

Prayers Of Thanks For “Release”

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“Rise, let us be going.” (Matthew 26:46)

The disciples went to sleep when they should have kept awake, and when they had realized what they had done it produced despair. The sense of the irreparable is apt to make us despair, and we say—“It is all up, now, it is no use trying any more.”

If we imagine that this kind of despair is exceptional, we are mistaken, it is a very ordinary human experience. Whenever we realize that we have not done that which we had a magnificent opportunity of doing, then we are apt to sink into despair; and Jesus Christ comes and says—“Sleep on now, that opportunity is lost forever, you cannot alter it, but arise and go to the next thing.”

Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ, and go into the irresistible future with Him.

There are experiences like this in each of our lives. We are in despair, the despair that comes from actualities, and we cannot lift ourselves out of it. The disciples in this instance had done a downright unforgivable thing; they had gone to sleep instead of watching with Jesus, but He came with a spiritual initiative against their despair and said—“Arise and do the next thing.” If we are inspired of God, what is the next thing? To trust Him absolutely and to pray on the ground of His Redemption.

Never let the sense of failure corrupt your new action.

Heb. 10:22 *Thank you that I can draw near to you God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having my heart sprinkled to cleanse me from a **guilty conscience** and having my body washed with pure water.*

2 Chr. 30:9 *Thank you because you are gracious and compassionate. **You will not turn your face from me if I return to you.***

Isa. 43:25 *Thank you that you are able to **blot out my transgressions**, for my own sake, and **remember my sins no more.***

John 3:17 *Thank you for your Word that says, “for God did **not send His Son into the world to condemn** the world, but to save the world through Him”.*

John 3:18 *Thank you that as I believe in you I am **not condemned.***

John 5:24 *Thank you for the promise that as I hear your Word and believe Him who sent you that I have eternal life and **will not be condemned**; I have crossed over from death to life.*

Heb. 8:12 *Thank you for forgiving my wickedness and **remembering my sins no more.***

Isa. 55:7 *Thank you that your Word says as I forsake my wicked way you will have mercy on me, and **will freely pardon me.***

Ps. 32:5 *Thank you that as I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and **you forgave the guilt of my sin.***

1 John 1:9 *Thank you Lord, I appreciate that as I confess my sins, **you are faithful and just and will forgive me my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness.***

Ps. 103:12 *Thank you that as far as the east is from the west, so far have **you removed my transgressions from me.***

Rom. 8:1 *Thank you for your promise of **no condemnation** now that I am in Christ Jesus.*

Rom. 8:2 *Thank you that through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has **set me free** from the law of sin and death.*

2 Cor. 5:17 *Thank you that I am **a new creation**; the old has gone, the new has come!*

Ps. 32:1 *Thank you Lord that I am blessed because my **transgressions are forgiven, and my sins are covered.***

Jer. 34 *Thank you that **you will forgive my wickedness and will remember my sins no more.***