



MATTHEW 6

## *The Lilies of The Valley*

### **Renewed Hope**

Blindness can enslave us by the devil and drive us close to losing soul and sanity. One fact is that we can't turn time back, recall or make up all those wasted years.

But when we read how Paul looked back over his life and testified, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. Now a crown of righteousness is awaiting me."

When looking back, I sense the wasted days, months - even years in my own life where I had no sense of direction and just drifting wherever the ocean is taking me.

A period come into our life where we feel hopeless and numb. During this time it feels that we achieve nothing and we have no vision or goal. Yet we drifting along and hope we will be rescued from this huge ocean of nothing surrounding us.

Many can look back with regret at wasted years that have been eaten away by the worms of hell.

Joel described perfectly what life was like before repentance.

You were once being devoured by an army of evil spirits who moved in on you to consume everything you had! Joel likened these spirits of destruction to locusts, palmerworms, caterpillars, and cankerworms.

The sinner has no sword that is effective against them!

These destructive evil spirits are well governed and break forth and no matter how many times the sinner tries to resist, this army keeps coming!

Anyone who once was caught up by this force knows that even your home becomes a dark place.

The home you had full of peace and love soon was devoured and left as if it become a desert!

What can we do when we find ourselves in that place?

Joel 2:25

I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten"

In other words! "I will make up to you for the years... eaten."

This promise is incredible!

I will make it all up to you - all those years of being wasted, stripped, harassed by the devil. You can't repay Me for a single wasted hour. Walk before Me in righteousness, and turn from your sins - and I will make up all the losses.

You were born for His eternal purposes. He planned for you a life of satisfaction, joy and usefulness in His kingdom.

This is how YHVH restores our wasted years.

YHVH commanded a sabbath year - every seventh - in Israel  
Leviticus 25:3-4

The people had to allow the land to rest in that seventh year. But they wondered what they would eat.

Leviticus 25:20-21."And if you shall say, what shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase... then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years"

He brings forth in us supernatural joy, revelation, peace and victory - far beyond our human abilities! He can accomplish more in us, for us and through us now than we ever thought possible.

Philippians 3:13-14

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of YHVH in Yeshua " .

Forget your past and focus on Yeshua let Him become the light in the darkness. Don't hold on to the worms of death but stand up like the lame and the blind that Yeshua healed. Don't lend your ears to the devil, let Yeshua restore them for you.

Thank You YHVH for Your word that says you give us the power to come out of this trial "as gold." Thank You that this storm will not last forever, but we're only passing through. Thank You that nothing has taken You by surprise. You know our journey better than we know it ourselves, and You will use this time of testing for good.

### **Job 23:1**

*"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold."*

Thank You YHVH our Elohim that you are Victorious over every trouble and obstacle. Thank You that we have overcome sin, and death, and any evil that we may face today in Yeshua HaMashiach. And because of You, we too are overcomers. We too can have victory, and we can walk strong in Your peace.

### **John 16:33**

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Thank You that You are our Redeemer and will not waste our pain.

Thank You that we can be assured all things, will work together for good, for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose.

### **‘Romans 8:28**

*And we know that in all things YHVH works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.”*

Thank you YHVH our Elohim that You are producing in us great endurance through the hard places. You are building spiritual muscle. We press in close to Your Presence today, and no matter what obstacles we’re facing, we choose joy.

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” James 1:2-3*

YHVH Elohim, thank You that our comfort abounds through Yeshua HaMashiach. Nothing in the world can bring us the comfort or peace that You alone can offer. Thank You for understanding our every trials, that You care. Through our struggle and pain, help us to be Your vessels to offer comfort and strength to others hurting.

### **2 Corinthians 1:4-5**

*“Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from YHVH. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Yeshua, so also our comfort abounds through Yeshua.”*

Thank You YHVH that through every weakness and hard place, Your strength is displayed in our lives. We can't do it on our own. But You can, through us. Your power is Mighty within us, You are our Helper and our Strength. All things are possible through You.

### **Corinthians 12:9-10**

*"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Messiah's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2*

YHVH Allmighty, thank You that through this trial You are using our lives and circumstances to make a mark on this world. Draw us close to Yourself. May many know of Your Great Name. May they hear of Your works and miracles of Your faithfulness. We choose again today to fix our eyes, not on all the troubles that surround, but on You alone.

### **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

*"Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

There is none like You our very own Eternal God Allmighty

We praise you YHVH, for You go before us and cover us from behind. You walk beside us and make our footsteps firm. You are our Protector and Defense. We never have to fear that we're alone, thank you for your powerful Presence surrounding us. We renew our focus on You this day, and thank you advance for all that you will do.

*"...for YHVH will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Isaiah 52:12*

We love You, we need You, we choose to look to You today, and every day of our existence. HalleluYah Amein.

Start your new life restored by His power and His uniqueness. Don't hold on to the past pain but seek the glorious release of bondage that kept you away from complete joy that YHVH already planned for you.

Be blessed and stay blessed 🌷