



“Take away the stone.” – John 11:39

Introduction

- Our working with God is necessary for our salvation
- “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”
(Phil. 2:12)
- How is the Lord the Finisher?

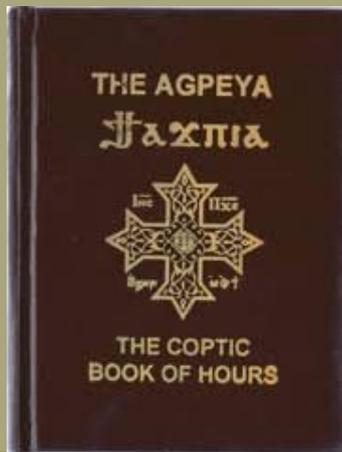
The Lord is the
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Faith



- Healing of the centurion's servant
- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13)
- Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mk. 9:23-24)
- "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." (Heb. 12:1-2)

Prayer

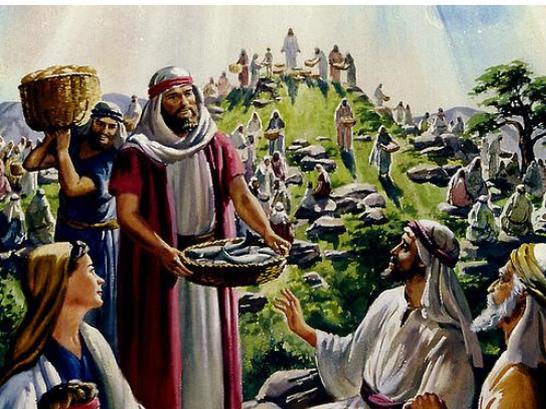


- The Agpeya provides us with structure and guidance in prayer
- Some prayers are not acceptable
 - “You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.” (Jam. 4:3)
- What if I desire to pray, but do not know how or what to pray for?
 - “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Rom. 8:26)

Repentance

- The enemy is the Tempter and also the Accuser.
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- *“The weakness which the Spirit helps us with is our flesh.... Whenever the Holy Spirit sees our spirit struggling with the flesh and being drawn to it, He stretches out His hand and helps us in our weakness.” (Origen)*





Service



- Ex: Feeding the 5000
- Ex: Raising Lazarus from the dead
- “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matt. 28:19-20)
- “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” (Col. 3:23-24)