~PREVENT (87)

[English, stop, put off, avert, avoid, foil, thwart, check, preclude, inhibit, Opposite of, permit]

- None of the sons of Heth would prevent Abraham from burying Sarah his wife.
- Hear us, my lord. A chieftain of God you are in the midst of us. In the choicest of our burial places bury your dead. None of us will hold back his burial place from you to prevent burying your dead. (Genesis 23:6)
- John recognized the relative greatness of Jesus, showing that he knew that he himself was sinful, and was the one needing to be baptized by Jesus, and not the other way around, and so he did not try to prevent him further.
- But the latter tried to prevent him, saying; I am the one needing to be baptized by you, and are you coming to me? (Matthew 3:14)
- Uncomfortable with this subject, one of his disciples changed the subject. He told Jesus, that while he was away, they had found a man expelling demons through the use of Jesus' name, but who was not one of the ones he himself had sanctioned to do this work among the people. So they had tried to prevent him, for he was not one of their number.
- John said to him; Teacher, we saw a certain man expelling demons by the use of your name and we tried to prevent him, because he was not accompanying us. (Mark 9:38)
- Jesus then told them that they need not do so, for there was no one who could perform a powerful work in his name, that would be able to quickly turn around and revile him. Yehowah God was involved in supplying the power and authority to make things like this happen, and he must have approved, for it to have happened.
- But Jesus said; Do not try to prevent him, for there is no one that will do a powerful work on the basis of my name that will quickly be able to revile me. (Mark 9:39)

- So his disciples, troubled over their rebuke for wanting to be the greatest, changed the subject. They asked Jesus, if they were right to have tried to prevent a man from expelling demons, that they had encountered while trying to do so, because this man was not following Jesus as a disciple of his.
- In response John said; Instructor, we saw a certain man expelling demons by the use of your name and we tried to prevent him, because he is not following with us. (Luke 9:49)
- Still Jesus told them not to prevent such a man, stating that he who was not against them, was for them.
- But Jesus said to him; Do not you men try to prevent him, for he that is not against you is for you. (Luke 9:50)
- So they questioned within themselves, why this man, who had been able to open the blind man's eyes, was not able to prevent this one he knew and loved, from dying. They were therefore, not expressing faith through these reasonings.
- But some of them said; Was not this man that opened the eyes of the blind man able to prevent this one from dying? (John 11:37)
- Peter now states that if these above mentioned things exist within anointed Christian sons of God, and overflow outward toward others, that they will prevent them from either becoming inactive of unfruitful, regarding the accurate knowledge of Jesus Christ. They then will be putting into practice all that they learn, and being outgoing and giving toward others, and this will protect them in the future.
- For if these things exist in you and overflow, they will prevent you from being either inactive or unfruitful regarding the accurate knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:8)