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But he is the Oppressor, not God. Pay close attention. One of the ways of the Deceptive is to Name Call others to Blame them for what they are actually doing *themselves*.

That is why it is so important that we know and can share why it is that God has allowed evil to exist: So that we may have both the time and opportunity to come into the deeper understanding. To recognize that I must choose either him or myself. That, choosing Wisely, he may bring us home for eternity - once the brief yet finite *period of offering* has passed.

*Dear Father, I don't want to be king anymore. Do your Works in me that your kingdom comes fully into my life. That your will be fully accomplished in my life, as in heaven. Thank you that I may participate with you as you draw all people to yourself! Help others overcome their memories of my former ways that our relationships may be restored. Help me to overcome their reputations, too! Though it may be a slow slog back to regaining trust, may we be committed to it.*

*Help us to remember that we were all once just innocent little children - until our innocence was stolen away and we initiated our protective measures in defense. Help us to see that many of these protective measures utilize offensive strategies that push people away from us. Teach us and Train us in your ways for the restoration of relationships!*

*Jesus, thank you for teaching me that the Father's way is best. Strengthen me in his ways that, like you, I not shirk the relational work you have for me. You endured this life, the Foolish, the Corrupt, the Obstinate, the Wicked, and much more. Finally, you endured the cross and the suffering required to benefit us all. That we may join you in your Father's house. Our Father's house! Thank you that your mind of Wisdom, the mind and attitudes of Christ, are always available to me.*

*O Helper, Encourager, Spirit of the Living God, Wonderful Counselor: lead me that I not enter into temptation. Show me what is mine to do and what is not mine to do. When I see something I want to do for you, may I always check it out with you. It may not be mine to do, you may have someone else in mind. I don't want to interfere. All I do, I want to do with you. According to your leading. Participating. Nothing on my own. May this be an entire day of communion with you. Led by you. Amen!*

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