

115 - Keep Coming and Never Stop Short

Today, a scripture struck me in a different way from all the other times I've read it or studied it with you in the past:

Psalm 138:2 – ***"You exalt Your name, Your promise, over all else."***

The Father's focus is on His Name and His Promise. He is about His purpose and so should we be and when we think that *our* purposes are paramount, we would do well to recall Whose we are and Whose purpose of the eons is the only one worthy of our focus. His purpose, which the Father *"makes in Christ Jesus, our Lord"* (according to **Ephesians 3:11**), is the only one worthy of our service.

It seems, however, that we are often pulled into focusing on ourselves, our lives, our issues, our concerns, our relationships, our areas of character in which God clearly isn't finished with us yet, or, heaven help us, our futures; all of which could simply surrender to the Lord and become children again, as we studied two weeks ago. We are safe ONLY in the Father's hands, where we are loved completely and unconditionally. So, when we take our lives into our own hands, we are acting like teenagers who think they know more than their parents and who go into rebellion against parental authority, only to acknowledge a few years later how foolish they acted.

Two weeks ago, the Lord took us deeply into becoming children again and what that looks like. Well, tonight feels like a sequel to that study in which we examine what our focus ought to be, as children who would do well to submit to their parents' training and direction, and who could, if they are willing to submit to the divine authority, avoid all manner of unnecessary trouble by simply receiving wisdom and instruction that God offers His kids.

That seems simple enough, but how, exactly do we do it? The Apostle Paul wrote, ***"Become imitators of God, as beloved Children"*** (Ephesians 5:1).

Read with me Paul's declarations in **Ephesians 3 & 4**. We've seen it several times throughout our studies, but let's look at it afresh, like kids, and let the Apostle's words sink profoundly into our hearts and minds:

Ephesians 3:

1 On this behalf I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you, the nations --
2 since you surely hear of the administration of the grace of God that is given to me for you,
3 for by revelation the secret is made known to me (according as I write before, in brief,
4 by which you who are reading are able to apprehend my understanding in the secret of the Christ,
5 which, in other generations, is not made known to the sons of humanity as it was now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets): in spirit
6 the nations are to be joint enjoyers of an allotment, and a joint body, and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus, through the evangel
7 of which I became the dispenser, in accord with the gratuity of the grace of God, which is granted to me in accord with His powerful operation.
8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was granted this grace: to bring the evangel of the untraceable riches of Christ to the nations,
9 and to enlighten all as to what is the administration of the secret, which has been concealed from the eons in God, Who creates all,
10 that now may be made known to the sovereignties and the authorities among the celestials, through the ecclesia, the multifarious wisdom of God,
11 in accord with the purpose of the eons, which He makes in Christ Jesus, our Lord;
12 in Whom we have boldness and access with confidence, through His faith. --
13 Wherefore I am requesting you not to be despondent at those of my afflictions for your sake which are your glory.
14 On this behalf am I bowing my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 after Whom every kindred in the heavens and on earth is being named,
16 that He may be giving you, in accord with the riches of His glory, to be made staunch with power, through His spirit, in the man within,
17 Christ to dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, having been rooted and grounded in love,
18 should be strong to grasp, together with all the saints, what is the

breadth and length and depth and height --

19 to know the love of Christ as well which transcends knowledge --
that you may be completed for the entire complement of God.

20 Now to Him Who is able to do superexcessively above all that we
are requesting or apprehending, according to the power that is
operating in us,

21 to Him be glory in the ecclesia and in Christ Jesus for all the
generations of the eon of the eons! Amen!

Chapter 4

1 I am entreating you, then, I, the prisoner in the Lord, to walk worthily
of the calling with which you were called,

2 with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one
another in love,

3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit with the tie of peace:

4 one body and one spirit, according as you were called also with one
expectation of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all.

Jesus epitomizes a child who trusts His Father implicitly, believes Him absolutely,
and obeys Him completely (I was going to say that he obeys Him unflinchingly, but
even Yeshua, the Anointed One, had a moment we can all relate to when He
asked, through blood-strained sweat, in the Garden of Gethsemane:

Luke 22

43 Now a messenger from heaven was seen by Him, strengthening
Him.

44 And coming to be in a struggle, He prayed more earnestly, and His
sweat became as if clots of blood descending on the earth.

Matthew 26:39 –

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass by from Me."

Jesus didn't stop there, however, and what follows is the hallmark of a son or
daughter who won't stop short of fulfilling the purpose of God for which he or
she was created. Jesus continued, in **Matthew 26:39 –**

However, not as I will, but as Thou!"

Luke 22:42 says, *"However, not My will, but Thine, be done!"*

Here is the difference between loving yourself as God loves you, walking WITH Him in Victory; and loving yourself as men and women naturally love themselves, whose purposes take precedence over God's eonian purpose, and who, by definition, let His cup pass by from them and fall far short of fulfilling the purpose for which they were created and living the victory in Christ Jesus.

The Lord's focus was entirely on the Father's will, even when His own was in conflict with it. Let me say that a different way: We will succeed in obeying God ONLY when we focus on His will and His purpose, even when they are in conflict with ours.

As early as 12 years old, Jesus realized that His focus was to be on the things that mattered to the Father:

Luke 2:

- 42 And when He came to be twelve years old, at their going up into Jerusalem according to the custom of the festival,
43 and finishing the days, at their return the Boy Jesus remains behind in Jerusalem, and His parents know it not,
44 Now, inferring that He is in the caravan, they came a day's way, and they hunted Him among the relatives and those known to them.
45 And, not finding Him, they return into Jerusalem, hunting Him.
46 And it occurred, after three days they found Him in the sanctuary, seated in the midst of the teachers, hearing them, as well as inquiring of them.
47 Now amazed are all those hearing Him at His understanding and answers.
48 And perceiving Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Child, why do you thus to us? Lo! your father and I painfully sought you."
49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you sought Me? Had you not perceived that I must be among the things which are My Father's?"
50 And they do not understand the declaration which He speaks to them.
51 **And He descended with them and came into Nazareth, and was**

subject to them. And His mother carefully kept all these declarations, parleying them in her own heart.

52 And Jesus progressed in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Read the first part of verse 51 again: *And He descended with them and came into Nazareth, and was subject to them.*

A couple of points here:

1. The words, “***He descended***” – is the first incidence of a Jesus descending from a great height (literally, because the old temple mount was around 2500 feet above sea level and Nazareth was around 500 feet). It seems that Jesus was always ***descending*** – coming down – to be with the people. The next time we read about a descent made by the Lord, He comes from the hills in the Judean desert into Galilee and back again to Nazareth. Every descent Jesus makes throughout His *life* is from a literal as well as a spiritual height into lower realm that is also both literal and spiritual...and He did it all for us; emptying Himself of His glory, which He had with the Father before *all* things, to bring us to Himself and thereby to the Father.

Doesn't it seem to you that, knowing what you know, knowing who you are to God, that when you're out in the world it feels like you've descended from a great height into what may often appear to be a demon-possessed valley? That's what Jesus called being in the world but not of the world. It is a very real phenomenon that we experience – one that we share with the early disciples after Christ ascended. It is a phenomenon not to fight or object to, but to observe, to take into account, to factor in as we negotiate our daily activity; always mindful of Whose business we're about, Whose purpose we're serving; whose will we are doing. I pray you can join me in yearning to say, “I am doing the will of My Father,” according to **Matthew 7:21:**

Matthew 7:13-21 –

13 "Enter through the cramped gate, for broad is the gate and spacious is the way which is leading away into destruction, and many are those entering through it.

14 Yet what a cramped gate and narrowed way is the one leading away into life, and few are those who are finding it.
15 "Take heed of those false prophets who are coming to you in the apparel of sheep, yet inside they are rapacious wolves.
16 "From their fruits you shall be recognizing them. Not from thorns are they culling grapes, nor from star thistles figs.
17 Thus every good tree ideal fruit is producing, yet the rotten tree noxious fruit is producing.
18 A good tree can not bear noxious fruit, neither is a rotten tree producing ideal fruit.
19 Every tree not producing ideal fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.
20 Consequently, from their fruits you shall surely be recognizing them.
21 "Not everyone saying to Me 'Lord! Lord!' will be entering into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who is doing the will of My Father Who is in the heavens.

2. **Luke 2:51** continues, “**and He was subject to them.**” This, I believe, is the critical period of the Lord’s upbringing about which we know nothing specific. His years of maturing would have looked like any other Jewish child’s training, whose parents were also subject to the Law of Moses. I believe that this period is also what is referred to in **Hebrews 5:8** –
“even He also, being a Son, learned obedience from that which He suffered.”

We are in our maturing process now, being subject to our Heavenly Father, by the leading and guidance of His Holy Spirit in us. Where we may miss that leading, He has provided spiritual parents who have grace to plumb line us back up into righteousness.

I have to make a quick side bar here: as I went through these last points, I realized that we are actually fulfilling the kingdom administration by the spirit, which awaits its literal fulfillment after Christ returns for His millennial reign on the Earth. His words, “**The kingdom of God is inside of you**” (Luke 17:21). Honestly, that declaration always created a question in my mind as to what it meant really.

Today, however, I see how much of what the kingdom will look like literally, is being fulfilled in us now! This whole subject of focusing on the will and purpose of God and the training we have been undergoing and are continuing to undergo, is precisely what the rule and reign of Jesus Christ will produce in and for the lives of people living on the Earth during that time. We're enjoying it now – and how much better is it for us, in the administration of Grace as opposed to the administration of the Iron Club which will be in the literal Kingdom!

3. Luke 2:52 says, “***And Jesus progressed in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.***” It is critical to realize that Jesus’ progress in wisdom and in favor with God and men was precisely because he was subject to His parents! Remember that Jesus came to fulfill the law, and the first commandment with a promise is, “***Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you in the land...***” Our progress in wisdom and in favor of God and men *today* likewise depends on our being subject to our parents: to God, our Father, first and foremost, but also to those spiritual parents whom He has anointed to “parent” or shepherd you along your journey into your own maturity with Him and in Him. Not everyone may receive those parents, and you can see the result as their lives become less fulfilled and less purposeful on His terms, but full of their own purposes and fulfilled on their terms. I say, as Paul would, and I you agree with me, “May it not be coming to that!” I pray to be remaining teachable and moldable, like a clay in the potter’s hands.

It seems to me that the phenomenon we call “breaking” is only necessary when we have become stiff and rigid by our own devices, opinions, decisions that have excluded God, His will and his purpose for us. We become pots that are unusable and must be broken – sometimes shattered to bits – until we can be remade into vessels of honor, usable by the potter for His will and purpose rather than ours.

Speaking of breaking, I believe no one knew about breaking and remaking better than the beloved Apostle Peter. Look at His missteps and the grace given to plumb line Him back up again:

Luke 5:

3 Now, stepping into one of the ships, which was Simon's, He asks him to be backing up slightly from the land. Now, being seated, He taught the throngs out of the ship.

4 Now as He ceases speaking, He said to Simon, "Back up into the depth, and lower your nets for a catch."

5 And answering, Simon said to Him, "Doctor, the whole night through, toiling, we did not get one. Yet, at Thy declaration, I shall lower the nets."

6 And, this doing, they impound a vast multitude of fishes. Yet their nets tore through,

7 and they beckon to their partners in the other ship to come to their aid. And they came, and they fill both the ships so that they are swamped.

8 Now perceiving it, Simon Peter prostrates before Jesus' knees, saying, "Come away from me, for a man, a sinner am I, Lord!"

9 For awe engulfs him and all those with him at the catch of fishes which they took.

10 Now likewise are James also and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's mates. And Jesus said to Simon, "Fear not! From now on men you shall be catching alive!"

11 And bringing the ships onto the land, leaving all, they follow Him.

Matthew 14:28-

"Lord, if it is Thou, order me to come to Thee on the waters."

29 Now He said, "Come!" And, descending from the ship, Peter walks on the waters, to come to Jesus.

30 Yet, observing the strong wind, he was afraid. And, beginning to sink, he cries, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 Now immediately Jesus, stretching out His hand, got hold of him and is saying to him, "Scant of faith, why do you hesitate?"

Not 2 chapters later, Peter is exalted and busted within a few seconds.

Matthew 16:13-23

13 Now Jesus, coming into parts of Caesarea Philippi, asked His disciples, saying, "Who are men saying the Son of Mankind is?"

14 Now they say, "These, indeed, John the baptist; yet others Elijah; yet others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 He is saying to them, "Now you, who are you saying that I am?"

16 Now answering, Simon Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Now, answering, Jesus said to him, "Happy are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood does not reveal it to you, but My Father Who is in the heavens.

18 Now I, also, am saying to you that you are Peter, and on this rock will I be building My ecclesia, and the gates of the unseen shall not be prevailing against it.

19 I will be giving you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatsoever you should be binding on the earth shall be those things having been bound in the heavens, and whatsoever you should be loosing on the earth, shall be those having been loosed in the heavens."

20 Then He cautions the disciples that they may be saying to no one that He is the Christ.

21 Thenceforth begins Jesus to show His disciples that He must be coming away into Jerusalem and to be suffering much from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and the third day to be roused.

22 And, taking Him to him, Peter begins to rebuke Him, saying, "Propitious be it to Thee, Lord! By no means shall this be for Thee!"

23 Now, being turned, He said to Peter, "Go away behind Me, satan! A snare are you to Me, for you are not disposed to that which is of God, but that which is of men."

Jesus had to care more about Peter's salvation than his ego. Jesus had to love Peter as God loved Him. He could not afford to care about hurting Peter's feelings. When a friend of ours said recently, as he tried to justify a particular relationship, "Jesus was never rude to anyone," I recoiled, because I see how

someone could have easily perceived the Lord as rude to Peter, or to the money changers in the Temple just before Jesus went in and routed them out.

When Barbara or I have to speak sternly to someone who God has appointed us to watch over, we have to care more about delivering His word as He has given it to us than about hurting someone's feelings. When the scripture says, "**He learned obedience from the things He suffered**" it ought to give us a clue that learning obedience might just include some things we don't like and that are painful to go through. God cares more about fulfilling His eonian purpose than about bruising our fragile egos along the way; that's His Agape love at work, and He seems to require the same of us toward one another.

I know of at least four individuals listening to my voice right now who have had to deliver a potentially unpleasant but entirely necessary word to me because the Spirit of God compelled you. You were ever so reluctant and careful, but you also had to risk any potential adverse reaction on my part to deliver what He gave you for my training – for my breaking if you will; to enable me to be "**carrying out my own salvation**," as Paul wrote to the Philippians. I pray that you met a receiving, teachable spirit in me, as I pray there always is in you, so that we may present ourselves to God, at the Dais of Christ, as receive our awards having walked worthily of the calling which we have received from the Father.

Peter's next breaking happens on the heels of his last one:

Matthew 17:

1 And after six days Jesus is taking aside Peter and James and John, his brother, and is bringing them up into a high mountain, privately,
2 and was transformed in front of them. And His face shines as the sun, yet His garments became white as the light.

3 And lo! Moses and Elijah were seen by them, conferring with Him.

4 Now, answering, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is ideal for us to be here! If Thou art willing, I shall be making three tabernacles here, for Thee one, and for Moses one, and for Elijah one."

5 While he is still speaking, lo! a luminous cloud overshadows them, and lo! a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, the Beloved, in Whom I delight. Hear Him!"

6 And, hearing it, the disciples fall on their faces and were tremendously afraid.

John 14:27-31

27 And Jesus is saying to them that "All of you shall be snared in Me in this night, for it is written, I shall be smiting the shepherd And the sheep shall be scattered.

28 But after My rousing I shall be preceding you into Galilee."

29 Yet Peter averred to Him, "And if all shall be snared, nevertheless, not I!"

30 And Jesus is saying to him, "Verily, I am saying to you that you, today, in this night, ere a cock crows twice, thrice will be renouncing Me."

31 Yet Peter spoke extravagantly, "Rather, if ever I must die together with Thee, I shall under no circumstances be renouncing Thee!" Now similarly also, said all.

Matthew 18:21

21 Then, approaching, Peter said to Him, "Lord, how many times shall my brother be sinning against me and I shall be pardoning him? Till seven times?"

22 Jesus is saying to him, "I am not saying to you 'Till seven times,' but 'Till seventy times and seven,'

Matthew 19 –

Peter said to Him, "Lo! we leave all and follow Thee. What, consequently, will it be to us?"

Luke 22:

31 Now the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, lo! Satan claims you men, to sift you as grain.

32 Yet I besought concerning you, that your faith may not be defaulting. And once you turn back, establish your brethren."

33 Now he said to Him, "Lord, with Thee I am ready to go to jail as well as to death!"

34 Yet He said, "I am saying to you, Peter, under no circumstances will

a cock be crowing today till thrice you will be abjuring acquaintance with Me."

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55 Now Peter followed afar off. Now at their kindling a fire in the middle of the courtyard and being seated together, Peter sat in their midst.

56 Now a certain maid, perceiving him sitting toward the light, and looking intently at him, said, "This man also was with him!"

57 Yet he denies, saying, "I am not acquainted with Him, woman!"

58 And after a bit, a different one, perceiving Him, averred, "You also are of them!" Yet Peter averred, "Man, I am not!"

59 And after an interval of about one hour some other one stoutly insisted, saying, "Of a truth, this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean also."

60 Yet Peter said, "Man, I am not aware what you are saying." And instantly, at his still speaking, a cock crows.

61 And being turned, the Lord looks at Peter, and Peter is reminded of the declaration of the Lord, as He said to him, "Ere a cock crows today, you will be renouncing Me thrice."

62 And coming outside, Peter laments bitterly.

John 21:15-22

15 When, then, they lunch, Jesus is saying to Simon Peter, "Simon of John, are you loving Me more than these?" He is saying to Him, "Yes, Lord, Thou art aware that I am fond of Thee!" He is saying to him, "Graze My lambkins!"

16 He is saying to him again a second time, "Simon of John, are you loving Me?" He is saying to Him, "Yes, Lord, Thou art aware that I am fond of Thee!" He is saying to him, "Shepherd My sheep!"

17 He is saying to him the third time, "Simon of John, are you fond of Me?" Peter was sorry that He said to him the third time "Are you fond of Me?" and he is saying to Him, "Lord, Thou art aware of all things! Thou knowest that I am fond of Thee." And Jesus is saying to him, "Graze My little sheep!"

18 Verily, verily, I am saying to you, When you were younger you girded yourself and walked where you would; yet whenever you may be growing decrepit, you will stretch out your hands, and another shall

be girding you and carrying you where you would not."

19 Now this He said, signifying by what death he will be glorifying God. And saying this, He is saying to him, "Follow Me!"

20 Now Peter, being turned about, is observing the disciple whom Jesus loved, following, who leans back also on His chest at the dinner and said to Him, "Lord who is it who is giving Thee up?"

21 Peter, then, perceiving this one, is saying to Jesus, "Lord, yet what of this man?"

22 Jesus is saying to him, "If I should be wanting him to be remaining till I am coming, what is it to you? You be following Me!"

No matter what else we may say about Peter, he kept coming. He stumbled, fell, got up, stumbled and fell some more, and got up yet again. Peter only asked or said what others were probably too timid to ask or speak. Having gone through his breaking, Peter spoke first under the anointing of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Peter held out his hand to the lame man at the gate to the Temple and Peter spoke up to the Sanhedrin after that incident and delivered the word of the Lord to the Jewish elders.

God, I pray that each of us, no matter how clumsily or gracefully, keep coming to You for wisdom and instruction, preferring Your hand of discipline or correction to the praise and the snare of man's words, no matter how authoritative or how closely related to us in the flesh they may be. Father, I pray that you shake and break us, wherever and whenever necessary, until all Hell comes out and until what's left looks like Jesus to Your eyes. God, I pray that each of us hold sacred within us a teachable spirit; one that You can mold as You choose, for sovereign will and purpose to be fulfilled in and through our lives. In the name of Yeshua, HaMashiach, Amen.

The Apostle Paul was the only one I can think of offhand who had a heads up on what his breaking would look like.

Acts 9:19

...I shall be intimating to him how much he must be suffering for My name's sake.

No sooner was Paul converted than he began preaching what he formerly persecuted people for believing, never mind preaching. He caused such an uproar in Damascus that he had to escape under cover of night by being lowered in a basket through an opening in the city's wall! He went straight to Jerusalem (the site of his receiving permission to go to Damascus in the first place for the express purpose of dragging off believers in Christ to prison). Look at what happens next:

Acts 9:19

26 Now, on coming along to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; and all feared him, not believing that he is a disciple.

27 Yet Barnabas, getting hold of him, led him to the apostles and relates to them how he became acquainted with the Lord on the road, and that He speaks to him, and how, in Damascus, he speaks boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them, going in and out, in Jerusalem.

29 Speaking boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, he both spoke and discussed with the Hellenists. Yet they took in hand to assassinate him.

30 Now realizing this, the brethren led him down into Caesarea, and they send him away to Tarsus.

31 Indeed, then, the ecclesia down *the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace*, being edified, and, *going on in the fear of the Lord and the consolation of the holy spirit*, multiplied.

Paul was a loose cannon before his breaking. He had all the fervor and none of the maturity that his calling required. God had to blast him out of old junk. He just had to blow him out of Jerusalem and all the way back to his home town of Tarsus until he was safe to let loose!

Galatians 2:1 –

after the lapse of fourteen years, I again went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also along with me.

Paul, Peter, Jesus; they never stopped short but kept going, being shaped, molded, matured at the hands of the Father who had sovereignly designated

them beforehand, just as surely as He has “*designated us beforehand for the place of a son or daughter,*” according to **Ephesians 1:5**.

If I may put myself in Paul’s place for a moment and pray this declaration over us as we close our study tonight:

Ephesians 1:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who
blesses us with every spiritual blessing among the celestials, in Christ,
4 according as He chooses us in Him before the disruption of the
world, we to be holy and flawless in His sight,
5 in love designating us beforehand for the place of a son for Him
through Christ Jesus; in accord with the delight of His will,
6 for the laud of the glory of His grace, which graces us in the Beloved:
7 in Whom we are having the deliverance through His blood, the
forgiveness of offenses in accord with the riches of His grace,
8 which He lavishes on us; in all wisdom and prudence
9 making known to us the secret of His will (in accord with His delight,
which He purposed in Him)
10 to have an administration of the complement of the eras, to head up
all in the Christ -- both that in the heavens and that on the earth --
11 in Him in Whom our lot was cast also, being designated beforehand
according to the purpose of the One Who is operating all in accord with
the counsel of His will,
12 that we should be for the laud of His glory, who are pre-expectant in
the Christ.
13 In Whom you also -- on hearing the word of truth, the evangel of
your salvation -- in Whom on believing also, you are sealed with the
holy spirit of promise
14 (which is an earnest of the enjoyment of our allotment, to the
deliverance of that which has been procured) for the laud of His glory!
15 Therefore, I also, on hearing of this faith of yours in the Lord Jesus,
and that for all the saints,
16 do not cease giving thanks for you, making mention in my prayers
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may be
giving you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the realization of Him,

18 the eyes of your heart having been enlightened, for you to perceive what is the expectation of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of the enjoyment of His allotment among the saints,
19 and what the transcendent greatness of His power for us who are believing, in accord with the operation of the might of His strength,
20 which is operative in the Christ, rousing Him from among the dead and seating Him at His right hand among the celestials,
21 up over every sovereignty and authority and power and lordship, and every name that is named, not only in this eon, but also in that which is impending:
22 and subjects all under His feet, and gives Him, as Head over all, to the ecclesia which is His body, the complement of the One completing the all in all.

And finally, this from **Ephesians 3:20-21** –

“Now to Him Who is able to do superexcessively above all that we are requesting or apprehending, according to the power that is operating in us, to Him be glory in the ecclesia and in Christ Jesus for all the generations of the eon of the eons! Amen!”

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you: the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)