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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture
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"Soldiers, It's a "Lock" Guaranteed Win!"

(Our opponent which is satan, including his followers will be fully and completely defeated)

<u>God has already won</u> the victory over satan through the <u>life</u>, <u>death</u>, and <u>resurrection of Jesus Christ</u>. Through faith in <u>Jesus Christ</u>, believers are liberated from satan's dominion and empowered to resist his influence

<u>What is the meaning of "Liberated"</u> set (someone) free from a situation, especially <u>imprisonment</u> or slavery, in which their liberty is <u>severely</u> restricted.

Rescued from Darkness: God has rescued believers from the "dominion of darkness" and brought them into the "kingdom of his beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13). This means they are no longer under the power of Satan, but have been transferred to the kingdom of God. **Acts 26:18**

1 Peter 2:9 & 2 Corinthians 4:6

Ephesians 2:3-10

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(3) Among these [unbelievers] we all once lived in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by the sinful self], indulging the desires of human nature [without the Holy Spirit] and [the impulses] of the [sinful] mind. We were, by nature, children [under the sentence] of [God's] wrath, just like the rest [of mankind].

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(4) But God, being [so very] rich in mercy, because of His great and wonderful love with which He loved us,

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(5) even when we were [spiritually] dead and separated from Him because of our sins, He made us [spiritually] alive together with Christ (for by His grace—His undeserved favor and mercy—you have been saved from God's judgment).

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(6) And He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, [because we are] in Christ Jesus,



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(7) [and He did this] so that in the ages to come He might [clearly] show the immeasurable and unsurpassed riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus [by providing for our redemption].

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(8) For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God;

New Living Translation

(9) Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Amplified Bible

(9) not as a result of [your] works [nor your attempts to keep the Law], so that no one will [be able to] boast or take credit in any way [for his salvation].

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(10) For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

<u>Forgiveness of Sins</u>: Through Jesus, believers have received forgiveness of their sins, which was a key tool Satan used to hold people captive. This forgiveness frees them from the condemnation of sin and the guilt that Satan uses to manipulate them. <u>Ephesians 1:7</u>: - <u>Matthew 6:14-15</u> - <u>1 John 1:9</u>

Ephesians 1:6-7

Contemporary English Version

(6) God treated us with undeserved grace because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God.

Amplified Bible

(7) In Him we have redemption [that is, our deliverance and salvation] through His blood, [which paid the penalty for our sin and resulted in] the forgiveness and complete pardon of our sin, in accordance with the riches of His grace

<u>A complete pardon</u>, also known as a <u>full pardon</u>, is a legal act that completely forgives a crime and restores all rights of citizenship that were lost due to the conviction. It essentially wipes out the criminal conviction and its consequences.



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<u>Power and Authority</u>: God has vested believers with authority and power in the name of Jesus to resist and overcome Satan's influence. We are empowered to stand firm against his attacks and reject his lies and temptations. <u>Luke 10:19 - Philippians 2:10 - Ephesians 2:6 - Romans 8:17</u>

Matthew 28:16-20

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(16) As for the eleven disciples, they proceeded into Galilee, to the hill where Jesus had arranged to meet them.

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(17) And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted [that it was really He].

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(18) Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

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(19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

What is a "Discipleship of Jesus Christ"

<u>A Disciple</u> is someone who actively chooses to follow Jesus and make him the center of their life. Discipleship involves studying Jesus' teachings, understanding his message, and seeking to apply them in daily life. Discipleship is a process of transformation as individuals learn to conform their lives to Jesus' teachings and values. Disciples are called to share Jesus' message and make disciples of others.

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(20) teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."

<u>Protection and Guidance</u>: God provides protection and guidance to his people, helping them to navigate the challenges and temptations that Satan presents. He gives them wisdom, strength, and faith to endure trials and to resist evil. 2nd Thess 3:3 – Prov 3:5-6 – Isaiah 54:17



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John 16:13

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(13) But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

<u>Final Victory</u>: The Bible also speaks of a final and ultimate victory over Satan and his forces during the final judgment, when God will fully and completely defeat him. This victory will bring about the establishment of God's kingdom and the full restoration of all things. **Daniel 12:1-13 - Revelation 19:**

1 Corinthians 15:48-58

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(48) As is the earthly man [the man of dust], so are those who are of earth; and as is the heavenly [Man], so are those who are of heaven.

Contemporary English Version

(48) Everyone on earth has a body like the body of the one who was made from the dust of the earth. And everyone in heaven has a body like the body of the one who came from heaven.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(49) As we have worn the likeness of the man who was made from the dust of the earth, we will also wear the likeness of the man who came from heaven.

Amplified Bible

(50) Now I say this, believers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit *nor* be part of the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (mortal) inherit the imperishable (immortal).

Amplified Bible

(51) Listen very carefully, I tell you a mystery [a secret truth decreed by God and previously hidden, but now revealed]; we will not all sleep [in death], but we will all be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed],

Amplified Bible

(52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [the sound of] the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [who believed in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we will be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed].



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(53) For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us that is capable of dying] must put on immortality [which is freedom from death].

Legacy Standard Bible

(54) But when this corruptible puts on the incorruptible, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the word that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

Contemporary English Version

(54) The bodies we now have are weak and can die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true, "Death has lost the battle!

Amplified Bible

(55) O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

Amplified Bible

(56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin [by which it brings death] is the law;

The "power of sin" refers to the strength or influence that sin has over individuals, which is magnified by the law. The law, given through Moses, defines sin and makes people aware of their transgressions (Romans 3:20). While the law is holy and righteous (Romans 7:12), it also highlights human inability to achieve righteousness on their own. The law acts as a mirror, showing people their sinful nature and their need for a Savior.

Amplified Bible

(57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory [as conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amplified Bible

(58) Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the
Lord always doing your best and doing more than is needed,
being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is
not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].



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SHEMA TO HEAR

Do you ever wake up in a fog of stress and anxiety, unable to focus because you're being pulled in multiple directions? The stress of work, unresolved issues at home, unanswered emails, sickness, tiredness, financial pressure, and so many other things in the modern world can leave many of us feeling flat and unable to focus in the morning. But while stress may seem like a modern issue, perhaps there's an ancient solution.

For thousands of years, Jewish believers have spoken a prayer the moment they wake up that focuses their attention on God rather than the things of this world. The prayer is called the *Shema*, which is a Hebrew word that means "hear or listen." The prayer comes directly from Deuteronomy 6, which reads,

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

The word shema implies action. Similarly, we understand this idea when Jesus said, "he who has ears, let him hear," which was His way of telling His followers to listen to His words and obey. As my friend Rabbi Evan Moffic says, "When God says shema, it is an invitation for us to listen, to respond, to appreciate, to understand, to act."

As a Jew, Jesus would have prayed the *shema* every morning as a way of committing Himself to loving God and listening to His Word that day. I wonder how our attitude would change if the first thing we did when we woke up every morning was to commit ourselves to loving God and listening to His Word.

How To Pronounce "Shema" (shay'-mah)



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