

Prayer: A Powerful Provision
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From this point forward, Jesus warns the disciples that they must count on having few _____, but many _____.

What does Jesus mean in verse 13 when He says, *'It is enough'*?

If we aren't careful, we tend to read our opinions and interests *into* the scriptures, rather than deriving our point of view *from* the scripture. Is there an interest or opinion that you have that might influence the way you interpret God's Word? How can you guard against that?

For Luke, prayer is often the _____ to a significant shift in the story of Jesus' life and ministry. (see Luke 3:21-22, 9:18-20)

Their greatest protection is not supplies, it's not a sword; it is _____. In the hour leading up to His arrest, it is what we find Jesus doing, and it is what Jesus instructs His disciples to do. It should be our defense as well. (remember Ephesians 6:12-13)

Therefore, we must pray _____ the battle. Pray, knowing that the enemy wants your failure, and that the spiritual conflict is upon us.

Our struggle against sin is a struggle against what we _____, for Jesus to struggle against sin is to struggle to become what He is _____.

For Jesus to ask the Father to 'remove this cup from Him' is not a moment of cowardice, it is an expression of the seriousness of what He is about to do. If Jesus had happily taken sin upon Himself, we should be concerned! He is perfectly holy, to become sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21) was an extreme measure and it did not come without anxiety.

Do we hate our sin, as Jesus hates sin? What error have we allowed ourselves to become comfortable with, what error do we need to confront and reject more thoroughly in ourselves?

Jesus is so focused on the spiritual battle at hand that the physician Luke records that He _____ for us even before others shed His blood. This refers to a condition called hematohidrosis.

You and I are *born* with sin, Jesus never knew it. Our struggle against sin is a struggle against what we _____, for Jesus to struggle against sin is to struggle to become what He is _____.

Jesus rises from His prayer to find the disciples asleep. He does not need their help to prevail, though. The Father has provided Him with the support He needs – in verse 43 we see that He sent an _____ from heaven to strengthen His Son.

Jesus teaches us how to fight our battles. How do we stand a chance against our enemy? Apart from the power of God we stand zero chance. This is why we must pray. Jesus prayed, and showed us that prayer is one of our greatest provisions.