

To Be Established

*Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³² But I have prayed [deomai] for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, **strengthen** thy brethren.*

- Jesus is praying that your faith fail not...that your mission from the right hand of the throne would remain strong and you would not surrender the things that are crucial for your overcoming.
- **Conversion** (*epistrepho*) to cause to return, revert; to come to the absolute point of purity to the *histemi* within as well as the *histemi* God has assigned you to.
- **Strengthen** (*sterizo*) to set fast, to set in a certain position or direction; to render mentally steadfast, to settle, confirm; to stand immovable; to be mentally settled. Its root word is *histemi* – which is an established power base and speaks of strategic positioning and faithfulness to the needs of placement according to our divine calling.
- When you emerge from this testing and assert yourself in the purity of your calling, you can help others in aligning them with the responsibilities in the *histemi* that God has placed within them and the *histemi* God has given them responsibility for. This is bought and paid for and guaranteed through the cross which is the stake of ownership in the *histemi*.
- Another wheat example: when Jesus has in His hand a fan (winnowing fork) that is used to throw grain up against the wind in order to cleanse it and separate it from the chaff. Chaff are husks and refuse of wheat separated by thrashing and winnowing which have no steadiness but are easily disturbed or put in motion by every blast of air. (Mt 3:12)
- Yet another example is when the enemy sows tares in with the wheat and they grow up together, speaking of believers and nonbelievers. But what about the tares of our heart that have been sown in with the wheat during our development? (Mt 13:24-30)
- Another thought along these lines:
*Hebrews 12:26-27 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I **shake** not the earth only, but also heaven. ²⁷ And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are **shaken**, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be **shaken** may remain.*

The Faith Connection

****with power***

Romans 16:25-26 Now to him that is of power [*dunamai*] to **stablish** you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, ²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

- **Secret** (*sigao*) to keep silent, conceal, hold your peace
- **Obedience** (*hupokoe*) to hear under

****and comfort***

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; ² And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort [*parakaleo*] you concerning your faith: ³ That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

- **Appointed** (*keimai*) strategic positioning of a leader or friend of God in a location

****with deomai***

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; ¹⁰ Night and day praying [*deomai*] exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. ¹² And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: ¹³ To the end he (the Lord) may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

- **Prayer** (*deomai*) to request someone to accept a burden and to be bound to it; root of *deesis* or supplication prayer on behalf of a mission
- **Perfect** (*katartizo*) to complete thoroughly, repair, adjust; insist on proper flow
- **Lacking** (*hysterema*) to come behind, a deficit

****in warfare***

1 Peter 5:8-10 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. ¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, **stablish**, strengthen, settle you.

- **Sober** (*nepho*) watchful and circumspect
- **Vigilant** (*gregoreuo*) actively engaged in the spiritual marketplace
- **Resist stedfast** (*antihistemi stereos*) to stand against within the histemi and remain stable and strong. (stereo: aware of what surrounds you in sound and light)
- **Perfect** (*katartizo*) to complete thoroughly, repair, adjust; insist on proper flow
- **Strengthen** (*sthenoo*) opposite of *a/sthenes*
- **Settle** (*themelioo*) to lay a basis for, foundation, fundamental

****with grace***

Romans 1:11-12 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be **established**; ¹² That is, that I may be comforted [*symparakaleo*] together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

- **Spiritual gift** (*pneumatikos charisma*) grace gift for moving forward into the new

The Heart Connection

****with patience***

2 Thessalonians 3:3-5 But the Lord is faithful, who shall **stablish** you, and keep you from evil [*poneros*]. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. ⁵ And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting [*hupomone*] for Christ.

- **Keep** (*phylasso*) to watch, guard...through the idea of isolation, to avoid; stemming from a word meaning tribe or clan
- **Direct** (*kateuthyno*) to make straight, guide, direct; the removal of the hindrances coming to one; from *euthys*...root *tithemi*...the seed of *tithemi* that is put within us in order to fulfill the perfect will of God

****through grace***

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation [*paraklesis*] and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ Comfort [*parakaleo*] your hearts, and **stablish** you in every good word and work.

- **Good** (*agathos*) that which is beneficial or integral importance to the plan of God
- **Hope** (*elpis*) seed of faith imparted by God; the anchor of our soul and framework through which God moves in faith. The original spark of purpose

In Present Truth

2 Peter 1:12-13 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be **established** in the present truth. ¹³ Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

- **Stir** (*diegeiro*) to awake fully; to arouse the mind

For Real

Revelation 3:1-6 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. ² Be watchful [*gregoreuo*], and **strengthen** the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect [*pleroo*] before God. ³ Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast [*tereo*], and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch [*gregoreuo*], I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. ⁴ Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy [*axios*]. ⁵ He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. ⁶ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

- **Remain** (*loipoi*) remnant, residue, what is left. From *leipo*, to leave, fail or be absent

Examples of *leipo*:

1. The "other" virgins said open to us...(Matt 25:11)
2. And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of "other" things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (Mk 4:19)
3. The "rest" said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. (Matt 27:49)
4. And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to "others" in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. (Lk 8:10)