's heart. You can refer to prayer examples in the Bible, such as the Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, etc.

Pray in faith: Pray with faith that God is capable and willing to answer our prayers. Jesus once said, "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe and you will receive." (Matthew 21:22)

Be humble and steadfast: Show humility in prayer, acknowledging your limitations and dependence on God. At the same time, a firm belief in God's power and promises.

Pray often: Pray not only in times of difficulty, but in a prayerful mindset at all times. Keep the connection and build a deep relationship with God.

Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the helper of Christians who can guide you to God's will. In prayer, seek the guidance and revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Wait for God's time: God's plan may be different from ours, so we need to be patient. As you wait on God, hold on to faith that He will eventually respond at the right time.

We pray

God the Father, we are gathered here to open our hearts to You on behalf of all Christians. We thank You for the grace of faith that allows us to find true peace and meaning in Christ.

Today, we stand before You with gratitude for life's challenges, joys, and needs. Give us wisdom and perseverance to face all that we have in our daily lives. Guard our hearts so that we can persevere in the path of faith, with love and kindness.

Please bless your Christian brothers and sisters in particular in times of persecution and hardship, and let Your comfort and strength shine through their lives. Boost their faith and make their testimony a light to the world.

We also pray for the Christian community around the world to give them the same love and support one another to bear witness to Your glory.

We thank You for Your love for each of us and pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 26

De. 26:1 When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it,

De. 26:2 take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name

De. 26:3 and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to

the LORD your God that I have come to the land that the

LORD swore to our forefathers to give us."

De. 26:4 The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.

De. 26:5 Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

De. 26:6 But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labour.

De. 26:7 Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.

De. 26:8 So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand

and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders.

De. 26:9 He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey;

De. 26:10 and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

De. 26:11 And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

De. 26:12 When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

De. 26:13 Then say to the LORD your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them.

De. 26:14 I have not eaten any of the sacred portion while I was in mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor have I offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the

LORD my God; I have done everything you commanded me. De. 26:15 Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling-place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our forefathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

De. 26:16 The LORD your God commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

De. 26:17 You have declared this day that the LORD is your God and that you will walk in his ways, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws, and that you will obey him.

De. 26:18 And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands.

De. 26:19 He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honour high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised.

Chapter 26 begins with instructions for the Israelites on how to express their gratitude to God for the land that He has given them. When they bring the firstfruits of their harvest to the priest, they are to recite a confession of faith in God's faithfulness and provision throughout their history. This is followed by a declaration of the tithes they have given to the Levites and the poor.

The chapter then moves on to a recitation of the blessings that the Israelites will receive if they obey God's commands and follow His ways. These blessings include prosperity, peace, and victory over their enemies.

However, the chapter also warns of the consequences of disobedience and the curses that will come upon the Israelites if they reject God's commands and turn away from Him.

These curses include famine, disease, and defeat in battle.

Finally, the chapter concludes with a reiteration of the covenant between God and the Israelites and the importance of keeping His commandments and statutes.

Overall, Chapter 26 emphasizes the importance of expressing gratitude to God for His provision and faithfulness, as well as the importance of obedience and faithfulness to God's commands in

order to receive His blessings. It also warns of the consequences of disobedience and the curses that result from turning away from God.

Here are some key verses from Deuteronomy chapter 26:

1. "When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it..." (Deuteronomy 26:1)
2. "Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.'" (Deuteronomy 26:5)
3. "So now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)
4. "He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised." (Deuteronomy 26:19)

Chapter 26 of the Book of Deuteronomy focuses on the offering of firstfruits and tithes, as well as the declaration of gratitude and remembrance of God's faithfulness. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

Gratitude and Remembrance: Moses instructs the Israelites to bring the firstfruits of their harvest to the place of worship as an offering of gratitude to the Lord. This act of bringing the first and best of their produce acknowledges God's provision and faithfulness. It serves as a reminder to the Israelites of their dependence on God and the importance of gratitude and remembrance. It prompts us to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness in our lives, acknowledging God's blessings and provision, and remembering His faithfulness.

Acknowledging God's Deliverance: Moses instructs the Israelites to recite a declaration of gratitude and remembrance when presenting their firstfruits. The declaration recounts the story of how God delivered the people from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the promised land. This declaration serves as a testimony to God's faithfulness and a reminder of the history and identity of the Israelites as God's chosen people. It prompts us to reflect on God's deliverance in our own lives, to recount His faithfulness, and to proclaim His goodness to others.

Sharing with Others: Moses emphasizes the importance of sharing with those in need. He instructs the Israelites to set aside a portion of their produce for the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless, and the widows. This act of generosity reflects the values of compassion, justice, and care for the vulnerable. It reminds us of our responsibility to support and care for those in need, sharing our resources and blessings with others.

Obedience to God's Commands: Moses reiterates the importance of obeying God's commands and walking in His ways. He emphasizes that by obeying the statutes and commands given by God, the Israelites would be blessed and set apart as a treasured possession. This underscores the significance of obedience and faithfulness to God's instructions. It prompts us to prioritize obedience to God's Word, seeking to align our lives with His will, and trusting in His promises.

Covenant Relationship: Moses reminds the Israelites of their covenant relationship with God. He declares that they have become God's treasured possession and that God has declared them to be a holy people. This covenant relationship entails both blessings and responsibilities. It prompts us to consider our own relationship with God, the privileges and responsibilities that come with being part of His family, and the call to live in a manner that reflects His holiness.

In summary, Deuteronomy 26 prompts reflection on the themes of gratitude and remembrance, acknowledging God's deliverance, sharing with others, obedience to God's commands, and the covenant relationship with God. These reflections call us to cultivate a spirit of gratitude, to remember God's faithfulness, to share our blessings with others, to obey God's commands, and to live as people set apart for His purposes. They remind us of the importance of recognizing and appreciating God's provision, sharing generously with others, and living faithfully in response to His love and faithfulness.