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He reveals the deep things of darkness
and brings deep shadows
into the light.
Job 12:22

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In Job's Shoes

By: Efrain Gonzalez

God gives things and He takes
away/
so who are we to say/
God sway things my way/
and stay so I can play /
I pray and I pray/
but I still don't see the light of
day/
But Job shows/ that God knows/
what He's doing/
and He doesn't have to keep prov-
ing/
He's got control/
you gotta trust'em with your
soul/
Ever tried to walk straight
with your eyes shut/
how far do you think you'd go
before you open them up/
When things are dark
and you don't know who to run
to/
trust in Him to help you
through/
it's true, I know this cause I do/
Put yourself in Job's shoes/
He lost his kids, his stock,

wanted to lose his life/
lost thousands of servants and
all of his merchandise/ And in the
midst of it all, got no help from his
wife/
And you gotta remember Satan's
attempt/
was to expose Job's worship in-
tent/
And time and time again God
would say to Grim/
"have you considered my servant
Job?
There's no one like Him/
So Satan complained,
"it's only skin for skin!" /
So God allowed to give'em boils
but not kill him.....

Prayer

By: Jessica Pratts

Should I pray on my knees? Should
I lift up my hands to the Lord?
Is 10 minutes okay...or should I
make it an hour long just in case?
What should I say? Should I read
a prayer from a book or take it
from the top of my head? What Is
Prayer?

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Prayer (Cont.)

Prayer is talking to God. This is the simplest answer for the question, what is prayer? It is simply talking to God. Prayer comes in many forms and is expressed in many ways. For instance, some people prefer to pray with their eyes closed to eliminate all other distractions. Others prefer to pray on their knees as a sign of submission. Some people pray while joining hands with others as a sign of unity. The bible tells us that man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart. In everything we do the Lord looks at our heart. And, this is the same case with prayer. So no matter if we are standing or sitting, talking out loud or whispering, God is still looking at our hearts.

When should we pray? *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).* This bible verse sums it up for us. We can come to God with anything and everything and talk to him on any occasion.

How long should we pray? That is between you and God. Never be afraid to talk to him. He will listen to you for a minute or for days.

There are many bible verses that teach us how to pray. Here are just a few:

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him” (1 John 5:14-15).

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express” (Romans 8:26).

Who's in Control?

By: Jose Gonzalez

It's amazing to think that everyday we go about our business not knowing what's going to happen next. Still, we say tomorrow I will take a vacation or maybe I will have a week off. The funny thing is that tomorrow is not promised, but we keep thinking we have control. I say this because God is the only one that can grant us a vacation if he so pleases. James 4: 13-16 says:

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil (New American Standard Bible).

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Who's in Control? (Cont.)

From this we understand that God is in full control. This verse brings to light God's will as HE plans for us to prosper. There have been many times that I wanted to do something for my own self-fulfillment, but had to stop dead in my tracks because I never received what I wanted. This makes me think about what would have happened if I would have included God in my original planning? The answer could have been a yes or it could have been a no. The "No" is a sticky one because we don't like to hear that. However, God in his mighty Sovereignty just let's us do what we want anyway and it's not until we crash and burn that we realize that we should have followed God's will.

Things would be so easy if we just followed God and did what he says to do as opposed to figuring things out on our own. God has given us a wonderful resource to consider: the bible. This is where it gets funny because we have so many examples from people before us, but we choose to do what we want. Let's look at Jonah for instance. God commanded Jonah to go to Ninevah and to warn the people. What did Jonah do? He went completely in the opposite direction. As the story unfolds, Jonah finds himself on a boat during a terrible storm and realizes that he is putting everyone in danger because of his disobedience. Next, the boat crew throws him overboard and he ends up inside a fish for three days and three nights. God could have killed Jonah instantaneously, but chose to spare his life even though Jonah disobeyed. Long story short, Jonah did the will of God, which was to warn the people and Ninevah to repent.

False Teaching and True Riches

By: Anamar Graciani

Hey guys what's up? I came across 1 Timothy 6 and I was hopping you could read it. It really helped me to put things in perspective. After you read it Ask yourself this:

Are you doing what you should be doing for God?

Do you put Him first?

What can we learn from the slave?

What do we put in place of God? (what are our riches)

Are they really all that important?(what we consider to be our riches)

What needs to change?

It would be a good thing to talk about with a brother or sister in Christ and pray about it:

Hope this helps you as much as it helped me. Remember that we are never alone God is always there for us we just have to believe he knows that we doubt and that we are going to make mistakes. We have to limit them and realize where our priorities lie and is it really what Our Lord wants for us. We have to believe in ourselves and in OUR church. Remember with God ALL things ARE possible.

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When We do Stuff....

Every Sunday @ 1:30 pm – English Discipleship/Servicio en español

Every Sunday @ 2:30 pm – English Worship Service/Discipulado en español

Please refer to calendar for Saturday ministry activities for Youth and College Ministries

All the time – Prayer, Praise, Supplication

Why?

Matthew 28: 18-20

Matthew 22: 36-40

Romans 15: 5-6

NYMC exists to **Nurture** the hearts and souls of those who seek the true GOD and **Yearn** for HIS Salvation, to provide the opportunity for the hearts and souls to **Mature** by getting **Involved** in the family of GOD and **Cry out** in praise to the one true GOD.

Nurture = Ministry

Yearn = Evangelism

Mature = Discipleship

Involved = Fellowship

Cry out = Worship

PEACE

Spanish translation available
Mensaje disponible en español

VISITING US

If you are in the area and would like to stop in, we meet at **RVBC** located at **150 Franklin Ave Oakland, NJ 07436**. We look forward to having you visit. If you are on a college campus in northeastern New Jersey, southwestern New York or in New York City and would like to visit, we are right off of Route 287. Just get off at the **Oakland Exit (58)**.

From 287 North, make a left at the light the end of the exit ramp. Stay on your left. Go to the next light and make another left. Go past another light and at the following light, turn right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.

Coming **from 287 South**, you can make a right at the light at the end of the exit ramp. At the next light make a right, stay to your right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.

From **GWB**, take 4 East to 208 Oakland to 287 South. Then follow 287 South Directions.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=Oakland,+NJ,+United+States+of+America&sa=X&oi=map&ct=title>

Discipleship starts at 1:30 pm and the service generally starts at 2:40 and ends around 3:45 pm.

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Our Calendar

Month	Anamar	Efrain	Helen	Jose	Dyriann	Steven/Ruth
June	Ministry Meeting					
Jul.	7/25 Volleyball tournament	7/5 English service preaching 7/18 BBQ at VBS wrap up,	7/10 Movie night @7:30	7/5 Spanish service preaching 7/24 Game extravaganza,	7/18 Christmas in July	
Aug.	8/2 Spanish Service preaching, 8/29 Beach trip, 8/30 English Service preaching	8/1 Concert 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 Coffee House, 8/9 Spanish service preaching	8/9 English service preaching, English discipleship, 8/23 Spanish Service preaching	8/27 Freshman move in	8/2 English service preaching, 8/16 Spanish service preaching	<i>NEW DATES</i> VBS 8/10-14 & follow up, 8/30 Spanish preaching
Sept.	Ministry Meeting	9/26 Coffeehouse	9/5 Girls Night Out	9/9 Information fair at FDU, 9/19 How did they praise God again role play		Praise and worship practice resumes

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