

# "I Will Keep Thee From the Hour of Temptation" (part #3)

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Yahuwah has the same power to bestow upon us as he gave to his people anciently, and he will give it to his people now, if we do not choose our own ways but Yahuwah's ways. Let Yahuwah take care of his people, and teach and direct them, and let man keep his plans out of the way. We would not lessen the courage of Yahuwah's people, and be in a position where we shall dishonor the Yahuwah of heaven, instead of glorifying him. There are many things brought to view in the Scriptures that will help us. James was killed, and because the enemies of the gospel saw that it pleased the Jews, they were going to take Peter, but they did not, because the Master took charge of him. They killed Stephen, but the angel of the Master opened the prison doors for Peter, for *"prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto Yahuwah for him."* (Acts 12:5). There is your work. Pray as you have never prayed before; and if you spend nights in prayer, and learn to trust Yahuwah, you will have an intelligent experience. It was by praying without ceasing that Peter gained the victory, and when the angel went to bring him out, Peter was bound with two chains, and, behold, the angel of the Master came forth, and smote Peter on the side, and said, *"Rise up quickly."* (Acts 12:7).

All the ruler's expectations failed because the same mighty agent that Joshua summoned when he was to bring down the walls of Jericho, was with the men who were bound with chains. When Peter returned to his brethren, a free man, he found them praying, and this is the key to his deliverance,--they were praying. He knocked at the gate, but the maid who came to open it, ran back to the house in great astonishment without letting him in. They did not think that Peter was to be released from the prison. They had expected a deliverance of a different order, but Yahuwah worked in his own way and after his own counsel, and brought him to the very door of those who were praying for him.

We should seek to understand how Yahuwah works. He wrought for his servants and released them from prison. They did not say, "If I can only get out of this place, I will never speak of Yahushua again," no, for Yahushua was in their hearts, and they were happy. Yahuwah is always by the side of his people, and he never leaves them,--he never gives a trial to his children but he will be there to help; he knows just what they can bear, and he does not give them any more than they can bear. If they fail, it is because they do not in faith bring their difficulties to Yahuwah as to one who will help them. Yahuwah does not forsake. No one fails because Yahuwah leaves him to perish. When men fail, it is because they do not avail themselves of the provisions which Yahuwah has made; they do not trust in the Master.

When Paul and Silas were left with bleeding backs and with their feet in the stocks, they did not lament over their situation, but sang glory to Yahuwah. A different note sounded in the prison from any ever heard there before. The keeper had heard cursing and swearing and blasphemy, but he had never heard the praises of Yahuwah resounding through the halls; for he himself was an unconverted man. The suffering servants of Yahuwah continued to send up their notes of thanksgiving, and they echoed in heaven; and the angels of Yahuwah, as they caught the strain, came to their aid with a mighty tread, and the prison was shaken, and the apostles were loosed from their bands, and the light of the glory of Yahuwah shone in the prison, and every man's bands were loosed, and the jailers found the doors open. The record says that the jailer drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled; but Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, *"Do thyself no harm; for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"* (Acts 16:28-30).

How do we know but that this persecution came upon the servants of Yahuwah in order that souls might be saved in that prison? Yahuwah worked for his people in the past, he manifested his power in their behalf when they were in

emergencies. If we let human counsel prevail, and arrange our plans so that Yahuwah cannot work for us, we may expect to get into difficulties. May Yahuwah help us to come to our senses. We have had little enough faith in the past, and we do not want to crush out the least particle of the faith that still lives.

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When Stephen was called upon to suffer for Yahushua's sake, he did not waver. He read his fate in the cruel faces of his persecutors, and he did not hesitate to give to them the last message which he was to bear to men. He looked up and

said, *"I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of Yahuwah."* (Acts 7:56). All heaven was interested in this case. Yahushua, rising from the throne of his Father, was leaning over, looking upon the face of his servant, and imparting to his countenance the beams of his own glory, and men were astonished as they saw Stephen's face lighted up as if it had been the face of an angel. The glory of Yahuwah shone upon him, and while he was beholding the face of his Master, the enemies of Yahushua stoned him to death. Would we not think that a hard death to die? But the fear of death was gone, and his last breath was spent in petitioning the Master to forgive his persecutors.

Yahushua has made it as easy as he possibly can for his children, and he wants us to follow in his footsteps; for if we do, we shall be partakers of Yahushua and his glory.

No law has ever been made to exalt the idol sabbath but that Satan has taken a leading part in its enactment and its enforcement. Every law for the elevation of Sunday has a direct reference to the fourth commandment. Every move that has been made to enforce its observance, is for the purpose of exalting the man of sin above Yahuwah and above all that is worshiped. Satan would have us exalt the idol sabbath, but we cannot do it, for it would be disloyalty to Yahuwah. In the face of Nebuchadnezzar's decree of death, the three Hebrew children refused to bend the knee, preferring to be cast into the fiery furnace rather than bow to the golden image. They declared they were not careful to answer the king, and said, *"If it be so, our Yahuwah whom we serve is able to deliver from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."* (Daniel 3:17-18).

They were thrown into the burning fiery furnace, but the Master was with them. The king looked into the furnace, and said, *"Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of Yahuwah."* (Daniel 3:25). Angels of the Master were watching by the side of the faithful three. Yahuwah wished to show to the nations of the world who was the great I AM, the Yahuwah of the heavens, the ruler of the universe, who alone was to be worshiped. Did not the Hebrews break the law of the king?--Yes, but the law of Yahuwah was first to be obeyed.

Now, brethren, we are coming to the crisis. Let us stand the test manfully, grasping the hand of Infinite Power. Yahuwah will work for us. We have only to live one day at a time, and if we get acquainted with Yahuwah, he will give us strength for what is coming tomorrow, grace sufficient for each day, and every day will find its own victories, just as it

finds it trials. We shall have the power of the Highest with us; for we shall be clad with the armor of Yahushua's righteousness. We have the same Yahuwah that has worked for his people in ages past. Yahushua stands by our side, and shall we falter?--No, as the trials come, the power of Yahuwah will come with them. Yahuwah will help us to stand in faith on his word, and when we are united, he will work with special power in our behalf.

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*We have taken out from the original article all pagan names and titles of the Father and Son, and have replaced them with the original given names. Furthermore, we have restored in the Scriptures quoted the original names of the Father and Son, as they were originally written by the inspired writers of the Bible. -WLC Team*