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[English, require, call for, want, necessitate, could do with]

- Joseph told Pharaoh that he personally, **need** not be considered, for his interpretation was coming forth from Yehowah God.
- At this Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying; I **need** not be considered! God will announce welfare to Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:16**)
- When looking for leprosy in a subject the priest **need** not look further for signs of healing, if the abnormal falling off of hair has spread in the skin, for the man is still unclean.
- The priest must then see him, and if the abnormal falling off of hair has spread in the skin, the priest **need** not make examination for yellow hair. He is unclean. (**Leviticus 13:36**)
- Achish asked if he **needed** to be around people driven crazy after observing David who as purposely acting crazy before him to disguise his identity.
- Am I in **need** of people driven crazy, so that you have brought this one to behave crazy by me? Should this one come into my home? (**1 Samuel 21:15**)
- David laid the following curse upon Joab offer his unwarranted killing of Abner, that his family of offspring would be in **need** of bread.
- May it whirl back upon the head of Joab and upon the entire house of his father, and let there not be cut off from Joab's house a man with a running discharge or a leper or a man taking hold of the twirling spindle or one falling by the sword or one in **need** of bread! (**2 Samuel 3:29**)
- Hiram offered to Solomon to cut down trees from Lebanon according to Solomon's need and send them to Joppa on the seacoast where Solomon would then become responsible for bringing them to Jerusalem for the temple.
- As for ourselves, we shall cut down trees from Lebanon according to all your **need**, and we shall bring them to you as rafts by sea to

Joppa, and you, for your part, will take them up to Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 2:16)

- **Jehoshaphat was told that neither he nor his people would need to fight, but rather they should stand still and see the salvation of Yehowah God.**
- **You will not need to fight in this instance. Take your position, stand still and see the salvation of Yehowah in your behalf. O Judah and Jerusalem, do not be afraid or be terrified. Tomorrow go out against them, and Yehowah will be with you. (2 Chronicles 20:17)**
- **There was no need for the Levites to turn away from this service because their brothers, the Levites, prepared for them.**
- **And the singers the sons of Asaph were at their office according to the commandment of David and of Asaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun the visionary of the king, and the gatekeepers were at the different gates. There was no need for them to turn aside from their service, because their brothers the Levites themselves prepared for them. (2 Chronicles 35:15)**
- **During the days of Zerubbabel and Nehemiah, Israel kept giving to the Levites and gatekeepers of Yehowah God's house their daily portions according to their needs.**
- **And all Israel during the days of Zerubbabel and during the days of Nehemiah were giving the portions of the singers and of the gatekeepers according to the daily need and were sanctifying them to the Levites, and the Levites were sanctifying them to the sons of Aaron. (Nehemiah 12:47)**
- **Eliphaz argued, that if Job was a righteous man that he would laugh at despoiling and hunger, and not need to be afraid of the wild beasts of the earth.**
- **At despoiling and hunger you will laugh, and of the wild beast of the earth you need not be afraid. (Job 5:22)**
- **Job showed, that if he just waved off the one in need without helping him, then he would be truly unrighteous.**
- **If I waved my hand to and fro against the fatherless boy, when I**

would see **need** of my assistance in the gate. (**Job 31:21**)

- The righteous man does not **need** to become afraid of the sudden dreadful thing, nor of the storm that is coming against the wicked ones, for it is coming.
- You will not **need** to be afraid of any sudden dreadful thing, nor of the storm upon the wicked ones, because it is coming. (**Proverbs 3:25**)
- The congregator showed that he observed the lazy man and also the vineyard of the man in **need** of heart, but they produced only weeds and thorn bushes.
- I passed along by the field of the lazy individual and by the vineyard of the man in **need** of heart. (**Proverbs 24:30**)
- The congregator showed the vanity of a man who had everything in life and was in **need** of nothing, and yet Yehowah God would not allow him to partake fully of his own riches.
- A man to whom the true God gives riches and material possessions and glory and who, for his soul, is in no **need** of anything that he shows himself longing for, and yet the true God does not enable him to eat from it, although a mere foreigner may eat it. This is vanity and it is a bad sickness. (**Ecclesiastes 6:2**)
- This prophecy had first fulfillment in **607 B.C.E.**, when Nebuchadnezzar brought Jerusalem under siege. Jerusalem's dictators then, were King Zedekiah and his princes. They fled in the night just before the city's fall, were soon caught, and subsequently the entire city fell, and all were taken prisoner to far away Babylon.
- The **modern day dictators of Jerusalem, are The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses**. They too will flee when they see the doomed city, their world headquarters, about to fall, and they will all together be taken prisoner off to Babylon. There, like unfaithful King Zedekiah, they will witness the destruction of their sons, be blinded to spiritual truth, and perish as just another part of Babylon the Great.
- All your dictators themselves have fled at one time. Without **need** of a bow they have been taken prisoner. All those of you who have been found have been taken prisoner together. Far off

they had run away. (Isaiah 22:3)

- Jesus now focused their attention on what was truly important in life, their spiritual **needs**. He declared happy those who were there gathered around him, for they were conscious of their spiritual **needs**, and they were the ones to whom the Kingdom belonged, those conscious of their spiritual **needs**.

- What are your spiritual **needs**? Some would say, unanswered questions about life and its meaning. Others would say, not knowing how to deal with difficult circumstances and events within our lives. Some other would say, a sense of emptiness, purposelessness or loneliness. The Bible truly holds refreshing answers in all of these areas. Perhaps you know this already, but do you still have personal spiritual needs?

- Just attending the meetings or your local congregation somewhere, won't fill your personal spiritual **needs**. Such **needs** are as personal as a fingerprint or D.N.A. Each ones **need** is unique like no other. To fill these **needs** requires research, meditation, prayer, study and determination, all this focused on ones personal spiritual needs.

- Happy are those conscious of their spiritual **need**, since the kingdom of the heavens belongs to them. (Matthew 5:3)

- Jesus now contrasts the way that anointed Christians should feel, to the way of the world they are living within. The world worries about all these things daily, and thinks of little more than acquiring lots of them. This way they view as a way to a secure future. Yet Yehowah God knows his anointed Christian sons **need** all these things daily, and all should look to him to provide them for them.

- For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. For your heavenly Father knows you **need** all these things. (Matthew 6:32)

- After hearing them, Jesus responded, that people who are healthy do not **need** a physician, but only sick people **need** a doctor. He thus showed, that he was a healing one among them, both physically and spiritually, and that he went to people who **needed** his attention, something that the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees saw no value in doing.

- Hearing them, he said; Persons in health do not **need** a

physician, but the ailing do. ([Matthew 9:12](#))

- So the High Priest, inferring that his answer was to the affirmative, condemned him publicly, while trying to say, that by doing this, he had blasphemed God. Therefore he asked if there was really any **need** for further witnesses, which was just what they wanted, for they really could not find any. One might ask, how could the true Messiah ever come forth and make himself known to such a people, without being killed?
- Then the High Priest ripped his outer garments, saying; He has blasphemed! What further **need** do we have of witnesses? See! Now you have heard the blasphemy. ([Matthew 26:65](#))
- Jesus though overheard them and quickly quelled this talk. He told them that strong and healthy people have no **need** of a physician, but that those ailing require his care. Then he showed, that he came to call not righteous people, but sinners to repentance.
- Upon hearing this Jesus said to them; Those who are strong do not **need** a physician, but those who are ill do. I came to call, not righteous people, but sinners. ([Mark 2:17](#))
- In response Jesus referred them to the example of King David when he and his men were in **need** and got hungry while in God's service.
- But he said to them; Have you never once read what David did when he fell in **need** and got hungry, he and the men with him? ([Mark 2:25](#))
- The father then realized through Jesus' counsel, that his own faith was lacking, and he cried out saying; I have faith, help me out where I **need** faith.
- Immediately crying out, the father of the young child was saying; I have faith! Help me out where I **need** faith! ([Mark 9:24](#))
- Now in the ears of the High Priest this of itself was blasphemy, for he and the others felt that no man could ever say such. Because of this erroneous thinking, there was no way for them to avoid killing Jesus, or any other man who would come forth saying this, even if it was the truth.

- They had the Hebrew scriptures to direct them to a different conclusion, for it was the correct time for the Messiah to come forth and he fit the bill in every detail. Yet they chose to ignore this large body of evidence, and to destroy Jesus, because he criticized them.
- At this the High Priest ripped his inner garments and said; What further **need** do we have of witnesses? (**Mark 14:63**)
- Yet Jesus was listening also, and he answered them with an illustration. He said that healthy people do not **need** a physician, but the ailing do. Therefore he went to sick and spiritually damaged people to help them and assist them, for he was like a spiritual and a literal physician towards them, and they **needed** his help.
- In reply Jesus said to them; Those who are healthy do not **need** a physician, but those who are ailing do. (**Luke 5:31**)
- So Jesus concludes his argument, that these very things, are the things that the nations of the earth are all eagerly seeking and pursuing after, and yet God knows mankind's **needs** even better than they themselves know them, and he cares deeply for men doing his will. Christians then must be different than the world around them in which they live and work. They must not be self-centered, but outgoing and generous like their heavenly father, and always dependent upon him in all things that they truly need, while doing his will in life.
- For all these are the things the nations of the world are eagerly pursuing, but your Father knows you **need** these things. (**Luke 12:30**)
- Yet when his slaves approached the people, they all of them started to beg off from coming. One excuse heard, was that the man had just bought a field, and **needed** to go out and examine it. So he asked to be excused. What a lame excuse, for the field was not going anywhere.
- But they all in common started to beg off. The first said to him, I bought a field and **need** to go out and see it; I ask you, have me excused. (**Luke 14:18**)
- Jesus now drives home his point in the illustration, showing that those in heaven rejoice more over one sinner who returns to the

approved flock of God, than over ninety-nine, who have no **need** of repentance.

- Yet the self-righteous Pharisees had cut off all contact with anyone, that they felt was erring and sinful. Yet as religious leaders this should be the very focus of their efforts. They had lost sight of true values and their role before the people, that of priests. Some religions today have cut off all association with people who simply stop coming to their meetings, showing that they are more concerned with monetary support, than with people and their **needs**.

- I tell you that thus there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who have no **need** of repentance. (Luke 15:7)

- Then when the younger son had spent everything, there occurred a severe famine in all the land where he was living. Then he too started to come into **need** there.

- When he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred throughout that country, and he started to be in **need**. (Luke 15:14)

- Then Jesus gave them another illustration, one that emphasized the **need** for them always to pray, and to be persistent in prayer.

- Then he went on to tell them an illustration with regard to the **need** for them always to pray and not to give up. (Luke 18:1)

- So at hearing this, they all said, that there would be no further **need** of witnesses, for all of them had heard it through his own mouth.

- They said; Why do we **need** further witness? For we ourselves have heard it out of his own mouth. (Luke 22:71)

- Jesus had no **need** for anyone else to bear witness to him about man, for he himself knew what was within man.

- And because he was in no **need** to have anyone bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. (John 2:25)

- Yet Jesus replied, that only washing the feet was necessary, and that if he did this for them, that they would be wholly clean. Then he told them, that they were clean, but not all of them.

- Jesus said to him; He that has bathed does not **need** to have more than his feet washed, but is wholly clean. And you men are clean, but not all. (**John 13:10**)
- Some of them were in fact imagining, that because Judas held the money box, that Jesus was telling him to buy something that they **needed** for the festival, or that he should go and make a gift to the poor. They did not know at the time, why he had been dismissed.
- Some, in fact, were imagining, since Judas was holding the money box, that Jesus was telling him; Buy what things we **need** for the festival, or that he should give something to the poor. (**John 13:29**)
- So they replied, that now they knew that he knew all things, and did not **need** to have anyone question him. Now they believed, that he came forth from God.
- Now we know that you know all things and you do not **need** to have anyone question you. By this we believe that you came out from God. (**John 16:30**)
- Also they went to selling all the things that they had acquired before becoming Christians, and they took the proceeds and distributed them to anyone having **need** among them, so that all had enough, and no one was lacking in anything. Certainly this is a far cry from the mindset of Christianity today!
- And they went selling their possessions and properties and distributing the proceeds to all, just as anyone would have the **need**. (**Acts of Apostles 2:45**)
- So because they shared all their possessions equally, there was no one among them in **need**, for anyone possessing fields or houses would sell them, and bring the value of the things sold to the apostles, to be used by all.
- In fact, there was not one in **need** among them, for all those who were possessors of fields or houses would sell them and bring the values of the things sold. (**Acts of Apostles 4:34**)

- They then, would take the value of these properties, and deposit them at the feet of the apostles, who would in turn distribute these things to each one, just as they would have the **need**.
- And they would deposit them at the feet of the apostles. In turn distribution would be made to each one, just as he would have the **need**. (**Acts of Apostles 4:35**)
- Now Paul addresses the first and most important of those spiritual exercises, prayer. Just as the tent of meeting had an incense altar right before the curtain separating the Holy compartment from the Most Holy compartment, so likewise we are at our closest to Yehowah God, when we close our eyes, and pray to him in spirit.
- In like manner the spirit also joins in with help for our weakness, for the problem of what we should pray for as we **need** to we do not know, but the spirit itself pleads for us with groanings unuttered. (**Romans 8:26**)
- This woman Phoebe had a fine reputation among her brothers in **Cenchreae**, was one of the anointed there, and she was to be treated with respect and love, as Paul's representative to them. The Roman Christians were told to assist her in any matter, that she might **need**, which may have been regarding lodging and meals, for as long as she visited them. She had a fine reputation as a Kingdom preacher, and had been a defender of her fellow Christians.
- That you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the holy ones, and that you may assist her in any matter where she may **need** you, for she herself also proved to be a defender of many, yes, of me myself. (**Romans 16:2**)
- There is dependence and interdependence at every level within the human body. Thus the eye cannot get along without the hand, for how would it do anything? The head also **needs** the feet to move the body around, and while it directs them, it also **needs** them. None of the members can afford to lose any of the other members, without suffering some pain of loss because of it.
- The eye cannot say to the hand; I have no **need** of you. Or, again, the head cannot say to the feet; I have no need of you. (**1 Corinthians 12:21**)

- Parts of our bodies that are comely to begin with, we feel do not **need** anything. Are we not covered with skin to cover up rather necessary, but disgusting looking organs and flesh? Are not the eyes beautiful of their own self?
- Whereas our comely parts do not **need** anything. Nevertheless, God compounded the body, giving honor more abundant to the part which had a lack. (1 Corinthians 12:24)
- Paul now asks the Corinthians; Are we now starting to recommend ourselves to you? Surely that should not be necessary. Perhaps other men would **need** a letter of introduction to them, for they would not be known to them, but Paul should need no such letter.
- Are we starting again to recommend ourselves? Or do we, perhaps, like some men, **need** letters of recommendation to you or from you? (2 Corinthians 3:1)
- Paul then sees the **need** to be an imitator of Yehowah God, and a fine representative of his, by his endurance of tribulation, cases of being in **need**, and other difficulties. Through such discipline we prove our self-sacrificing love, like that which the Christ and Yehowah God have.
- But in every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers, by the endurance of much, by tribulations, by cases of **need**, by difficulties. (2 Corinthians 6:4)
- Paul then showed, that when he was ministering to them in Corinth, and he fell in **need**, he did not turn to them in Corinth for assistance to continue ministering to them, but rather the brothers in Macedonia, whom Paul has already shown are poorer than they are, supplied all his need. Thus in every way he has held back from becoming any kind of a burden to them there in Corinth.
- And yet when I was present with you and I fell in **need**, I did not become a burden to a single one, for the brothers that came from Macedonia abundantly supplied my deficiency. Yes, in every way I kept myself unburdensome to you and will keep myself so. (2 Corinthians 11:9)
- Therefore Paul took pleasure in weaknesses, in being insulted, in being in **need**, in persecutions, and many other difficulties, he suffered in his Christian service. Why? Because when he personally was thus

weak, then the power of the Christ remained over him like a tent of protection, from the rain and windstorms, of Satan the Devil's wicked system of things.

- Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in cases of **need**, in persecutions and difficulties, for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am powerful. (2 Corinthians 12:10)
- Paul now addresses some common problems associated with the works of the flesh, first stealing. He encourages the stealer to steal no more. Rather he should work at some kind of productive work, so that he may be able to give to others, for this is the Christian way, in imitation of a generous God, and a reflection of the new personality.
- Let the stealer steal no more, but rather let him do hard work, doing with his hands what is good work, that he may have something to distribute to someone in **need**. (Ephesians 4:28)
- All Christians should guard closely, what they say to all others. They should not let any rotten saying come out of their mouths. Rather they should speak the things, that are good for the upbuilding of their brothers, and to all, as the **need** may be. Their purpose in speaking should always be, to impart what is favorable to the listener.
- Let a rotten saying not proceed out of your mouth, but whatever saying is good for building up as the **need** may be, that it may impart what is favorable to the hearers. (Ephesians 4:29)
- Now Paul reveals, that he will also be sending Epaphroditus who is his brother and fellow worker, who is also fighting the good fight of the faith right alongside of Paul, and who has acted as their envoy, and Paul's private servant, to help to fill Paul's **needs**.
- However, I consider it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, but your envoy and private servant for my **need**. (Philippians 2:25)
- Paul says this because on two separate occasions, they sent him things for his material **needs**, while he was ministering there in Thessalonica.
- Because, even in Thessalonica, you sent something to me both once and a second time for my **need**. (Philippians 4:16)

- Thus because of their generosity, Yehowah God will fully supply their **needs**, to the extent of his riches, which are unfathomable.
- In turn, my God will fully supply all your **need** to the extent of his riches in glory by means of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 4:19**)
- Thus their own preaching efforts were spreading outward to Macedonia and Achaia. Also in every place their faith toward God was being talked about, so that Paul did not **need** to say anything about it.
- The fact is, not only has the word of Yehowah sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith toward God has spread abroad, so that we do not **need** to say anything. (**1 Thessalonians 1:8**)
- Paul now again commends them for the expression of brotherly love, that they demonstrate among themselves, for it is talked about widely. Clearly they have a deep love for one another, and this love comes from Yehowah God, the God of love.
- However, with reference to brotherly love, you do not **need** us to be writing you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. (**1 Thessalonians 4:9**)
- Paul knows, that the Thessalonians have studied the Bible, and so he **needs** not write them about what things are coming in the future, for the ancient prophets laid that out for all mankind quite plainly.
- Now as for the times and the seasons, brothers, you **need** nothing to be written to you. (**1 Thessalonians 5:1**)
- Paul then shows, that a slave of the Lord does not need to fight. Rather he **needs** to become gentle towards all. He **needs** to be well qualified to teach, so as to be able to set things straight through reasonable explanation and proofs from the Bible. He also **needs** to keep his temper restrained when he is under evil, for there are many, who will try their best to make him lose his temper, and make him look bad before others.
- But a slave of the Lord does not **need** to fight, but needs to be gentle toward all, qualified to teach, keeping himself restrained under evil. (**2 Timothy 2:24**)

- Paul's letter is addressed to Hebrew Christians, and as such they should have a better appreciation of these things, for they came out of a system of things, that taught these basic principles to all under it, for many years, before coming to be anointed Christians.
- Thus Paul shows, that they should be teachers of others by this time, but they are not, for they have not made the spiritual progress, as they should have. Instead they are ones **needing** to have the elementary things of the sacred pronouncements of God explained to them.
- Thus they have become like nursing infants, depending on and **needing** their mother's milk, and who are not ready for solid foods, the deeper spiritual truths of God's word the Bible. This would refer to a newborn, and not one of even a year or more of age.
- For, indeed, although you ought to be teachers in view of the time, you again **need** someone to teach you from the beginning the elementary things of the sacred pronouncements of God, and you have become such as need milk, not solid food. (**Hebrews 5:12**)
- So then Paul argues, that if perfection were ever offered through the Levitical priesthood, for with it as a feature the people of Israel were given the Law Covenant, what **need** would there ever be for another priest to arise?
- Also why would the priesthood change, so that it would not be spoken of as coming in the manner of Aaron, but in the manner of Melchizedek, who was a king and a priest?
- If, then, perfection were really through the Levitical priesthood, for with it as a feature the people were given the Law, what further **need** would there be for another priest to arise according to the manner of Melchizedek and not said to be according to the manner of Aaron? (**Hebrews 7:11**)
- Christ does not **need** a sacrifice first for his own sins, and then he is considered clean, so as to be able to offer up sacrifices for the people. This sacrifice he offered once for all time, for the sins of the people, when he offered up himself in God's service forever.
- He does not **need** daily, as those High Priests do, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for those of the people.

for this he did once for all time when he offered himself up.
([Hebrews 7:27](#))

- Paul then shows, that they have **need** of endurance, so that, after they have done the will of God, which they have done through baptism and preaching, amid severe opposition, that they remain in that fine work, until they receive the reward for their work. This reward will only come after death. Therefore they must endure in this fine work to the end of their earthly lives, for he that has endured to the end, is the one that will be saved. What would a farmer reap if he sowed seeds, but did not look after them till they matured into fruit.
- For you have **need** of endurance, in order, that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive the fulfillment of the promise. ([Hebrews 10:36](#))
- True anointed Christians do not **need** someone else to teach them, for as John states, the anointing from God is teaching them individually to love God, and to know his will for them.
- This anointing is true, coming directly from God, and we who have it can depend upon its truthfulness and dependability. It is superior to any other knowledge, so then, just as it teaches us, that is how we should remain in union with God and his Christ, through the spirit they have given us.
- We do not **need** other men to be teaching us anything, though we are open and reasonable regarding fine counsel from others that is scripturally based.
- And as for you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, and you do not **need** anyone to be teaching you, but, as the anointing from him is teaching you about all things, and is true and is no lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in union with him. ([1 John 2:27](#))
- John now shows how we must express this divine love. If we see a brother who has **needs**, like clothing or food or a place to stay that is safe and restful, and yet we shut our tender affections upon him, in what way would that be demonstrating the love of Yehowah God and of his Christ.
- But whoever has this world's means for supporting life and beholds his brother having **need** and yet shuts the door of his

tender compassions upon him, in what way does the love of God remain in him? ([1 John 3:17](#))

- Jehovah's Witnesses say that they are rich because they have so much spiritual food as when compared to the other sects of Christendom. They thus feel that they do not **need** anything more.
- They are just waiting around for Har-Mageddon. For the last **25** years now they have rejected all new understanding. They feel that this is all that they **need** to get through Har-Mageddon.
- Because you say; I am rich and have acquired riches and do not **need** anything at all, but you do not know you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked. ([Revelation 3:17](#))
- Our symbolic sun is Yehowah the source of all spiritual light and life giving spirit energy to make all living things grow and rejoice. The symbolic **moon, is God's angelic organization** among whom the Lamb is the foremost one. I perfectly reflect part of my father's glorious light to mankind. Spiritual light will shine on the city forever, enlightening mankind, angels and anointed sons.
- And the city has no **need** of the sun nor of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God lighted it up, and its lamp was the Lamb. ([Revelation 21:23](#))
- Sunlight has been the light by which men understand their world and it comes and goes. Yehowah though as a spiritual light is constant, he is always there to help his loyal, loving sons. His spiritual light will keep his kingdom shining brightly, no wickedness, scandals or improper use of power will mar its operation. Yehowah's light will always keep it true to divine principles.
- Also, night will be no more, and they have no **need** of lamplight nor do they have sunlight, because Yehowah God will shed light upon them, and they will rule as kings forever and ever. ([Revelation 22:5](#))