

## POURED OUT

*King James Version (KJV) of the Bible*

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7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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2 Tim 4:6 For I am already being **poured out** as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

These cited scriptures specifically examine and reflect upon the life of Paul, specifically his ministry, and are excerpted from his epistle expressly written at that time to Timothy while Paul was imprisoned in Rome awaiting execution. Reflection, especially over viewing one's life, is something the young rarely, if ever, do. Yet, reflection on one's life is a big part of the aging process as one reviews all that one's life has encompassed. Some accomplishments are gratifying as they recall positive, enduring results while others are sad arousing awareness of a wasted life. Ostensibly, the cause prompting Paul to reflect upon his life is not our focus. Instead, the spiritual wisdom inherent in Paul's reflection about his journey of faith becomes a priceless message of endurance and encouragement for believers to gird their faith in overcoming life's formidable challenges.

Verse 6 in the KJV uses the phrase “**ready to be offered**”, while the NKJV states “**poured out**”. The word offered is

**Strong's # 4689** spendo, spen'-do - **offered** - apparently a primary verb; to pour out as a libation, i.e. (figuratively) **to devote (one's life or blood, as a sacrifice)** ("spend")--(be ready to) be offered.

**Thayer's** – of the tossing away of a liquid; **to pour out as a drink offering**, make a libation, is **figuratively used of one whose blood is poured out in a violent death for the cause of God.**

For the purpose of this study, the words “pour out/poured out” will be used. It means the same as offer; however, to pour out has graphic impact which greatly increases the poignancy to understand the emotional weight of Paul's message to believers.

2 Tim. 4:9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

10 For **Demas hath forsaken me**, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

11 Only **Luke is with me**. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

13 The **cloak** that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, **bring with thee**, and the books, but especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first answer **no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.**

17 Notwithstanding **the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me**; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and **I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.**

18 And **the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

As stated before, Paul is a prisoner in chains awaiting death. In the next few verses, he tells of his being alone as some have forsaken him while others have left. While standing before the Romans being questioned, we don't know whether Crescens or Titus, fellow brethren, have left the Way or were sent off on an assignment. Paul's apparent innuendo describes Demas as loving his involvement in the current pleasures of the world rather than having a dedicated attachment to the Way. Only Luke is with him; all others have forsaken him. The prison is cold and damp, as Paul requests the comfort of his cloak. Even with all the hardships endured on a daily basis coupled with the added anticipation of heartless and cold-blooded treatment lying ahead, Paul finds faith, the strength to be thankful to Yahshua for giving him that strength, for His standing alongside him. Paul prays for those that have forsaken him. At that time in history, Nero was sending many Christians to their death by feeding them to the lions. Presumably, Paul is aware of how he will be executed, since he states of his being **delivered out of the mouth of the lion**. Paul, being a Roman citizen, will face being be-headed as the means of his execution.

Paul doesn't express any regrets including self-pity, defeat or lack of faith. Instead, he makes 3 statements, each representing success, triumph, and victory: **I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith.**

Paul has done it all – he struggled, he labored fervently with a virtuous and worthy effort; he has discharged his debt, (his race), while guarding the faith. He is ready, quite likely even anxious to begin the next phase of his life.

*Phil. 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

*22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor: yet what I shall choose I wot not.*

*23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, **having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:***

Paul desires being united with Yahshua, but is also desirous to continue preaching, bringing Yahshua's word to all. This is one of the verses that mainline Christianity uses to support the traditional belief of "one going to heaven upon death". We know Paul is still sleeping two thousand years later. When he is called and has risen from that grave, it will be only a moment's sleep to him.

*John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

The entire scope of Paul's ministry, from the time he encountered Christ on the road to Damascus till his death in Rome, was a witness to the fact that Paul gave his all being poured as a drink offering as summarized in *2 Cor. 11:26, 27 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings (sleeplessness) often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.*

Paul having **his blood poured out in a violent death for the cause of God becomes his final act, a life now completed, finished to receive his crown of righteousness.**

The first time the word "poured" is used in the Old Testament is in Gen. 35:14. So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he **poured** a drink offering on it, and he **poured** oil on it. The setting for this occasion shows Jacob building an altar to the Lord after Yah changed his name from Jacob to Israel. Upon building the altar, Jacob/Israel poured a drink offering. Ex. 29:40 is the first occasion when wine is specifically mentioned as the beverage selected for the drink offering. If Jacob did not have wine with him, he may have used water!

**Drink offering**, repeated frequently in the book of Numbers is **Strong's 05262**. Kon necek, neh'-sek – **drink offering** - or necek {nay'-sek}; **from 5258**; a libation; also a cast idol:--cover, drink offering, molten image.

**Strong's # 05258** - a primitive root; to pour out, especially a libation, or to cast (metal); by analogy, to anoint a king:--cover, melt, offer, (cause to) **pour (out)**, set (up).

Some Old Testament Scriptures help to define “poured out” in order to help us understand what is expected of us.

*1 Sam. 1:10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.*

*11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.*

*12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.*

*13 Now Hannah, she **spake in her heart**; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.*

*14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.*

*15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have **poured out my soul** before the LORD.*

Pouring out her soul in her desire to have a child, caused great unbearable sorrow. She poured out her heart with prayer and supplication and made a vow; her vow, her promise, her sacrifice, all a part of her greatest desire, having a child. Yet she makes a vow to the Lord to offer back to Yah what she needed most in her life.

*Psalm 62: 8 states, **Trust in him** at all times; ye people, **pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.***

**Strong's #08210**. Kpv shaphak, shaw-fak' – **pour out** -a primitive root; **to spill forth** (blood, a libation, liquid metal; or even a solid, i.e. to mound up); also (figuratively) **to expend (life, soul, complaint, money, etc.)**; intensively, to sprawl out:--cast (up), **gush out, pour (out)**, shed(-der, out), slip.

In Psalm 62:8, we are told to pour out, to expend (to lay out; spend; run through) our life, our soul, to gush out all that is within us as we turn to Yah in prayer. When we do this with our trust, our faith in Him, then He in return becomes our refuge, our shelter, our hope.

*Lam. 2:4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: **he poured out his fury like fire.***

In Lamentations there is no pouring out our need, our love, for Yah. Yet it is the same word, Strong's # 08210. In truth it is Yah who pours out, gushes out, expelling His anger, His fury which is described as being like fire. The intensity of this word chosen in this scripture reveals that it is Yah who does the pouring out which is described as a force of His destructive power. We are in His image and we need to have the same zeal, not for destruction, but for the love and trust we must pour out for our Loving Creator.

During the sacrificial ceremony, the drink offering was poured over the sacrifice which created steam, causing a sweet aroma to rise to Yah.

*Num. 15:7 And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a **sweet savour** unto the LORD. (KJV)*

*7 'and as a drink offering you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a **sweet aroma** to the LORD. (NKJV)*

There are more scriptures that use the words “sweet savour” from the KJV or sweet aroma from the NKJV, but, referencing one scripture is sufficient for us to envision the pouring out of all the liquid in the vessel on the sacrifice or burnt offering. As the liquid comes in contact with the burning or burnt sacrifice, the steam rises, along with that sweet aroma. It raises clear up to heaven, to Yah, with the aroma becoming the embodiment of a life given to the fullest measure.

Paul had given his life, his dying, along with the other disciples and many more that had lived a life of dedication, faith and trust. They collectively faced a torturous death, yet the One who gave the most was our Lord Yahshua.

*Luke 22:39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.*

*40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.*

*41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,*

*42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*

*43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*

*44 And being in an **agony** (struggle – anguish) he prayed **more earnestly** (more intently): and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

Luke is most descriptive in portraying what our Lord was experiencing. He agonized, He struggled with having fore knowledge of what He was about to face—such massive abuse, so horrendous, so brutal in prolonged execution, that we remain unable to grasp any concept or realization of the specter of abuse our Lord endured. The combined emotional and mental trial of being separated from His Father was far worse than the physical pain and agony. The tremendous heaviness of the ugly, revolting, and despicable weight of **all** sin came full force upon His shoulders—upon the shoulders of the one who by nature remained always sinless.

Verse 44 uses the words agony and more earnestly. When we turn to Strong's for additional clarification, we find

**Strong's #74.** agwnia agonia, ag-o-nee'-ah – **agony** - from 73; a struggle (properly, the state), i.e. (figuratively) anguish:--agony.

**Strong's # 1617.** ektenhsteron ektenesteron, ek-ten-es'-ter-on – more earnestly - neuter of the comparative of 1618; more intently:--more earnestly.

Thayer's is much more graphic and vivid in defining both of these words.

Verse 44 - And being in an agony (severe mental struggles and emotions) He prayed more earnestly (stretched out, without let up, tirelessly): and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Yes, Yahshua poured out all that was within Him. He poured out His agonies, His struggles, and His emotions. He had given the fullest measure producing the greatest aroma from His burnt offering. The burnt offering of His blood, the wine was a sweet savor to Yah, embracing all of the love and sacrifice bestowed on us by our Savior.

Recently, an article stated that on Pentecost “the Holy Spirit was poured out” which made me think of our loving Father, His great love for us and His pouring out on us all that He has. Yah and Yahshua’s sacrifice was given to the fullest measure and what remained was agape love.

*Rom. 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

Faith and love toward God make all things possible in accordance with His will.

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