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We continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the  
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

## Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer

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- **Let us praise the Lord in song.**

Hymn #33

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart,  
in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart;  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart.

NEXT

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2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart,  
in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart;

In-a my heart, In-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart.

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3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in-a my heart,  
in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in-a my heart;

In-a my heart, In-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in-a my heart.

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4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart,  
in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart;

In-a my heart, In-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart.

END

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## QUESTIONS

- Is there a hedge of protection?
- How many are in Satan's army?
- Why are conditions worsening?

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- **Let our voices unite in a Prayer of Petition.**
- **Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.** Luke 11: 2
- **We come boldly unto the throne of grace, to find grace to help in time of need.** Hebrews 4: 16
- **O God, blot out my transgression.**  
Psalm 51: 1 LXX
- **Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.** Psalm 51: 2 LXX

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- Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil.  
Psalm 51: 4 LXX
- Full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Acts 6: 5
- preaching, reproof, rebuking, and exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine. II Timothy 4: 2
- We ask You God, remove any spirit of stupor, so our eyes should see, and our ears should hear. Romans 11: 8
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14

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- Apocalyptic writing dealt with events between Old and New Testament: Enoch, The Sibylline Oracles, The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, The Ascension of Isaiah, The Assumption of Moses, The Apocalypse of Baruch, Fourth Ezra, to name a few. The Revelation To John, calls all Christians to be faithful unto death in order to win the crown of life. It is called the Apocalypse. It represents all the apocalyptic works describing the end of time and the blessings of the new age to come.

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- After the death of Solomon, the kingdom split in two. The northern kingdom, with its capital at Samaria, vanished eight centuries B.C. Ten tribes lost, never to appear again. The southern kingdom, with its capital at Jerusalem, taken captive by the Babylonians six centuries B.C. Later to become subject to the Persians, Greeks and Romans.
- The Roman Empire, stretched from one end of the known world to the other. It had many tongues, many races, many traditions, many

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kingdoms. The problem was how to meld this variety into a union. There is no unifying dynamic like a common religion. None of the local gods could become a universal appeal.

- In the fourteenth year after the persecution of Nero, the apostle John was banished to the island of Patmos, condemned to the mines by Domitian the Emperor. John, son of Zebedee, was banished to Patmos A.D. 94 and he was liberated A.D. 96 upon the death of Domitian.

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Upon repeal of Domitian's acts of cruelty, by the senate, John returned to Ephesus. Nerva was emperor.

- The Revelation of Jesus Christ, God gave to John, showed things which must come to pass. (Revelation 1: 1) After 2,000 years many have today.
- **Text:** Revelation 1: 9 ASV  
9 I John, your brother in Jesus, was in the isle called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

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- **Text:** Revelation 9: 1-2 ASV

<sup>1</sup> I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss. <sup>2</sup> And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

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- It is later than you thought if the fallen star is Lucifer. He has already fallen. Has the fifth angel already sounded? (Revelation 9: 1 ASV)
- On earth today, only a little hell has come to your life. God has not released the restraints placed upon wickedness. A hedge of protection surrounds you.

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- This is evidenced in the book of Job. When divine restraint is removed then you have Revelation manifest. It is only a matter of time until the biggest army of all time will be poised at the boundary of the Euphrates River waiting. What will life on earth be like then? <sup>13</sup> I heard a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth. Revelation 8: 13 ASV
- There will be two hundred million in Satan's army; <sup>16</sup> the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten

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thousand: I heard the number of them.

Revelation 9: 16 ASV They will be gathered for the all out effort to either rule or ruin. Satan's last offensive will mobilize every reserve and unloose every weapon. The conscription will be complete. Satan's nature is to destroy. If he loved you, drunkard, he would sober you. If Satan loved this planet he would institute peace. He is the destroyer. <sup>1</sup> I would not, brethren, have you ignorant. Our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the

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sea; <sup>2</sup> and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <sup>3</sup> and did all eat the same spiritual food; <sup>4</sup> and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>9</sup> Neither let us make trial of the Lord, as some of them made trial, and perished by the serpents. <sup>10</sup> Neither murmur ye, as some of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer. | Corinthians 10: 1-5 & 9-10 ASV

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- The fraction  $1/3$  is given significance:
- $1/3$  of the earth burned;  $7$  hail and fire, mingled with blood, were cast upon earth: a third part of the earth burnt. Revelation 8: 7 ASV
- $1/3$  of trees burnt;  $7$  a third part of the trees was burnt up. Revelation 8: 7 ASV
- $1/3$  of the sea became blood;  $8$  a third part of the sea became blood. Revelation 8: 8 ASV
- $1/3$  of creatures died;  $9$  there died the third part of creatures which were in the sea.

Revelation 8: 9 ASV

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- 1/3 of the ships destroyed; <sup>9</sup> a third part of the ships was destroyed. Revelation 8: 9 ASV
- 1/3 of the rivers hit by fire; <sup>10</sup> there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters. Revelation 8: 10 ASV
- 1/3 of the waters poisoned; <sup>11</sup> the name of the star is called Wormwood: a third part of the waters became wormwood; many men died because they were made bitter. Revelation 8: 11 ASV

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- 1/3 of the sun darkened; 12 a third part of the sun was smitten, it should not shine.

Revelation 8: 12 ASV

- 1/3 of the moon darkened; 12 a third part of the moon, be darkened, and the night in like manner. Revelation 8: 12 ASV

- 1/3 of the stars darkened; 12 a third part of the stars be darkened, and not shine.

Revelation 8: 12 ASV

- 1/3 of the day darkened; 12 a third part of the day should not shine. Revelation 8: 12 ASV

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- 1/3 of men slayed; <sup>15</sup> four angels were loosed, that they kill the third part of men, <sup>18</sup> by three plagues, fire, smoke, and brimstone.

Revelation 9: 15 & 18 ASV

- Why are conditions worsening? The answer is found in the closing paragraphs of chapter nine in the Revelation: <sup>20</sup> the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood;

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which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk:

<sup>21</sup> and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. Revelation 9: 20-21 ASV Men are unwilling to turn loose of material things and worship God!

- Satan weakens man's will. He's preconditioning you for the end of time. Your love for narcotics, alcohol, immorality, crime, unbelief and lack of faith weakens your resolve. Check yourself. How strong is the urge in your soul to disavow the things of God?

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- People are busy with pursuits other than the efforts required to discern the message of the scriptures. I am in the season of my life where I have time and desire to make such endeavor. Teaching is product of my study. Praise God others have been influenced by the Holy Spirit to lead me!
- Chosen People of God must adjust to facts of history. They await the end of this present age. The age to come will be wholly righteous. It will bring peace, prosperity, vindication, and justice.

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The Day of the Lord will be the birth of the new age!

- In the day of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his works, may we be found patient in well-doing, seeking His glory, honor, and incorruption, for eternal life. Peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For there is no respect of persons with God.

Amen. Romans 2: 5-11 ASV