

## Gaining Full Spiritual Strength

How would we sing if Yahshua would be right in front of us sitting on the throne? Wouldn't we give everything we have to sing to Him. If we don't sing that way we don't actually believe. We have to do all things that way for the glory of our Master, otherwise we are pretenders. We do it by faith, singing to Him.

Our Father is going to use those who are praying for His name to be great.

Lk 21:25 — At the end of time when the days are cut short to protect the saints, the sun will go down at noon. There will be great confusion on the earth at that time so that we will be able to flee. The nations won't be thinking about us. It happens for the sake of the elect. When these things begin to take place we are supposed to lift up our head, because our redemption is drawing near.

Then our Master talks about the fig tree. When you see these things He is very near and He is going to set up His kingdom here on earth. Verses 25-28,29-36 — The people who are alive at that time will not die. There is a generation that sees these things. This generation will not die before all these things take place. He has given His word on this — assuredly. The Greek says “will not, not die (by no means),” to put great emphasis on it.

Verse 34 — So then take heed to yourselves. This is the opposite of inadvertence. Put great attention on what you are doing, because a spiritual lethargy will come in. It will come in somehow. Some translations and the Greek say “overeating and overdrinking and the cares of life.” It's purposefully difficult to translate this to make us alert on everything. It's not yet clear.

It says also that the earth will swallow up the flood after when we flee (Rev 12:14-16). We don't know what the flood is and the mouth that swallows up the flood. We won't know what this is until then either. We'll understand it probably at that time. If we don't see it we'll know that we didn't flee at the right time.

Take heed to yourselves, be careful, lest that day come upon you unexpectedly. This day shouldn't come upon us unexpectedly if we're truly His people, if we take heed.

Lk 21:35 — This speaks of everyone on the earth. This day will come as a snare upon all those who dwell on the face of the earth.

Be very watchful, not inadvertent, pleading.

Verse 36 — Some people won't be alert and pray at all times. Those who don't plead will be spiritual sluggards, full of spiritual lethargy. This verse says *begging*. It says that we must watch and be alert at all times and beg, plead, cry out, make supplications and pray at all times so that we would be counted worthy to flee or have the spiritual strength to flee at that time.

Woe to nursing mothers in those days. Pray that the flight may not be in winter or on the Shabbat. It will be so hard on nursing mothers. They probably won't be able to nurse and flee at the same time. Also verse 23 — Woe to those who are pregnant. Mk 13:18 — These are things we should be praying for. In some places they are already praying for that (Mk 13; Mt 24; Lk 21).

So Lk 21:36 says watch therefore, pray always in order to gain full spiritual life or strength at that time — the Greek says “gathering full spiritual life” — otherwise you won't be counted worthy. It takes spiritual strength to endure to the end. Those who endure to the end with spiritual vigor will be saved. We all have to be able to flee and endure all these things and stand before the Son of Man.

Rev 12:6 says the same word: *flee*. Lk 21:36 — not *escape*, but to *flee*. Lk 20:35 — The word there is “counted worthy or increasing in worthiness.” We have to live a life worthy of our Master. Only those who do so will be able to escape. Even if we do escape we must endure to the end.

2 Pet 1:8 — We must increase to our full potential. Whatever our talents are we have to pour it out on the Body, on Him, in order to be worthy of Him. All of our talents have to be totally in use. Nothing can be held in reservation. In order to live a life worthy of our Master we have to be like our Master. We have to pour out our lives in the same way as He poured out His

life and hold nothing in reserve. This is the only way we will be able to stand at that time. Not only will we be able to flee but we will be able to stand before Him without shrinking back.

Verses 8-11 — Those who lack these qualities of the development of our full potential didn't have long range vision. They are shortsighted. They can only see near they can't see far off. Rom 5:4 — Some people somehow forget that they were cleansed of their past sins. That day comes upon them like a trap.

So you can see in 2 Pet 1:4 -7 that since we participate in the divine nature we make every effort to add to our faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. We finally reach the love our Master had and that's a development of our full potential to love. We reach the full potential of the love that's poured into our hearts. If we don't develop to this point we are not worthy of Him, of the kingdom.

2 Pet 1:5-7 talks about virtue, about adding virtue. We cannot be barren or unfruitful. We have to produce much fruit to prove that we are disciples. We have to be full of brotherly kindness and love. Maybe those who lack these things were possibly not forgiven in the beginning at their baptism or they forgot their forgiveness.

We have to have farsightedness. We can't prepare ourselves 20 or 30 years later. It's saying that we have to have farsightedness and start today. If we put it off we don't belong to Him. Rev 17:4 — Are you sure you have been called? Are you sure you have been chosen. Only those who are faithful belong to Him. Only the called, chosen and faithful will be taken up to be with our Master.

Verse 10 — Be diligent to make sure your calling and election so that the entrance into the eternal kingdom may be abundantly supplied to you. Peter saw so many people fall away.

So I was thinking about being worthy (Lk 21:34-36), that we would be counted worthy to flee at that time. Because the people who flee to the wilderness don't want the riff-raff to follow them into the wilderness. There is no mixed multitude. They only cause a lot of trouble. The mixed multitude (those who don't really belong to God) followed Israel out of Egypt. They caused trouble and many problems with their grumbling and complaining. These will be left

behind. But we made a covenant never to complain and never to murmur, because we know that all things work out for the good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. We don't talk about people behind their backs. Those who do this are the ones who are not faithful.

What is spiritual lethargy? People who go to sleep when they hear the word of God. Their lives and the lives of others depend upon hearing the word. They will bring others down. They become a detrimental influence. The people in Sardis didn't worship with all their hearts, because they didn't think our Master was worthy. They had a deluding influence come upon them, because another spirit entered in. Another spirit will always come in to take up the slack. If one holds on to a guilty feeling long enough then he starts to believe it's the Holy Spirit. It's a deluding Spirit that takes over, because that person doesn't renounce that guilt or confess it.

Sardis had a few overcomers. Maybe the overcomers in Sardis were talking to the others in their community, but those who were not overcoming didn't listen.

We don't want to happen what happened in the first century. We want to be forewarned. We want to have farsightedness and prepare for that day in Lk 21:24-26, so that it will not come upon us like a trap.

2 Ths 2:12 — They didn't find room in their heart to love the truth.