

Scripture: Galatians 5

Singing: 265:1- 3 – 41:1, 3, 5-7 – 91:1-5 – 451:1, 6, 7

Intro. Through the Psalms God teaches us to *bring Him all our needs*

The Spiritual Petitions (2)

I. For daily washing II. For daily strengthening

II. The Spiritual Petition for Daily Strengthening

A. Consider the significance of the order of **5th and 6th petition**

1. Why is *daily justification by our application to Jesus' blood needed?*

a. without it, we will face our battles 'alone'

- conscious sin ignored, grieves Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30)

b. healthy spiritual life is lived at *the fountain of Jesus' blood*

B. This petition immediately reveals *how to be strengthened in daily battle*

1. The strongest weapon in our spiritual warfare

a. consider 2 Chron 20:15 & 2 Chron 32:8

- *Prayer is mightiest of weapons that created natures can wield.*

- *We are the strongest when we are on our knees before Father.*

C. What do we ask in the 6th petition of the Lord's Prayer?

1. We do not ask for a *trouble-free life*

a. Such a request falls *outside the will of God*

b. Such a request will be *most disadvantageous* to spiritual growth

- James 1:2 & 1 Peter 1:7

c. Such a request contradicts the confession of many saints

2. We implore the Father for His preserving & strengthening grace
a. because we are so weak that we cannot stand a moment

b. we are always under *precision* assault!

c. none of us can hold our place for a moment without Jesus

- do not conclude you are an *abnormal* Christian, if you experience the contradicting battle of the *Spirit and flesh*.

3. We beg Father for His grace to endure in the battle

a. this spiritual battle is not for the *fainthearted and is life long*

b. how will any endure in a *constant and strenuous resistance*?

- Jesus' answer is one and only

c. What is to *abide in Him*? John 15

- to *stay close in communion as we trust Him /Word* (vs. 7, 11)

- to *look continually upward to Him* (vs. 5)

- to *continue in His love* (vs. 9)

- to *walk in tender obedience to His commandment* (vs. 10)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed with so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and

let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,

Despising the shame,

And is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider Him

That endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself,

Lest ye be wearied and faint in your mind.

Hebrews 12:1-2