

## **Your Father Who Sees What Is Done in Secret Will Reward You**

### **Main Bible Verse:**

(Matthew 6:3-4) <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

(Matthew 6:6) But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

(Matthew 6:18) so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

### **Prayers of Blessing to the New Friends:**

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### **Prayers for the Kingdom Commission:**

- Monthly Church Fasting and Prayer will be held every last Saturday after Morning Prayer. We encourage brothers and sisters to attend the Morning Prayer at 8:30 and join us for the Fasting and Prayer afterwards.

Date of Fasting and Prayer in December: 12/28.

### **Summary:**

#### **Matthew 6:4**

- We come to church to praise God's name and give all the glory to Him.
- There are three areas of teachings in Matthew chapter 6:
  - Giving to the Needy.
  - Prayer.
  - Fasting.
- In all these three areas of teaching, the followings are in common.
  - Our Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward us.
  - God is watching us in secret.
    - God is always watching us.
    - God is always examining us.
    - God wants to reward us. (Do what is a pleasing in the eyes of God, and we will be rewarded.)

#### **Matthew 6:1-4 Giving to the Needy**

- Giving is a good thing.
  - No one will be against giving.
  - Why did Jesus teach the disciples to be careful?
    - Being careful does not mean we should stop giving.
    - What Jesus is focused on is not to practice our righteousness in front of others to be seen by them.
  - It is a temptation when we practice our righteousness to make it shown before others.
    - To do good deeds so others may see is an act to glorify ourselves.
    - But a true Christian does all things to lift up God's name and glorify His name.
  - Not to be seen does not equal to being sneaky.
    - Doing it secretly means our action is the same before or behind others.
    - All our action should have only one motive, which is to glorify God.
    - No matter if others see or not see our action, we glorify our God.

### **Matthew 6:5-15 Prayers**

- Prayer is an authority God given to His people.
  - A Christian should live a life on earth as it is in heaven.
  - God sent the Holy Spirit to guide His people.
- Jesus taught us how to pray.
  - When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. (v5)
    - It does not mean we are not allowed to let other people see us praying.
    - To be seen by others should not be the reason we pray.
  - When we pray, we pray to God.
    - It is our personal relationship with God.
    - Prayer is a time when we come before God.
    - We must pray in Spirit and in truth.
  - The Lord's prayer is Jesus teaching us how to pray.
    - v(Matthew 6:9-13) <sup>9</sup> "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
    - We pray to our heavenly Father. (v9)
    - We pray in His holy and glorious kingdom. (v10)
    - We pray that we walk in His kingdom. (v10)
    - Our life is to give thanks to God. To forgive others as God forgives us, is a form of thanksgiving to God. (v12)
    - We did not overcome temptation by ourselves. It is a grace of God that we may overcome temptation. (v13)
  - We are able to come before God, not because of our actions or good deeds, but by the mercy and grace of God. Without God's mercy and forgiveness, our prayers will not be listened.
    - We must come before God with a heart of repentance.

- Only with a heart of repentance, we will be able to receive Jesus as our Lord and savior.
- We must come before God and repent if we have unforgiveness in our heart.
- God wants to reward us.
  - We must forgive others.
  - We must come before Him with a pure heart without pretentiousness.
  - We must live with one purpose that is to glorify our Father in heaven.

**Matthew 6:16-18 Fasting | Matthew 12:36-37 | Matthew 10:42 | Mark 11:24 | Zachariah 4:6**

- We do not fast to show others we are fasting.
  - It is not to let others know we are praying for someone/something.
  - It is not a form of showing superior spirituality.
    - Hypocrites pray to receive fame and good names, glorifying themselves.
- When we fast, we fast only to our Father, who is unseen.
  - When we fast, we glorify God.
  - When we fast, we pray that God's will be done.
  - Our Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward us.
- Our God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent.
  - God knows all things.
  - God is always present.
  - God is always able.
- God is always examining us.
  - v(Matthew 12:36-37) <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."
  - v(Matthew 10:42) And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."
  - God examines our heart and our mind. Nothing can be hidden from the Lord.
    - Our Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward us.
- God bestows His abundant grace in our lives.
  - We must give thanks to God for His countless blessings.
    - God solves all our problems.
    - God heals all our sickness.
    - God saves us.
    - God comforts us.
    - God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.
    - God wipes every tear from our eyes.
    - Only God is able.
  - When we come before God with full faith, we will receive.
    - v(Mark 11:24) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
  - Believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

- Completely trust in the Lord.
  - Let God take away our worries and anxieties.
  - Let the Holy Spirit reign in our lives.
  - v(Zachariah 4:6) So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Chángcháng xǐlè xiàng zhǔ gāogē  
bùlùn huánjìng rúhé  
gāoshān huò dīgǔ zhǔ dōu kàngù  
xiāngxìn jiù néng méng fú

Chángcháng dǎogào nàixīn dēnghòu  
zhǔ zuòshì yǒu dìngshí  
liúlèi sā zhǒng bì huānhū shōugē  
xiāngxìn jiù yǒu xǐlè

Chorus

Xiàchuí de shǒu zài yīcì jǔ qǐlái

fēngbì de xīn zài yīcì chǎngkāi

pāo kāi yīqiè yōulù

fàngxià yīqiè zhòngdàn

lái dào zhǔ de miànqián

wǒ xǐlè mǎnhuái

bīnglěng de xīn bèi zhǔ ài lái wēnnuǎn

gān kě de líng bèi zhǔ ài chōngmǎn

zhǔ shì wǒ de lìliàng

zhǔ shì wǒ de gāotái

sǐ yīn yōugǔ yīlù yǒu yēsū péibàn

tā yǒng bù líkāi

Suīrán yǒu shíhòu  
wǒ shēnxīn ruǎnrào

dàn yǒuyī jiàn shì  
yǒngyuǎn bù huì gǎibiàn

Chorus

Shén zhēnshi wǒ de lìliàng x3

wǒ de fú fen dào yǒngyuǎn

dào yǒngyuǎn

EN

My heart and my strength

Many times they fail

But there is one truth

Chorus

That always will prevail

God is the strength of my heart x3

And my portion forever (forever)

# Let Me Stay

Lyrics: Tiffany Cheng

Music: Sandy Yu

Verse

wǒ shǔ yú ní

ní shì wǒ yǒng yuǎn dí fú fēn

zhī xiǎng rì yè zài ní diàn zhōng

xiàn shàng jìng bài

dìng jīng zài ní dí róng měi

shì shàng yī qiē biàn àn dàn

chú ní yǐ wài wǒ huán néng yǒu shuí

Chorus

néng bù néng

jiù ràng wǒ liú zài mí dí tóng zài lǐ

néng bù néng

cì wǒ lì liáng ràng wǒ gēng duō ài nǐ

wǒ nǎ dū bù xiǎng qù

zhī xiǎng rì yè zài nǐ diàn zhōng

xiàn shàng jìng bài

quán xīn quán yì lái ài nǐ

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Jiāng zìjǐ xiàn shàngdàng zuò huó jì  
zuò zhǔ shèngjié guìzhòng de qì mǐn  
nǐ fēngfù ēnhuì bì chōngzú jiāoguàn wǒ  
shǐ wǒ wǎ qì lǐ chōngmǎn mòdà nénglì

Chorus

Gāojǔ shuāng shǒu zànměi nǐ wǒ zhǔ  
quán xīn quán rén dōu gěi nǐ yēsū  
yīshēng yìyì huó chū róngyào de hū zhào  
yǒnggǎn dì xiàngzhe biāo gān zhí pǎo

Bridge

Gēnsuí yēsū ài wǒ de zhǔ  
wǒ ài nǐ yēsū  
Gēnsuí yēsū ài wǒ de zhǔ  
wǒ ài nǐ yēsū

Yuànzǔ de ēnhuì cí'ài yǔ nǐ tóng zài  
yuànzǔ de líng shí shí wéirào  
ēndiǎn jiàngxià cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ  
ēndiǎn jiàngxià cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ

Chorus

Cì fú yǔ nǐ cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ  
cì fú yǔ nǐ cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ

# Rejoice Always

Music & Lyrics:  
Amy Sand

Always rejoice, sing praise to Him.  
Rejoice in ev'rything  
Mountains or valleys, He's in control.  
Praise Him and just believe.  
Pray all the time, wait for His time.  
Trust Him and you will see.  
Soon all the sorrow will turn to joy.  
His joy you will receive.

## Chorus

Oh lift up your hands to Him in praise.  
Open up your heart to Him again.  
Cast away the worries, cast away the burdens,  
come before the Lord with a heart full of faith.  
Let Him trade your sadness for His gladness.  
Let Him fill your thirsty soul with joy.  
He will be your tower, He will be your strength,  
even in the valley He'll stay by your side,  
He'll stay by your side.

verse

Whom have I in heaven but You  
There is nothing on earth  
I desire beside You  
My heart and my strength  
Many times they fail  
But there is one truth  
That always will prevail

Chorus

God is the strength of my heart  
God is the strength of my heart  
God is the strength of my heart  
And my portion forever (forever)

# Let Me Stay

Lyrics: Tiffany Cheng

Music: Sandy Yu

Verse

Lord, I am Yours,  
You are my portion evermore.

Every night and day,  
here in Your court, I worship.

Let me gaze upon Your face,  
all else will fade away.

There's no one else for me but You.

Chorus

Let me stay,  
I want to stay right here in Your embrace.

Let me stay, give me the strength  
to love You more each day.

There is no other place

I would rather be than here, Lord.

With all my heart, with all I am, I worship.

Glorious Calling  
Róngyào de hū zhào

Lyrics & Music by:  
Grace Tseng

Let me be a living sacrifice,  
and a holy vessel in Your hands.

For Your grace showers me to overflow,  
fill this jar of clay with Your almighty pow'r.

Chorus

Lift my hands and worship You, my Lord.

All I am and all I have are Yours.

May Your calling be the reason that I live,  
pressing on to the goal of Jesus Christ.

Bridge

You're my only love, my savior.

I will follow You.

You're my only love, my savior.

I will follow You.

May Father's love and His grace be with you

May Holy Spirit cover you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Chorus

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you