

Prayer articles

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Thoughts on Our Training for the Ministry of Intercession

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TWENTY-SECOND LESSON.

'My words in you.'

Or, The Word and Prayer.

'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' JOHN 15:7.

The vital connection between the word and prayer is one of the simplest and earliest lessons of the Christian life. As that newly-converted heathen put it: I pray I speak to my father; I read my Father speaks to me.

Before prayer, it is God's word that prepares me for it by revealing what the Father has bid me ask. In prayer, it is God's word strengthens me by giving my faith its warrant and its plea. And after prayer, it is God's word that brings me the answer when I have prayed, for in it the Spirit gives me to hear the Father's voice.

Prayer is not monologue but dialogue; God's voice in response to mine in its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine. 'Incline thine ear, and hear;' 'Give ear to me;' 'Hearken to my voice;' are words which God speaks to man as well as man to God.

His hearkening will depend on ours; the entrance His words find with me, will be the measure of the power of my words with Him. What God's words are to me, is the test of what He Himself is to me, and so of the uprightness of my desire after Him in prayer.

It is this connection between His word and our prayer that Jesus points to when He says, 'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' The deep importance of this truth becomes clear if we notice the other expression of which this one has taken the place. More than once Jesus had said, 'Abide in me and I in you.' His abiding in us was the complement and the crown of our abiding in Him. But

here, instead of 'Ye in me and I in you,' He says, 'Ye in me and my words in you.' His words abiding are the equivalent of Himself abiding.

What a view is here opened up to us of the place the words of God in Christ are to have in our spiritual life, and especially in our prayer. In a man's words he reveals himself. In his promises he gives himself away, he binds himself to the one who receives his promise. In his commands he sets forth his will, seeks to make himself master of him whose obedience he claims, to guide and use him as if he were part of himself.

It is through our words that spirit holds fellowship with spirit, that the spirit of one man passes over and transfers itself into another. It is through the words of a man, heard and accepted, and held fast and obeyed, that he can impart himself to another. But all this in a very relative and limited sense.

But when God, the infinite Being, in whom everything is life and power, spirit and truth, in the very deepest meaning of the words, --when God speaks forth Himself in His words, He does indeed give HIMSELF, His Love and His Life, His Will and His Power, to those who receive these words, in a reality passing comprehension. In every promise He puts Himself in our power to lay hold of and possess; in every command He puts Himself in our power for us to share with Him His Will, His Holiness, His Perfection. In God's Word God gives us HIMSELF; His Word is nothing less than the Eternal Son, Christ Jesus. And so all Christ's words are God's words, full of a Divine quickening life and power. 'The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.'

Those who have made the deaf and dumb their study, tell us how much the power of speaking depends on that of hearing, and how the loss of hearing in children is followed by that of speaking too. This is true in a wider sense: as we hear, so we speak. This is true in the highest sense of our intercourse with God.

To offer a prayer to give utterance to certain wishes and to appeal to certain promises is an easy thing, and can be learned of man by human wisdom. But to pray in the Spirit, to speak words that reach and touch God, that affect and influence the powers of the unseen world, --such praying, such speaking, depends entirely upon our hearing God's voice. Just as far as we listen to the voice and language that God speaks, and in the words of God receive His thoughts, His mind, His life, into our heart, we shall learn to speak in the voice and the language that God hears. It is the ear of the learner, wakened morning by morning, that prepares for the tongue of the learned, to speak to God as well as men, as should be (Isa. l. 4).

This hearing the voice of God is something more than the thoughtful study of the Word. There may be a study and knowledge of the Word, in which there is but little real fellowship with the living God. But there is also a reading of the Word, in the very presence of the Father, and under the leading of the Spirit, in which the Word comes to us in living power from God Himself; it is to us the very voice of the Father, a real personal fellowship with Himself. It is the living voice of God that enters the heart, that brings blessing and strength, and awakens the response of a living faith that reaches the heart of God again.

It is on this hearing the voice, that the power both to obey and believe depends. The chief thing is, not to know what God has said we must do, but that God Himself says it to us. It is not the law, and not the book, not the knowledge of what is right, that works obedience, but the personal influence of God and His living fellowship. And even so it is not the knowledge of what God has promised, but the presence of God Himself as the Promiser, that awakens faith and trust in prayer. It is only in the full presence of God that disobedience and unbelief become impossible.

'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, it shall be done unto you.' We see what this means. In the words the Saviour gives Himself. We must have the words in us, taken up into our will and life, reproduced in our disposition and conduct. We must have them abiding in us: our whole life one continued exposition of the words that are within, and filling us; the words revealing Christ within, and our life revealing Him without.

It is as the words of Christ enter our very heart, become our life and influence it, that our words will enter His heart and influence Him. My prayer will depend on my life; what God's words are to me and in me, my words will be to God and in God. If I do what God says, God will do what I say.

How well the Old Testament saints understood this connection between God's words and ours, and how really prayer with them was the loving response to what they had heard God speak! If the word were a promise, they counted on God to do as He had spoken. 'Do as Thou hast said;' 'For Thou, Lord, hast spoken it;' 'According to Thy promise;' 'According to Thy word;' in such expressions they showed that what God spake in promise was the root and the life of what they spake in prayer. If the word was a command, they simply did as the Lord had spoken: 'So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken.' Their life was fellowship with God, the interchange of word and thought. What God spoke they heard and did; what they spoke God heard and did. In

each word He speaks to us, the whole Christ gives Himself to fulfill it for us. For each word He asks no less that we give the whole man to keep that word, and to receive its fulfillment.

'If my words abide in you;' the condition is simple and clear. In His words His will is revealed. As the words abide in me, His will rules me; my will becomes the empty vessel which His will fills, the willing instrument which His will wields; He fills my inner being. In the exercise of obedience and faith my will becomes ever stronger, and is brought into deeper inner harmony with Him. He can fully trust it to will nothing but what He wills; He is not afraid to give the promise, 'If my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, it shall be done unto you.' To all who believe it, and act upon it, He will make it literally true.

Disciples of Christ ! Is it not becoming more and more clear to us that while we have been excusing our unanswered prayers, our impotence in prayer, with a fancied submission to God's wisdom and will, the real reason has been that our own feeble life has been the cause of our feeble prayers. Nothing can make strong men but the word coming to us from God's mouth: by that we must live.

It is the word of Christ, loved, lived in, abiding in us, becoming through obedience and action part of our being, that makes us one with Christ, that fits us spiritually for touching, for taking hold of God. All that is of the world passeth away; he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. O let us yield heart and life to the words of Christ, the words in which He ever gives HIMSELF, the personal living Saviour, and His promise will be our rich experience: 'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'

'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!'

Blessed Lord! Thy lesson this day has again discovered to me my folly. I see how it is that my prayer has not been more believing and prevailing. I was more occupied with my speaking to Thee than Thy speaking to me. I did not understand that the secret of faith is this: there can be only so much faith as there is of the Living Word dwelling in the soul.

And Thy word had taught me so clearly: Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak; let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God. Lord, teach me that it is only with Thy word taken up into my life that my words can be taken into Thy heart; that Thy word, if it be a living power within me, will

be a living power with Thee; what Thy mouth hath spoken Thy hand will perform.

Lord! Deliver me from the uncircumcised ear. Give me the opened ear of the learner, wakened morning by morning to hear the Father's voice. Even as Thou didst only speak what Thou didst hear, may my speaking be the echo of Thy speaking to me. 'When Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat.' Lord, may it be so with me too. Let a life and character bearing the one mark, that Thy words abide and are seen in it, be the preparation for the full blessing: 'Ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' Amen.



30 Attributes of God

Habakkuk 3:19 Amplified version [He is my army] The Lord God is my strength, my personal bravery and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering or responsibility]!

Psalm 23:3 He is my Restorer He restores my soul; he leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Jeremiah 15:19 Amp Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah] If you return [give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair] then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you shall be my minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your heart from unworthy suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be as My mouthpiece.

John 14:16 He is my Comforter "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever."

Isaiah 12:2 He is my Strength "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation!"

Isaiah 5:20 He is my Redeemer "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," says the Lord.

Psalms 71:5 He is my HOPE " For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth."

Romans 15:5 He is my Patience Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus.

John 14:6 He is my Truth Jesus said to him, " I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me."

Jeremiah 50:6 He is my Resting Place "My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray; They have turned them away onto the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill; They have forgotten their resting place."

John 16:33 He is my Overcomer "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you WILL have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 8:12 He is my LIGHT: Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

1 Corinthians 1:24 He is the power of God "but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

John 6:35 He is my Bread of Life And Jesus said to them " I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

Psalms 18:2 He is my Fortress The Lord is my rock, and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in Whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Isaiah 25:4 He is my Refuge from the storm For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; for the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Isaiah 9:6 He is my Everlasting Father For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hebrews 12:2 He is the Author of my faith looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, Who for the JOY that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.

Psalm 70:5 He is my Deliverer But I am poor and needy; make haste to me, O God! You are my help and deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 16:7 He is my Counselor I will bless the Lord Who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

Ephesians 2:14 He is my Peace For He Himself is our peace, Who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us.

Hebrews 11:6 He is my Rewarder But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Malachi 4:2-3 He is my HEALER "But to those who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked for they shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this." says the Lord of Hosts.

Psalm 33:20-21 He is my Shield Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.

James 1:5 He is my Source of Wisdom If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God, Who gives liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Malachi 3:2-3 He is my Purifier and Refiner But who can endure the day of His coming ? And who can stand when He appears ? For He is like a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord, an offering in righteousness.

Psalm 32:7 He is my Hiding Place You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance.

John 11:25-26 He is my Resurrection Jesus said to her, " I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Psalm 3:2-4 He is the lifter of my head Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God," Selah ! But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill, Selah.

Nahum 1:7 He is my stronghold in the day of trouble The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.

Nahum 1:12c-13 He relieves my afflictions. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more ; For now I will break off his yoke from you, and burst your bonds apart.

As a Little Child

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This morning while in prayer He spoke into my heart. It was a word for a sister but also for each one of us who trust His name.

He is called El Shaddai.

I remembered Psalm 22....

But you are the one who took me from my mother's womb, you made me trust when I was on my mother's breasts. Since my birth I've been thrown on you; you are my God's from my mother's womb.

Psalm 22: 9-10

Becky my dear sister, she told me that some years ago there was a situation with Romanian orphans that were being adopted by American families. These children in their orphanages, were put in cardboard boxes and left there the first few months of their lives. They were not attended as newborns are to be, not cared as newborn babies usually are. They were fed but not nurtured. No nurturing to these children handicapped them. When their adoptive parents brought them to the states they found these children were different. There was a family she knew, who took the baby to a neurologist for tests and they found that the baby's brain was wired differently. The nurturing touch of a mother causes the body to release certain substances that stimulates the brain to create its connections. That process was hindered for a lack of touch and as a result their brain connections showed up differently. I understood then so clearly, when He calls us creatures of trust, that is exactly what we are, He knows since He made us and everything reveals by working in us His purpose.

Psalms 22 says, that He caused him to trust on his mother's breasts. Then the word which He spoke made perfect sense to me. For He said to me, He is the many breasted One, and to the woman He gave breasts, one placed to each side of the heart. He also caused us to be born speechless, no one knows how to talk or walk, even lacking the fundamental coordination to grab things and that bears His purpose. He has fashioned it all, so that He causes us to be trained into trust by being born completely helpless.

When we are born, all we know to do is cry. Our sight is even very short. We can see only so far, and then is perfect, because it is the exact distance between the breast and the face. We are born with "focused" vision so to speak, set to focus on the mother's face. That is Him. That is all we need. When the child is nursing, all he sees is mommy's face and all else is blurry. When we see that face all discomfort and even the pains of hunger disappear.

He told me, that's all that is needed.

What is prayer? Why do we cram prayers with words? There is nothing wrong in talking that is not my point. All that is needed is to cry out, the tenderness of His compassionate heart can't help but coming to us, as the mother who hears her child's cries, comes to Him. Isn't it written, even if my mother and father forsake me.... He will not? His love is perfect.

He said He has placed breast to each side of the heart, because it is from His heart that we are sustained. He could have placed breast on the woman's butt. It doesn't work like that. He does not give us the refuse, the waste,

but the best. He could have placed breast on the knees. No it doesn't work like that either. He doesn't plan to keep us low and distant. Instead He has fashioned them to be exactly where He can cradle us in His arms and show to us His face, sheltered by His smile.

When I nursed there was always an automatic response between my child and me. At home when he was feeding he would look at me and I would smile at him. With time, I still remember he would smile back and sometimes a little bit of milk would spill by the corner of his lips. "you made me trust when I was on my mother's breasts." The first communication in our lives is speechless. It has no words. That is the language of trust.

Our fears makes us to complicate things, sometimes like one who burns a strange fire before Him. That is what sin does to us. Separate us, creates the illusion that we must perform, do something to undo what is wrong, convince, even to create strife between Him and us. But we don't need to strive... "Look unto the child and learn" that is what He said this morning. He created us to become vessels of trust. Even in our bodies it is written in the way He has caused us to be formed and born. Our very lives reveal His wisdom.

He looks for an empty space in which He can Emmanuel. If we go silent, if we stop doing our gifted things, if we just look up to him and cry, the tender embrace and the warmth of His breast will reveal the beating of His heart never far away from us. He will clean us and feed us and teach us and lead us. All we need is cry until we come to trust. Our very need is His motive. He needs no persuasion, for love in Him has been persuaded to love. That is Who He is. But sometimes we pray, not from a place of trust but of fear and multitudes of words cover our fears. Like a child who wants to close the eyes and make the world go away, we pray like that and in closing our eyes we miss His face.

All our problems, and I mean ALL problems there are under the sun, through the ages and around the world... all of them have One solution. I know, He told me this morning and I tested it. I thought of every person I carry in my heart and the answer was the same. Healing? (Physical, emotional and spiritual) Restoration? Provision? Salvation? Name it. Think about it and name it. All of them have one solution: Emmanuel.

In His presence there is no need at all.

Sometimes His hand deals heavy to cause us to yield rightly. Sometimes as the first disciples we too are brought to the shame of our true condition and we face our own weakness being allowed to fail so that pride is exposed in us. We tend to esteem ourselves higher than we should and then, imagination try to take the place of faith. It is not in vain, that it is written, that He resists the proud. That is why we are allowed to be humbled like Peter who denied the Lord. Then we see who we truly are and the sting of pride being exposed is neutralized in us. Then we like Peter can become an empty space in which He can Emmanuel. No wonder his shadow would heal!

Don't look for power in the high and exalted places for He dwell in the broken and contrite heart. That He can not refuse. Cry unto Him and trust Him until you see His face, for under that face all need is met. Under that face we are clean, fed, sustained, nurtured and trained with a smile. Never of something we may have done, for in truth we can do nothing. It is because of who he cause us to become, that is His doing, not ours and that reveals the glory of the wisdom of His love. All we need to know is how to cry. Funny that is the very first sign of life when we are born after taking our first breath.

I never quite fully understood what was written on Hebrews 5:8

Even though he was the Son, he learned obedience through his sufferings.

I always wondered what kind of obedience a person who is not rebellious has to learn. The next verses on Hebrews 5:9-11 continues...

"and after he had been brought to the goal, he became the source of eternal deliverance to all who obey him, since he had been proclaimed by God as a cohen gadol to be compared with Malki-Tzedek."

Today this has been opened to my understanding. Because our Savior, He is our way and if he learned obedience was not to conquer any disobedience in Him but to show us the way in which we, as creatures of trust may overcome by yielding to obedience that trusts. He learned from His birth as it is written in Psalm 22, from His mother's breasts and through all sufferings until the end. He did not come unto us as the All Knowing one, but He made Himself as one of us and allowed the wisdom of God to train Him and guide Him as one of us, to show us by learning Himself how to yield to the wisdom from above and in that wisdom to receive the secrets things reserved for us.

By looking to our Savior I can see the heart of God, to raise us from death unto life and to crown us with the glory of His presence, Emmanuel. For He

speaks from under the cherub's wings, where the mercy seat is found, as we are called to look to the resting place in which we are called to sit (Yeshua), and if we sit, all labor has stopped so He can speak, even as the blood has been brought to be applied to us.

For Christ came to meet His disciples caught in the middle of the storm, far away from the shore. And when they saw Him they thought Him to be a ghost. But He was walking upon the waters in the middle of a storm. (Mat 14:24-27) which reminds me of many storm scriptures regarding the Lord but of one more than others in Nahum 1:3

The LORD [is] slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit [the wicked]: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds [are] the dust of his feet.

It is not without a teaching that the Prince of Peace came walking to His disciples in the midst of lake within a storm. Then He says to them; "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. " He who calls us to learn obedience through suffering has already suffered Himself. If we can focus on His face until all else fades we shall walk on the waters with Him. The shadow of His smiling face that rejoices in all gladness over us, from all things suffered and endured for our sake, is our shelter and a canopy of glory that shall cover Israel when He restores the tabernacle of David, Emmanuel.

For we are presently being emptied to create a space for Him among men. We are brought to decrease in our esteem so that He can be revealed and become esteemed by men, He, the desired of all nations, mankind only hope. If we trust, all we need to do is cry, "Lord Yeshua, have mercy on us for we are sinners!", even without words He will understand and supply all.

Sweet fellowship of hope is my Savior to me loving embrace of thorns that pierced through all my dreams in Him I find my rest in the midst of the storm tender sight of His love that soothes my soul from fears.

All is well, all is rest, under His sight so dear truth unveiled in the flesh surrendered in peace I have no more to want than to lay in His arms it is well oh dear soul, when His love casts out fear.

I know not how to love, but His love loves in me and cleaves throughout my soul to keep me always near and from me loves Him back leaving behind it hope I am His , He is mine, come now joy or come tears.

Your servant in His love;
Luz C. Cintrón

Let us be glad and rejoice,
and give honour to him:
for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

BETHANY - THE LORD'S THOUGHT FOR HIS ASSEMBLY

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The upper room of the first chapter of the Acts corresponds with Bethany, the "house of figs", and Bethany with the upper room. We are going to take up that thought and, as the Lord helps us, follow it out to greater fullness. What is before us is the Lord's desire to have at the end what He had at the beginning - to have in His people, spiritually, that which He Himself constituted by His own presence at the beginning: and if I were asked to put into a word what I feel the object of the Lord to be, I should say, speaking symbolically, that it is 'Bethanies'. For Bethany, to my mind, most fully corresponds to the Lord's thought: He would have things on the basis of Bethany, constituted according to Bethany, and have His universal Church represented locally by 'Bethanies'. Now I am going to ask you to look at seven passages where Bethany is mentioned.

THE LORD RECOGNISED AND RECEIVED

Luke 10:38. "Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village (do not forget that villages represent local assemblies): and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. (You know whose the house was now, who was the head of that house.) And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said..."

Now here, in this first mention of Bethany, we have one or two things which in principle represent that Church, and that assembly, and that house, which the Lord has His heart set upon, and I fasten at once upon one word: "And a

certain woman named Martha received him into her house." The word
"received"
is the key-word to this whole thing, and it represents immediately a great
difference. It is a discriminating word, a differentiating word.

One remembers that it was said concerning His coming from glory to this
earth: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). We
shall remember that He said of Himself: "The foxes have holes, and the birds
of the heaven have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head"
(Luke 9:58). And if it really did break upon us with anything like its real
meaning, when we reflect as to who it is of whom the first is said, and who
is saying the second, it would leave us astonished. Here is the Creator of
all, the Proprietor of all, the Lord of heaven and of earth; the Lord who has
greater right to everything and anything than any other being in the
universe; the Lord, for whom and through whom all things were made - and He
came and had not where to lay His head in the world of His creation, in the
realm of all His sovereign rights. He was not received, but, as truly
expressing the attitude even of His own kinsfolk to Him, He represented them
as saying: "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his
inheritance. And they took him, and cast him forth..." (Matthew 21:38,39).

But here we read: "And a certain woman named Martha received him..." "My
church" - "My church" - His assembly, His spiritual house, is the place where
He is gladly received and finds His rest. It is His place, His place in a
world which rejects Him; it is the place where He is recognised. Do you
notice that when assemblies are being scattered over the face of the earth it
is always that which is the beginning of an assembly? They "receive" the
word. Pentecost was that: "Then they that received his word..." (Acts 2:41).
At Philippi, "a certain woman named Lydia... whose heart the Lord opened, to
give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul. And when she was
baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to
be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there" (Acts
16:14,15). That is the beginning of the assembly - it is like that everywh
ere. It is a spiritual perception issuing in an open-hearted reception. That
is the first thing which befeatures His Church: "received". It is the giving
Him a place, the place of honour.

Now that is very simple, but it represents much to the Lord, and it carries
us a long way, because it represents something more than the Lord coming just
to be a sojourner in the midst. It represents that the Lord has got a
footing, a foothold, a place which provides Him with that which is necessary
to Him to secure all His rights universally. Let me illustrate.

You remember the tragic story in II Samuel 15, of the rejection of David in the usurping of Absalom. It is a pathetic story - David driven away from his place; leaving, passing out of, the realm of his rights. One and another accompany him, and Zadok the priest brings the ark of God with him, but

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turns to Zadok and says: "Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation" (vs.25). The inference is: 'When I come back, I shall have in the city, in the place of my rejection, that which is sympathetic with me, to which I can come back. I shall not come back a stranger; I shall not come back to nothing; I shall not come back to find no place; I shall not come back and find there is no home for me: I shall come back to something that is one with me. Zadok, you are one with me; yes, you wanted to come out with me - this is a perfect sympathy. Now go back into the city, and when I come back I shall come back to something that is with me'

And that is the principle here. The assembly here provides the Lord with that in which He is now, by His Spirit. It declares that He has a foothold in a rejecting world, and He is coming back to that. He will have something to come back to which is on His side and which, being on His side, will provide Him with the ground for re-establishing His universal rights, just as Zadok did for David.

And that is why the Lord would have His Church here in assemblies, local assemblies, over the face of the earth. They are testimonies to His rights, in a world where those rights are disputed and disowned; and they stand there to say: 'Yes, His rights are the supreme rights in this world, not the rights of the usurper', and they maintain that testimony. When He comes back, they are to be the means, the instrument, of His recovery of those rights which have been disputed and from which He has been driven out. There is a good deal bound up with receiving the Lord. He is coming back to His own because He is already there in possession.

You understand why the Devil is always out to destroy, if possible, the local expression of the Church; to destroy the little companies of the Lord's people who are living in heavenly union and fellowship with Him. It is because they represent His rights - the Lord's rights - and they are there all the time disputing by their very presence the rights of the usurper. The ark of the testimony is there; and while that is there, on the side of the Lord, the usurper has not universal sway. He knows that it represents that his kingdom is defeated, is menaced, and it is a constant thorn in his side.

And so, if possible, he will quench it, break it, divide it, do anything to get rid of that local expression which is according to Christ and in which He is. That is what the Church ought to be as locally represented; that is what every believer ought to be here on earth: a foothold to the Lord in this earth, a testimony to His sovereign lordship and right. To receive the Lord provides Him with such a foothold and such a testimony.

And so we see that the very first step as related to Bethany is of the greatest significance. It represents a principle of tremendous importance. The Church is constituted, to begin with, upon the simple principle that Christ has found a place: amidst all the range of rejection He has found a place.

HIS HEART'S SATISFACTION

Now we continue with the passage: "... received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word." Literally the words are: "who also took her seat at the feet of Jesus and went on listening to His word." "Took her seat at His feet and went on listening." It was that which irritated Martha: she went on listening. What Martha really said to the Lord was in the same tense, the imperfect. When she came to the Lord she said: "Dost thou not care that my sister doth KEEP ON LEAVING me to serve alone?" "Keep on leaving me" - because she "kept on listening"!

What is this? Well, it is that which provides the Lord with what He most desires. It is the heart satisfaction of the Lord that is represented by this. The heart satisfaction of the Lord was found in what Mary did. It is here that we understand the meaning of Bethany. You go over to Matthew 21, and you will find the story of the fig tree. Jesus is moving between Jerusalem and Bethany; He has been into Jerusalem and has seen things in the temple, and His heart has been pained, shot through with the agony of disappointment. He has looked round upon all things, and has said nothing, and has gone back to Bethany. In the morning, as He is in the way, being hungry and seeing a fig tree, He comes up to it, to see whether perhaps it is bearing fruit. But He finds none, and says, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever"; and as they return, the disciples mark that the fig tree is withered and dead; they point out the fact.

Now that fig tree, as we know, was bound up with Jerusalem, and was a type of Judaism as it then was. The heart disappointment which the Lord had met

in the temple was one with His heart disappointment in coming hungry to the fig tree and finding no fruit; the two things are one. That order of things, then, passes out of His realm of interest; Judaism goes out for the rest of the age - "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever" (Gr. "unto the age"). It cannot satisfy Him, and it goes; it is a withered tree providing the Lord with nothing.

But when that heart disappointment is felt so acutely, and registered in that way by Him, He goes to Bethany, and Bethany means "the house of figs". Not in the temple, and not in Jerusalem, does the Lord find His satisfaction, but in Bethany. That is why He was always going there. Heart satisfaction for Him now was not in the cold, lifeless, formal religious system of the day, but in the living, throbbing, warm atmosphere of the Bethany home. He always knew that, while His words were rejected in Jerusalem, they would be accepted there, and listened to eagerly, and there would always be someone who would 'keep on' listening.

I am impressed with Acts 2; it says that after Pentecost those who believed "continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching" (vs.42). You see, there the Church came in, and that is its feature: "they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching." We are so used to those words that they do not seem to convey very much to us. Will you bear with a simple practical way of seeking to apply it?

In these pages certain things are being said. Now you will read them, and you will go your way, and perhaps you will remember them for a certain length of time; perhaps for a long time you will remember Bethany. Mention of Bethany will bring back something - certain things that you have read. You may speak of this message as a more or less good one, an interesting message, or something like that. What a difference between that and your going away and 'continuing stedfastly in the teaching'! You must yourself interpret this, and say to yourself: 'Now what does it mean for me to continue stedfastly in that?'

The word really is 'persisting'. "They persisted in the apostles' teaching". There is all the difference between persisting in the teaching, and going away and saying: 'Well, that was a very nice message'. 'Persisting' represents the practical, positive application of the heart to the truth, and that constitutes His Church; it is where that which comes from Him is received and the whole heart, the whole life, is given to it. There is abandonment to it.

And that was probably what Martha did not like. Mary was abandoned to it, she was given to it; and that is what the Lord is seeking. I wonder what would be the result if we took that attitude toward every word of Divine truth that came to us. When I think of the mountains of truth that have been built up, I cannot help asking the question: 'What is the percentage of real application to that truth on the part of those who hear it?' It was because those at the beginning took such a practical attitude toward the things which they heard, and persisted in them, that you had the effectiveness there. They did not go away and say: 'What a wonderful sermon Peter preached today!' No, they persisted in the apostles' teaching.

That is what the Lord wants. That is what satisfies His heart. Mary took her seat at His feet and went on listening to His word, and that satisfied His heart when all else disappointed Him. Heart satisfaction must be a feature of the life of the Lord's people; and heart satisfaction to Him is just this, that we hang upon His word, we appraise it rightly, we regard it as the supreme thing. The assembly must be the "house of figs" for the Lord.

ADJUSTED SERVICE

Next let us look at Martha. "But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said..." The Greek is very strong: it means that she walked up to Him and involved Him in this. It implies that she regarded Him as responsible, and if she had said all that was in her mind, she would have said: 'You are responsible for this, You are involved in this, and it is up to You to put it right.' That is what is implied by the original words here - regarding Him as the one involved in it, and He could if He would, and He ought to, put it right. It implies that she burst out. She had been bottling this thing up, and at last, able to contain it no longer, she went up to Him and burst out: "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me."

Now I want you to get the force of the situation, and it will help you with Martha. We must understand Martha's mood and position. "Cumbered about much serving" hardly conveys to us what really was the situation. We get from the translation an altogether imperfect impression, I think, of exactly how things were. The Greek word here is a word which means "was distracted", "pulled in different directions". Probably her anxiety showed in her face. And what was the anxiety over? Many household cares, perhaps many dishes; preoccupations of all kinds. And the Lord said to Martha: 'Martha, you are bothered about all sorts of secondary considerations; you have got more than you can handle. There is but one thing that is really necessary -'.

You are beginning to understand the situation now, are you not? It was simply that there was necessary an adjustment of things on the part of Martha, so that what was most important should have its place. It was not that the Lord was out of sympathy with Martha's providing them with a meal, but He saw that she was causing this meal business to become such an elaborate and extensive thing as to be altogether out of proportion, and to put the more essential things into a place much less than the non-essential.

Yes, a meal may be right, but oh, let us put things in their right proportion. Let us see to it that temporal things do not overwhelm spiritual. Do not let us become so anxious and distracted about the passing things that the spiritual things are eclipsed. For the one thing which ought to be made to keep all the other things in their right places - they are all right in their places - is the thing which comes from the lips of the Lord.

You see, it is a matter of proportion, it is a matter of where you are placing the most emphasis. It is a matter of whether you are allowing the things of this life so to absorb, and to occupy, and to draw you round with anxiety, that the greater things are not getting a chance. And we all agree now, we have no more quarrel with the Master over Mary, when we see it like that. What was necessary was that there should be an adjustment of things: so that, while these other matters had a place, and a right place, they were in their place and in their own measure; whilst the supreme things were allowed to predominate and were not submerged in those lesser matters which, after all, are not the abiding things.

Now, that was the whole situation. In the House of God, the thing that matters more than all our business, all our feverish activities to do a thousand and one things of Christian work - the one thing that matters is getting to know the Lord, and giving the Lord a chance to make Himself known.

Feverish activities so often, in what is called 'the church', exclude the voice of the Lord, shut Him out; it is all what we are doing, and so little of what He is getting a chance to say. The place that satisfies Him is the place of adjustment to the supreme things.

Well, that is Martha.

PRECIOUS OINTMENT POURED FORTH

Now we turn for the fourth thing to Matthew 26:6-13. It is the same village, and now the woman with her "alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment".

The incident speaks to us in the first instance of the recognition of the

worth of the Lord Jesus. The recognition of the worth of the Lord Jesus. All who looked on, as good as said: 'He is not worth it'; that is what it amounted to. 'He is not worth it.' Of course they would not have put it like that. She recognised His worth - that He was worth the 'exceeding preciousness'. It was the exceeding preciousness of Christ that was in view here, as something recognised. That, I think, is the main feature. It is a feature of Bethany, it is a feature of the upper room, it is a feature of "My church". It is a feature of the Lord's assembly, it is a feature of the people who are after His own heart: the recognition of His exceeding preciousness, His exceeding worth; that there is nothing too costly to lay at His feet. "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious (is the preciousness)" (I Pet. 2:7).

Now, that is very simple, and yet again it is a thing that draws forth the deep appreciation of the Lord Jesus. It is again a thing which gives feature to a very much beloved village. In other words it is a thing which makes His assembly of great value to Him, that there His worth is recognised, and He is appreciated and appraised at His true value. That must mark the house of the Lord. It is a feature that must be developed more and more. It is a thing to which we must attend, that we have a ready and an ever-growing recognition of
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the preciousness and worth of the Lord Jesus. Oh, how different this is from the merely formal church system! We can hardly say that the outstanding feature of that is a true heart-appreciation of the worth and of the value of the Lord Jesus. Where that appreciation is, you have the assembly; where it is not, whatever else you may have of ornate and elaborate presentation, you have not got the assembly, it is not the place of His delight.

I think I see something else here. The brokenness of the cruse brings out into expression the preciousness of the ointment. It is the 'vessel of fragile clay' which, being broken, makes possible the manifestation and expression of the glories of Christ. While that cruse is whole, strong, and sound in itself, something which you would look at and take account of in itself; something that would cause you to say: 'That is a beautiful vase, that is a wonderful piece of alabaster'; - you are not getting at the secret. We may take account of men, as splendid intellects, splendid men, wonderful preachers and so on - be occupied with the vase, the cruse - and the other be sealed, be hidden; but when the cruse is broken, shattered, then you get at the tabernacle secret of the glory of Christ.

You see it in Paul. I suppose Saul of Tarsus was a wonderful bit of alabaster intellectually, morally, religiously. He tells us that he was; he tells us

all that he was, all that he gloried in and that men looked at and no doubt praised; but he was smashed and it is no longer Saul, and it is no longer Paul, but it is the beauty and glory of Christ. The fragrance of Christ comes out when the cruse is broken.

And, beloved, it is just like that in our experience. The Church, the true Church, has been allowed to be shattered, and shattered again, and the members individually are so often allowed to be broken and broken again; but has it not proved through history that, for the Church and for the individual, the breaking, the shattering, the smashing, has brought about an expression of the glories of Christ in a wonderful way? It is just like that. We go through a new experience of being broken - we put it in other ways sometimes and say we are being brought more deeply into the death of Christ, coming into a fresh experience of the Cross: however we may put it, it means breaking, it means the breaking of the cruse - but believe me, beloved, it means a fuller expression and knowledge of the glory of Christ, and it will bring us to a new appreciation of Him. We shall discover Him in the time of our brokenness. **And in the same way the Church passes through the way of the Cross, but comes by the breaking to the worth of the Lord Jesus.**

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

We pass to John and the well-known chapter 11. Here is Bethany again in view, and this time it is the raising of Lazarus which comes before us. We will not go through the whole story and take its details, but simply come swiftly to its one conclusion at the end. Bethany, in this instance, becomes the scene, the sphere, of the manifestation of resurrection power, resurrection life. There are many other things here. There is a wonderful expression of love; there is a wonderful expression of fellowship here in this chapter. Far away from Bethany the Lord said to His disciples: "Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep". "Our friend"; not "My friend", but "our friend". You see, it is fellowship. "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus." It is love. All these are features of Bethany; but the outstanding feature here is the manifestation of His resurrection, the power of His resurrection, resurrection life.

And here again Bethany is an illustration of the Church that He is building. We know this from Ephesians, the 'Church Epistle', as we call it. We very soon come to our being "quickened... together with Christ" (Eph. 2:5). The Church is the vessel in which the power of His resurrection is displayed; and here again we not only testify to the fact, to the doctrine, but we have to apply the test, that the assembly according to the mind of the Lord is that

in which His resurrection power and life are displayed.

Now, I know, when things like that are said, so often there is that vacant feeling that remains: 'Yes, we know it ought to be so, just as we ought to be crucified with Christ; we know we ought to be risen with Christ, and it is quite true that we ought to know the power of His resurrection, and His resurrection life'. That is said again and again, but we leave it there. The point is: how is it to be?

Now, we have to recognise that the Lord has brought His Church into being for the specific purpose of displaying the power of His resurrection, and we should dedicate ourselves unto the Lord for that very end. That is the way: in recognising that the object, the very object of our being in that Church, of that Body, is that He might display in us His resurrection power and life. We, recognising that, have a definite understanding with our Lord that we are consecrated to Him; now our responsibility ends there, if it is from our hearts, and the Lord will begin His work.

We shall not be able to raise ourselves any more than we can crucify ourselves, but we must recognise that the Lord's dealings with us are with that in view. In order to display the power of His resurrection, He will very often have to take the attitude toward us of letting things get well beyond all human power to remedy or save, of allowing things to go so far that there is no other power in all the universe that can do anything whatever to save the situation. He will allow death, disintegration, to work, so that nothing, nothing in the universe is of any avail, except the power of His resurrection.

We shall come to the place where Abraham came, who became the great type of faith which moved right into resurrection: "He considered his own body now as good as dead" (Rom. 4:19). That is the phrase used by the apostle about Abraham: "as good as dead". And Paul came into that: "We had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead" (II Cor. 1:9). Whatever else men may be able to do in the realm of creation, they stop short when death has actually taken place; they can do no more. Resurrection is God's act, and God's alone. Men can do very many things when they have got life, but when there is no life it is only God who can do anything. And God will allow His Church and its members oft-times to get into such situations as are altogether beyond human help, in order that He may give the display, which is His own display, in which no man has any place to glory.

So said the Lord Jesus: "This sickness is not unto death, but for THE GLORY OF GOD, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Glorified! We have dedicated ourselves to that course of things - that is, we have dedicated ourselves to a line of human despair; but how slow we are to accept it in its outworking. When things get to a desperate situation, we kick so much and think that all has gone wrong. It may be just going right for the Lord! Oh, yes, it is desperate; that consideration does not take away from the desperateness of it, the awfulness of it; but if it is going to provide the Lord with His supreme opportunity to raise His pre-eminent testimony, then it is right - that is, it will be right in its issue.

When at last, in eternity, we read the story of the Church, which is His Body, and see all that it really did come through, we shall have to confess that no human institution, no man-made thing, could have survived, could have gone through that which the saints went through. When it is understood in the light of eternity and appraised by true spiritual standards, we shall say that none but God Almighty could have achieved that, could have brought it through: that it has undoubtedly become the vehicle of the expression of "the exceeding greatness of his power" (Eph. 1.19); and that is to say a great deal. If "the exceeding greatness of his power" is necessary to this, well, that says much for what we have to be brought out of, doesn't it? If "the weakness of God is stronger than men" (I Cor. 1:25), what must "the exceeding greatness of his power" represent?

Well, that is in resurrection; as you know, the words are connected with that: "the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead" (Eph. 1:19,20). That is "to us-ward who believe". Now the Church, the Bethany testimony, is to be a testimony to the power of His resurrection, and if His methods with us are making that necessary, then let us take encouragement and comfort from the fact that we are thus to be a true expression of what He desires of His Church.

CELEBRATING HIS VICTORY

We pass from chapter 11 of John to chapter 12. "Jesus therefore six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So they made him a supper there: and Martha served" (evidently she had not gathered, from the Lord's words to her, that service was wrong; she is still serving - it is all right now); "but Lazarus was one of them that sat at meat with him. Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet

with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment."

Here we have the feast, and the feast has several elements. One, represented by Mary and her action, speaks of worship. Once again, it is the appreciation of Christ that is in view. That is worship. Worship - according to God's thought - is always simply the appreciation of the Lord Jesus; bringing up before God the sweet odour of a heart-appreciation of His Son. That may sound simple, but worship in its purest essence is what we think of the Lord Jesus, expressed to the Father. That is worship. The assembly is for that. Bethany speaks of that.

Martha - yes, Martha served. But it is adjusted service. She is still serving, but it is all right; there is no rebuke now. There is no circling round of her face with anxiety now; she is not drawn around with care: she is serving in a resurrection house. Here is adjusted service, and service in the Lord's house is quite according to His mind when the service is in fellowship with, and in right proportion to, the worship. There is an adjustment between the sisters now, you see. They were disjointed before, because things were ill-proportioned and out of place; now the adjustment has been made and they are just getting on constantly together. It is adjusted service.

Lazarus sat at meat, and of course he is the principle of life, resurrection life. That, again, is a mark of the Lord's spiritual house. So we have worship, adjusted service, resurrection life.

Yes, but there is always some sinister thing not far away: "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?" When you get the assembly just as the Lord wants it you will always find that the Devil is lurking very near. That may be a compliment to the assembly, for anything that the Devil does not cast his eye on jealously will surely not be that which is satisfying the heart of the Lord. But it is always like that. Just begin to get something that is according to the Lord's heart, and you find a sinister thing begin to circle round with a view to destroying that worship, to divert that appreciation of the Lord. It becomes a feature of the very assembly itself, that the Devil jealously casts his eyes upon what the Lord is getting, and would have that for himself.

You see, the Church is that which brings to the Lord Jesus what He ought to have, and from eternity the Devil has been out to rob him of that, and he will do it in the assembly if he can, because the assembly is that in which the Lord does get what His heart is set upon.

OUTWARD AND UPWARD

Now we close by noting the last thing in Luke 24:50-52.

"And he led them out until they were over against Bethany: and he lifted up his hand, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Three words: "led out", "blessed", "carried up": out with the Lord, in His place apart; under His blessing; and linked with Him in heaven - to use Paul's words, "made... to sit together with him in the heavenlies."

That is Bethany, that is the Church, that is what the Lord wants to have in the life of His people today.

Go back over Bethany again and just allow your heart to exercise itself on these things, and seek very definitely that the Lord shall have in you just these features which are according to His own mind. And what we do individually, let us seek to do in those fellowships, those assemblies, with which we are connected, that they shall be true Bethanies, the village-expression of the great city of God, the Heavenly Jerusalem.

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DECLARING HIS PROMISES:

Ex 23:27 AMP I will send My terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people to whom you shall come, and I will make all your foes turn from you [in flight].

Deut 20:4 NIV For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

Deut 28:7 NKJV "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

Deut 33:27 AMP The eternal God is your refuge and dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He drove the enemy before you and thrust them out, saying, Destroy!

Isa 42:13-17 NIV The LORD will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies. 14 "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. 16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. 17 But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

Isa 54:17 AMP But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.

Isa 65:24 AMP And it shall be that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear. [Isa 30:19; 58:9; Matt 6:8.]

Luke 1:37,45 AMP For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.
...And blessed (happy, to be envied) is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of the things that were spoken to her from the Lord.

John 15:7-8 AMP If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.

1 Cor 15:25-28 AMP For [Christ] must be King and reign until He has put all [His] enemies under His feet. [Ps 110:1.] 26 The last enemy to be subdued and abolished is death. 27 For He [the Father] has put all things in subjection under His [Christ's] feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection [under Him], it is evident that He [Himself] is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. [Ps 8:6.] 28 However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject Himself to [the Father] Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life].

1 Cor 15:54-57 AMP And when this perishable puts on the imperishable and this that was capable of dying puts on freedom from death, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up (utterly vanquished forever) in and unto victory. [Isa 25:8.] 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? [Hos 13:14.] 56 Now sin is the sting of death, and sin exercises its power [upon the soul] through [the abuse of] the Law. 57 But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

DECLARING HIS POWER.....

Rom 4:19-20 AMP He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb. [Gen 17:17; 18:11.]

20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God,

Ex 15:6-10 NKJV

6 "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. 7 And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble. 8 And with the blast of Your nostrils The waters were gathered together; The floods stood upright like a

heap; The depths congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall destroy them.'
10 You blew with Your wind, The sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Deut 26:8 AMP And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, and with great (awesome) power and with signs and with wonders;

Ps 106:9 AMP He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; so He led them through the depths as through a pastureland. [Ex 14:21.]

Isa 40:25-26 NKJV "To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

Isa 40:28-31 NKJV Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Isa 44:24-26 NKJV [Judah Will Be Restored]

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness;

26 Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,' To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,' And I will raise up her waste places;

Eph 1:17-22 AMP [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, 18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), 19 And [so that you

can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,
20 Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],
21 Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. 22 And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps 8:6.]

Col 2:12-15 NKJV And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Rev 1:16-19 NKJV And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

DEEP CALLETH UNTO DEEP

By Leonard Ravenhill

Prayer - protracted prayer, groaning prayer, fasting prayer, weeping prayer, speechless prayer - belongs to those initiated into a spirit of prayer, that is, into "praying in the Holy Ghost." To the uninstructed, terms like these mean "works." But praying friend, faint not; such critics may yet learn. In the language of Horatius Bonar it may be said of protracted, groaning, speechless prayer, "It is the way the Master went. Should not the servant tread it still?"

Dr. Tozer sets forth the new approach and mediation of modern evangelism in a brilliant article, "The Old Cross and the New." I think he could well have added a spicy chapter on our new ways of praying. Isn't it

pitiable, regrettable, and indefensible that we try to operate almost all our churches on one "sweet hour of prayer"? Yet in actuality, that sweet "hour" is much taken up with Bible study.

There certainly has to be Scripture read so that faith may be generated (Rom. 10:17) and we may have God's promises as a foundation for prayer. But after all, the prayer meeting is a prayer meeting. The fact that far too many churches are combining the prayer meeting with a Bible study is the church's self-acknowledged prayer weakness. In short, the church is saying that it can not hold out in prayer, so it fills in the time with Bible study. Yet no church these days can operate on one hour of prayer a week, let alone on the half hour we are giving collectively to intercession. To those who have never developed a prayer life, the demand for time spent in prayer makes all the more strange the description of true prayer mentioned at the beginning of this chapter.

I believe most of us will need the tears wiped from our eyes when the books are opened at the judgment bar of God, and our personal prayer record is read. By a strange paradox those who pray most, feel they pray little. This much is sure: No man who prays, struts!

Prayer is a two-way operation - man talking to God and God talking to man. Solomon was wise when he requested a listening heart (I Kings 3:9, margin). To many, prayer is dry because they do all the talking. I remember chatting one day with a teen-ager and asking him, "What is your trouble?" "I am a backslider," he replied with some heat.

"How do you know you are backslidden?" I countered.

He looked me straight in the eye and said, "Because God doesn't talk back to me anymore!"

Friend, how about you? Does God talk back to you? After the Resurrection, Jesus had been seen by over five hundred brethren at once, and thousands of others had been born of God at and subsequent to Pentecost. Then why, I wonder, was Ananias the Lord's choice of a man to visit a seeking Jew and to "go into the street called Straight to enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus"? Was it that Ananias had stayed to listen to God and to get directions from the Lord for the day's operations? What Saul of Tarsus do you and I miss contacting because in morning devotions we pray for help just to get through the day and fail to pray for specific guidance in testimony? Without prayer we can not live the Christian life. Prayer means power. More prayer means more power.

Recently a racing motorist came within an ace of winning one of the

world's greatest motor races, but because he risked going the last lap without checking his gas tank, he failed. Within a few hundred yards of the winning flag, he was stalled. As the competitor who had chased him so long flashed past him to gain the coveted award, the near-winner was chagrined.

The place where the Christian stops to refuel is prayer. Yet it is prayer far beyond "refuelling" that engages us now. In his masterly Epistle to the Romans, Paul talks of the witness of the Spirit (8:16). We Christians have isolated this passage to one single interpretation - the Spirit bearing witness to our justification. But in the Christian's life, the Spirit also bears witness to our praying, as well as to everything else. As a Christian, our Advocate is truly with the Father, and we talk to the Father through the Son.

Yet the Father talks to us through the Spirit. Jesus is our Advocate, but the Spirit is the Advocate of God the Father. The Spirit bore witness to Paul that he had the true burden and spirit of prayer, for Paul says, "My conscience. . . bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 9:1). How often, if ever, do we stop to see whether the Holy Ghost bears witness to our praying?

Prayer is, I think, the language of heaven. A sage of old spoke of prayer as thinking God's thoughts after Him. But in Spirit-born prayer, I believe we pray God's burden into and through our hearts. With God we share in prayer. Prayer is no magic transformation of words into heavenly language just because we close our eyes. Words are not prayer because we utter them on our knees, nor because we say them in the pulpit, nor yet because they are breathed within the confines of a church.

Concerning our praying today, a phrase from Shakespeare often comes into my mind: "What do you read, my lord?" Polonius asked Hamlet. To this the melancholy man replied, "Words! Words! Words!" Likewise in prayer what do we so often say? Words! Words! Words! We can use words without praying, and we can pray without using words. We can also pray when words are used. But there is a language of the Spirit beyond words - groanings that cannot be articulated, that defy language, that are above language, that are beyond language, that are the yearnings of the heart of God committed to those who seek to know His will and to care for a lost world and feeble Church.

There is no stagnation in the Holy Ghost, for "holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The Spirit "moves." In the beginning when this old world was like a slab of ice - lifeless and locked in the

black womb of the universe - the Spirit moved and the earth came forth.

Years later the Spirit "moved" over the matrix of the Virgin Mary and brought the Son into being. When that Son was laid dead in the tomb, the Spirit came and wrought the mighty resurrection. In the upper room the Spirit brooded over the men; then the world felt the impact of that Spirit operation. The mighty Roman Empire knew Spirit-filled men were around. The temple crowd, in their great authority, knew the Spirit had come on the upper-room men. Even now, the world still feels the tremor from that Spirit-baptized group who waited for the promise of the Father. The Spirit moved on those upper-room men. They in turn moved out to the lost multitudes. These multitudes were in turn moved upon by the Holy Ghost's moving through men.

Has the blessed Spirit toned down His operations? With reverence we ask, "Did God close down His production lines after the Spirit had come upon Wesley, upon Finney, and such men? Were those leaders spiritual freaks? Were they oddities of grace, eccentrics who were a little 'off' in their spiritual operations?" These days we are spiritually so subnormal that to be just normal (according to the New Testament pattern) seems to make us abnormal.

Despite the psychologists (the Freud and Jung followers of the gleaming star of human knowledge), we still have to admit that the human body is a mystery, and that the human mind is complicated and ambiguous; and so there are depths in man that only the Spirit knows (I Cor. 2:11). Yet if the Holy Spirit is power, we need to learn how to operate the throttle. And if the Holy Spirit is a Person (and He is), then we really need to learn how to let Him operate us.

I admit to being resentful when some soul, uninstructed in the Spirit, suddenly closes a prayer meeting that very obviously the Spirit has in control. How can shrinking flesh be so stupid? We cannot turn the Holy Spirit on and off with the lights of the sanctuary. If President Kennedy invited us to hear him give a speech, would we dare leave his presence on any given impulse? We often presume upon Christ's promise connected with "two or three gathered together in [His] name" because if we were gathered "in His name," then we would be gathered by His Spirit. I feel deeply that we trifle with the Holy Ghost even in prayer. What a trivial round of petitions we get in the average prayer meeting!

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Satan fears prayer and offsets it at every angle. At every opportunity he stalls the impulse to take part in it, for he has felt the smart of men who pray in the Holy Ghost. Again and again hell has shuddered because of the onslaughts of men who have taken the kingdom of heaven by violence. In the book of Acts we read that demons cried, "Jesus I know and Paul know." Because Paul knew how to pray in the Holy Ghost, hell rocked in fury. Bloody Mary is said to have feared the prayers of John Knox more than the tramping feet of armies. Has the devil less intelligence than that queen? Ah brethren, in this kind of praying most of us feel like worms (Isa. 41:14 - a blessed experience if it is not mock humility).

Years ago in Dundee, Scotland, I stood reverently and read the great inscription on the cornerstone of the Church of St. Peter, where Robert Murray McCheyne used to minister. McCheyne knew Hebrew well enough to converse with learned European Jews. His scholarly tastes gave him appetite for finer poets of the Greek classics. He kept his diary from prying eyes by writing in Latin. He was no mean musician. As a hymn writer, his great hymns ("Jehovah Tsidkenu" and "When This Passing World Is Done") gave him a place with the immortals. He also painted fine pictures.

But Robert Murray McCheyne excelled in a greater art than any of these or all of them combined, for McCheyne is remembered as a man of prayer. Churches larger than his offered a rich price tag for his ministry, but with grace he refused them all. He was contented with his lot because no church could offer him more time for prayer. "How real God is!" he once said to himself. "God is the only person I can talk to."

After this saintly pastor's death, a visitor went to see the great church. The sexton showed him around. Some of McCheyne's books were still there. "Sit down here," said the canny sexton, leading the young visitor to the chair where McCheyne used to sit. "Now put your elbows on the table." The visitor obeyed. "Now put your face in your hands." The visitor again obeyed. "Now let the tears flow. That was the way Mr. McCheyne used to do!"

Then the amazed visitor was led into the very pulpit where the impassioned McCheyne had once poured out his soul to God and poured out God's message to the people. "Put your elbows on the pulpit," instructed the old sexton. The elbows were put in place. "Put your face in your hands." The young man obeyed. "Now let the tears flow. That was the way Mr. McCheyne used to do!"

To be much for God. we must be much with God. Jesus, that lone figure fasting in the wilderness, knew strong crying, along with tears. Can one be moved with compassion and not know tears? Jeremiah was a sobbing saint. Jesus wept! So did Paul. So did John. Mr. Bounds says, "There are tears that are only the surface slush on the iceberg." (Such tears are bursts of emotion.) But there are tears that are as blood from the heart. Oh brethren in the ministry, **pray that you and I might covet something of this holy art of intercession.**

As I see it, there are two things for a minister to do - pray and preach. The mighty men of the early Church gave themselves to prayer and the Word and left to the elders the serving of tables and visiting of the sick. Even so, the elders were men of faith and of the Holy Ghost.

Yet in our day the qualifications for an elder seem to be that he has a bit more cash than other members. How we need Bible elders as well as Bible preachers! Not long ago I went to speak at a church where a fine man had resigned as an elder. "I am not ruling my house as I should," he said, "and therefore I am Biblically disqualified from holding that office." Honest soul!

The early Church prayed; every revival church has prayed; every participant in revival prayer has known travail. Though there are some tearful intercessors behind the scenes, I grant you that to our modern Christianity, praying is foreign.

At a Bible conference in England, I met a fine-built man who was laboring deep in the bowels of the earth as a coal miner. In a quiet talk he told me that he knew a little about a burden for revival. Because of this prayer burden, he said that for twenty-one days he had labored in the oppressive heat of the coal mine without food and with as little water as possible. From that prayer period he emerged spiritually renewed and without physical harm. He had learned to pray in the Holy Ghost.

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ENJOYABLE PRAYER

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We see the banner hanging in the prayer room - "I will make them joyful in My house of prayer for My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
(Isaiah 56:7-8)

But how can we be joyful in the house of prayer? What is it that makes prayer enjoyable? If you're like me, you have heard and said similar words - "You've just got to pray. That's part of what being a Christian is all about. It's our duty. Count the cost. Sacrifice. Just do it!" But is it really as bad as we seem to think it is? Is God really that boring? Is it really that hard to be with Him?

So, what does make prayer enjoyable? I believe that the first step to enjoying prayer and enjoying God Himself is knowing that YOU are enjoyed by HIM. If we have been involved in any type of prayer ministry at all, we know Isaiah 62:6 - "On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves." It speaks of wonderful dedication to the Lord and to prayer, doesn't it? But have you ever noticed that you can only run on dedication for so long? Burn out always comes sooner or later. The problem is that we have neglected the preceding verses of that chapter. Let's take a look.

"The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name which the mouth of the lord will designate. You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. It will no longer be said to you, 'Forsaken,' nor to your land will it be said 'Desolate'; but you will be called, "My delight is in her,' and your land, 'Married'; for the Lord delights in you, and to Him your land will be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you." (Isaiah 62:2-5)

Did you know that the Lord has given you a new name? He has called you - My delight is in you, I enjoy you, I like you, I take pleasure in you! What a great name! It's much easier to be with someone that you know likes you. Who would you rather be with, someone who really, really likes you a lot OR someone who, loves you, yes, but in a tolerant sort of way and is a bit disappointed in you. I would go with the first, wouldn't you? Well, that's your God. This is how He feels about you! He actually rejoices over you the way a groom rejoices over his bride on their wedding day! Wow!

And this isn't just how He will feel about you one day; it's how he feels about you NOW. Even in your weakness, even when you blow it, even when you feel like one big mess. Let's look at what Jesus told His disciples at the same dinner that they were arguing about who was the greatest and just hours before they would all deny Him. "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you." (John 15:9) He also said in John 17:23 that the Father loved the disciples even as He loved Jesus. So, the Father and the Son are in agreement about how much they love you. In the same way that the Father loves Jesus, which is beyond imagination, is the way the Father loves you AND the way Jesus loves you. This gives all of us the right to refer to ourselves as God's favorite. Wouldn't you say that Jesus is the Father's favorite?

Well, the Father feels the same way about us as he does about the Son. When we begin to understand the emotions of God's heart towards us, then prayer becomes much more enjoyable.

As we dare to approach God as the One whose heart is absolutely ravished because of us, then our hearts are unlocked. We begin to see God in His beauty, and we begin to see our beauty in Him. The knowledge of His beauty and His burning heart of passion for us are the very things that keep our hearts soaring with God. This makes "prayer without ceasing" very enjoyable. Our hearts become fascinated, and He becomes our primary reward. All of a sudden those things that we used to fill up our boredom and our emptiness are nothing in comparison with the Beautiful God whose heart is burning for us. Jesus, our Bridegroom, is the loveliest Man that you could ever know. So, I encourage you as you come to Him - lay aside your agenda, put down your prayer list, let all the traffic in your heart slow down and simply say to Him, "Jesus, tell me how much You love me. Enjoy me! Unlock my heart and captivate me with Your beauty." He's been waiting and will be happy to do what you ask!

GROANING IN THE SPIRIT

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Romans 8:22 The whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

Prayer is a creative work. It is not just a redemptive work. Paul speaks of the groaning of the whole of creation in verse 22 and then he speaks of the Holy

Spirit groaning within us (v.26) and then thirdly he speaks about us groaning within ourselves (v.23), coming forth from our lives and is expressed in prayer and intercession. So prayer is the very essence of God's creative force released. It is the same power, which God released when He created this planet earth. But when we are in prayer we are in line and in tune with God to allow God's creative force to flow through our lives. God can create without us. He does not need us but we need Him. However God has chosen to do creative work through human lives from the time that He has entrusted this earth to man. He has chosen to release His creative power through human beings. And this came to fullness when the Spirit of God came in this planet earth on the day of Pentecost when God released a new degree and a new measure for his people to move into the realm of groaning prayer.

Prayer has a creative work involved. God does not do anything except that there is a release of that creative power before anything happens. John Wesley and other men of God have discovered that unless there is prayer God will not do anything at all. There can be no action unless there is first a release of His creative power. And there can be no change unless the creative power comes forth.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Epaphras labors fervently for the Colossians in prayers that they may stand perfect and complete in the will of God. But Colossians 2:10 says, And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. They are already completed. But in Colossians 4 v.12 Epaphras is still praying that they may still be completed. Potentially we are already complete in Christ. Jesus' work is a complete work. The work of Jesus' atonement is complete. There is nothing more you can add to what Jesus has done. But for the perfect work to enter into our lives prayer is the force that must be released. That is why Epaphras prayed. It is not enough to study the Bible in order to grow into this completeness. Bible study and acquiring knowledge has to be mixed with prayer.

Growth in perfection is fundamentally based on prayer life. It is the level and measure of your prayer life that determines true growth. You can't even understand the Word of God unless you pray for the spirit of wisdom and revelation. It is only through prayer that you obtain this spirit of wisdom and revelation that enables us to understand the Word of God. Prayer and the Word go together and it is only both of them that is marvelous.

When you lack prayer you begin to falter in your spiritual growth. You cannot depend on others to pray for us all the time. We have to learn to pray ourselves all the time. It is good to have more prayers involved. A part of growth can never come unless you pray. Some people who do not pray or pray very little may be getting more and more knowledge but there is no true growth. Being perfected in Christ can only come in prayer. Prayer is essential.

Galatians 4:19 Paul labors in birth again until Christ is formed in the Galatians. Paul used the word travail or the Greek *agonia*. Paul worked for the growth of the Galatians in two ways: he did it through prayer and through the teaching ministry. And both need to go together. Sometimes some people try to reform other people's lives through teaching without prayer, which will never work. It is prayer that determines the effectiveness of the teaching. So both forces need to go together.

In Romans Paul shows us the object of our groaning, that is we groan for our perfection in the fullness of Jesus Christ, we groan for the perfect will of God to be done. And this groaning is a groaning in the spirit. Romans 8: 26 - the Holy Spirit helps us to pray, speaking in utterances and in groanings. Groaning in the spirit touches the creative force of God and it occurs in the realm of the depth of your spirit. It is like your voice box. It can be used within a spectrum. You can bring it down to its lowest level and to its highest level. That is the meaning of using your to its optimum. In the same way groaning in the spirit reaches to the fullness of that which is within your spirit and brings it forth to the Lord. When you pray in the Spirit you realize that there is something from within which is coming forth. Most of what comes forth is actually in the natural i.e. the air and the sound. There is a movement of your vocal cords and the lips.

Groaning in the spirit is praying in the spirit but at quicker pace than when you pray in tongues or in the spirit. When you pray in tongues or in the spirit you release your burdens a little at a time, slowly. But when you get deeper and deeper in the spirit, you begin to groan and then you release all the burdens at one go. It is like a tiger roaring. Sometimes this groaning is accompanied with tears but the end result is that the burden is entirely released out unto the Lord within a few seconds. The groaning process is involved in a creative process that touches the very basis of God's creative force. That is why we may not be able to reach the groaning straight away. You have to build up yourself to know the burden that the spirit is placing inside you and bring it forth.

It is important to realize this because there is a gradual process whereby you build up your awareness of the burden inside you and it is only when you are fully aware of it, when you really feel its weight pressing down upon you that you have arrived at this stage. The reason why some people still pray in tongues or in the spirit is because they are not fully aware of the weight of the burden that has been placed upon them. And because they do not realize how heavy it is it does not bother them that much. Just like a man who carries a quarter of a ton of bricks. He realizes it is heavy and he may be complaining about it. But it does not really bother him because he has the strength or more than the required strength to carry it. But when he really has to carry twice the weight and finds that he has no strength to do it then he lets out a loud cry for help. It is the same here. There will be a burden but it is not that heavy as yet. It does not depress you so much. You have to let the Spirit move in you and increase your awareness of the heaviness of the burden. Then only will you be able to groan and travail for the release of the creative power of God to bring about what God has planned and purposed.

Some people are foolhardy enough to start of their prayer life as if they are set for the grand prix or a 100 meter dash. They release all their energies at the very beginning in praying and groaning but half way through they are already weary and do not appear to have the inspiration or the strength to go on. This happens especially when people want to do night watch. Notice how all these marathon runners start off slowly first. They want to conserve their energy build it up first before releasing it fully so they can run the full distance. And it is not beginning of the race. During the race they have their judgment and discretion. There are certain places where they have to go faster. There are places where they can and should slow down. There is a strategy involved.

So also, in our prayer life, we have to start our engines slowly. It is important to employ the right strategies so that we can move properly into the depths of the spirit. As you move into the depths of the spirit there are certain times when it is easier to groan than others. You may want to groan but you just cannot groan. You must then open yourself to the Spirit and allow the Spirit to build up the burden in your life and place the groaning into you. You will definitely arrive at the stage of groaning. Then it is that you have gone into the very depths of the creative process of prayer. The fullness of it is expressed in groaning.

How do I know that I have reached that stage?

Firstly, there will be a prayer burden that comes upon you. The word labor in Galatians 4:19 is *agonia*. Paul literally was saying that he was agonizing for the Galatians (*agonia* means to agonize). Think about what it means to groan. To groan implies pain. Nobody groans unless he is in pain. A groan implies discomfort. Spiritual groaning implies that you have reached the point when the Spirit of God begins to place His burden in you. You may sometimes literally feel the agony of the loss, the agony of the situation, the agony of a person's life or a ministry. So the first sign is that there is an agonizing in pain.

Genesis 2:2 On the 7th day God finished all the work that He had done and He rested from all His work. He rested and that tells you that on the 7th day there was a different operation from the preceding six days. God's Spirit when He creates something He brings it forth in the very cradle of creation that is the very fountain of creativity is operating. And something great is involved. When you reach that creative force you enter the realm where it takes something out from you. Groaning in the spirit is different from worshipping in the spirit.

Worshipping in the spirit is something very refreshing. But groaning in the spirit takes from you. You could come out from two three solid hours of groaning and all you want to do is to rest. When you reach that level it can even affect your natural body. The Bible shows us that when Jesus entered into this realm of groaning His body was affected. The very blood that dropped from him in Gethsemane came out in huge great drops. The blood vessels were so affected by what He was going through. He entered into deep groaning because Jesus had to give birth to all of the new creation.

Secondly, there would be tears. There are 2 types of tears - a) tears that are produced by worldly sorrow b) Tears that are produced by godly sorrow. When you reach this stage it becomes easy to weep and cry before God. The groaning affects your whole body and emotional system so much that it is easy to cry and weep before the Lord. Hebrew 3:7 Jesus offered prayer in vehement cries (groaning) and tears to Him who was able to save him from death. There are some men who because they are of the opinion that it is unmanly to cry, they learn to harden their hearts to keep themselves from crying. They may have experienced something that has affected them very deeply and emotionally like death and in order that they may be protected from hurt and in order to maintain their sanity they harden themselves up. But that is not the way God made man. It is unnatural. And the Bible tells us that Jesus Himself cried and wept.

When the disciples reported to Jesus that some of the people thought that he was Jeremiah the prophet, the reason they associated Jesus with Jeremiah was because Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet and very probably there were a few occasions when they saw Jesus weep. He knew groaning and crying and tears in the Lord. It is the tears that express the depth of our involvement in what we are praying for when we are deeply and emotionally involved with a person and that person hurts us we cry. When you are involved deeply in something that you are praying about you can cry about it. You may not cry if you are not so deeply involved. The greater your involvement in the creative process of God, the easier it is to cry.

2 Chronicles 32:24-26 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death and he prayed to the Lord; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown to him, for his heart was lifted up: therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

2 Kings 20:1-5 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.' " Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.

It is the same story. Every prophecy of the Lord whether the condition is mentioned or not is subject to the fact of human will. Isaiah the prophet said that the king would die. But every prophecy no matter how authoritative it sounds or commanding or predictive in tone is always subject to how the will responds to it. There are conditions attached and you can change the prophecy if you obey the conditions. Hezekiah turned his face to God and prayed and wept bitterly. And the Lord told Isaiah to revoke the prophecy. This all shows that every prophecy is conditional, that it need not happen. When God saw Hezekiah crying, He revoked the penalty. It was not just the prayer but the agonizing tears that moved the Lord to spare him.

1 Kings 21:27 The Lord spared Ahab because of his repentance. Ahab cried and he was the most evil king. But because he wept in repentance the Lord spared him and deferred the disaster to the reign of his son. How powerful are tears when they are brought forth to God in the right atmosphere and rightfully.

Thirdly, there would be an intercessory sensation - where you sense like you are one with Jesus' priestly ministry and where you sense you are one with the object of your prayer. It brings you into a deep level of the consciousness of the Spirit. Romans 8:26-27 We do not know how to pray but the Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. It is the Spirit who intercedes not just your human spirit that prays when you are in tongues (I Cor 14:14.). But when you move into groaning and you are so yielded to God that the Holy Spirit prays through you. The Holy Spirit literally takes over and prays through you. That is very powerful.

And here there is a difference between praying in tongues and when the Spirit takes over and intercedes. The Spirit prays with groanings that cannot be uttered. He pours Himself forth in groaning. And He makes intercession for the saints. This is what I mean intercessory sensation, that is a taking over by the Spirit of our prayer life and the Spirit just pours forth and breaks forth and you feel like just an observer, not making any effort but allowing the Spirit to take over. When you pray in the Spirit the Spirit is there praying through you. But now the Spirit is praying for you.

And when these three things are happening and the Holy Spirit takes over the creative power of God begins to flow mightily.

Personally I have felt what it was like when I allow the Holy Spirit to take over. It was like a fresh fire that came down. I found myself praying and sighing and groaning and what surprised me that I had done nothing by myself to get into this area of praying. I was aware I was not praying but the Spirit was praying -through me with my own lips. I had not lost my free will. I would have stopped it if I wanted to but I chose not to stop it. It was different from praying in tongues because in praying in tongues I could feel the effort that was involved. But in groaning the Spirit literally took over my tongue and He just came bursting forth. I experienced the same thing that happened in Acts 2. That was a mighty experience. A takeover happens in your life. You become just a third party; there is no effort involved. There is a time when you have to stir the Spirit and there is also a time when the Spirit is stirring you. He is like a tidal wave.

How can I have a more effective prayer life ?

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Imperative 1) Pray for those around you wherever you are at.

a) Family - Job 1:5, Acts 10:2,30

Is anyone in your family sick , unsaved, emotionally unstable ? Then there are a multitude of scriptures and blessings that you can use to pray over them.

As you read the bible daily note on cards...scriptures that can be used for their specific situations....While reading...stop and pray that scripture over your own and your loved one's lives. There are 30 blessings mentioned in the bible that are good to pray over your family saved or not.

The following are from John Kirkpatrick's book "Feast of Fire".....

- 1) God bless you with ability
- 2) God bless you with abundance
- 3) God make His angels go with you
- 4) God give you assurance of His Love and His grace.
- 5) God bless you with clear direction
- 6) God bless you with a controlled and disciplined life
- 7) God bless you with courage
- 8) God bless you with creativity
- 9) God bless you with spiritual perception of God's truth
- 10) God bless you with FAITH
- 11) God bless you with God's favor and with man's favor
- 12) God bless you with good health
- 13) God bless you with a good wife or a good husband
- 14) God bless your hands to bless others
- 15) God bless you with happiness
- 16) God bless you with fulfillment
- 17) God bless you with contentment
- 18) God bless you with hope and a good outlook on life
- 19) God bless you with a listening ear
- 20) God bless you with a long life
- 21) God bless you with an obedient heart to the Spirit of God
- 22) God bless you with His peace
- 23) God bless you with pleasant speech
- 24) God bless you with a pleasant personality
- 25) God bless you with promotion
- 26) God bless you with protection

27) God bless you with provision, safety and strength

28 God bless you with success

29) God bless you with trust and wisdom

30) God bless you with goodness and mercy following you all the days of your life, that you might dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Try blessing those you love daily....it has tremendous power to change lives...We can speak blessing or cursing.....Life and death is in the power of our tongue the bible says.....

b) Neighborhood /Friends - There are people you see everyday going to and from work. Ask God for divine appointments for those you see who look like they need prayer, but you don't know. Keep a list of your friends, family, etc. in your bible, so that if you go somewhere where you are just sitting in line....or to the beach, or park somewhere...you can pray for them.

c) The Marketplace - Ask for divine appointments each day as you go to work, to the store, to buy food, or gas...or walking around the block, the workout center...that God would draw to you...people who need to know Him, or be touched by Him if they are already Christian. As a new Christian I remember when I went to see a neighbor...one day after asking for such...she started talking about her husband wanting a divorce...had just told her that day....so I offered to pray for her...she was Philipino and not saved...but raised Catholic and she said yes...and that he WAS a Christian. So we prayed and after we got through she was just chatting with me, when the phone rang...and it was her husband apologizing...telling her he " didn't know what he was thinking !" Praise God ! This so built my faith as a new Christian that God just began to open up more and more doors to pray for people.

I remember being in a Toys R Us....buying something for my stepson's birthday and in the next aisle was a woman with a jaundiced baby....and I sensed this baby did not have long to live unless it got a new liver...(I used to be a neonatal ICU nurse for years) so I felt God nudging me to pray for her...and in my mind...I'm arguing...like "right here Lord?"...can't I wait till I get outside ? so she finished and started walking out as I was finishing up....and I caught her just outside the doors and asked her if she believed in God to which she answered yes...(I'm thinking "whew") and asked her if I could pray for her baby...and indeed he was on the transplant list....so I prayed for a creative miracle of a new liver, or an operation, whichever the Lord wanted to use to save this baby's life and the compassion of the Lord came on me and I was crying...feeling the mother's pain...embarrassing in public, but God is good....as soon as I said amen practically she shot off...and

I didn't get her number....she seemed more embarrassed than I...but I knew by the LOVE I felt coming from HIM that He had done something...despite my fear and embarrassment.

d) Church - pray for your church leaders and people in your local assembly and all the churches in your town...

e) Watching TV/Internet/Listening to Radio....world events and news are an opportunity to pray for people you see, that have been robbed, or family members murdered, or children abducted, that God would send His justice and comfort. retrieve the child & send His angels. When you watch movies...they are fun...but it can be used as a reminder to say a quick prayer for those actors/producers/writers etc. who made the movie and are in the movie...

Job 42:10 Amp says....And the Lord turned the captivity of Job and restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Luke 6:27-31 " But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods, do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise."

Imperative 2

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

His word NEVER returns void...so write down scriptures on 4 X 6 cards for your prayers when you are struggling against certain things and watch how it brings freedom to you, your family and friends, your church...etc.

If you have the money to buy books, Prayers that Avail much has a 3 volume edition that is so helpful Wesley prayed from a prayer book...it is not a sin to do so. I find when I read the scriptures in prayer outloud that is is very powerful. Our words then become LIFE because they were breathed by the One who created LIFE.

Someone I heard once said to pray the Psalms completely through if you want to see a loved one saved...I dont' think it's a magic formula...but the psalms

are full of praise and it gets your mind off your own problems and concerns and helps you to focus on the LORD of LIFE.

Men of Prayer Needed!

EDWARD M. BOUNDS

Study universal holiness of life. Your whole usefulness depends on this, for your sermons last but an hour or two; your life preaches all the week. If Satan can only make a covetous minister a lover of praise, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined your ministry. Give yourself to prayer, and get your texts, your thoughts, your words from God. Luther spent his best three hours in prayer. -- Robert Murray McCheyne

WE are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man or sink the man in the plan or organization. God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than of anything else. Men are God's method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John." The dispensation that heralded and prepared the way for Christ was bound up in that man John. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The world's salvation comes out of that cradled Son. When Paul appeals to the personal character of the men who rooted the gospel in the world, he solves the mystery of their success. The glory and efficiency of the gospel is staked on the men who proclaim it. When God declares that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him," he declares the necessity of men and his dependence on them as a channel through which to exert his power upon the world. This vital, urgent truth is one that this age of machinery is apt to forget. The forgetting of it is as baneful on the work of God as would be the striking of the sun from his sphere. Darkness, confusion, and death would ensue.

What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer.

An eminent historian has said that the accidents of personal character have more to do with the revolutions of nations than either philosophic historians or democratic politicians will allow. This truth has its application in full to the gospel of Christ, the character and conduct of the followers of Christ -- Christianize the world, transfigure nations and individuals. Of the preachers of the gospel it is eminently true.

The character as well as the fortunes of the gospel is committed to the preacher. He makes or mars the message from God to man. The preacher is the golden pipe through which the divine oil flows. The pipe must not only be golden, but open and flawless, that the oil may have a full, unhindered, unwasted flow.

The man makes the preacher. God must make the man. The messenger is, if possible, more than the message. The preacher is more than the sermon. The preacher makes the sermon. As the life-giving milk from the mother's bosom is but the mother's life, so all the preacher says is tintured, impregnated by what the preacher is. The treasure is in earthen vessels, and the taste of the vessel impregnates and may discolor. The man, the whole man, lies behind the sermon. Preaching is not the performance of an hour. It is the outflow of a life. It takes twenty years to make a sermon, because it takes twenty years to make the man. The true sermon is a thing of life. The sermon grows because the man grows. The sermon is forceful because the man is forceful. The sermon is holy because the man is holy. The sermon is full of the divine unction because the man is full of the divine unction.

Paul termed it "My gospel;" not that he had degraded it by his personal eccentricities or diverted it by selfish appropriation, but the gospel was put into the heart and lifeblood of the man Paul, as a personal trust to be executed by his Pauline traits, to be set aflame and empowered by the fiery energy of his fiery soul. Paul's sermons -- what were they? Where are they? Skeletons, scattered fragments, afloat on the sea of inspiration! But the man Paul, greater than his sermons, lives forever, in full form, feature and stature, with his molding hand on the Church. The preaching is but a voice. The voice in silence dies, the text is forgotten, the sermon fades from memory; the preacher lives.

The sermon cannot rise in its life-giving forces above the man. Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead sermons kill. Everything depends on the spiritual character of the preacher. Under the Jewish dispensation the high priest had inscribed in jeweled letters on a golden frontlet: "Holiness to the Lord." So every preacher in Christ's ministry must be molded into and mastered by this

same holy motto. It is a crying shame for the Christian ministry to fall lower in holiness of character and holiness of aim than the Jewish priesthood. Jonathan Edwards said: "I went on with my eager pursuit after more holiness and conformity to Christ. The heaven I desired was a heaven of holiness." The gospel of Christ does not move by popular waves. It has no self-propagating power. It moves as the men who have charge of it move. The preacher must impersonate the gospel. Its divine, most distinctive features must be embodied in him. The constraining power of love must be in the preacher as a projecting, eccentric, an all-commanding, self-oblivious force. The energy of self-denial must be his being, his heart and blood and bones. He must go forth as a man among men, clothed with humility, abiding in meekness, wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove; the bonds of a servant with the spirit of a king, a king in high, royal, independent bearing, with the simplicity and sweetness of a child. The preacher must throw himself, with all the abandon of a perfect, self-emptying faith and a self-consuming zeal, into his work for the salvation of men. Hearty, heroic, compassionate, fearless martyrs must the men be who take hold of and shape a generation for God. If they be timid time servers, place seekers, if they be men pleasers or men fearers, if their faith has a weak hold on God or his Word, if their denial be broken by any phase of self or the world, they cannot take hold of the Church nor the world for God.

The preacher's sharpest and strongest preaching should be to himself. His most difficult, delicate, laborious, and thorough work must be with himself. The training of the twelve was the great, difficult, and enduring work of Christ. Preachers are not sermon makers, but men makers and saint makers, and he only is well-trained for this business who has made himself a man and a saint. It is not great talents nor great learning nor great preachers that God needs, but men great in holiness, great in faith, great in love, great in fidelity, great for God -- men always preaching by holy sermons in the pulpit, by holy lives out of it. These can mold a generation for God.

After this order, the early Christians were formed. Men they were of solid mold, preachers after the heavenly type -- heroic, stalwart, soldierly, saintly. Preaching with them meant self-denying, self-crucifying, serious, toilsome, martyr business. They applied themselves to it in a way that told on their generation, and formed in its womb a generation yet unborn for God. The preaching man is to be the praying man. Prayer is the preacher's mightiest weapon. An almighty force in itself, it gives life and force to all.

The real sermon is made in the closet. The man -- God's man -- is made in the closet. His life and his profoundest convictions were born in his secret communion with God. The burdened and tearful agony of his spirit, his

weightiest and sweetest messages were got when alone with God. Prayer makes the man; prayer makes the preacher; prayer makes the pastor.

The pulpit of this day is weak in praying. The pride of learning is against the dependent humility of prayer. Prayer is with the pulpit too often only official - a performance for the routine of service. Prayer is not to the modern pulpit the mighty force it was in Paul's life or Paul's ministry. Every preacher who does not make prayer a mighty factor in his own life and ministry is weak as a factor in God's work and is powerless to project God's cause in this world.

MORNING Prayer from the Jewish Prayer Book

O You Who gives meaning to the strivings of men, attune our hearts for communion with You. In the stillness of the night, in the press of the crowd, in the agony of inner conflict, we bow our heads, and lo, You are in our hearts and we are at peace. We know not Oh Lord,

Whether the gifts for which we ask are for our good, whether our trials and tribulations may not be blessings in disguise, whether even the fragment of our shattered hopes and love may not minister to the upbuilding of other lives and the fulfillment of Your unfathomable plan. So we do not pray to You to make our lives easy, to give us happiness without alloy. Rather we do we pray You to aid us to be uncomplaining and unafraid.

Teach us to face life with FAITH and courage that we may see the blessings hidden away even in it's discords and struggles. Help us to wrest life from the discipline of pain. May we realize that life calls us not merely to enjoy the fatness of the earth but to exult in heights attained after the toil of climbing. Thus will our darkness be illuminated by Your light and our weaknesses made strong by Your strength, lifting us above fear and defeat, and sustaining our steps with an immortal hope. Praise to YOU, Oh Lord, the stay and trust of the righteous !

We gratefully acknowledge Oh Lord Our God, that You are our Creator and Preserver, the Rock of our life and the Shield of our help. We render thanks to YOU for our lives which are in Your hands, for our souls which are ever in Your keeping; For Your wondrous providence and for Your continuous goodness, which You bestow upon us day by day. Truly Your mercies never fail and Your lovingkindness never ceases. Therefore do we put our trust in You forever !

Another Daily Prayer...Pris

Jesus, You are altogether lovely ! You save us and keep us by Your power from sin and death. You have given us Your robe of righteousness. You extend Your mercy, longsuffering, lovingkindness, tenderness, healing and compassion to us. You are our SHIELD, our Defender, our Rock, our Hiding Place. You are our Provider, Counselor, Great Shepherd, our Friend, Who is closer than a brother, our Love. You are our Husbandman, the Keeper of the Vineyard. You are the Source of all blessing and life. You restore, rescue, forgive and redeem. You are our Victor, the Captain of Hosts, and our Banner, our Standard, Mighty in battle and to save. You are our King of Kings and Lord of Lords ! You are crowned with glory and honor, our Saviour, our Sanctifier, Redeemer, Merciful and Faithful High Priest.

You are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. You were dead, but are now alive forevermore and seated at the right hand of the Father and have seated us with You in heavenly places by Your death on the Cross ! You have destroyed death and led captivity captive.

You alone hold the keys to death and hell ! You are the spotless Lamb and supreme Sacrifice, our Anchor and our Strong Tower, our Shield, Our Defender and You are the Bread of Life. You are the Lily of the Valley and our Eternal Intercessor. Holy, Holy, Holy are You and deserving of all glory, honor and praise ! You are the Lion of Judah and the Desire of all Nations. You are the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow ! You are my Judge and the lifter of my head. You are fairer than the sons of men. My Beloved is white and ruddy, Chief among ten thousand ! Your eyes are like doves, and Your cheeks like a bed of spices. Your lips are lilies dripping with liquid myrrh. Blow upon Your garden of reknown oh Lord and bring forth Your queen dressed in Ophir. Ravish our hearts for your love is better than wine. All our fountains are in You, Oh Lord ! Our hope is in You alone ! Send out Your light and truth !

Kiss us with the kisses of Your mouth ! Kiss us and kill us Lord ! Help us to embrace death to self by Your grace for You are our exceedingly great Joy ! Fill us with Your joy and laughter, with wisdom , understanding and knowledge of Your ways, and Your love for when we are filled with the fullness of the knowledge of Your love, it says only then can we be filled with the fullness of YOU !

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You oh Lord ! My soul thirsts for the Living God. When can I see you oh Lord ? Direct my heart into the love of God and the patience of Christ oh Lord ! Let Your name be glorified in me and me in You according to Your GRACE. [2 Thess 1:12] May Your love abound in me and to others to demonstrate Your great love to

them. Help me to be patient, to endure persecution and tribulations till the end. [1 Thes 1]

Grant me GRACE FATHER, that I can be all You want me to be and do all you want me to do.

Thank You Lord that You in righteousness repay with tribulation those who trouble me and that You give the troubled REST when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. [1 Thes 1:6-7] Thank You that You are coming to be glorified in Your saints and to be admired among all those who believe ! Count us worthy of this calling and fulfill the good pleasure of Your goodness in us and the work of faith with POWER !

God of peace, sanctify us with Your glory as You did the first temple. Fill us more and more with Your kindness, love, patience, humility, goodness & peace. Soon You will descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of an archangel and the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ shall arise and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them - Help us to comfort one another as the times grow more perilous and to encourage one another in You !

[Hab 3:19] The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

Lord You said in Joel 2 that Your people will never be put to shame. We will praise Your name because You have dealt wondrously with us. You are the Lord and there is no other. Lord it says that in this hour and ever since Pentacost that You will pour out Your Spirit on all flesh, and that our sons and daughters will PROPHECY ! That old men shall dream dreams and young men will see visions, and that on both men and women You will pour out Your Spirit in these days. COME HOLY SPIRIT and POUR !

Give ear to my words oh Lord, consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and My God ! For to You I pray. I look to YOU for help in my time of need. I worship You for You alone are HOLY ! YOU ALONE are the Source of everything I NEED. Lead me oh Lord in Your righteousness. Make Your way straight before My face. Let those who rejoice put their trust in You, because You defend us ! Make us joyful in YOU. Grant us GRACE to rejoice in all situations. Surround us with FAVOR as with a SHIELD according to Your JUSTICE.

My soul is often troubled because of the world. Return oh Lord and deliver me
! Deliver us according to Your lovingkindness. My eyes fill with tears to see
the calamity and wickedness all around us. My soul is grieved to see the lack
of love for you in people all around me. Hear my cries oh Lord. YOU hear
the cries of Your people it says, all over the world Oh LORD ! Rend the
heavens and come down. [Is 64] Oh, that You would rend the heavens !
That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence
— As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil — To make Your
name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your
presence! So shall they fear

The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the
sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up
a standard against him.

Lift up Your standard Oh Lord that the nations may know that they are but
dust. [Isa 59]

Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks
lying words,
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood — That our sons may be as
plants grown up in their youth; That our daughters may be as pillars,
Sculptured in palace style; [Ps 144]

Your word says "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, And set
up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And
your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders; Kings shall be your foster
fathers, And their queens your nursing mothers; They shall bow down to you
with their faces to the earth, And lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will
know that I am the LORD, For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me." [Isa 49] Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they
come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be
nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart
shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. [Isa 60:4-5] Your glory will
cover the earth like the waters cover the sea.

Lord You said, "FEAR NOT, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am
Your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you and uphold you with My
righteous right hand." Behold all those incensed against me will shall be
ashamed and disgraced. They shall be as nothing, and those who strive with
me out of a heart of wickedness shall perish. I will seek them and not find
them. Those who war against me shall be as nothing. For You will hold my right
hand.

You say to me, "Fear not, I will help you ." You will make me into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth. I shall thresh the mountains and beat them small [false authority, demons], And make the hills like chaff. I shall winnow them and the wind will carry them away and the whirlwind of the Lord will scatter them; I shall rejoice in the Lord of Hosts and glory in the Holy One of Israel. You rescue the needy out of the ash heap and set him among princes.

Father, rescue the poor and downtrodden of this world. Do not forsake Your Beloveds. Reveal Your Son and Your mighty power towards those who believe and trust in YOU and show Your might among the unbelieving that they may come to YOU. You said You would open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of valleys, and make the wilderness a pool of water & springs of water in the dry land that they may know & consider & understand together that the hand of Yahweh has done this and created it.

Oh Lord, a bruised reed You do not break and smoking flax You do not quench. Let me be like this too Lord so that I will not crush those who are broken in spirit. Bring forth JUSTICE for TRUTH oh LORD ! Establish Your JUSTICE in the earth ! Help me to be Your light in darkness & the SALT of the earth. Make me into a living flame of FIRE ! I want to open blind eyes, and bring prisoners out of prison, and those who sit in darkness to the light of Your glory that they may also know Your love and kindness. Raise up again the Tabernacle of David in the earth that all may praise Yeshua ! Make Your name GLORIOUS in all you do in and through us Abba ! Grant us the GRACE to praise and worship you in the face of peril and persecution, and famine and all the things coming on the earth. Let Your people shout and sing and give glory to the Lord and declare Your praises in all the earth !

The Lord is going forth as a Mighty man. He is stirring up His zeal like a man of WAR ! He is shouting aloud to the nations. He is prevailing against His enemies. He will lay waste the mountains & hills & will bring the blind spiritually by a way they did not know ! He will lead them in paths they did not know and make darkness light before them, and not forsake them.

All who trust in carved images and false gods will be turned around and greatly ashamed. The Lord will exalt HIS righteousness & ways in the earth for the earth is full of people robbed and plundered. They are snared in holes and hidden in prison houses made by men and demons. They are for prey and no one DELIVERS, for plunder & no one says " RESTORE !" So we say, RESTORE OH LORD the ancient foundations in Christ Jesus ! RESTORE & bring salvation to all nations ! Use us Lord to bring in the harvest. Give us souls Father !

Father, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. Let me not return to striving and works and the law but to walk in the freedom for which Christ has made me free. I renounce all self condemnation, and false guilt & rebuke spirits of religion, condemnation & guilt in the name and blood of Jesus ! Help me to walk in the light as YOU are in the light, and to not sing back into legalism & self doubt. Help us to take every thought captive to the Lord Jesus Christ by Your GRACE. Empower us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord we need YOUR LOVE, otherwise it is impossible to love You as we ought to or to love the brethren & all around us. Bind our hearts to Your heart, and our minds to Your mind, and our wills to Your will. Set me as a seal upon Your heart oh Lord. As a seal upon Your arm ! I am Your beloved, and You are mine ! Your desire is towards me. I am dark, but lovely to YOU oh LORD. I am fair and pleasant to you, even in my weakness and immaturity. Though I can see all my weaknesses, yet You LOVE ME as no other loves me. Thank You FATHER for Your great love for me. Do something in me this day, that You've not done before Lord. I am desperate for MORE OF YOU.

Consume ME HOLY SPIRIT !

BRING YOUR FIRE and burn up all that cannot withstand the test. Cleanse me of all unrighteousness, and create in me a new heart, like Yours Lord. In the name and blood of Jesus !

Pentecost At Any Cost

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Some simpleton, trying to fill in the Grand Canyon with a shovel, would evoke gales of laughter and would suffer scorn and unbearable vituperation. No man will ever fill in that hole - not even with any army of bulldozers (never mind a one-man shovel operation).

We Christians are a "holey" people. There are holes everywhere in and about our theology. There is a big hole or gap between what we read in the Book and what we practice. There is also a chasm in our church life. We seem at this hour to be as far removed from apostolic Christianity as the pope is from marriage. We are strangers from the commonwealth of the divine power of Pentecost. We are aliens to that city-moving enduement that was known to our spiritual fathers of the first decade in Pentecost.

I remember on one occasion using a tin of well-advertised paint. The "fast-color, quick-drying, permanent-finish" selling line hooked me. But my experiment was a flop. Was the paint at fault? No, the painter was the transgressor. He did not read the directions, and so the results could not come

out right. For an outpouring of the Spirit let us as Christians go back to the Bible directions.

Even before a return to the Bible, we might ask a searing question: "Do we want another Reformation in the Biblical style?" A second not-too-easy question is this: "Do we really want a Pentecostal visitation of the Spirit that will shatter our status quo spiritually, socially, and economically?" (Let me inject a stop signal here: Unless you can answer yes to both these questions, don't pass on.)

Our investigation into "Pentecost at any cost" is not merely to find an answer to empty pews nor yet to solve that preacher's headache, the Sunday night congregation. It is not merely a short-cut to getting our particular church or denomination on its feet. The answer to that problem is simple - get it on its knees. Our rediscovery of Pentecost may bring these several changes within a church; or on the other hand, it is possible that the new wine might burst the old bottles.

If we want to, we can get back to Pentecost. But the road up this hill of blessing is steep. (I am assuming here that my readers believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, imperishable Word of God, and that it is no mere theological cliché to say, 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever' (Heb. 13:8)).

The first hurdle blocking this road to spiritual recovery is this:

The Price of Reproach

Even suggest tarrying and right off some will dub us Pentecostals (as if that matters).

Or, we would get jerking thumbs and out-of-the-side-of-the-mouth comments like this one: "They are trying to be super-spiritual" - an appendage we all would like at the judgment seat of Christ.

Or some might even term us "lazy" for escaping work for some period.

Or, if, with our fetters off, we leap for joy-in heart if not on our feet-then out from the critics would come the shattering phrase, "They are drunk" We could hardly take that!

Another reproach might be the fact that the manner of the Holy Spirit and His method of directing worship would be so anti-orthodox that the unmoved believers might be again heard to say, "They are unlearned and ignorant men " The flesh hates to be slighted intellectually by the intellectuals. Can we pay the price of reproach?

Well then, if the reproach is not too great, if the price is not too high, if the sacrifice is not too involved, and if the stigma is not too humiliating, we can consider the next step to spiritual recovery.

The Price of Disruption

"Of course we do not have to tarry these days," say the expositors, "because," they add, "this is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit." Dispensationally (if one may dare to use that often-abused word) they are right. But I still hold that we need to tarry.

First, take notice that this tarrying would mean a shattering of our own little program. The Holy Spirit is no one's errand boy. The Holy Spirit does not move at our beck and call. He cannot be slighted by frail human will without serious consequence. For spiritual recovery He must be obeyed. Only let calamity come, and we will all want to be spiritual. Stock market addicts miss their shrine of Mammon when there is personal or domestic calamity or a national day of prayer (called usually when there is no other way out). A "rat in a trap" turns many to prayer. But do we pray when we are not in a trap?

We need to remember that wars always bring disruption. In London, England, just after the second world war, I saw from the outside balcony of St. Paul's Cathedral an ugly slab of concrete far below. The upper crust of that slab was thirty feet thick, the guide told me. Beneath it and in comparative safety, Winston Churchill, his cabinet, and his military advisors, spent many a sleepless night plotting military strategy in an attempt to out-manuever a crafty foe.

Especially was this disruption true when England was "going it alone," and Hitler's flesh-pounding juggernauts were only twenty miles across the English Channel.

While the top brass were thus engaged, the lesser fry were fire-watching. That meant each man had a certain night that in pouring rain or in hail from failing shrapnel, he would walk the street and if need be put out incendiary bombs. It was a risky task. But here was compulsion to duty as well as a bit of the disruption that all war brings.

In the holy war against the devil and his works, can we be choosy in our obedience? Can we pray when we like? Can we seek the fulness of the Spirit when we are so disposed? No! If we are aware that now is the time for God to do a new thing, then precedents will be shattered.

This brings us to another hurdle, the third:

The Price of Waiting

We need this waiting to get it clear in our minds that Holy Ghost visitation would not have to fit into our preconceived theological orbit. We need the waiting:

- for humiliation and for time for a confession of our too-long-a-time satisfaction with our own works.
- to get our spiritual eyes refocused on the holiness of God and the lostness of men.
 - to linger until we have a broken and contrite spirit.
- to prove we can master the claims of this materialistic age in which we live.
 - to hear again the living voice of the living God.
 - to show our utter disregard for our own efforts and our complete dependence upon the living God for deliverance in this sin-dominated age.
- to convince our skeptical friends that we love the will of God, that we long for the favor of God, and that we seek the power of God with more zeal than we put into our business lives and with greater hunger than we have for food.
- for a sorrowful confession of sin and pleading for cleansing through the blood of Christ. In the divine presence, vows would be made to put wrongs right and to remain submissive to God's revealed will. I believe that then the Spirit would fall.

Is the fire and fervor of the early church as revealed in the Acts of the Apostles the norm for the church of Jesus Christ? We believe it is. Jesus came that we might have life "more abundantly," life with glow and with flow and with overflow.

The Spirit does not discriminate as to a man's position in a church. The Spirit falls on a Saul and makes him a Paul and an apostle. The Spirit endues a Philip,

and he turns the city of Samaria upside down and ransacks the devil's kingdom.

Supernatural evidence has accompanied every revival. The external miracles have been greater in some operations than in others. But - and this is the core of the thing - signs and wonders were done; the rationalists and materialists were stirred, and at times silenced.

To revival there is peril and pain - pain for the birth of revival, pain from the scorn of others while revival is in progress, and pain when the fire of revival dies down.

Repeatedly the question has been asked, "Why does revival come in a blaze, but to the delight of the critics soon sputter and die out?" The answer to that question could be one or two of these things (at times maybe both): First: Ignorance could quench the Spirit - an inability to hear the voice of the Lord for the next move. Second: Disobedience - this seems the most likely thing to douse the flame that seeks to consume all the dross. There might be other causes such as laziness to follow the close schedule that the Spirit demands, or there might be smug satisfaction that there is now some "life."

Let us remind ourselves again that the early church "moved." In moving, something or somebody must be left behind. The modern Ananias and Sapphira will find the pace too hot and the price too high. To keep the fire of revival burning, we would have to meet together

- daily for prayer and praise. This is what the church in Acts did (Acts 2:42-46).
- daily for breaking of bread. This the early church did.
- daily for prayer. This was their pattern in the early church.
- in the harmony of the Spirit. This was the glow of the first church.

This stringent schedule would be the death of many of our flimsy and unproductive patterns of life. How easily we Christians move along in the light of the lostness of men and their gambling with the certainty of eternal destruction unless they hear and believe. Sloth has seeped into our endeavors. The mesmerism of materialism has almost completely clogged the channel of blessing. We stand condemned.

Almost every Christian without exception knows better than to live at his present standard of spirituality. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be." There is only one way for the church to operate - God's way. The Bible is the blueprint of this way.

Here, then, is the way back to Pentecost and on to glory!

Quick, in a moment, infinite
for ever,
Send an arousal better than
I pray;
Give me a grace upon the
faint endeavor,
Souls for my hire and
Pentecost today!

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"The Holy Spirit is a gentleman!" Famous saying by many in the church another is "GOD WOULD NEVER MAKE YOU LOOK FOOLISH or UNDIGNIFIED!"

SAUL PROPHECIES NAKED FOR 24 HRS

1 Sam 19:1 AMP NOW SAUL told Jonathan his son and all his servants that they must kill David.... 1 Sam 19:9-10 Then an evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing [the lyre] with his hand. 10 Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away, so that Saul struck the spear into the wall.

Then David fled and escaped that night.

1 Sam 19:20-24 NKJV Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also

prophesied. 21 And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. 22 Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Sechu. So he asked, and said, "Where are Samuel and David?"

And someone said, "Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah." 23 So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

DAVID DANCED BEFORE ALL OF JERUSALEM NAKED [only wearing undies]

2 Sam 6:14-16 KJV And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16 And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart....

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20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

21 And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord. 22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. 23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

ISAIAH had to go naked 3 years !

Isa 20:2-4 NKJV at the same time the Lord spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 Then the Lord said, "Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, 4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

EZEKIEL had to cook his meat with coals of DUNG

Ezek 4:10-12 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

Ezek 5:1-3 NKJV "And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber's razor, and pass it over your head and your beard; then take scales to weigh and divide the hair. 2 You shall burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them.

MICAH

Mic 1:8-9 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals and a mourning like the ostriches, 9 For her wounds are incurable.

For it has come to Judah; It has come to the gate of My people — To Jerusalem.

Mic 1:16 NKJV Make yourself bald and cut off your hair, Because of your precious children; Enlarge your baldness like an eagle, For they shall go from you into captivity.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE HOSEA's MINISTRY ?

Hos 1:2-4 NKJV When the Lord began to speak by Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea: "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from the Lord." 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

"The Power of Silence"

-by A.W. Tozer.

There are truths that can never be learned except in the noise and confusion of the market-place or in the tough brutality of combat. The tumult and the shouting teach their own rough lessons...

But there is another school where the soul must go to learn its best eternal lessons. It is the school of silence. "Be still and know," said the psalmist, and there is a profound philosophy there, of universal application.

Prayer among evangelical Christians is always in danger of degenerating into a glorified gold rush. Almost every book on prayer deals with the "get" element mainly. How to get things we want from God occupies most of the space. Now, we gladly admit that we may ask for and receive specific gifts and benefits in answer to prayer, but we must never forget that the highest kind of prayer is never the making of requests. Prayer at its holiest moment is the entering into God to a place of such blessed union as makes miracles seem tame and remarkable answers to prayer appear something very far short of wonderful by comparison.

Holy men of soberer and quieter times than ours knew well the power of silence. David said, "I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue."

There is a tip here for God's modern prophets. The heart seldom gets hot while the mouth is open. A closed mouth before God and a silent heart are indispensable for the reception of certain kinds of truth. No man is qualified to speak who has not first listened. It might well be a wonderful revelation to some Christians if they were to get completely quiet for a short time, long enough, let us say, to get acquainted with their own souls, and to listen in the silence for the deep voice of the Eternal God. The experience, if repeated often enough, would do more to cure our ulcers than all the pills that ever rolled across a desk

Prayer

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"May God open our eyes to see what the holy ministry of intercession is to which, as His royal priesthood, we have been set apart. May He give us a large and strong heart to believe what mighty influence our prayers can exert." --Andrew Murray

Spurgeon said: If that roaring lion that goes about continually seeking whom he may devour finds us alone among the vineyards of the Philistines, where is our hope? Not in our heels, for he is swifter than we; not in our weapons, for we are naturally unarmed; not in our hands, which are weak and

languishing; but in the Spirit of God, by whom we can do all things. If GOD fights in us, who can resist us ? There is a stronger lion in us than against us.

" Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but GOD, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen: such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer."

John Wesley

"Your life and ministry will never grow beyond your prayer life " unknown

"He who bends the ear of God, moves the hand of God. "

"Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray in a time when You may be found: surely in a flood of great waters they shall not reach Him." King

David....

Psalm 32:6

Psalm 10: 17-18 You hear , Oh Lord, the desire of the afflicted: You encourage them, and You listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

ACTS 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer....

Psalm 109:4 For my love, they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer...

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open towards Jerusalem, He knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you.

Thoughts on prayer from the Union Prayerbook for Jewish Worship:

And ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah xxix:13

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness Psalm xcvi: 9

The Lord is nigh unto all who call upon Him, unto all that call upon Him in truth. Psalm cxiv: 18

Know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a whole heart, and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginings of the thoughts; if thou seek Him, He will be found by thee. 1 Chronicles xxviii: 9

In the midst of a congregation at prayer, God's presence will be found Berachot, 6a

The Merciful One desires our heart Sanhedrin 106b

What is the service of the heart ? It is prayer Taanit 2a

We should not rise to pray in the spirit of gloom or of idleness, of levity, or idle talk, but only in the joy of religious duty. Berechot 31a

When you pray do not make your prayer mere routine, but a plea before God for mercy and grace... Abot ii:13

Prayer without devotion is like a body without a soul....Medieval proverb

It is proper for you to know my brother, that the aim of our devotion in prayer consists in naught save the soul's longing for God, humbling itself before Him, and extolling the Creator with praise and gratitude unto His name, and casting all burdens upon Him. Bahia ibn Pakkudah, Duties of the Heart, iii

*** When you pray, pray in the synagogue of your city; if you are unable to pray in the synagogue, pray in your field; if you are unable to pray in your field, pray in your home; if you are unable to pray in your home, pray on your couch; and if you are unable to pray on your couch, meditate in your heart. This is the meaning of the verse: "Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. " Midrash Tehillim on Psalm iv:5

Prayer from a weekday morning service:

O Thou Who givest meaning to the strivings of men, attune our hearts for communion with Thee. In the stillness of the night, in the press of the crowd, in the agony of inner conflict, we bow our heads, and lo, Thou art in our hearts and we are at peace. We know not, O Lord, whether the gifts for which we ask are for our good, whether our trials and tribulations may not be blessings in disguise, whether even the fragment of our shattered hopes and love may not minister to the upbuilding of other lives and the fulfillment of Thine unfathomable plan. So we do not pray unto Thee to make our lives easy, to give us happiness without alloy. Rather do we pray Thee to aid us to be uncomplaining and unafraid. Teach us to face life with FAITH and courage that we may see the blessings hidden away even in its discords and struggles. Help us to wrest victory from the discipline of PAIN. May we realize that life calls us not merely to enjoy the fatness of the earth, but to exult in heights attained after the toil of climbing. Thus will our darkness be illuminated by Thy light and our weaknesses made strong by THY strength, lifting us above fear and defeat, and sustaining our steps with an immortal hope. Praised be thou, O Lord, the stay and trust of the righteous.

We gratefully acknowledge, O Lord, our God, that Thou art our Creator and Preserver, the Rock of our life and the Shield of our help. We render thanks unto Thee for our lives which are in Thy hand, for our souls which are ever in Thy keeping; for Thy wondrous providence and for Thy continuous goodness, which Thou bestowest upon us day by day. Truly, Thy mercies never fail and Thy lovingkindness never ceases. Therefore do we put our trust in Thee forever.

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Do not be deceived brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:16-17

For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:16-18

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5: 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

"You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. " "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life." John 5:39-40

Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

Psalm 4:3-5 But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him. Be angry and do not sin, meditate within your heart on our bed and be still. Selah. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

Thought:

Lack of prayer is sometimes a lack of trust. If you don't trust God to answer, why pray? If there is covered over sin...you may lack the grace to pray. Or you may be under the oppression of witchcraft...which will snuff out your worship and prayer life, and devotional time. David said, search my heart Oh God, and see if there be any wicked way in me. Don't fear to ask Him to open up your heart for inspection on a daily basis. He is like a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap. He is more gentle than most people I have known, to do this in a way to preserve your perception of His love for you. The trouble with PRIDE, is that one thinks there is nothing wrong in one's life. It's everyone else's problem. Or due to abuses in the church that have happened to them, they are too afraid to open up and trust someone new. People also often experience fears of disclosure or embarrassment, but sometimes these are linked to pretense & wanting to "save face". God wants to remove the white-washed walls in our lives; not just to repaint them, not erase them...as we need boundaries: walls, but they just need to be clear - not white-washed.

The Lord has quickened to my heart for a long time, and especially of late that He is desirous of UNIFIED prayer - corporate prayer. No man can walk alone. We are interdependent with other brothers and sisters in the Lord. God made His church, giving out different gifts as the Spirit wills, it says, so that we need each other - even the weak He says are necessary. To think we don't need each other is contrary to His will lately if I pray alone it is ok. I am an intercessor, but if I pray with others there is an even greater anointing. God once told me "the revival would come in the one-anothers"

In past revivals it was the same...People would stand up and pray for a loved one, and sometimes that same person just prayed for would show up at the meeting saying something compelled them to come. We need to pray for one another like we pray in our families at home. Join together, usually with some agenda, but let the Spirit be the agenda maker. God will orchestrate things to the blessing of all involved. If we can be REAL, and share what our REAL needs are, I believe God will release such power as to shake hell and the earth above it.

A couple years ago at a church, the women started to pray. It was the time right after the attack on the WTC. Instead of what is usually planned, we started to pray, and as we continued to pray, three of us felt the building shake. It was as if in a quake and we are used to quakes out here. God also wants to raise up prayer meetings in our neighborhoods where people from different churches can join together to pray for each other and our neighborhoods. Families praying together will shake hell ! NOW is the time God will arise.

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## Prayers Against Death, Desolation and Destruction

Satan, I bind you and all spirits of death, desolation, destruction, devastation, waste & famine sent against \_\_\_\_\_ to steal, kill and destroy through poverty; idolatry; adultery; defiling the land through fires, winds, whirlwinds, floods, earthquakes, storms and accidents; traumas and tragedies; through fear or a whirlwind causing distress and anguish; through a snare and a haughty heart coming to cause death, desolation and destruction in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Father, You said you would build the ruined places and plant that which was desolate in \_\_\_\_\_ and all that pass by will say that this land that was desolate has become a fruitful garden. Father we know You are bringing judgment on the wicked, but in Your judgment we ask for mercy on the people of God, and those called to be Yours; Your elect.

You said, You would multiply the fruit of the tree, the increase of the field and lay no famine upon Your people in the day You cleanse the land from all iniquities and the waste places will be built again. Father we ask for a hedge of protection around Christian families, that there would be a TESTIMONY of

Your goodness in the midst of judgments. We ask that YOUR people would be a help to all those affected by the judgments of God.

I bind all devouring spirits, spirits of heaviness causing depression and hopelessness, unclean dog spirits of unbelief and antichrist, evil workers, & concision [cutting off] over\_\_\_\_\_. I bind spirits that would cause\_\_\_\_\_to be devoured or persecuted by word curses and gossip, slander and accusations from the enemy. We break all soulish prayers, and words curses over\_\_\_\_\_.

We bind all spirits of disunity, jealousy, & discord over\_\_\_\_\_. We loose unity, harmony, gentleness and peace and the anointing that destroys the yoke over\_\_\_\_\_.

Father, would You send the angel of the LORD to encamp around\_\_\_\_\_, and to fight against those that fight against\_\_\_\_\_. Let the angel of YOUR presence save\_\_\_\_\_. Let those that strive against\_\_\_\_\_be as chaff before the wind; and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let the angel of the Lord shut the mouths of those who speak curses against\_\_\_\_\_, and cause them to KNOW YOU and Your character, and bind all the works of the flesh over them, and all the strategies of the enemy against them. Jesus alone holds the KEYS to death and hell, and no weapon formed against us shall prosper, In the name and blood of Jesus.

Lord, we ask YOU to rebuke Satan, and to loose his assignments over\_\_\_\_\_ and we bless those who curse us and pray for those that persecute us, and say all manner of evil against \_\_\_\_\_. We ask You to heap coals of fire on the head of those who speak against us. Father REVEAL JESUS to those in darkness and pull them out of the darkness into the LIGHT of Your love. Let YOUR KINGDOM come and your will be done in their life.

I bind the Judas spirit of thievery & stealing, the fowler spirit, the spirit of the prodigal son who wasted his substance with riotous living, the spirit of the rich man that tore down his barns and built bigger, but did not give glory or honor to God, and the spirit of Zacchaeus who stole money from the people of God over\_\_\_\_\_. I loose the spirit of generosity and good stewardship into \_\_\_\_\_, who will spend money wisely according to the will of God for their life. In the name and blood of Jesus.

We are God's battle axe and weapons of war to break in pieces all the evil forces of destruction, devastation, death and the grave over\_\_\_\_\_. You said when we pass through the fire it will not burn us, when we pass through the waters they will NOT overwhelm us. WE THANK YOU LORD that You sustain us and protect us from all the evil plans of the enemy. We put all of our trust

in YOU Lord. We thank You that YOU are the ROCK and our Strong Tower of Defense.

Father, we prophesy to the dry bones to HEAR the WORD of the LORD and LIVE ! We prophesy to the wind and say come from the four winds of the earth, north; south; east and west, and BREATHE upon the slain, the maimed, the dead in spirit that they might LIVE again. Father, open the graves and unwrap their grave clothes and remove the spirit of death, and call them forth, even as You did Lazarus, and put Your Spirit in \_\_\_\_\_ and cause them to live in their own land and give honor and glory to Your holy name.

We loose \_\_\_\_\_ to be productive, have plenty to help others, to be at peace, to be restored to YOU, and recovered to Your bosom, that they will walk in the favor of the Lord, and have a prosperous soul that brings forth life and health and blessing into their life and the lives of others.

Father, give \_\_\_\_\_ a blood transfusion, cleanse the capillaries, arteries, veins, valves of the heart, and wipe away all uncleanness & impurity of heart. Cause every leak in the valves, or blood vessels to be sealed. Father cause the pure blood of JESUS to flow through every organ, cell, tissue, capillary, artery or vein and valve of \_\_\_\_\_ body. Purify \_\_\_\_\_ according to your word. [ Joel 3:21 ] Cleanse their blood that You have not cleansed, for the Lord dwells in Zion [ in us ]. Destroy every weapon formed against us/them, in the name and blood of JESUS.

Wash them whiter than snow Abba, from the crown of their head to the soles of their feet that they may be a vessel of righteousness that You can work through. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who is like a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap, and cleanse \_\_\_\_\_ from all unrighteousness. We ask for a spirit of conviction and cleansing to wash away all impurities in \_\_\_\_\_ heart, mind, emotions and body.

You said, ABBA, that You sent Your word and healed \_\_\_\_\_ and delivered them from destruction. You said we are not to forget ALL Your benefits: because you forgive ALL our iniquities; YOU heal ALL our diseases; you redeem our life from DESTRUCTION; and crown us with loving kindness and tender mercies; you fill our mouth with good things; so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. You said \_\_\_\_\_ shall not be afraid for the terror at night; nor the arrow that flies by day; nor the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor the destruction that lays waste at noonday, for YOU give Your angels charge over \_\_\_\_\_ to keep them in all their ways. I declare and decree that Your promises are Yes and AMEN and that \_\_\_\_\_ has been delivered from

desolation, destruction, devastation, waste, and famine in the name and blood of Jesus.

Father, You said Your word does not return void, but would accomplish what you sent it for. You said whatever things \_\_\_\_\_desires, when I pray, to believe that we receive them and we shall have them. I thank You and praise You that Your Word will cause the manifestation to come forth in the mighty name of Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You said You would never abandon us, but would be with us until the end of all time; that You would NOT leave us orphans. Hedge us about Lord and guard and protect us for YOU are our ROCK, You are our STRENGTH, You are our High Tower, and our DEFENSE.

You said, every place our foot treads, shall be given to us and not any man will be able to stand before us all the days of our life ! As you were with Moses, be with us Lord ! You will NOT forsake us and we will be strong and do great exploits in Your name, for the knowledge of Your glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the seas.

The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]! [ Hab 3:19 AMP]

[ Ps 35:8-10 ]

Let destruction befall the enemy of my soul unawares; let the net he hid for me catch him; let him fall into that very destruction. Then I shall be joyful in the Lord; I shall rejoice in His deliverance. All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like You, You Who deliver the poor and the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him who snatches away his goods?

[Ps 55:23 AMP] But You, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in and confidently rely on You.

[Prov 13:13-14 AMP] Whoever despises the word and counsel [of God] brings destruction upon himself, but he who [reverently] fears and respects the commandment [of God] is rewarded. The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

Father, give me a humble and undivided heart and crush the pride that would swallow me up if it could. Rip out any wrong thinking and destroy every lie/stronghold over my thinking that I can walk before you with a pure heart.

Help me to lean not on my own understanding but to walk in YOUR ways and to seek YOUR face all of my days. Help to run to you instead of away from you. Crush the pride of my enemies, open their hearts to the TRUTH, reveal Your goodness to them, and rescue them out of the darkness. Bless them with wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of YOU. In the name and blood of Jesus. AMEN

## **Prayer Against a PYTHON Spirit by Dorothy Ray**

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[Dorothy has books to buy on her site of prayers for spiritual warfare]

### **Python Spirit Prayer**

[ Python spirit is a spirit of divination ]

Father,

Your Word says that Satan will speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and will try to change time and laws. We bind those spirits sent to wear us out and we loose the Holy Spirit to bring new life to us. You also say that since the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us, it shall quicken our mortal body, and we are strengthened with might by the Spirit in the inner man.

We say, O earth, earth, earth, hear the Word of the LORD [ Jer 22:29].

Hear O land, I speak to you and command you to come  
Into my possession. We SHALL be fruitful and multiply, subdue and  
Have dominion over the earth, because the scepter of wickedness  
Shall not rest upon the land of the (uncompromisingly) righteous  
[Psalm 125:3] We renounce and reverse the curse on our land sent  
By Satan and the Python spirit, because Jesus redeemed the earth  
From all curses.

Python and all related spirits, you will not CONSTRICT our land from  
Being used productively nor will you cause the money to dry up or be  
Stolen over \_\_\_\_\_'s land, but the finances will be released to flow  
Into my hands and \_\_\_\_\_'s hands in Jesus' name.

Jesus purchased our freedom and liberty at the Cross of Calvary,

Shed His blood for us, gave us authority to use His name and sent His Word to deliver me and \_\_\_\_\_ from destruction and made us More than a conqueror over this earth and everything in it in Jesus' Name.

I bind, renounce, and resist the strongman, ruler prince, python spirit And the spirit of death in \_\_\_\_\_. I curse you and all your Seed and command you to wither and die now. You cannot operate against me and my family in Jesus' name. I loose life, health, strength And COURAGE in \_\_\_\_\_. In the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind all religious spirits and spirits of religion, the spirit of divination ( division and competition, factions, discouragement), false Prophets, spirit of anti-Christ, all manipulative spirits, controlling Spirits, familiar spirits, beguiling spirits, seducing spirits, jezebel Spirits, all pressure, oppression, depression, heaviness, sorrow, lust, Greed, pride, scorn, grief, rebellion, idolatry, witchcraft spirits, Covetousness, deception and lying spirits, strife, fear, weakness, Weariness, fatigue, spirit of stupor, laziness, lack of commitment, Confusion, frustration, antagonism, all spirits in the family of python, All related spirits, all you have let in and command you to leave \_\_\_\_\_ now, in the name and blood of JESUS !

I loose agreement, harmony, cooperation, encouragement, the truth Of the Word of God, the Spirit of Adoption, humility, JOY, obedience, Power, love and a sound mind, relaxation and refreshment, peace, Kind words tenderness in \_\_\_\_\_. I cover \_\_\_\_\_ with the Blood of Jesus and Satan, you cannot cross the bloodline in Jesus' Name !

I bind all poverty and lack and I loose money and abundance of financial prosperity in \_\_\_\_\_. You will no longer control me or My family in money matters. You will not cause us to become fearful of loss of money or lack of money. We WILL WALK in prosperity And abundance of money in the name and the blood of Jesus.

[also see: Prayers for financial freedom  
[http://www.upstreamca.org/prayers\\_finances.html](http://www.upstreamca.org/prayers_finances.html) - pris]

I ask You Father to fill all vacancies in \_\_\_\_\_ with righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Send out Your ministering spirits to bring in all the money that we need to fulfill the work of reconciliation



**In the earth !**

**Hear now what the Lord says, ARISE, contend and plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. For who are you, O great mountain (of human obstacles)? Before \_\_\_\_\_you Shall become a plain ( a mere mole hill)! [Zech.4:7]**

**I prophesy and say, you mountains of Israel, hear the Word of the LORD ! Thus says the Lord to the mountains and hills, to the river Ravines and the valleys...I will destroy your high places of idolatrous Worship ! ...STRIKE with your fist, STAMP WITH YOUR FOOT, And say alas! (over all the vile abominations of the house of Israel) ...[Ezek 6:2-3,11]**

**Satan, you will not steal our vision, our covering, our mantle or our Anointing ! We will NOT become weak and weary, but we will be STRONG in the power of HIS might. We will reach our goal and be what God created us to do and be, and His WILL, HIS PLAN, and HIS purpose for our life SHALL PREVAIL. [ emphasis mine]**

**Father, You said let all those who take refuge & put their trust in You rejoice; let them ever sing and shout for joy, because you make A covering over them and defend them ! Let all those who love Your Name be joyful in You and be in high spirits [ Psalm 5:11]**

**Father, you said ask of ME, and I shall give thee the heathen For thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession. [Psalm 2:8]**

**Father You said our soul is escaped as a bird OUT of the FOWLER's (python and all related spirits); the snare is BROKEN, and we are Escaped [ Psalm 124:7]**

**Father, we give you thanksgiving and praise that it is done NOW. We believe that we receive when we pray and expect the manifestation to come forth because it is YOUR WILL to supply all our needs According to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

**Satan you have been already defeated. Now we enforce the defeat In our lives by the Word of God (Greater is He that is witin me Than he that is in the world ) and ( I overcome Satan and the python Spirit by the blood of JESUS, and the word of my testimony).**

( No weapon or words or spirits sent against me shall prosper According to the Word of God). Thank YOU JESUS for defeating The devil on my behalf and for setting me free. I thank You, Praise YOU, and worship YOU and bless You Father for all Your Goodness to me in Jesus' name. AMEN !

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

Chad Taylor

Father forgive My church for forgetting their first love. Forgive them Father for disregarding the reason that I had first come to this earth, 'to save that which was lost'. Forgive them Father, for overlooking the hurt and pain that stares at them everyday from the streets and corners. From the business place and the market place. Father forgive them for the apathy and indifference that grips their hearts and causes them to fear the ones that I have died for. Forgive them for knowing Me for so long and not changing the hearts of the dying and desperate they see and pass by every day. Father Forgive them...

Father forgive My pastors for teaching a gospel of wealth instead of compassion. Forgive them Father for leading My people astray with promises instead of demonstrating Your power. Forgive them Lord for ignoring the widow and the orphan and yet in pretense building bigger and bigger buildings. Bigger and larger projects, and yet the children still wander to an fro with nowhere to go. Father forgive them ...

Forgive the Church Lord for chasing after Me and yet forgetting the least of their brethren in the streets. Forgive them Lord for overlooking your commandment to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature..." Father, have mercy on a church so wealthy yet in poverty spiritually. Lacking the courage and boldness to change the course of the masses in their cities and nation. Father, I ask you to shake these congregations again, shake them with the power of Your love, until they flow from the Church into the marketplaces like a mighty river. Father I pray, before it is to late...

Father forgive Your prophets for not sounding the trumpet from Zion, to call a solemn assembly and gather the warriors to Your holy mountain. Father forgive them for prophesying for hire, and making the gospel of no effect. Father

forgive them for their lack of understanding and compassion for the lost and dying of this present world. Father forgive them for not mobilizing Your army when they first heard the trumpet sound and thus losing millions of souls to hell. Forgive them for gathering Your people from one meeting to the next never reaching out into the darkness that pervaded the cities they gathered in. Father forgive them, for they surely know not what they do...

Father forgive a world that has ignored You and ignored Your persistent pleas to repent. Father forgive the leaders that have promised change but have continued in their course of envy and strife. Father forgive Your Church for not demonstrating love and mercy between one another, thus confirming hatred and emulation. Father I beseech Thee! Forgive them My God!

Father forgive your evangelists for exchanging the attire of the simple and common man for the fancy and expensive, thus distancing themselves from the hurt and pain of the world. Seemingly forgetting the way I walked this earth not so long before them, "...having no form or comeliness [royal or kingly pomp] that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him..." (Isaiah 53:2 Amplified) Forgive them Father for losing the zeal that once compelled them into the darkest places to shine Your light. Now they are content with church campaigns and conferences. Father forgive them. And Father convict them once again and provoke them to good works and to love.

Father, raise up an army from the ashes of compromise and religion! Let it shine like it did when we first shared in the glory of creation! Let it shine greater than what they experienced in the first years of the Church! Let them grasp the passion of Our heart Father! Let them walk in this love that sent Your only Son to die on a tree! Father, touch their lips with a coal from the altar, let them again hear the Voice in Heaven decree, "Whom shall we send? Who will go for us?" Let the cry of the Bride be again, "HERE AM I, SEND ME!"

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Jeremiah 4:19...

## **Prayer of Release from Chronic Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Disorders**

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Lord, I repent and renounce and I ask You to forgive me and my generational line for coming into agreement with gossip, slander, critical judgment, envy, strife, holding offenses, accusation, and jealousy.

Lord, I repent for myself and those in my generational line who came against You by lying, denying You, speaking accusations against You, conceiving and uttering falsehoods from the heart, speaking oppression and revolt, and entering into witchcraft.

Lord, I ask You to break the generational curse and agreement when accusations came into the generational line. Lord, I break and renounce assignments and agreements with any lying spirit and the generational curse resulting from that. I ask Your forgiveness Lord, and I repent on behalf of myself and my forefathers. I ask You to break the generational curse and loose a blessing. I choose to bring my spirit, soul, and body into agreement with the Spirit of Truth.

Lord, would You make null and void and cancel any reinforcement of curses and their assignments in their allotted time. Lord, would you disconnect me from all ungodly heavenly places. Lord, will You now seat me in Your heavenly places.

Lord, I repent and ask forgiveness for operating in an independent spirit when I came into agreement with gossip, slander, accusation and walked away from You and the Body of Christ, causing disunity and isolation in the Body of Christ. Today, I choose by Your mercy to be reconciled and to be restored into the unity of Your Body.

Lord, I repent for coming into agreement with slander that has been spoken against me and receiving the offenses and not blessing my enemy.

Lord, I ask that I not conceive trouble. Please destroy the viper and spider eggs that have been placed into me - slander, hatred, self-rejection and gossip. May no adders or spiders be allowed to come forth from this generation forward.

Lord, would you remove all cobwebs of false clothing and nesting places that may be covering my body. Lord, will you also remove the cobwebs of false identity from my body and soul and remove all deception that clouds my perception of my true identity. And where my past generations and I have allowed the enemy to weave within me a web of false identity, coming into

agreement with this illness as who I am, forgive me for gaining my identity from diseases and not from You. Release me, for you wove me in my mother's womb and I agree that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Lord, give me Your revelation of my true identity in Christ, which I now receive.

Lord, would you completely restore my ability to receive all that I need from You including healing, revelation, and restoration of my spirit, soul, and body.

Lord, I forgive the Body of Christ for reacting in judgment and rejection against those who are being wounded by witchcraft and curses that are being empowered and reinforced over time. Lord, forgive me for making bitter root judgments against those who have harmed me in any way. I forgive the Body of Christ for not accepting, understanding and protecting me.

Lord, I choose to forgive those who have rejected me and in doing so have further empowered the curses already against me.

Lord, forgive me and my generational line for not having the strength to resist the enemy's assault on my mind day and night and therefore accepting the feeling of helplessness in stopping this demonic flow. Lord, would you renew my mind so that I can have Your mind and know that I can take every thought captive to the Lord Jesus Christ and to know that you are my sure defense and that I am safe in the shelter of Your wings.

Lord, I ask you to raise up a standard based upon Ephesians 4:31 and remove all effects of bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, and slander along with every form of malice. Lord, break off all generational curses, the reinforcement of curses in their allotted times in all heavenly places, and all spiritual, mental, and physical retribution. Lord, please protect those who repent and turn from their generational sin, witchcraft, and idolatry.

Lord, would you realign with Your purpose and heal the receptors of the cells that make up my being so my divine calling and destiny will be fulfilled.

I receive the promise that I am no longer a prey of the enemy. You are my shepherd. You feed me and I receive your covenant of peace that I may dwell safely. I choose to be a blessing around your Holy hill and receive the showers of blessings You promise in season that there would be fruitfulness and increase in my life. I know that the bands of the yoke are broken and I am delivered from the hands and words of those who have made me a prey. I know that I belong to You and You are with me. I embrace my restoration

within the Body of Christ and the restoration of receptor sites of my own body.

Lord, thank you for considering my cause and my affliction and delivering me and my generations - past, present, and future - for I do not forget Your law. Lord, thank you for pleading my cause through the generations and reviving me and my family line according to Your Word. Because I trust you, Lord, I am like Mt. Zion which cannot be moved but abides forever. So I thank You, Lord, for delivering me and my family generations - past, present, and future. Thank You for redeeming me and reviving me and my family line throughout the generations according to your Word. For as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so You, Lord, surround me and my family generations - past, present, and future from this time forth and forever.

Thank you Lord that the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous because the entirety of Your Word is Truth and every one of your righteous judgments endures forever. Lord, thank you for restoring the Scepter of Righteousness.

Lord, will you forgive me and my generational line for closing the doors of Your anointing and blessing. Lord, will you now bless me and open the doors of Your anointing and blessing and release the generational blessings, gifts, callings and goodness that my generational line did not receive.

Isaiah 59

Proverbs 18:21

Isaiah 54:17

Genesis 15:11

Ezekiel 34:22-28

Psalms 139

Job 8:14

Psalms 119:153-160

Psalms 125:1-3

Psalms 89:28-29

Ephesians 1:3, 17-19; 4:29; 4:31

Isaiah 55:6-13

II Chronicles 7:14-16

James 3

## **Prayer to Release Me Into the Fullness of Intimacy With the Lord**

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Lord, I repent for and renounce the sin of transgressing Your will and command by partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and I renounce that sin. I repent for disobedience to Your known will which has meant that I cannot be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion as You intended. I repent for surrendering the authority You gave to me.

I repent for the lust of my eyes, the lust of my flesh and the boastful pride of life. I repent for the desire to make myself wise and for taking the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

I renounce and repent for allowing my senses to be perverted by the deception of the enemy. Lord I repent for surrendering my senses by seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I repent for believing that You were withholding good from me. I repent for believing the enemy's lie about Your character. I repent for not trusting in Your love and forgiveness by not submitting to You.

I repent for fear and separating myself from You by hiding and covering up my transgressions against You. I repent for feasting on human knowledge rather than of Your life.

I repent for a rebellious spirit against Your command not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

I repent for listening to another voice and not trusting the voice of the Lord.  
I repent for trading God's truth for a lie.

I repent for taking and accepting the seed of doubt that the enemy planted and I ask you Lord to crush that seed and now replace it with the implanted Word of God.

I repent for seeking to be like You God and trying to steal Your Glory.  
I repent for and renounce for abdicating responsibility and blaming others, hiding and covering up my sin.

I repent for rejecting my inheritance as a son of God.  
I repent for listening to the voice of the enemy and embracing the wisdom of man and believing, agreeing with, and embracing the enemy's lie.

I repent for the sin of independence from God in seeking for wisdom apart from God.

I repent for the sin of covetousness.

I repent for the sin of independence from my responsibility in relationships and as caretaker of creation.

I repent for choosing independence and exaltation of my own knowledge, wisdom, and understanding above and apart from the life of God.

I repent for myself and all those in my family line for allowing Satan to cheat me through philosophy and empty deceit according to the tradition of men, and the basic principles of the world and not according to Christ.

I repent for acting like an expert in the law and taking away the key to knowledge of God and shutting out the Kingdom of Heaven from men.

I repent for not entering into the Kingdom of Heaven and hindering others from entering into the Kingdom of Heaven.

I renounce the sin of boasting great things and of allowing my tongue to curse and not bless. I repent for gossip, backbiting, malice, slander, and lies and all evil speaking. I repent for judging others. I repent for using my tongue to set on fire the course of nature.

I repent for trying to walk in the world and in the Kingdom of God at the same time.

I repent for allowing others to defraud me of the prize of the full calling and inheritance in Christ. Lord I repent for not holding fast to You as the head. I repent for agreeing with the doctrines of men in legalism and asceticism and not walking in the fullness of life.

I repent for myself and all those in my family line who chose to serve other gods and broke all covenants with You.

Father, I ask for the sevenfold Spirit of the Lord. I ask for the release of the Spirit of Wisdom, the Spirit of Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel, the Spirit of Strength, the Spirit of Knowledge, the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, and the Spirit of the Lord.

Lord, I declare that You are the Way. You are the Life. You are the brilliance of the Light that shines and pierces through the darkness. You are the Door and center of all. You are the Key.

I declare in the name of Jesus that I will rise up and take my place. I declare my authority in Christ. I declare that no one can come against me. I will fight and prevail. I declare I am the head and not the tail.



I declare that the enemy is crushed beneath my heel and I am seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father.

Grant me according to the riches of Your glory to be strengthened with might through Your Spirit in my inner man.

I take my place and authority that You have given me in Christ, and I choose this day to stand firm and be strong so that no one can come against me.

Would You restore male and female partnership according to Your perfect design.

Would You cleanse my senses from the defilement and enhance them for the Glory of God.

Will You restore my relationship with You to be as it was in the garden before the fall so that I may enter the intimacy with You that You had intended for me.

I declare that in You dwells the fullness of Deity and in You I have been made complete. You are the Head over all rule and authority.

Would you restore the wisdom of the fear of the Lord.

I declare that I will hear You above all other voices.

I declare that I will acknowledge You in all my ways.

Would you remove me from all curses in Deuteronomy 28 and remove Your anger against the land. Lord would You heal the land.

I declare that the secret things belong to You, Lord, Our God and that You will reveal what You want to reveal to me and to my sons and daughters forever.

I choose to be circumcised; buried with Jesus in baptism and raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Lord I choose to be encouraged and to be knit together in Christ through love, attaining full assurance and understanding in the knowledge and mystery of God, both Father and Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I choose to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

I declare that I will know You Jesus as the Son of God who has come to give me understanding so that I may know You who is true and that I am in You.

I ask that You bring us all into oneness with You and the Father even as You are one in the Father.

Deuteronomy 2:13

Isaiah 11:1-2

Genesis 3:1-7, 12

Colossians 1:9; 2  
I Samuel 15:22-25  
Isaiah 14:13, 14  
Luke 11:52  
Proverbs 3:5, 6  
James 3:1-12  
I Corinthians 10:23  
I John 5:20  
Deuteronomy 28  
John 17:21

## **Prayers for Financial Freedom**

To LOOSE a Financial BIND - by Mary Garrison

**FATHER,**

You said a minister of the **GOSPEL** is to eat and live by partaking of the altar gifts, and your tithing plan which is reserved for the purpose of paying your servants who are on the battlefield, and the poor who are in need. We confess that we have been chosen and sent to do this good work, and that your **WORD** says that we must be thoroughly furnished for it. All the riches are **YOURS**, and all the silver and gold.

Now, in the name of Jesus and by the powers invested in us, we **LOOSEN** the holds of the devil and his forces, whatever they may be, upon our supply, from those who are holding on to them.

Father, Your Word teaches us that we **CAST** down every evil imagination, bringing into captivity every contrary thought of disobedience to the **DISTRIBUTION** of God's **GOOD SUPPLY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS**. Therefore we cast down every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of **YOU** in the tithe-plan.

We **LOOSE THESE FUNDS**. WE **RELEASE OUR SUPPLY AND DIRECT IT TO BE FORTHCOMING** to us so that our work and life may go on unhampered. We now **SEND** out a ministering spirit to go forth according to Hebrews 1:14, and to bring in these finances. Father, you are able to all grace, favor, and earthly blessing come to us in abundance. We realize that you are now working on this presented matter, and we await with thankful hearts to receive. In the name and blood of Jesus, and to His glory. **AMEN**

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Also begin to BIND the money going to ungodly places from people. Bind the psychic commands of satanic musicians, artists, actors, businesses, that people lured by them would not be lured anymore. PRAY against the prayers they pray, that they would fall to the ground, and bind any of their forces from stealing from Christians and BIND the money going to spirits of greed and avarice, that God would frustrate the plans of the wicked and lead those who are to be in HIS Kingdom into the way everlasting.

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Handling money in the past in ways that were ungodly can put curses on future generations or blessings. If after thinking that you've been obeying God in all He has asked you to do you don't have the provision necessary, then check out these areas that could be sources of need to repent for past generations.

Send all evil to the feet of Jesus to be assigned where HE sends it !

Break the curses and renounce all evil acquisition of money, view, pronouncements, or wrong spending of money in your family/ancestral line.

1. Exchange of funds done in ungodly ways
2. Money spent on prostitutes
3. Those that did not tithe [breaking devourer off your line
4. Greed
5. Stinginess
6. Those that did not care for the poor, widows, orphans, homeless, etc.
7. Those who oppressed the poor
8. Those who unjustly taxed the poor
9. Masons - who heaped curses through idolatry and wrong spending,
- 10 Vows of poverty that were broken [ monks or priest who may have taken such oaths, that would have put curses on ensuing generations]
11. Usury [ Ps 15:5, Ex 22:25]
12. Ungodly ways of making money
13. Extortion
14. Those who stole
15. Drug trafficking
16. Curses spoken against Christians and their families
17. Bribes taken against innocent people
18. Mercenary acts
19. Gambling
20. Worship of money and "love of money". ( 1 Tim 6:10 )
21. . Those who TRUSTED in money and SELF EFFORT above trusting in God.
22. Leprechaun spirits [ trickery and false promise of money through demons]

23. Those who helped fund KKK or other ungodly organizations.
  24. Unpaid wages { James 5:4}
  25. Not forgiving debts - Matthew 6:12
  26. Those who shed innocent blood - break the curse of wandering that originated with Cain - Gen 4:12.
  27. Witchcraft curses against finances, all sorcery and divination, santeria and voodoo.
  28. All curses of bankruptcy
  29. Ungodly agreements with the enemy in obtaining finances.
  30. Cheating
  31. Those who sold their souls to gain finances.
  32. Those who did not serve the Lord our God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity [ Deut 28:47]
  33. Those who sold Christian relics for money.
  34. Those who committed adultery.
  35. Those who did not honor parents. [ this steals from you]
  36. Curses on actual money given to you !
  37. Giving to a ministry NOT ordained by the Lord.
- All other curses like the Scottish curse, any other indigenous curses on tribes and nations.

### **Prayer to Break the Curse of Poverty**

Father I come in the Name of Jesus to repent for the sins and transgressions of my ancestors. I repent for all disobedience of Your commands, turning away and listening to the enemy or to other people. Father, I receive the redemption from the curse by the Blood of Jesus and ask you to break all curses of poverty upon my family line and me! I declare that the Blood of Jesus has broken all the curses!

Lord, I repent for anyone in my family line that offered sacrifices that were not favorable and right. I repent for any withholding of the first fruits, the best portions, and for all wrong motives and attitudes of their hearts. I repent for anger, resentment, and bloodshed of my brother. Lord, please forgive any bloodshed and bring peace to the blood that cries out!

### **I Am My Brother's Keeper**

Lord. would You break all Canaanite curses against us, as today I declare, I am my brother's keeper! Lord, please restore the ground to us and please restore Your promise of blessings and fruitfulness. Lord, please remove any marks on us and break the curse of wandering. Father, please allow my family to come into Your presence again as a chosen, covenant people.

I repent for all my ancestors that denied justice to the poor, holding ill will and for any unforgiveness against a brother. I repent for shutting our ears to the poor and for exploitation of the poor and crushing them in court. Lord, will You break all curses others have spoken against my ancestors or me because of the guilt of our sins or transgressions. Lord, would you remove any curses that would put up walls of separation between You and us. Hear our prayers again and please open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts.

I repent for any generational dishonesty, even the smallest, hidden, accepted or self justified dishonesty. I repent for my ancestors that would not forgive debts in the Lord's timing and also for anyone ignoring the poor. I repent for all hardheartedness, tightfistedness, and unforgiveness. Lord, would you restore mercy and cheerful giving in our family line? Please bless us as You promised in Your Word. Lord, I repent for generational idolatry, disobedience, and not following your commands. I repent for not serving You Lord, joyfully and gladly in our times of prosperity.

Lord, please break all curses against us from the locusts, worms, loss, or sinking. Would you break all skies of bronze and ground(s) of iron? Please release any captive sons or daughters and stop the destruction. Lord, please remove all iron yokes, all blindness, oppression, and robbery spirits. Lord, please break the curses of hunger, nakedness, dire poverty, and slavery!

Lord I repent for any of my ancestors that were unfaithful, greedy, disobedient, thieves, or liars. I repent for breaking the covenant and coveting or keeping the things of the pagans and not totally destroying them as commanded. Lord, please break any curses that have come on my family for the evil they did, especially the curse of destruction by fire.

I repent for all ancestors that were evil and tried to control and frustrate the poor. Lord, I repent for any in my family line that put up security or pledges for another. Lord, please forgive any unfulfilled debts. I break all ungodly covenants, oaths, and alliances. Lord, please remove all traps or snares from the words of our mouth. Please break all sluggard and slumber spirits from us and restore wisdom and ambition.

I repent for all my ancestors that withheld unduly and for those who trusted in riches rather than God. I repent for all ignoring of discipline and correction. I repent for all greed, bribes, and for mere talk and boasting. I repent for inaction, non-performance, and not keeping our word.

Lord, will You break all curses of injustice and shunning and please break any walls between others. Please restore honor to our family. Lord, I repent for all my ancestors that were liars, hasty, lovers of the world and it's pleasures,

proud, arrogant, and selfish. I repent for lack of diligence, oppression of the needy, exploitation, and favoritism. I repent for all rejection of God and any cursing or blasphemy of God.

Lord, I repent for all family sluggishness, laziness, neglect, lack of judgment or for anyone charging exorbitant interest. I repent for any and all family concealed sins. I repent for spiritual pride in those that would not repent.

I repent for any ancestors that chased fantasies, were stingy, and greedy. I repent for all that did not fight injustice, were unfair, and closed their ears to the cries of the poor and needy.

Lord, Please Break All Poverty Curses Off of Us and Change Our Hearts  
Lord, I repent for anyone in my family that followed deceptive words and relied on their social or religious identity for salvation. I repent for injustice, the oppressing of aliens, of widows, and of the fatherless. I repent for any idolatry, ungodly sacrifices or worship, all innocent bloodshed, stealing, adultery, perjury, and murder. I repent for all backsliding, rebellion, disobedience, pride, and spiritual pride. Lord, please break all connections and control that the queen of heaven has on my family, and Lord, please restore in us a whole-heartedness. Please make our hearts pure, noble, faithful, and sensitive to you.

Lord, I repent for all generational idolatry and ask You to remove any spirit of prostitution in our hearts. I repent for all corruption, guilt, sin, arrogance, and unfaithfulness. Lord, I repent for all illegitimacy in our line. Lord, please break all curses against us, the moths, rot, lions, sickness, and sores. Please restore the covenant as promised. Lord, I repent for all my ancestors that were boastful and proud of their position, standing, and authority. I renounce all love of sin and iniquity. I repent for all who became comfortable, selfish, hoarders, and trusted in their wealth. I repent for all that sold their righteousness, for all slavery, and for any trampling of the poor. I repent for all who were stingy and controlling of wealth.

Lord, would you remove any curse that keeps us from enjoying the fruits of our labor. Please break any poverty curse that has been passed on from Adam to me. Lord, would You remove all curses that there will never be enough.

Lord, please restore to us a new purse without any holes. Please break all curses of lack, shrinking, theft, loss, blight, mildew, and hail.

Lord, I repent for everyone that was controlling, deceptive, and put ungodly burdens on others. I repent for those that tried to please man rather than God and accepted praise, honor, worship, or ungodly authority and titles from men. I renounce all religious spirits, spirits of legalism, self-exaltation, and

hypocrisy. I repent for all that did not enter the door to heaven and shut it on others.

I repent for all that were blind guides, and I ask You, Lord, to break all ungodly oaths, covenants, pledges, dedications, and alliances. I repent for all ungodly and insincere sacrifices or for any sacrifice on an unholy altar. I repent for everyone that was unjust, merciless, unfaithful, greedy, and self-indulgent. I repent for any harboring of sin or wickedness. I repent for anyone that rejected, mocked, cursed, or killed the prophets and messengers from God. I renounce any spiritual pride that rebels against repentance, and I apply the Blood of Jesus to all the roots of iniquity. I repent for all my ancestors that would not believe or declare that Jesus is Lord.

Lord please break all the curses that have come upon my family because they were rich, comfortable, well-fed, and accepted the praise of men.

I repent for all generational wrong attitudes about wealth and poverty.

Please, Lord, Give Me the Mind of Christ in the Matters of Finances

I repent for any ancestors that committed adultery with the queen of Babylon, and enjoyed or benefited from her luxuries. Lord, please break all those ungodly ties and connections. I repent for any that did not come out. Lord, please forgive any sins we share, and remove all plagues for alliance with her. Please remove all plagues of death, mourning, famine, and judgment fire. Lord, please guide us by Your Spirit and Your word into the godly use of wealth and teach us to be faithful servants.

- Richard Sicheneder

### **Prayer of Agreement to Bless the Jews**

Lord, I come to you now asking your forgiveness for anything I have said or done that cursed the Sons of Israel (name specific sins if known).

I understand your righteous decree, that You will bless those who bless them and curse those who curse them. I now ask you to break any curses on my family or me that are there because of these sins against the Jews. I plead the blood of Jesus and ask to be cleansed from all sin and unrighteousness.

Lord, I submit to Your plan for my life and ministry that will bless the Jews. I also agree with Your plans and purposes for the nation of Israel. Lord, I want to receive Your heart for Your people, and the courage to do Your will, no matter what the opposition may be.

Lord, help me to humble myself and make the Jew first in my prayers and ministry to the lost. Lord, release to me provisions and favor to bless and protect the Jews.

Lord, confirm your message in me with signs and an inner witness of the Holy Spirit.

In Yeshua's name, Amen

- Earbin Stanciell, MD

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## PRAYER OF INCREASE AND BLESSINGS

We bind you satan and break the curse of poverty, lack, financial reverses , joblessness, and hindrances to financial increase off\_\_\_\_\_.

{ I honestly feel witches and Satanists, and those of NWO are praying in opposite against all Christians this way and we need to not be ignorant of enemy's devices}

Father, we desire to be honorable in all that we do and we ask YOU to bless us indeed in all that our hand touch. We are tithers and givers and we desire You to open the heavens and pour out blessings until there is no more lack. You said that if we hearken diligently to Your voice, that blessings would come upon us and overtake us, and that we would be blessed going out , and blessed coming in.

Father we ask YOU to enlarge our tents by bringing abundant increase that we may be a blessing to others. You give to us power to get wealth, not by might, not by our own power, but by Your Spirit. We also need Your wisdom, understanding and direction in how to spend the money ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL. We ask You to command the blessings on our storehouses[ bank accounts] that we may do all that You want us to do to help the poor, the fatherless, the widows, orphans and homeless, so that the people of the earth shall know that we are called by the name of the Lord and they shall fear the name of the LORD.

Father we thank You for opening Your good treasures to us and for blessing the work of our hands so we can be the lender and not the borrower ! You said You would make us plenteous with goods and You have. You said You would bless the fruit of our body, and in the fruit of our cattle, and in the fruit of our ground, in the land which You have given us, because we are grafted in children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob ! We ask YOU to rebuke the devourer



over our finances, our jobs, our families and our bodies, souls, and ministries,  
and everything You have given us.

Preserve us Oh LORD, so that we have rest on all sides round about. You set a  
table before us in the presence of our enemies your word says !

You said the violent take the Kingdom by force ! We direct our violence  
towards the devil and Your enemies that rise up against us ! They will be  
smitten before our face and flee seven ways ! The devil has to pay back seven  
fold ALL HE HAS STOLEN from us, even to all the substance of his  
household. We covenant with You Father to not go aside from any of these  
words, to the right or to the left hand. You said that we cannot serve You  
and mammon. We renounce selfishness, and all pride of me, myself and I.

Father, we ask that there be NO GRIEF over our financial blessings because  
You get pleasure when we prosper and You add no sorrow to Your blessings.

We thank YOU and praise YOU and WORSHIP YOU ALONE ! Increase our  
TRUST in YOU ALONE. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light unto our  
path that we might not sin against You ! Since Your Word is forever settled in  
heaven, You magnify Your Word above Your name, and we settle it on earth  
and say YOU are the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS, and JESUS  
is LORD over our lives and Your Word to establish it that it comes to pass.  
We choose to serve YOU all the days of our life so that we can dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever and ever !

### **PRAYER OF PROTECTION - Psalm 91**

I dwell in the secret place of the Most High. Therefore I abide under the  
shadow of the Almighty ! I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and My  
Fortress My GOD; in Him will I trust forever ! Surely He shall deliver me  
from the snare of the fowler [thief] and from the noisome pestilence. He  
shall cover me with His feathers, and under His wings shall I trust ! His truth  
shall be my shield and buckler !

I shall not be afraid of the terror that flies by night, nor of the arrow that  
flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor the destruction  
that wastes at noonday ! A thousand shall fall at my side, and ten thousand  
at my right hand, but IT SHALL NOT COME NEAR ME !

Only with my eyes will I behold and see the reward of the wicked !  
Because I have made the Lord, Who is my REFUGE, even the Most High, my  
Habitation, there shall no evil befall me, neither shall any plague come near my  
dwelling, or anything He has given me. For HE shall give His angels charge  
over me, to KEEP me in all His ways. They shall bear me up in their hands,  
lest I dash my foot against a stone ! I shall tread on the lion and adder, upon

serpents and scorpions , the young lion, & the dragon shall I trample under my feet, and over all the power of the enemy has HE given me authority through  
JESUS, my LORD!

Because I have set my love on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith, He will deliver me ! He will set me on high, because I have known God's name [ El Shaddai, The Almighty God, The All Sufficient One, the God Who is more than enough, Jehovah Rapha, the Lord Who heals me, He is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Who supplies all my needs]. I will call upon Him, and He will answer me, and show me His salvation [ deliverance, preservation, healing, soundness, wholeness and prosperity of soul].

**PRAYER for PROSPERITY, MONEY TO COME IN, and WEALTH of the  
SINNER TO COME IN.**

Satan, I bind you and the spirit of mammon, greed, lust of money, love of money, covetousness of others' money, idolatry of money, chronic indebtedness, chronic and excessive spending, wastefulness in \_\_\_\_\_'s life. The bible says the love of money is the root of all evil, yet it is a necessary commodity for earthly living, and Satan, YOU WILL NOT HINDER money coming to \_\_\_\_\_to be used in the work of the Kingdom of GOD. Father, You said that You teach us to profit, and lead us in the way to go, and that we are to eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory or wealth we shall count ourselves fortunate.

You said that you give us supernatural power to get wealth to establish YOUR covenant, so we expect a miracle harvest because you get pleasure in our prosperity. Father, You said, that we are to cast our bread upon the waters and that we shall find it after many days. We are to give a portion to seven and eight, and as we give to others You said to us it shall be given, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over shall men give into our bosom !

Father, You said wealth and riches would be in our house. You are exalted over all of us, and your reign over us and both riches and honor come from YOU. In Your hand is power and might; and in Your hand it is to make great, and YOU give strength unto us all. You said if I obey You, and serve You, I shall spend my days in prosperity and my years in pleasures. And if I meditate on the Word day and night that I would be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, bringing forth fruit in due season, my leaf or life would not wither, and whatever I do would be prosperous and successful.

You said if I honor YOU with my riches, and my tithe, that my barns will be filled with plenty and my presses will burst out with NEW WINE. You also said if I am willing and obedient I would eat of the good of the land and You would supply all needs according to Your riches in glory by Jesus ! Father, I have planted seed in fertile soil, and I ask you to germinate it, reproduce it abundantly , so there will be an abundant harvest. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly [ superabundant, excessive, beyond measure] and HE became poor that we might become rich & prosperous by having enough to meet our needs and money to give away to others to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth!

Your Word says what shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits towards me ? I will take the cup of salvation [ prosperity, freedom from sin, deliverance from evil] and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. And I thank You, praise You, & worship You and receive increase now in the mighty name of Jesus according to YOUR WORD. Thank You Father for being so good to me a sinner. Thank You Lord that You set a table for us in the presence of our enemies !

Satan, I bind you and the ruler of the prince of poverty, lack , financial reverses, depression era spirit, looting, arson, stealing, Judas spirit of greed, thievery, fraud, extortion, forgery, stealing, kleptomania, robbing, grand theft, grand larceny, petty larceny, embezzlement, swindling, plundering, looting, burglary, smuggling, robbing spoils of the public, ill-gotten gain over\_\_\_\_\_’s finances, ministry and or business ventures. I loose money, financial prosperity and hidden riches in secret places [Is 45:3] to come from foreign banks, gangsters of all kinds, stolen money of thieves, money from usury, and unjust gain, money hidden in homes, ground, clothing , beds, vaults, lock boxes in savings and loans, banks, sweepstakes, lotteries, inheritances, business needing services, advertising, gifts, ideas, witty inventions, one hundred fold return from offerings, and land sales to be used to get finances for the end time global harvest to meet the needs of \_\_\_\_\_.

Father , You said in Ps. 147:15 that He sends His commandment upon the Earth: His Word runs very swiftly, and Hebrews 1:14 says Are not they ministering spirits sent forth for us who are heirs of salvation ? So we ask You to send forth Your angels to the north, south, east and west to bring these words to pass very swiftly. We desire the swift provisions of money to finance the work YOU have called us to do Abba. You said the blessings of the Lord, they make us rich and add no sorrow to it. You also

said we can decree a thing and it shall be established, so we declare and decree that YOUR WORD is TRUE and we call those riches to come in speedily to \_\_\_\_\_in the name and blood of Jesus !

We cover \_\_\_\_\_with the blood of Jesus to protect, to guide, and to watch over \_\_\_\_\_. The Word says we have overcome satan by the blood of Jesus and the word of our testimony; and satan you cannot cross the bloodline over anything \_\_\_\_\_operates, owns or possesses in Jesus' name.

Father, we bring our offering according to Psalm 96:8-9 that says give Unto the Lord the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come into His courts. O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth and we thank You, praise You, and worship Your name ! You are the Almighty God Who answers us, because we are Your children, And You are the Husbandman to Your bride. We receive it now, and thank You ahead for all You are going to do to preserve us and bless us to give to help establish YOUR KINGDOM in the earth ! We desire to care for the orphans, the widows and the homeless and infirm. We want YOUR NAME TO BE GLORIOUS IN ALL THE EARTH ABBA !

Your Word says that the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. Father, You said that the gold and the silver are YOURS and that You will give me this wealth that they may know it is YOU, the Lord God of Israel, that calls me by name, and this wealth is hidden for the end times harvest ! You said, come near you nations and hear; let the earth hear, and all that are in it, the world and all things that come forth from it - truth shall spring forth out of the earth, grass grows for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth; as for the earth , out of it comes bread which heals the heart of man. The stones of the earth are the place of sapphires: and it has dust of gold: the earth is full of they riches; the earth has He given to the children of men.

The Word says " Hear oh heavens, and give ear O earth; for the Lord has spoken: so I say " O earth, earth, earth, hear the precious Word of the Lord". Give up the oil, the diamonds, the silver, the gold, and all the precious treasures- minerals, foods, and all the materials that have been deposited and hidden in the earth sot that there will be meat in My Father's house and sufficiency to spread the gospel all over the earth. We also proclaim that with FAVOR, property and houses, real estate will come to us that we may HOUSE the orphans, and widows, and the poor of the earth, and provide all that is needed to sustain them as the kingdom of man falls.

Father, we acknowledge that wealth is not only of material things, but of eternal things, and heavenly things. You can do miracles and multiply food, and any good thing we need. So we ask for this power too, that in times of lack or famine, that You will keep us by YOUR POWER. We ask that in places of the earth where there is not enough food for people, for children of the earth that YOU will multiply like Jesus did for the multitudes, loaves and fishes. That You will heal and do miracles for those who haven't money or access to hospitals and doctors. That You would multiply food, or even send angels to bring food to the people - that You would demonstrate YOUR GLORY where there is no food by sustaining people supernaturally when necessary Abba, and not allow them to starve !

We ask YOU to provide supernaturally in situations that seem hopeless And that You send angels to impart GRACE , and strength, hope and Comfort to those in need...like those children in North Korea, or Sudan, And places where there is great oppression ! LOOSE YOUR KINGDOM FATHER, and PROVIDE SUPERNATURALLY for those in desperate situations ! Father, we ask You to provide EVERY NEED through YOUR RICHES in GLORY. You have rained down manna, gold, and even jewels in Church services all over the nations, and I think for the purpose of eradicating fear of lack. You have shown us that NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE with YOU. You have even taken pastors in Africa and let them walk on water supernaturally when they had no way to cross...just to show YOUR will will never be stopped, no matter what the enemy does.

Father, give us strength, and explode inside of us with Your Holy Spirit that we may endure the evil days that are ensuing ! Grant us GREAT GRACE and FAITH that we may overcome all our fears ! In the name and blood of Jesus, rain down YOUR MANIFEST LOVE that casts down all fear ! In the name and blood of Jesus. Grant us grace to SHARE all we are and all we have with those who don't have. Let us live as Isaiah 58 describes. Grant us the grace Lord to overcome our earthly thinking ! Grant us wisdom from above and REVELATION and UNDERSTANDING From Your HOLY SPIRIT, so we know when to do, when to rest, and who to do for, and who not to. Give us discernment Father in the name and Blood of Jesus !

Sometimes people send me prayers and I just post them because I don't think prayers should be copyrighted since none of us can pray without GOD inspiring us, so they are HIS prayers if we are truthful with ourselves. Jesus said, Apart from ME you can do nothing. Sometimes people don't send who made

the prayer, but it's good so it is posted. The gospel and the means to get free should be free.

## **Standing Against Verbal Attacks**

**Speak these out loud and personalize them for standing against those praying against you !**

**Ps 35:1-4 AMP [A Psalm] of David.**

**CONTEND, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help!**

**3 Draw out also the spear and javelin and close up the way of those who pursue and persecute me. Say to me, I am your deliverance! 4 Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek and require my life; let them be turned back and confounded who plan my hurt!**

**Ps 18:17-19 NKJV He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support. 19 He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.**

**Isa 54:17 AMP But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.**

**Rom 12:20-21 AMP But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head. [Prov 25:21,22.] 21 Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good.**

**2 Thess 3:13-15 AMP And as for you, brethren, do not become weary or lose heart in doing right [but continue in well-doing without weakening]. 14 But if anyone [in the church] refuses to obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he may be ashamed.**

**15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but simply admonish and warn him as [being still] a brother.**

Prov 2:8,12 NKJV He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks  
perverse things,

Prov 3:30 AMP Contend not with a man for no reason--when he has done you no wrong. [Rom 12:18.]

Prov 6:16-19 AMP These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, [Ps 120:2,3.] 18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

Prov 18:10 NKJV The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

Prov 16:7 NKJV When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Prov 24:28-29 AMP Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and deceive not with your lips. [Eph 4:25.] 29 Say not, I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for his deed. [Prov 20:22; Matt 5:39,44; Rom 12:17,19.]

Ps 21:11-13 NKJV For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform. 12 Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces. 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

Ps 27:11-14 NKJV Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. 12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence. 13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

Ps 31:15-20 NKJV My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake. Do not let me be ashamed, O

LORD, for I have called upon You; Let the wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent in the grave. 18 Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. 19 Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! 20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Ps 32:7 AMP You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Ps 34:5-9 NKJV They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

Ps 35:24-28 NIV Vindicate me in your righteousness, O LORD my God; do not let them gloat over me. 25 Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!" or say, "We have swallowed him up." 26 May all who gloat over my distress be put to shame and confusion; may all who exalt themselves over me be clothed with shame and disgrace. 27 May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, "The LORD be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant." 28 My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long.

Ps 43:1 NIV Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.

Ps 59:1-3 AMP To the Chief Musician; [set to the tune of] "Do Not Destroy." Of David, a record of memorable thoughts when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him. - DELIVER ME from my enemies, O my God; defend and protect me from those who rise up against me. 2 Deliver me from and lift me above those who work evil and save me from bloodthirsty men. 3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce and mighty men are banding together against me, not for my transgression nor for any sin of mine, O Lord.



**Ps 135:14 AMP** For the Lord will judge and vindicate His people, and He will delay His judgments [manifesting His righteousness and mercy] and take into favor His servants [those who meet His terms of separation unto Him]. [Heb 10:30.]

**Jer 11:18 AMP** And the Lord gave me [Jeremiah] knowledge of it [their plot], and I knew it; then You [O Lord] showed me their doings.

**Hab 3:19 AMP** The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

**Zech 8:17 NKJV** Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' Says the LORD."

**1 Peter 2:12 NIV** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## **Restorational Prayers / Scriptures - Priscilla**

**Deut 18:9-16 NKJV**

There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you. "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.

Father, lift up Your standard in the nations against the spirit of witchcraft ! Let them know that You alone are God, and there is no other. Forgive the mockery and grandiosity with which witches and warlocks have proclaimed their lies here in the United States Lord . Forgive those in the movie industry who have succumbed to the lies, forgive our nation, and release wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You Father. Pour out Your Spirit upon the earth,

let the earth cough up salvation Lord ! Bring down the strongholds of witchcraft over the nations that world wide revival may take place and many be brought into the kingdom for such a day as this.

We speak LIFE, RESURRECTION LIFE to the nations in rebellion to You including our own. Do not allow destruction to rule and reign. Do not turn Your turtledoves over to the wild beasts of the earth. Bring down the principalities and powers Oh Lord. Fight for us Lord! Increase Your angelic hosts over this nation and bring down every fortress of the enemy. Cause confusion to the camp of the enemy in Jesus name ! Release those in darkness, that they would repent and be delivered from the snares of death. Forgive us as parents for allowing our children avenues to evil through movies, TV, books, comics, toys, etc. Forgive us as parents for not protecting them from evil Lord.

Forgive us for not educating them in the things of the Lord that are important to their survival and growth in You. Restore Oh Lord our sanctuaries and forgive us for our own witchcraft in rebelling against You; For going our own ways and neglecting our time with You. Forgive us our idolatries Oh Lord to drugs, alcohol,entertainment, perversion and all forms of sexual sins. Forgive our greed, in the church and without Lord. Forgive us for holding on to things as though they could provide the happiness only You can give us. Lord, hear our prayers and cries for justice. There is no justice in the land, when a nation turns from God.

Father forgive this nation for allowing secret societies to flourish. We repent of freemasonry, rosacrucianism, and all the IDOLATRY involved in them, all the worship to SATAN involved in them. We ask YOU to destroy the strongholds of FREEMASONRY in the CHURCH and in the nation. Forgive those churches for allowing syncretism in their members, and opening a doorway to Satan in the church. Father BRING DOWN THE IDOLS ALIGNED WITH FREEMASONRY in AMERICA in the name and blood of JESUS. CAUSE the priests to weep again between the porch and the altar for all the idolatry of this nation, and all that has been allowed in the church. Forgive us for the GREED, and idolatry to MAMMON FATHER. In Jesus' name !

Father we need YOU. We are desperate for the Bridegroom to enter His church and restore His order ! Restore the mighty fear of the Lord in Your house Lord! Rend the heavens and come down Lord ! Without Your Spirit we can do nothing ! Have mercy on us Oh Lord Forgive our prideful and murderous attitudes, our hatred of each other, our jealousies and sibling rivalry, our insecurities. Forgive our doubts and unbelief, the skepticism in our

hearts the vies against You. Against YOU alone we have sinned oh Lord ! Help us Lord for we are desperate for You. Come and empower Your church more Lord. Come down and visit us, pour out Your Most Holy Spirit that we would be made ONE as You are ONE Father. Release the five fold ministry  
LOOSE YOUR PROPHETS AND APOSTLES TO ESTABLISH THE FIRM FOUNDATIONS THAT WILL RESTORE HOLINESS IN OUR LANDS  
LOOSE YOUR KINGDOM LORD ! Let Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven in Jesus name.!!!!

1 Sam 15:23 NKJV

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." Lord, we are a rebellious people and there are so many who are unhealed. How can we obey without the healing we need Lord ? Come down and purify our hearts & heal our wounds for they are many Lord. Forgive and come down to a people desperate for MORE OF YOU ! Tear down the idols. Release Your Gideons who will tear down the idols in the Father's House.

2 Kings 9:22-24 NKJV

"What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?" 23 Then Joram turned around and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!" 24 Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot. Lord we need Jehu's who will stand up to the spirit of jezebel in the church . Loose the Spirit of Might in Your prophets, that they might speak boldly for You ! Impart Your power and grace to Your servants, that they might become a mighty army ; the army spoken of in Joel.

2 Kings 9:30-35 NKJV

Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window. Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?" And he looked up at the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So two or three eunuchs looked out at him. Then he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot. And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this accursed woman, and bury her, for she was a king's daughter." So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. Father, we need Zimri's in the spirit. We need the power of Your Spirit of intercession, that we might war in the spirit. We need the release of warfare

worship in Your church, that the spirit of jezebel would be destroyed in Your church. Draw us close to Your heart where nothing can touch us Father ! Release the Spirit of worship, for apart from You, how can we worship??? Surely the Lord's hand is not too short to save ! You promised to throw that woman jezebel on a sickbed that she might repent Father loose Your judgments in the earth, that the earth might know that there is but One God in heaven, and One to be exalted over all the earth ! Jesus is LORD of Lords and KING of Kings He alone holds the keys to death and hell. Father loose any prophets, apostles, teachers, pastors and evangelists from the grip of the jezebel spirit and any oppression in their lives. Release the Spirit of Revelation. Pour out Your love that leads to repentance and open the eyes of the blind, that all who are moving in that spirit would have the opportunity to repent before You come to judge Your church !

2 Kings 17:17-20 NKJV

And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone. Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight.

Father, our youth have been drawn into sorcery ; drugs....So many of them by their own parents, and many by people bent on idolatry to money. DRAW them to You Father. Your word says that no man comes to the Father lest You draw him . Draw our youth and young adults to Your heart Father. Restore families that have been broken. Forgive our hardheartedness and blasphemy . Forgive us for not raising our children up in the praise and admonition of the Lord. Forgive us for not treasuring our children and protecting them from all that is evil Restore our children Lord ! Break the power of deception off the youth and establish Your TRUTH in their hearts; bring conviction upon them and lead them in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake ! Give the Spirit of revelation to the innocent children and restore innocence to those whose parents, in lack of knowledge have allowed in the enemy through TV, movies, toys, etc...Let them see the angels that watch over them...transform them by Your love.

2 Kings 21:1-11 NKJV

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the

LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. 4 He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

Father, I pray that You would restore all that the enemy has stolen in our land. All these practices are common in our nation, in our schools, and even in the church. What is right and wrong is not taught. Many mix witchcraft practices and belief in Christianity without realizing they are doing evil, and then there are those who do know, but prefer to have their own way. We have provoked You to much anger in this nation justifying our witchcraft, our control, our drugs, and alcohol, and perversions. Father we ask You to lift the curse off our nation for these practices. We know how You abhor their violence and evil. Father forgive our nation and heal our land. Pour out Your Spirit and restore righteousness in our hearts. Release wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You to all who will come....release it in the camps of the enemy, like in Gideon's time. Raise up Your standard against rebellion and witchcraft ; destroy the strongholds of murder and suicide that have increased due to our rebellion oh Lord ! Forgive the highest form of witchcraft that is practiced here through abortion Lord; the disdain of human life and Your creation ! WE speak LIFE to all encompassed by death.

Deut 18:10-15 KJV

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. 14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do. 15 The LORD thy

God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;  
Forgive our former presidents and first ladies for consulting mediums, astrologists and witchcraft. Forgive our nation as a whole for looking to things other than to YOU oh Lord ! Forgive our greed and self-will. Release a sovreign move of Your Spirit oh Lord, bring revival and tear down the asherah poles and altars to satan and baal in our land. Bring Your strong conviction to the hearts of those in Your church who have compromised the Word, and to those who are unsaved in the world. **Pour down Your glory on those who are true to You that Your church would be sanctified by Your glory.** Create a holy and pure bride for Your Son oh Lord ! Wash away the stain of sin in the camp that we might fulfill our call to the nations.

**Ex 22:18-20 KJV**

Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death. He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.  
Father, we ask You to invade the dark places in our country Father; to destroy the perversion, idolatry and witchcraft. REVEAL Your Son , that darkness and death could be removed from our land Forgive our complacency and apathy that have kept us from praying and worshipping as we ought to Lord !

**Isa 2:20-22 NKJV**

In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver And his idols of gold, Which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats, to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily. Sever yourselves from such a man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what account is he?

Father, You are truly shaking all that can be shaken; help Your people to awaken to the signs of the times and to be steadfast in prayer , without Your Spirit we cannot do it Lord  
You are our Resource for everything we need. REVIVE us ! Resuscitate US OH LORD ! Convict us of our own idolatries Lord, and destroy the idols in our hearts. Help us to be generous and giving instead of fearful and hoarding. Separate and protect us from the wicked in heart, Lord. Keep us in the palm of Your mighty hand. Break every deception over our minds that our minds would be steadfast towards You. Destroy the works of the antichrist in our land that are waging war against Your people

**Num 23:24 NKJV**

Look, a people rises like a lioness, and lifts itself up like a lion;  
It shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain."

Father, Pour out Your Spirit of MIGHT ! Roar out of Zion Speak through Your warriors, empower them in intercession. Give them authority of the King to war against all that is unholy and interfering in the lives of your children, to provoke their healing and deliverance. Break the power of pride over us in Your church that we would all submit to the healing and deliverance processes You want for us.

Num 24:1-2 NKJV

Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness. And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Father restore the Baalams in the New Age movement by the power of Your Spirit, that they would repent and learn how kind , holy and loving You are. Bring them into the fullness of the wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You and Your Son, and the power of the Most Holy Spirit.

Acts 8: 9-13, 18-25 NKJV

But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." 11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! 21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." 24 Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to

the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

Father, sometimes our hearts are not right in the sight of You. Sometimes we want the power, but do not want to pay the cost. We hesitate to do all we can to get in Your presence, and to humble ourselves so that we might be healed. We look to the gifts but not to the giver, or we look to have our problems solved, but do not appreciate You and all You have done for us. Give us thankful hearts Lord... Fill us with Your grace to be and do all YOU want us to be and do. Cleanse our hearts and bring forth good fruit in us. Help us to stay in humility, not depending on ourselves, but casting all our cares upon you.

**Gal 5:19-26 NKJV**

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Father, help me to die daily, to take up my cross daily and to not forget that YOU are the Source of my strength to do anything. You are my Adonai, my Lord and Master. Help me to depend on You for all that I need and to not go off in self-sufficient pride to do whatever I want to do, but to obey You and what You want for me to do each day.

**Rev 18:21-24 NKJV**

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. 22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. 23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."



Father, forgive our nation for our harlotries. Forgive the usury we have taken into the world and cheated laborers with, so we could wear expensive brand name shoes and clothes. Forgive the disdain we have had for others of different color and ethnicity. Forgive our pride and arrogance in thinking we are better than anyone else. Forgive our nation for bowing to mammon instead of to YOU Father ! We have taught our children that things matter more than people, that one can get away with anything as long as you have money and that success depends on how much money and things we have, instead of how well we obey YOUR commands Lord ! Forgive us Lord, and in Your judgment, remember MERCY to those who are Yours. In Jesus' name!

Isa 8:18-19 NKJV Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me !

We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion. And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God ? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

Father, we ask Your forgiveness for the witchcraft in our hearts, for You have said that rebellion is as witchcraft. Father, we all have struggled with control, and the fear and pride behind it and we want to be free of it Lord, that we might set others free as You did. You said, " Perfect Love casts down all fear." So pour out Your perfect love that would uproot the fear in our hearts Lord, that we would turn only to you. Father, send Your Son into the covens across this nation to reveal His love for them, that they might turn from darkness to Your everlasting light and serve You with all their hearts Break the power of divination and sorcery off our nation Father. Destroy all the rationalization in the hearts of people who cling to worthless idols and self-destruction. Show Yourself to those who sit in darkness and remove all the blindness, deafness and delusion. In Jesus' name !

Dan 4:2-3 NKJV

I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. How great are His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation. And he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Father, deliver us from the lions in our lives ; deliver us from all evil and put in us a heart of rejoicing and praise. Direct our hearts into the love of God and the forgiveness of Christ.

**Acts 4: 31-36 NKJV**

**31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.**

**Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.**

**Father, we have not completely died to ourselves like those early Christians. We still cling to our houses and things of this world more than we cling to YOU. I pray You will fill the church with Your glory, that they might realize what is truly important, and that the idols in Your house would be destroyed. Destroy the idols in our own hearts Lord. Help us to be brave, and to be willing to give up everything for the sake of Your kingdom, like the apostles and early Christians were. Help us to hear, what You want for us to do, and give us the grace to do it, in Jesus' name! Give us a heart of generosity like You have Lord toward those who have less. Forgive our judgments of those who are weaker and give us a heart like Yours, that we can forgive from our heart all who have offended us.**

**Acts 5:12-15 NKJV**

**And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.**

**Father, we want to walk in the same glory that the early apostles had we do not want to be left out. We want to be givers of Your glory, not to get the glory only for ourselves, or to steal it away from YOU. Forgive us for the times we have walked in selfish ambition out of our insecurities Father. Help us to know deeply the love that You have for us, that we would not succumb to those same temptations again. We want to give YOU all the glory for You alone are deserving of all glory, honor and power.**

**2 Cor 12:12-13 NKJV**

Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Father, we will never walk in the signs and wonders of an apostle without Your compassion. Help us to see others the way YOU see them and to not base our choices for who we touch or pray for based on their looks and talents. Help us to love the unloveable and to see others ONLY the way YOU see them. Grant us Your compassion and mercy. Help us to not walk in our own or we will fall short every time.

**2 Thess 2:8-13 NKJV**

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Father, keep Your church from the strong delusion that is coming with the soon coming antichrist. Cleanse our hearts that we would have the discernment we need for this age we live in. Give us a thirst for righteousness and goodness so we might walk in holiness and not deception.

**Heb 2:5-9 NKJV**

But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet. "For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Father, we thank You for our salvation. We thank You for Jesus and His death on the cross, that annihilated death for us; that took away our sins and that we are written in the Lamb's book of Life. We thank You for what You endured in seeing Your Son treated so heartlessly by sinners. And we ask for

**YOU to release a great revelation among the young adults, youth and children of this nation, of the cross and Jesus. RELEASE them Lord from the pangs of death that surround them. RELEASE to them the riches of heaven. Forgive our nation for taking prayer out of the schools and allowing witchcraft in the schools. Pour out Your glory on every high school campus, every grade school campus and every college and university, that none would perish Father !  
RELEASE YOUR KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN ! Let the earth open, and salvation spring forth !**

**Isa 42:6-23 NKJV**

**"I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."**

**10 Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth, You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants of them! 11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, The villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing, Let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD, And declare His praise in the coastlands. 13 The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies.**

**14 "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' 18 "Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant ? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." 21 The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable. 22 But this is a people robbed and plundered; All of them are snared in holes, And they are hidden in prison houses; They are for prey, and no one delivers; For**

plunder, and no one says, "Restore!" Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?

Father, forgive us for our selfishness in not wanting to go to the neighborhoods and to the nations, where people are for a prey and no one delivers. Give us the courage to leave when You say to go ! Do not let us be like Thomas who refused his lot and ended up going as a slave to India. Help us to willingly GO when You have said GO ! Help us to give up our comforts and apathy and complacency in the church and give all of our heart to YOU ! Raise this generation of young adults up to have a passion for souls and for JESUS ! Father, release the finances for those who do want to go !  
RELEASE also the anointing that breaks the yoke for those who want to go.  
**PUSH BACK those forces of evil that want to rob the church of it's ability to go.** Destroy the works of the antichrist in our own hearts and in the world, In Jesus' name ! AMEN !

Ex 15:3-6 NKJV

The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone. "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;

Num 10:8-9 NKJV

When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

Deut 4:32-36 NKJV

Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? 34 Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him. 36 Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

Father, rise up for YOU are a mighty man of war, and cause confusion in the camp of the enemy, just like in Gideon's time, that our soldiers would not even have to fight. Rescue the innocent out of the hands of the enemy. Bring wondrous deliverance for those in prison houses in far off countries, who have given their lives for YOU. And bring salvation to the Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist nations of the earth ! Let the God of glory arise and scatter Your

enemies ! RESTORE all things Father. Grant to Your servants great boldness in proclaiming the gospel to those who are lost ! Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to Myself "so in all areas of the earth, let us lift up JESUS, that all men, women, children of the world would have the opportunity to know Him. Bring down the Idolatry in the North America and the Latin nations Lord ! LIFT UP THE KING OF GLORY. Open the gates of men's heart that the King of Glory might come in ! Bring salvation to the earth in all that You do.

2 Chron 7:1-3 NKJV

When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever."

Father, give us the Spirit of the fear of the Lord in our churches, in our homes, and in our own lives Let the fear of the Lord fall on our congregations, on our families, on us ! Father we need the proper respect for WHO YOU are ! Erase all complacency in our hearts, that we might fear You and obey You in a godly way !

Ps 18:34-38 NKJV

He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me; so my feet did not slip. I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. I have wounded them, so that they could not rise;

Ps 27:3-6 NKJV

Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Ps 120:6-7 NKJV My soul has dwelt too long with one who hates peace. I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

~ Father, help me to realize that I war not against flesh and blood, but powers, and principalities, and spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies. Help me to bless my enemies. ~

Psalm 140:1-8 NKJV

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, 2 Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war. 3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, who have purposed to make my steps stumble. 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me. Selah 6 I said to the LORD: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. 7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle. 8 Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Do not further his wicked scheme, Lest they be exalted. Selah

Ps 144:1-2, 5-9 NKJV

Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle 2 My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me... Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. 6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. 7 Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners, 8 Whose mouth speaks vain words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. 9 I will sing a new song to You, O God; on a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

Prov 24:11 NKJV

**Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.**

Isa 2:2-13 NKJV

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from

Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD. 6 For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with eastern ways; They are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they are pleased with the children of foreigners. 7 Their land is also full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; Their land is also full of horses, and there is no end to their chariots. 8 Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made. 9 People bow down, and each man humbles himself; Therefore do not forgive them. 10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. 12 For the day of the LORD of hosts Shall come upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up--And it shall be brought low--

Isa 41:10-13 NKJV

Father You have said:

~Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' "Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish. You shall seek them and not find them--Those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing. For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.' ~

Isa 42:13-16 NKJV

The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. I will lay waste the mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, and I will dry up the pools. I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.

~Do this now we pray oh LORD ! Stir up Your Zeal oh Lord of Hosts ! Pour out Your glory in all that You do ! Make Your name glorious oh Lord ! Bring down



the haughtiness of man and lift up the name of JESUS to the nations oh Lord  
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**Jer 51:19-27 NKJV**

The Portion of Jacob is not like them, for He is the Maker of all things; And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance. The LORD of hosts is His name. "You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: **For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms; With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider; With you I will break in pieces the chariot and its rider; With you also I will break in pieces man and woman; With you I will break in pieces old and young; With you I will break in pieces the young man and the maiden; With you also I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; With you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; And with you I will break in pieces governors and rulers.**

"And I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all the evil they have done In Zion in your sight," says the LORD. "Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, who destroys all the earth," says the LORD." And I will stretch out My hand against you, roll you down from the rocks, and make you a burnt mountain. They shall not take from you a stone for a corner nor a stone for a foundation, but you shall be desolate forever," says the LORD. Set up a banner in the land, Blow the trumpet among the nations ! Prepare the nations against her, call the kingdoms together against her: Father impart to us the Spirit of Might that we might war according to Your Spirit and take our place on the wall. Pour out on us Your Spirit of intercession and keep us in a place of humility that our prayers would be heard. Destroy all that is Babylon within us that we might walk in Your holiness, and Your power. Raise up a standard in us against the enemy of our souls.

**Dan 7:20-23**

and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Oh Lord, help us to see the end of things, when all these things happen. Give us grace and courage to walk as You walked.

**Joel 2:1-19 NKJV**

Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand: 2 A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. a people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations.

3 A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them. 4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. 5 With a noise like chariots over mountaintops they leap, like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before them the people writhe in pain; all faces are drained of color. 7 They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks. 8 They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, they are not cut down. 9 They run to and fro in the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. 11 The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

12 "Now, therefore," says the LORD , "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." 13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. 14 Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him--A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; 16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. 17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' " 18 Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. 19 The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

### Joel 3:9-18 NKJV

Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.' " Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow--For their wickedness is great." Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17"So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again." 18 And it will come to pass in that day That the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Acacias.

### Mic 4:6-9 NKJV

"In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted; I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever. And you, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, even the former dominion shall come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem." Now why do you cry aloud ? Is there no king in your midst?

### Mic 7:6-8 NKJV

For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household. Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The LORD will be a light to me.

### Nah 2:1-4 NKJV

He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fort! Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily. For the LORD will restore the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, for the

emptiers have emptied them out and ruined their vine branches. The shields of his mighty men are made red, the valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots come with flaming torches In the day of his preparation, and the spears are brandished. The chariots rage in the streets, they jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, they run like lightning.

Hab 1:12-14 NKJV

Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment; O Rock, You have marked them for correction. You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he? Why do You make men like fish of the sea, Like creeping things that have no ruler over them?

Zeph 3:11-20 NKJV

In that day you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds In which you transgress against Me; **For then I will take away from your midst Those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no longer be haughty In My holy mountain. I will leave in your midst A meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.** The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness And speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid." Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. **The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."** "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden. Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame.

Hag 2:6-9 NKJV

"For thus says the LORD of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the

former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

Zech 10:1-11:1 NKJV

Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone. For the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, and tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.

3" My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, The house of Judah, (worshipers) and will make them as His royal horse in the battle. 4 From him comes the cornerstone, From him the tent peg, From him the battle bow, From him every ruler together. 5 They shall be like mighty men, Who tread down their enemies In the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back, because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I had not cast them aside; For I am the LORD their God, and I will hear them. 7 Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes, their children shall see it and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. 8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for I will redeem them; And they shall increase as they once increased.

9 "I will sow them among the peoples, And they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, And they shall return. 10 I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no more room is found for them. 11 He shall pass through the sea with affliction, And strike the waves of the sea: All the depths of the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, And the scepter of Egypt shall depart. 12 "So I will strengthen them in the LORD, and they shall walk up and down in His name," Says the LORD.

Luke 14:31-33 NKJV Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. **So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**

2 Cor 10:2-6 NKJV

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Rev 12:7-12 NKJV

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

## Prayer of Forgiveness Towards Fathers

...{You can also substitute mothers in this or say both}

I forgive my father for any abuse, negativity and lack of love, or lack of affirmation, or acknowledgement on his part towards me, especially for any absence in my life, any neglect. I forgive him for leaving an image of me being forsaken, deserted or abandoned. I forgive my father for being disappointed in me and for betraying my trust through deceiving me from receiving the love of my heavenly Father.

I forgive him for distorting the image of who my heavenly Father is and what He is like.

I forgive my father for any and all abuses, unkind acts, hurts, shame, and deprivations; for any way that I did not receive a full satisfying father's blessing, I forgive him now. I loose myself from all power, hold, control and domination or dominion my father has over my mind, my will, my emotions and my feeling being. I renounce all ungodly soul ties to my father in Jesus name.



Heavenly Father...I ask you to forgive me for bringing all of the negative feelings and emotions and false images of myself and not lettin You take the place over those false images.

Thank You Holy Spirit for walking through my past feelings and emotions with me and help me to face the past. Be with me as I go through those experiences and emotions and help free me from the memories and all distortion or deception of the enemy that came through those experiences. Fill me Holy spirit with the Father's love and fill every void with the love I need and did not receive. Holy Spirit, I surrender my whole being to you...I surrender my emotions and all those events to You for healing. Thank you for bringing Your good out of all the hurt. Help me to reach out to others, even in the midst of the pain...that others may benefit from my loss - turn my loss to Your gain Lord.

Thank You Holy Spirit for Your presence with me, flowing freely in me and through me. Thank You that You ar my healer, my friend, my teacher, my comforter, my counselor, my intercessor, and the giver of Life and Light. Thank you that I have a good inheritance in You Lord. Thank You that I was fearfully and wonderfully made. Thank you that You make no mistakes...Thank you for my parents...Thank You Lord that You are a restorer of the breech and You will make me to be like You. Thank you for Your love...I love You Lord...Make me more like YOU...to rejoice in my sufferings, to rejoice when men speak ill of me...I renounce all rejection, fear of rejection and self-rejection and self-destruction, in Jesus name....Come Holy Spirit and make me whole in Jesus mighty name ! I throw off the mortal coil of death and destruction. I renounce all revenge, hatred, jealousy, violence, abuse, cruelty and any desire for revenge in Jesus name...I lay all my pain at the cross, in Jesus name. Deliver me O Lord from all evil in Jesus name.

## **Prayers to Overcome Anger**

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And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

Gen 4:4-8 NKJV

Oh Lord, forgive any areas of my life where I have been jealous, or angry and not forgiven. Help me to walk in righteousness by Your grace, that I would be able to obey all You want for me to do. Lord, help me to be as Joseph was in forgiving those even closest to him who desired to kill him. Help me to love my enemies and to be good to those who hate me, and to pray for those who spitefully use me.

[Deut 1:34-35] Father, I do not want to reap what I have sown in anger, I renounce all violence, bitterness, hatred, rage, murderous attitudes and anger, & pray that You would deliver me from them. I want to walk in the Spirit and to inherit all You have for me, Your goodness, Your self control, Your love, mercy, faithfulness, obedience, Your peace and joy. I pray You would give me beauty for ashes Abba. In the name and the blood of JESUS.

[Deut 1:37-38] Father, You were angry with Moses, because He acted in pride and anger again, I do not want to walk in impatience, but to be free from all things that would keep me from Your best for me. Help me to identify oh Lord, those things in my heart that are displeasing to You, and to forgive all who have offended me. Help me to be quick to forgive Father.

[Deut 3:26] Father, You know all things. You alone are almighty. You have said that vengeance is Mine, says the Lord! So Father help me to give up my right to be angry or vengeful, that I might inherit the promises You have made, and not walk in any rebellion in my life. I want Your ears to be open to my prayers so help me to give up any hold I have to doubt, unbelief or anything else that would rob and steal from me.

[Deut 4:21-22 NKJV Judg 6:39-40 NKJV] Father, I want to cross my Jordan. I want to possess all the good things You have for me. Help me Lord, to be brave and of good courage; to let go of all wrath and anger. Father, like Gideon, sometimes I have tested You. I pray You will help me to grow in faith and trust in You, and to die to my own self sufficiency. I pray I will depend on You like Gideon did, and that I will trust in Your kindness like David did.

[1 Sam 18:8-12 NKJV] Father, I do not want to be a Saul and walk in fear, delusion, anger, hatred and jealousy. I want to know Your love for me and to understand Your lovingkindness, that I could be filled with Your goodness.



Pour in Your love and extract all ungodly fear from my life that I would walk in TRUTH.

[2 Kings 13:19 NKJV] [2 Chron 26:18-19 NKJV]

Father, instill me with confidence in Your ability to defend me and fight for me ! Remove all ungodly anger and wrath, that I would walk in obedience to you. Extract any pain from my life that is the root of my anger, that I could face it, and forgive those who offended me. Take away my tendency to walk in my own self-sufficiency instead of depending on You & obeying You. Father, help me to walk humbly with You, to not walk in presumption and pride, that would cause me to get angry without cause. Grant me the grace to walk in humility and thankfulness Lord.

[Ps 2:12-3:1NKJV] Father, help me to walk in intimacy with You, not hiding anything, and trusting in the blood of Jesus, that paid the price for my sins. I never want to get so far away, that I don't experience Your kisses, Your voice, Your tenderness and Grace towards me. Pour out Your perfect love in me, that it would cast down all fear. Fill me with the fear of the Lord instead of the fear of man!

**Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD. Ps 4:4-5**

Father, Give me Your peace, when that peace has been disrupted by the enemy's voice ! Help me to remember Your truth, when he comes to sow doubt in my heart. Help me to remember, when others fail in their love for me, that Your's is never ending, and Your presence is always close to those who fear You. Help me to get still and listen for Your wisdom and comfort in every situation that brings turmoil to my heart.

[Ps 7:11-12 NKJV] Father, Your word is truth. Help me to know when I feel angry about something or someone, that I am not warring against flesh and blood, but powers and principalities and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places, and that You are my strong tower, my refuge from the enemy's taunts.

[Ps 76:7 NKJV] Father, I have no rights, because I gave them up when I gave my heart to You. I surrendered my whole life and I choose to trust you and to depend on You to help me with all my emotions. I do not have to give in to my emotions. Give me the grace to see what the enemy is doing when I am acting out of hurt, intolerance, impatience, or frustration. Help me to

remember You are in control of my life and that all things work for the good to those who are called according to Your purposes.

[Ps 85 NKJV] [Prov 21:19 ] Father, Help me to face all the anger in my heart, that I would not be a contentious person , or project any anger on those I love. Let Your hand be upon me that I would not do harm to anyone. Change my attitude to reflect Your own Lord, that I would fulfill the call on my life to be an ambassador for You; to love others as You have loved me.

[Prov 22:24-25 NKJV] Father, keep me from ungodly relationships. Give me discernment to recognize when bitterness is rearing it's ugly head and to not agree with it. Keep me from aligning myself with strife and rebellion that comes through angry men or women . Help me to quiet myself within, that I could hear what You would say.

[Prov 29:22-23 NKJV] Lord, Your word indicates that anger comes with transgression and that unrealized anger stirs up strife and arguments. Help me to walk in humility. Grant me the grace to cast all my cares upon You and to realize I need You more than the air I breathe, everyday. Help me to keep up the communion with You and to get alone with You, that You can work Your goodness in me.

[Eccl 7:9 ] Father, I don't want to be foolish. Help me to change my reactions to align with Your will in my life. Help me to change my habits and to look for You to know how to react in different situations. Help me to stop and look to You instead of reacting.

[Isa 57:17-19 NKJV] Lord, always help me to remember Your lovingkindness and patience, even when I have blown it. Help me to not compromise to the extent I would backslide away from Your heart. You always promise to heal if we come to You in our pain, in our sadness, in our anger. I thank You Lord that You create the fruit of the lips and that You have promised to give us peace. You have said that You will make even our enemies to be at peace with us.

[Jonah 4:1-4 NKJV Jonah 4:9-11 NKJV ] Lord help keep me from the pride of self righteousness, that then looks only at the problems in other people. Help me to remember You are the only One Who is GOOD, that You are SLOW to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and give me the grace to be like You. Keep me from doing harm to another person. Keep me from self-pity and all the ways of anger and violence. Restore to me a pure and undivided heart. Never let me get so prideful that I would align Your heart to injustice, for You only have my good in mind in all that You do.

Father, crush all the pride in me that would circumvent me having Your mercy and compassion for others, even though they are rebellious or imperfect.

Never let me get into the pride of self-sufficiency and self-righteousness without Your immediate correction. Do not let me do harm to another through my words. Put a guard on the door of my lips and heart Father ! In Jesus' name !

But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Matt 5:22-24 NKJV

Father, help me to be quick to forgive any offenses and to never judge another man. You are the One and only Judge. Father, never let me succumb to jealousy over the well being or ministry of another. I don't know what others have been through. I don't know the price they have paid. Let me never assume about anyone. Let me look to YOU for counsel, and not to man's ways.

[Matt 18:33-34 NKJV] Father, extend Your lovingkindness to me, and help me radiate Your kindness to others. Forgive me Lord for my many indiscretions with my lips, forgive me for any word curses or soulish prayers I've prayed, and any anger I have had at not being able to control my life. For my life is in Your hands, and You work all things to the good for those who are called to Your purposes. Fill me up with Your love that I can love others. Your love never fails. Help me to always lean on YOU for the love I need to give to others as well as for myself.

[Luke 14:21-22 NKJV] Never Lord, do I want to presume on Your relationship with me. Help me to stay close to You. Fill me with passion for You, that I would not reject Your Holy Spirit when He calls to me; that I would never be too busy to spend time with You which is the only way I can get filled up with more of YOU.

And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never

gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' " **Luke 15:27-32 NKJV**

Father, Your love is so unconditional and everlasting. I renounce any jealousy towards my own brothers and sisters in the Lord, or any other individual. Root out any discontentment with how You have dealt with me. Root out any jealousy for how you choose to use others. Enable me to be content in all situations. Grant me Your GRACE to overcome. Fill me more with Your love and kindness, that I can rejoice with those who rejoice and be grateful for the life and ministry You have given me and others, without anger at what I have not been given to do, or what I've been given to go through. Help me to press in to You with all my heart, and free me from any selfish ambition, I pray. In the name and the blood of JESUS.

[John 7:24 NKJV] Father, You alone are the righteous Judge. Help me to seek Your opinions of others and not yield to my own fleshly tendencies to judge for myself. You alone know the hearts of men, and help me to love them as You love them.

[ Eph 4:25-27 NKJV ] Lord help me to come to You with my anger, and not to use it against others to hurt them. Help me to lay all my cares and concerns onto You. Show me the way of LIFE Lord. I give my anger and pain to YOU. Help me Lord to forgive deep in my heart, and not just on the surface. Help me to see the other person's point of view and to see them with Your eyes.

They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them Neh 9:17 NKJV

Thank You Father for helping me to see in Your word, that You never leave us or forsake us, that Your love never is taken away, even when we get rebellious or angry or hurt others, that You continue, by Your grace to be concerned with healing us, and changing us, by pouring in your love, even when we don't deserve it.

**Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.**

**[Ps 37:8-9 NKJV]**

Father, I see a relationship between fear and nervousness, with anger and wrath. Father deliver me in Your lovingkindness from every fear in my life, from all impatience, intolerance, worry, and doubt, that I could be filled with the knowledge of the depth of Your love for mean and be confident in it. Help me to not be presumptuous, and keep me from acting in impulsiveness, that I would WAIT on You, to do only what You lead Father !

**[Ps 103:8-11 NKJV]** Oh Lord, I praise You for Your great love and mercy towards me ! Thank You for Your ever loving kindness and unconditional love, and help me to forgive those who don't love me unconditionally. Help those persons I have offended to forgive me Lord. Heal my heart from any hidden hurts and pain, that I will not react in bitterness, but only in Your love, by Your Spirit.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. Ps 145:8-9

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness. Prov 15:1-2 NKJV

Lord, help me to be filled up with soft answers; to react in PEACE towards those who are angry and tormented. Help me to react in LOVE and kindness to those who seem offensive and bitter themselves. I want to walk in Your love, and see others with Your eyes and react in Your heart. Put Your words on my lips. Let no corrupt communication come out of my mouth Lord.

A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention. Prov 15:18 NKJV He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. Prov 16:32 NKJV The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression. Prov 19:11 NKJV

Father, I acknowledge that there are many times I have failed and have been provoked to react in anger and wrath. Help me to stop before I react, and to have the mind of Christ in all situations, that I may react in love . Take away any impulsivity, that I would wait, and look to You for how to respond in my communications with others. Help my words to always edify, comfort and

build up others Lord, like You do. Help to not respond at all when I am tired, to put it off then, till I am of sound mind and have sought Your heart.

[ Prov 20:2 NKJV ] Father, always help me to have a healthy respect for authority that I would not incur Your anger. Help me to love, and pray for those in authority in my life and to always respond as You would.

It is honorable for a man to stop striving, since any fool can start a quarrel.  
Prov 20:3

Father I want to be free from any foolishness in my life. Break the power of strife in my life; uproot any pride that would engender strife.

Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, but who is able to stand before jealousy?  
Prov 27:4

Lord, Your word seems to indicate that jealousy is worse than anger or wrath. Root out any place in my heart where I have been jealous of others, including my natural family Lord. Heal the deep bitter root judgments I have made, that I could forgive deeply like You forgive and love them as You love them Lord. Keep me from the sins of jealousy, envy, wrath and anger that I would not put anything in the way of our relationship. Lord, I know that jealousy in Saul led him to a murderous attitude of heart. I renounce all jealousy and murder that could be in my heart and ask You to increase Your Holy Spirit in me, that I could live totally in YOU.

Prov 27:5-6 NKJV Lord help me to accept Your correction, even when coming from unlikely vessels. Help me to discern when the words of people are coming from You, or from their own hurts, that I would not react in anger, but with Your Spirit of understanding.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.  
Prov 27:6

Father, Jesus's words were that offenses will come. Help me to forgive my friends when they are insensitive to my needs or feelings. Help me to realize that when the kisses of the enemy come through another, that I fight not against flesh and blood, but powers and principalities and spiritual wickedness in high places. Help me to feel Your love and comfort, and to quiet myself when offenses come, that I can feel Your love. Help me to love those who seem to be my enemies.



[Eccl 5:16-17 NKJV] Lord, help me not to yield to self-pity, but understand that bad things happen to all people and I am not alone in my suffering. You are there with me suffering with me, feeling my pain and sorrow. Help me to rejoice in my sufferings and to continue to wage the good fight that I may earn the prize of Your presence. Help me to have a thankful heart.

[Joel 2:13-14 NKJV] Search my heart oh God and tell me if there is any wicked way in me. Show me anything I have not repented of. And grant me the grace to turn away from sins that easily beset me. Bring the power of Your love that leads to repentance and destroys the yoke of bondage over my life Father ! In Jesus' name !

[Mic 7:18-19 NKJV] Thank you Lord that Your character delights in mercy. Your heart is ever towards me. Have compassion on me Lord, and subdue my iniquities, that I may walk in light all the time.

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph 4:29-32 NKJV

Oh Lord, give me a tender heart; an undivided heart, that I may know You and the fellowship of Your sufferings, that I may share in Your glory ! Help me to be a braveheart. Do not let my heart bring forth words that would hurt others, but that would only bring LIFE to others.

[Col 3:8-11 NKJV] Father, any sin in my life means unbelief and deception somewhere in my mind or heart. Destroy all the roots of UNBELIEF and DECEPTION over my soul Lord. Deliver me from all evil as Your word says You will do Lord ! Give me GRACE to be passionate for You and obeying Your word! Help me to live what I have read in Your word, that I may bless and represent You well to the world that does not know You. I don't want to dishonor YOU in any way LORD. Help me overcome ALL my sins. Help me to love people as You love them Lord, even when they treat me with misunderstanding, help me to react in LOVE. Pour Your love in me Lord, that I may love others as You love them.

## **Prayers against deception**

( First ones are from Beth Moore's "Praying God's Word" )

Her book is out of print now.

Father, this moment I am choosing the way of truth. I want to set my heart on Your laws. (Ps. 119:30) Help me to choose the way of truth the rest of my days. Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long. Ps 25:4-5

Test me O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for Your love is ever before me, and I desire to walk continually in Your truth. Ps 26:2-3 Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O Lord; may Your love and Your truth always protect me. Ps. 40:11

Father please help me learn how much Your truth protects me. Without it, I am vulnerable to the enemy and to my own flesh nature. Glorious God, in Your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness; let Your right hand display awesome deeds. Ps 45:4

I don't need to be afraid of truth. It is the key You will use to take me forth into victory. God, surely You desire truth in my inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place Ps. 51:6

Please expose to me the deeply embedded lies I've believed and replace them with permanently engraved truth! Teach me Your ways, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. Ps 86:11

Father, You have said in Your Word, " Whosoever invokes a blessing in the land will do so by the God of truth; he who takes an oath in the land will swear by the God of truth. For the past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my eyes." Isaiah 65:16

Lord I have plenty of past troubles. They seem to continue to be right before my eyes. Please, God of truth, invoke a blessing over MY life and release me from my past! Lord God, have mercy on me. Help me not to be unresponsive to Your correction. You only chastise in love in order to bring me back to the place of safety....to You, Lord God. Help me not hide behind lies. When You look for truth, I pray You will find truth in me! Merciful God, according to Your word, everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth



comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. {John 3:20-21}

O God, help me to not be afraid to let YOU shine Your light on my darkness. Please cause Your light to permeate, expose, and treat any darkness or deception in me so that I can live freely in Your light ! Christ Jesus, my Savior and Lord, YOU are my Way, my Truth, my Life. You are my only means of going to the Father ( John 14:6) Thank You, Jesus, for the access You afforded me when You laid down Your life in my place. Lord sanctify me by the truth; Your Word is truth.  
(John 17:17)

Please help me to embrace fully what this verse is saying, Lord. I can be saved by You, but if I don't allow You to teach me and mature me through Your Word, I will never fulfill what You sanctified or set me apart in this earthly existence to do. Father, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be a Counselor to me. He came straight from You to me and other believers. HE is the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father and HE faithfully testifies truth to me concerning Your Son, Jesus. ( John 15:26)

Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, will guide me into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears from YOU. (John 16:13) As the Holy Spirit within me searches and pinpoints areas of deception in my life, give me sound discernment to understand as He guides me into all truth.  
Thank You Lord.

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Father, Your old temple was sanctified by Your Glory, so I ask You to sanctify me with Your glory, as we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit and lead me in the way everlasting....Pour out Your glory Lord....come and change me into the person You want me to be and help me to do all You want me to do. Break any areas of fear of intimacy in my life that I may enjoy close fellowship with You and not hide from Your Spirit. Heal all the woundedness in my life, that would block my ability to walk whole in this world. Reveal to me any areas of healing I still need that I may fulfill the call You have on my life.
In Jesus name, Amen !

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Overcoming Intimidation Prayer

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One of the things we have a lot of problems with when we have grown up with a lot of control, is overcoming intimidating spirits. One of the goals of a Jezebel spirit which is so prevalent in the church and world today is to intimidate you to do what she wants. (The spirit - as the Bible says we war not against flesh and blood, but powers, and principalities, and spiritual wickedness in high places.) To yield to intimidation of man is to bow to the fear of man and idolatry to man.

Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus, confessing that intimidation has caused me to sin. I ask your forgiveness for thinking of myself as inferior, for I am created in Your image, and I am Your workmanship. Jesus said the kingdom of God is within me. Therefore the power that raised Jesus from the dead is in me and causes me to face life with hope and divine strength. Your word says, "The Lord God of Israel gives strength and power to His people". So Lord I ask you to give me Your grace, Your strength, Your power and wisdom to stand up in the face of intimidating spirits, and to speak what you would have me speak.

I bind the roots of intimidation in my life in the name of Jesus. And I renounce fear of intimidation and control, domination and witchcraft, in the name of Jesus. I ask You Father to root out of my life and heal the part of my heart that still reacts in intimidation that I could be and do all that You want me to be and do for Your kingdom. I ask you to heal my inner man. Father....show me any vows or pronouncements I made that have interfered with my ability to stand up to these spirits, that I may break them and renounce all fear, in Jesus name.

You said You would never leave me or forsake me, and that if You are for me, then who can be against me. You are my shield, my high tower to whom I can run. You are the Rock upon which I stand. Nothing can separate me from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Father pour out Your love on me right now, Your manifest love, to help me overcome my fear. Forgive me for giving in to these spirits Lord....and make me whole. No weapon formed against me shall prosper. Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world. You have not given me a spirit fear, but of power, love and a sound mind, whereby I can cry out Abba, Father !

Habakkuk 3:19 (amp) says, The Lord God is my Strength, my personal Bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hind's feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make spiritual progress on my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility] ! So Father, I am standing on Your promise to be my Strength, and to help me to overcome all that has held me back from being all that You want for me to be, and all that You have wanted for me to do.

Thank you Lord that Your word says that if we confess our sins, that You are Faithful and Just to forgive them. I forgive myself as well and refuse to hold on to guilt associated with intimidation. I renounce all the works of the enemy and ask You to pour out Your discernment in me when I am falling into the trap of intimidation again, and that You would empower me to avoid this temptation, and to depend on You for what to speak when I am confronted in this way again. In Jesus mighty Name, I pray. Amen

One thing that has helped me in the past to learn scripture, is to write them on index cards and repeat the ones I want to pray daily over me, my son, or other people in my family, or the lost. I have a problem with memorizing so I have to do things like that to help...But I have found that when the Holy Spirit quickens something to my mind ABOUT the scriptures that then I remember it better. And the Holy Spirit often in prayer will help you to remember something to pray that you have read in scripture...or take you to a scripture that will help.

You can put your own name in there...or that of your husband, wife, or children, etc. and His word never comes back unanswered. Now I have known people who twist the scriptures to pray their will...this is witchcraft, of the charismatic kind. God does not honor such prayer...but is grieved by it.

Praying against jezebel oppression:

Much controversy has been shouted about in saying, never come against jezebel ! Well if you don't, you will live with oppression, death, and destruction at your door. It is true that any prayer in concert with another Christian is more effective. One can set a thousand to flight and two can set ten thousand to flight it says in Psalm 91. In the war which is at hand in the church and the world, it is important to have agreeing prayer. We are our brother's keeper. The best is when we pray together as families. Satan particularly hates this...so he has been busy through witchcraft causing division.

Prayer against jezebel is similar to prayer against witchcraft, as witchcraft control is one of the strongholds of jezebel, along with intimidation,

manipulation, greed, covetousness, lust (for power, and money, and sometimes of a sexual nature). Competition and vengeance, bitterness and jealousy are also a part. Her assignments always seem to be accompanied by head pressure, and pain especially in the back of the neck. Also top of the head pressure that makes it feel like a migraine is the presence of death and destruction. Some people get chest pain...which is a word of knowledge for the spirit of MURDER.

The spirit doesn't want just to upset you; satan comes but to KILL, steal and destroy you. Oftentimes I have been without prayer partners... and it is a painful ordeal to fight this one alone...as there is often in us... some of her...in the nature of fear or control issues that have not been healed. So it is WISDOM to get someone else to pray with you when you are under her attack! Pride is also at the root of jezebel, thinking she/or he knows better what is good for you, while all the time wanting your anointing or money, or husband... whatever. She/he is very self-focused. I know because I was raised with it...and became what I judged. It has taken so much time to get healed due to the abuse in my childhood, and my own wanting to run away from pain.

I am a great believer in, and minister of inner healing, and I recommend highly that if you feel there is still bitterness, or lack of healing in your own heart...you must get healed. If you were abused, no matter what kind it was, if it was at the hand of witchcraft and satanism, or just mental, emotional, or neglectful kind of abuse, or perfectionism... you need to forgive those who have offended you. And you cannot fully forgive without inner healing. God has to heal your INNER man...your soul...from all the wounds. There is no "Quick zap"...except when HE comes in revival kind of power to touch you. We have seen people receive so much healing doing rug time on the floor...being spiritually operated on by the Holy Spirit...and they would say...God showed me all the things I went through in childhood and young adulthood, and He showed me that He was with me, and He has healed me. It is so wonderful when He touches you this way. But if you are not in a revival church...God can still touch you wherever you are at. All you have to do is ask and believe He will. If you want personal prayer...email me and I will pray for you. Distance is no barrier to God. Don't be afraid to ask for prayer from other intercessors in your church.

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, I submit to You and all authority under You. I refuse to walk in rebellion. I renounce all rebellion and control in my life. I ask Your forgiveness for allowing these things to rule in my life. Father forgive me for the times I have avoided YOU, Who are the Healer of

my soul. Come to me NOW Holy Spirit; would You come and destroy the yoke of destruction from jezebel that has been attacking me (and my family). Come O Holy One of Israel. I thank you that it is Your Righteousness alone that makes me able to enter into Your throne of grace with boldness now Father. I repent of all my sins. I ask for Your warring angels to come now and surround me. I ask You to make Your face to shine upon me and mine. I break the power of death, murder and destruction in Jesus name. Jesus alone holds the keys to death and hell.

He alone decides my fate. I rebuke you death and destruction. I rebuke you murder and jezebel, in Jesus name. Father, I ask you to cut off the tentacles of jezebel now, in the name of Jesus. I submit and commit myself into Your hands Father, for You have said You will fight for me....Lord Jesus, You are the commander of the armies of God...so I ask you to come....Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, come...come and rescue me (us) Lord! Be my Shepherd, Jehovah Raah!

For You are my God. You are My High Tower, the Defender of the Lamé! You alone are the Lover of my soul, and no force in heaven, hell, or this earth can withstand the blade of Righteousness You hold in Your hand. I worship You Lord, I thank you for this attack. I thank you for the fellowship of Your sufferings. Let Your Kingdom come Lord, and Your will alone, be done on earth as it is in heaven, in my life and in the life of my family. I cancel all the assignments from ungodly prayers of wicked men and women aimed at me or my family in the name of Jesus. The Lord God Almighty rules and reigns over this house and over my family, over our health, over our finances and relationships.

We thank You Lord for when we call, You always listen. We thank You, for your mighty angels are now being dispersed to drive off the attack of the enemy and his forces. Fine tune our discernment Lord, so that we will be more aware when we are under the attack of the enemy. Father, we lift up to You those who are against us, and we ask that you would bless them, especially with healing and deliverance, that they could be free from the influences of jezebel or witchcraft, and all the strategies of satan to destroy them. I choose to forgive Father, those who hate me (us). Rip the veil of blindness that is over their eyes Father...so they could be drawn by Your Holy Spirit to truth, and Him Who is the TRUTH. Forgive them father. Break their chains and set them free. Show them Your manifest LOVE, in Jesus Name.
Amen!

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Prayers to Overcome Jealousy/Envy

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In the Old Testament envy and jealousy are the same word qin'ah
OT:7068 qin'ah (kin-aw'); from OT:7065; jealousy or envy: KJV - envy (-
ied), jealousy, sake, zeal.

OT:7065 qana' (kaw-naw'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, make)
zealous, i.e. (in a bad sense) jealous or envious: KJV - (be) envy (-
ious), be (move to, provoke to) jealous (-y), very, (be) zeal (-ous).

The Greek has mainly two words for jealousy and envy:

NT:5355 phthonos (fthon' -os); probably akin to the base of NT:5351; ill-
will (as detraction), i.e. jealousy (spite): KJV - envy.

NT:5351 phtheiro (fthi' -ro); probably strengthened from pthio
(to pine or waste); properly, to shrivel or wither, i.e. to spoil (by
any process) or (generally) to ruin (especially figuratively, by
moral influences, to deprave): KJV - corrupt (self), defile, destroy.

NT:2205 zelos (dzay' -los); from NT:2204; properly, heat, i.e.
(figuratively) "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one,
jealousy, as of a husband [figuratively, of God], or an enemy, malice):
KJV - emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.

NT:2204 zeo (dzeh' -o); a primary verb; to be hot (boil, of liquids; or glow,
of solids), i.e. (figuratively) be fervid (earnest): KJV - be fervent.

NT:2206 zeloo (dzay-lo' -o) or zeleuo (dzay-loo' -o); from NT:2205; to have
warmth of feeling for or against: KJV - affect, covet (earnestly), (have)
desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect).

Prov 27:4 NIV Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand
before jealousy?

Father, Your word describes jealousy as more than cruelty and overwhelming
fury. Father remove from me any of the components of jealousy, or the
covetousness, hatred, fear and insecurity that fuel it !

I renounce all jealousy and fear and insecurity and pray You will uncover any of the root causes in my past that would keep me walking in unholy Jealousy towards others. I want to be holy as YOU are holy Father. Remove from my heart all cruelty and any murderous attitudes that accompany jealousy !

Ps 78:58 NIV They angered him with their high places; they aroused His jealousy with their idols.

Ps 79:5 NIV How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

Father, even as You are jealous over us, help me to be jealous for My time with You. It is only in Your presence that I can be healed from the ungodly kind of jealousy that eats away at my spiritual attitudes. Fill me with Your LOVE and KINDNESS, that I may love others as You love them Lord !

Prov 6:34-35 NIV for jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge. 35 He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse the bribe, however great it is.

Zeph 1:18 NIV Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth."

Thank You Father, that you are jealous like this over ME ! Help me to remember that YOU love me so much, that I do not need to defend myself for YOU are my Defender ! Help me to remember how Your love is on fire for me and help me to LOVE you with that same love Father.

Song 8:6-7 NIV Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. 7 Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Jealousy is unyielding it says Lord, but I want to be completely yielded to YOU ! Please give me the GRACE to surrender completely my whole life to you ! Help me to surrender my time, my thoughts, my will, my heart to Your ways and Your will ! Bind My mind to your mind, and my will to Your will in Jesus' name !

Ezek 35:11-12 NIV therefore as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will treat you in accordance with the anger and jealousy you showed in

your hatred of them and I will make myself known among them when I judge you.

Oh Lord forgive me for the times I have been jealous of others. Forgive me for trying to obtain what others have, for selfish ambition and trying to make myself prominent out of my own insecurity and need for attention. Help me to submit to YOUR WILL completely in all areas of my life and change my HEART Lord to reflect Your heart !

Acts 5:17-18 NIV Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

Acts 13:45 NIV When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.

Father, jealousy nailed Your Son to the cross and tortured Your Son, along with My sins. Free me Father from all the jealousy including any generational curse in my family ! Forgive my family for setting an ungodly example of how to cope and deal with life's problems. Help me to change and be more like YOU. Help me not to compare myself to others and what they have. Help me to be CONTENT with the gifts You have given me, and the life You made for me. Help me to appreciate what I have, and all You have done for me. Fill me with thankfulness instead of jealousy and envy of others. Help me to rejoice with those who rejoice.

Rom 13:12-14 NIV Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Father, Please give me the GRACE to overcome any immoral fleshly activity in my life that would fuel dissension and jealousy. Remove any pride that would cause me to think myself more deserving or better than others. Help me to "Put on" the Lord Jesus by coming into Your presence daily and worshipping You, and communicating with You in prayer and studying Your word, that My mind would be renewed.

1 Cor 3:3 NIV You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

2 Cor 12:20 NIV For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that

there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.

Gal 5:19-21 NIV Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Father, uproot in me any of the works of the flesh, that would war against Your holiness in me ! Bring to me, the Spirit of burning and burn off all the flesh that would yield to jealousy and envy, cruelty and hatred. Father do not allow your turtledove to be turned over to the wild beasts of the earth ! Rescue me from all darkness ! Fill me with more of Your love, peace, kindness and patience. Overwhelm me with YOUR LOVE, that I would not think or act in worldly ways. Give me GRACE to deny my flesh and to walk in the light as You are in the light.

Ex 20:4-5 NKJV "You shall not make for yourself a carved image any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Ex 34:13-16 NKJV (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), 15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice,

Father, it seems there is an alignment of jealousy with IDOLATRY. So I ask You to remove any idolatry to self or things in my life, that I would not yield to covetousness and envy. I renounce all idolatry in me, and in the generations before me. I ask for forgiveness for any ancestral idolatry and pray You will destroy any generational curses over my life.

I renounce agreement with any of the lies of jealousy demonstrated in my family growing up, and as an adult. I ask YOU to speak TRUTH to me, when I am tempted to jealousy or envy of others. I pray You will keep me from harming others with my own insecurity and petty jealousies. Destroy every lie

of the enemy over my mind Father, that I can walk in wholeness and complete my quest for holiness in YOU.

Deut 4:23-24 NKJV For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Deut 6:15 AMP For the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and He destroy you from the face of the earth

Father, come and be the all consuming fire in me ! Consume all my flesh Lord, that I will be free from all envy and jealousy, that I will only look to YOU for all I need; that I will serve only an audience of ONE. I pray I will be more and more like YOU, and walk and talk like You . Conform my mind and thoughts to Your thoughts Lord. Take complete control of me Holy Spirit that I will not do my own will, but only Yours !

Nah 1:2-3 NKJV God's Wrath on His Enemies
God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves wrath for His enemies; 3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.

Job 5:2 NKJV For wrath kills a foolish man, and envy slays a simple one.

Prov 3:31-32 NKJV Do not envy the oppressor, and choose none of his ways; 32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD,

Father, help me to be slow to anger or wrath. Remove any pain in my heart that would lead me to anger. Expose any pain I am unaware of Lord that still needs forgiveness. I only want to be like YOU. I refuse to give in to anger and envy of others. Remove from me all discontentment even with the way I am. Help me to love myself. Give me a pleasant personality, that I might be an encouragement and blessing to others, instead of always looking at how I fall short of the mark compared to others or envying them. Help me to appreciate who You made me to be. You said godliness with contentment is great gain. So grant me the GRACE Father, to walk in that contentment.

Prov 14:30 AMP A calm and undisturbed mind and heart are the life and health of the body, but envy, jealousy, and wrath are like rottenness of the bones.

Prov 23:17 AMP Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long.

Father, You state that jealousy and envy are like causing rottenness to the bones. It gives me a picture of fruit spoiling on a dish, rotting away to nothing. Father, Your Son came to bring me LIFE and that abundantly. Release me from all that has caused me to walk in envy and jealousy that I may have that abundant life. I want freedom Lord, so I can be and do all You have called me to be and do ! Help me never to look at what is on the other person's plate, with envy. Give me a heart of forgiveness and thankfulness and gratefulness and remove the roots of pride in my life, that I will not give in to envy or jealousy any more. I am seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and nothing can snatch me out of Your hand Father. Help me to TRUST YOU MORE and to let go of any control in my life, to fully YIELD to Your ways and accept that anything that happens, You allow for my benefit. Fill me with gratitude of heart for all You have done for me !

Eccl 9:5-6 NKJV For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.
6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun.

Father, when I am tempted by the enemy to envy or jealousy, remind me that this life is temporary. This is not my home. Heaven is my home, and that I have an ETERNAL inheritance that is much greater than anything in this life. Remove from me all striving and fill me with MORE of Your love and GRACE.

Isa 26:11 NKJV LORD, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed for their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.

Father, I don't want to stand before you and have to explain how I was full of envy for others ! Help my unbelief Father. Open my eyes to the roots of envy in my life. RELEASE ME ! Do not allow me to be deceived by the enemy anymore. Help me to die to SELF and what I want, and to love what YOU want for my life ! Kiss me with Your wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You. Fill me with more of Your love, that I would overcome any pride, arrogance, ego-centricity in my life. I renounce all of that and all

self-sufficiency ! My sufficiency is in YOU Father ! I dedicate my life to YOU and yield to YOUR will in my life ALL of my life. Order my days and help me to be dependent on You for what I 'm to do. Keep me from presumptive sins Father !

Matt 27:18 NKJV For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

Mark 15:10 AMP For he was aware that it was [because they were prompted] by envy that the chief priests had delivered Him up.

Acts 13:45 AMP But when the Jews saw the crowds, filled with envy and jealousy they contradicted what was said by Paul and talked abusively [reviling and slandering him].

Rom 1:28-29 AMP And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome, 29 Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers,

Father, uproot everything in me that would lift itself up against You ! Open my eyes to anything I am not aware of in my life that is only self-serving and expose any judgments I have made that keep me in bondage to jealousy or envy ! I want total freedom Father ! Expose any bitterness in my heart that would keep me in sin.

1 Cor 3:3 AMP For you are still [unspiritual, having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses]. For as long as [there are] envying and jealousy and wrangling and factions among you, are you not unspiritual and of the flesh, behaving yourselves after a human standard and like mere (unchanged) men?

Father, kill the old man in me, that I can be filled with Christ and walk as He walked, talk as He talked, and live as He lived for doing only what You want ! I will not be satisfied Lord till I awake in Your image ! Continue to burn off the chaff of my flesh that I can be all You have called me to be ! Grant me entrance into that place of intimacy with YOU, that I can be filled with Your love till I am able to receive all that You have for me and can walk in the fullness You have for me.

1 Cor 13:4 AMP Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

Father, again I ask, **FILL ME WITH YOUR LOVE !** Overwhelm me with Your love. Take over my thought processes Holy Spirit. Have all of me ! Do not leave anything left that is of me ! Perfect me in Your love ! Help me to renew my mind by speaking Your word. Help me to meditate on Your Word, that I can walk in the Spirit and not according to the flesh.

Gal 5:21 AMP Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Rescue me Lord from all that would destroy my life in You ! Your promise is to deliver us from all evil You said Lord ! Let me not envy those who oppress and so not let me envy those who have more than I do. Keep me from that would deceive me ! Give me discernment when the thoughts I am having are NOT from me, and help me to take **EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE**, that I would not give in to ruminating on things that are unhealthy for my spiritual life. You are My Deliverer, the Rock upon which I stand ! I trust YOU to deliver me from all that encompasses me about and hinders me from the fullness of YOU !

Phil 1:15 AMP Some, it is true, [actually] preach Christ (the Messiah) [for no better reason than] out of envy and rivalry (party spirit), but others are doing so out of a loyal spirit and goodwill.

1 Tim 6:3-5 AMP But if anyone teaches otherwise and does not assent to the sound and wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and the teaching which is in agreement with godliness (piety toward God),
4 He is puffed up with pride and stupefied with conceit, [although he is] woefully ignorant. He has a morbid fondness for controversy and disputes and strife about words, which result in (produce) envy and jealousy, quarrels and dissension, abuse and insults and slander, and base suspicions,
5 And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, who imagine that godliness or righteousness is a source of profit [a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood]. From such withdraw.

Titus 3:3 AMP For we also were once thoughtless and senseless, obstinate and disobedient, deluded and misled; [we too were once] slaves to all sorts of

cravings and pleasures, wasting our days in malice and jealousy and envy, hateful (hated, detestable) and hating one another.

Father, remove all hatred, anger, murder, envy and rebellion from my heart, that I will NO longer give in to envy and jealousy. Uproot any and all unforgiveness in my life for any pain I endured. Help me to forgive those who abused me. Help me to forgive DEEP in my heart, that nothing of the enemy would be found in me Lord ! Heal me in my inner man, that I can be free Lord to be like YOU ! Help me to walk in intimacy with You, always looking to YOU and not depending on my own self or selfishness.

Give me a peaceful spirit Lord and overwhelm me with YOUR GOODNESS.

I worship YOU Father and lay down my life before you.

I surrender my thoughts and opinions to YOU. I give You permission to burn off all that cannot withstand the test Lord ! Make me a new person. You said, that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. So make me new and pleasing to You Father. GRANT me GREAT GRACE to fight the good fight, to speak Your Word and to BELIEVE all You have told me.

James 3:14 AMP But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of and false to the Truth.

Help me Lord to LOVE my brother and sister, even as You have loved me. Thank You Father, that you rescued me from a life of sin and death. Thank You that you brought me into the light and will keep me by the power of Your grace. Speak truth to my inner man and help me to LOVE the Truth for YOU are TRUTH Lord and nothing is hidden from You. Create in me a pure heart oh Lord and renew a steadfast spirit within me !

1 Peter 2:1-2 Amp SO BE done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander and evil speaking of every kind.

2 Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow unto [completed] salvation,

Father, remove any PRETENSE over my life. Open my spiritual eyes to see me as You see me Lord. Remove any false images I have of You Father. Heal my heart and help me to see myself as You want me to Lord. Reveal to me any areas of pretense that I can be REAL and integritous in my walk with You. Come Holy Spirit and renew my heart and mind, and give me YOUR EYES to see with Lord ! In Jesus' name AMEN !

Scriptures to break the stronghold of REJECTION

Ps 27:10 AMP Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child]. [Ps 22:10.]

Ps 27:10 NKJV When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the LORD will take care of me.

Prov 19:22-23 NIV What a man desires is unfailing love; better to be poor than a liar. The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Romans 8:31-33, 35-39 NKJV

What then shall we say to these things ? If God is for us, who can be against us ? He Who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect ? It is God Who justifies..Who will separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword ? As it is written: " For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter" Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord .

Lord God, help me to trust in Your unfailing love; cause my heart to rejoice in Your salvation Help me to sing to You, Lord , for You have dealt bountifully with me ! Ps 13:5-6

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope..You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of JOY; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:7-9,11

I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech. Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You from those who rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,
from the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Psalm 17:6-9 NKJV

I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust ; My shield and
the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is
worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. He sent from
above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from
my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too strong for me.
They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support.

He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because HE
DELIGHTED IN ME !

Psalm 18:1-3, 16-19

Ex 15:13-14 NIV "In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have
redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. The
nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

1 Sam 20:13-15 NIV (Jonathon to David)

May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. 14 But show me
unfailing kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be
killed, 15 and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family-not even
when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the
earth."

2 Sam 22:51 NIV He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing
kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."

Ps 6:2-10 NIV

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are
in agony. My soul is in anguish. How long, O LORD, how long? Turn, O LORD,
and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. No one remembers you
when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave? I am worn out from
groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with
tears. My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes.
Away from me, all you who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping. The
LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer. All my
enemies will be ashamed and dismayed; they will turn back in sudden disgrace.

Ps 21:7-8 NIV For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken. Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes.

Ps 31:15-16 NIV My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

Ps 32:10-11 NIV Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Ps 33:1-5 NIV Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Ps 33:18-22 NIV But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Ps 36:7-11 NIV How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

Ps 44:23-26 NIV Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love.

Ps 48 :9 -11 NIV Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.

Ps 51:1-1 NIV (For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness ; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 14 Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Ps 52:8-53:1 NIV But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints.

Ps 77:7-12 NIV "Will the Lord reject forever ? Will he never show his favor again ? Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time ?

Has God forgotten to be merciful ? Has he in anger withheld his compassion ?"

Selah. Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High." I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.

Ps 85:6-12 NIV Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you

? 7 Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints--but let them not return to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Ps 90:14-91:1 NIV Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us--yes, establish the work of our hands.

Ps 107:8-9 NIV Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Ps 107:15-16 NIV Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

Ps 107:21-22 NIV Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Ps 107:31-36 NIV Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders. He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there. He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

Ps 119:41-43 NIV May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise; then I will answer the one who taunts me, for I trust in your word. Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws.

Ps 119:76-88 NIV May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts. May those who fear you turn to me, those who understand your statutes. May my heart be blameless toward your decrees, that I may not be put to shame.

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My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word. My eyes fail, looking for your promise; I say, "When will you comfort me?" Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget your decrees. How long must your servant wait? When will you punish my persecutors? The arrogant dig pitfalls for me, contrary to your law. All your commands are trustworthy; help me, for men persecute me without cause. They almost wiped me from the earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. Preserve my life according to your love, and I will obey the statutes of your mouth.

Ps 130:7-8 NIV O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Ps 143:8 Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.

Ps 147:11-13 NIV the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion, for he strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.

Prov 20:6-7 NIV Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find? The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

Isa 54:10-13 NIV Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, "says the LORD, who has compassion on you. "O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise,

your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace.

Lam 3:32-33 NIV Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

Hosea 10:12 NIV Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

Ps 138:1-3 NKJV I will praise You with my whole heart. Before the gods I will sing praises to You. I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.

Ps 144:2-9 NKJV

My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me. 3 LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him? Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow. Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Flash forth lightning and scatter them. Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks vain words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. I will sing a new song to You, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

Jer 9:24 NKJV But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

Jer 31:3-4 NKJV The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

Jer 32:17-20 NKJV 'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them--the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the LORD of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.

Hos 2:19-3:1 NKJV "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD. "It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer," says the LORD ; "I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth. The earth shall answer With grain, With new wine, and with oil; They shall answer Jezreel. Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!' "

Ex 34:6-7 NKJV And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,

Deut 4:31 NKJV (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

2 Sam 22:26-31 NKJV "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; 27 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. 28 You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down. "For You are my lamp, O LORD; The LORD shall enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

2 Chron 30:9 NKJV For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him."

Neh 9:19-20 NKJV Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, To lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, and the way they should go. You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst.

Jer 3:12-13 NKJV 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the LORD, 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the LORD; 'I will not remain angry forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God, And have scattered your charms To alien deities under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,' says the LORD.

Joel 2:13-14 NKJV So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him--A grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

Matt 5:3-12 NKJV "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Luke 6:27-32 NKJV "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

Luke 6:35-36 NKJV But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Heb 8:10-12 NKJV For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

James 5:11-12 NKJV Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Ps 42:2-3 NKJV My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?"

Ps 56:8-12 NKJV You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book? When I cry out to You, then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me. In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust ; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Ps 126:5-6 NKJV Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

Mal 3:17-18 NKJV "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Scriptures to help you break food-related strongholds

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" Lord, if I wholeheartedly commit whatever I do to You, my plans will succeed. (Proverbs 16:3)

When Your words come to me, help me to eat them; make them my joy and delight, for I hear Your name, O Lord God Almighty. Jeremiah 15:16

Lord give me a passion for Your Word and passion for Your SON, and passion to bring glory to You.

For I know that my old self is crucified with Christ, so that this body of sin might be done away with, that I should no longer be a slave to sin anyone who has died has been freed from sin. (Romans 6:6-7)

For by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.
2 Peter 2:19b

Father, I do not want to be overcome by the enemy. I want to do Your will alone. You are my Adonai ! My Master ! Grant me the grace to obey only You. Help me to overcome the spirit of gluttony and it's allies in my life. Help me to hate what You hate and to love what You love. You love me unconditionally Lord, and I ask for Your love to flow through me and destroy all fear, and insecurity that might lead to running to food for comfort. Give me SUPERNATURAL strength to overcome Lord. In the name and blood of Jesus.

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. I choose to not be brought under the power of anything that is not of You. 1 Cor 6:12
My body is a member with Christ. I am the temple of the Most Holy Spirit. He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 1 Cor 6:17

I am not my own, I am bought and paid for with the blood of Jesus. Lord help me to glorify You in my body , and in my spirit which are God's. 1 Cor 6:20

Lord help motivate me to exercise. Unless you help me, I can't do it. My heart is willing but my flesh is weak. Help me to take one step at a time to overcome. Bring Your FIRE, and burn off all the resistance of the enemy on my WILL, and EMOTIONS Lord.

For I have been called to liberty; and I do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, serve others. Gal 5:13

I will cry out to God Most High, to God who performs all things for me. He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah God shall send forth His mercy and His truth. Lord speak truth to me when I need to hear it let me hear Your voice behind me saying, this is the way to walk. Correct me in Your lovingkindness Psalm 57:2-3

My soul wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God. I will trust in Him at all times, I will pour out my heart before Him. He is a refuge to me. Psalm 62:5-8

Father Help me NOW to know the depths of Your LOVE for me. Help me to overcome any self rejection or self hatred that I can walk in TRUTH of Your love for me. I AM YOUR FAVORITE, because I've said Yes to Your Son. I am seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and I'm the head not the tail.

Whatever I ask that is in Your will, I know You will do Lord.

Grant me mercy and strength and POWER of Your grace to destroy the enemy's rulership in any and all areas of my life. In the name and the blood of Jesus. AMEN !

Prayer against spirits of addiction

"Adapted from Prayers that Avail Much" and
"Prayers to Move Your Mountains"

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit. Eph 5:18 NKJV

Lord God, I come to You in total helplessness. Drowning in my own lack of self discipline, I reach out for YOU to save me. I confess my addiction to sin, and I acknowledge You are the only one who can help me overcome it. Please forgive me for indulging in sorcery and seeking supernatural experiences apart from YOU. Cleanse me by the water of Your word (Eph 5:26) I have done a poor job of maintaining self control, so I give it to YOU. Bring me face to face with my addiction to these unhealthy habits and set me free from all bondages.

Spirits of sorcery and indulgence, I bind YOU in the name of Jesus and command you to GO. I belong to Jesus Christ - you no longer have authority over me. I renounce all rights and claims I have given to You and, by the power of Jesus Christ, I refrain from my alcohol (and or drug habit) from this day forward. Jesus paid for my sins on the cross and purchased me so that I no longer need to walk in debt to sin (Gal. 1:4). Because I am in Christ, I am a new creation, the old has passed away, behold all things have become new (2 Cor 5:17)

No temptation has overtaken me except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that I may be able to bear it
(1 Cor.10:13).

Through Your grace alone Father, and the power of the Holy Spirit, I can withstand all the temptations of the evil one. Lord, give me eyes to see as You see, to hear as You hear. Bind my heart to Your heart and my will to Your will, and My mind to Your mind ! Let me recognize temptation when it comes towards me, right then, so I can flee from it and take every thought captive, and so I can RUN to YOU.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are safe (Prov. 18:10 NKJV). Lord Jesus, I hide myself in Your name and find safety from danger and evil. Shield me from attack. May Your strength be made perfect in my weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).

Heal the aches and pains that I have sought to numb through alcohol (and or drugs). When I wept, You wept with me.. When I felt rejected, You accepted me ! Please reveal to me the the knowledge of the length and depth, and width and breadth of Your love and acceptance of Me, and fill the void in My life with Your life, so that I can be filled with the fullness of YOU and be a blessing to others.

Take my focus off SELF Lord, and break the power of all the self-centeredness and selfishness in my life. Thank you I am not condemned when I trust in YOU, and throw my cares upon You, for You care FOR me. You are the friend to sinners, and I know You will look upon me with GRACE and MERCY because (Luke 7:34)because Your mercy endures forever. Guide me into Your life-giving presence. Make me thirsty and hungry for more of YOU. Fill me with the new wine of Your Spirit. And thank You for never giving up on me Father ! Because Jesus died for me, I'll live for You...by Your grace !

The weight of carrying my pain has drained me of strength and hope. Jesus, You said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from ME, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:29-30 NKJV) Exchange my wearisome yoke for Your easy yoke, and give me PEACE Father. Help me to keep my mind stayed on YOU.

Father fill me with thankfulness and gratefulness for Your mercy and by Your GRACE and forgive all the pride in my life in the name and blood of Jesus. I

bind and renounce all curses of addiction that came down the family bloodline.

I remit the sins of my ancestors for allowing these sins, iniquities, transgressions, and addictions to affect our family members. Remove from me all deception and blindness of the world, the flesh and the devil. Remove all hindrances to receiving Your love and give me GRACE Lord to OVERCOME all my past. Help me to break agreement with all lies I have believed. I renounce all rationalization for sin. Break my chains Father, that I can walk FREE in You.

I bind and cast out all spirits of addiction to:

Sugar: cokes, pepsi, softdrinks, candy, cakes, pies, cookies and sweets. I rebuke any spirit of sweet tooth or gluttony in the name and blood of Jesus !

Caffeine: coffee, soft drinks, and chocolate

Nicotine: cigarettes, pipes, cigars, and all tobacco products including chewing tobacco

Sexual: lust, pornography, masturbation, sodomy, prostitution, bestiality, and Wantonness, idolatry to opposite sex, & All other sexual enticements.

Drugs: legal or illegal, all unnecessary dependency on medicines

Alcohol:

Materialism: (idolatry to things, house, lawn, cars, anything you can buy)
TV, Telephone or Computer

Entertainment: electronic games, worldly music, movies, etc.

Dependency on Approval:

Addiction to physical illness [hypochondria]

Food: (overeating, lust for unwholesome foods, junk foods, fats, salt, gluttony)

Aversion to what is good for me: Anorexia, bulimia

Academic pursuits and intellectualism

Workaholism: achievement and striving for success in the world

Physical conditioning/exercise

Father, Your Word says:

Thou shalt have no other gods beside me Ex 20:3

1 Cor 3:17 AMP If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it [with false doctrines] or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that [temple] you [the believing church and its individual believers] are.

1 Sam 15:23 NKJV For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

Rev 9:20-21 NKJV But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

1 Cor 10:13 AMP For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently.

Col 3:1-11 AMP IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Ps 110:1.]

2 And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. 3 For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory.

5 So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members [those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin]: sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God).

6 It is on account of these [very sins] that the [holy] anger of God is ever coming upon the sons of disobedience (those who are obstinately opposed to the divine will),

7 Among whom you also once walked, when you were living in and addicted to [such practices]. 8 But now put away and rid yourselves [completely] of all

these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curses and slander, and foulmouthed abuse and shameful utterances from your lips! 9 Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices, 10 And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. [Gen 1:26.]

Father we will to keep our body subdued, and bring it into subjection. We now make a demand on our body to come into chemical balance and our soul to come into submission to our spirit man ! Addictions you will not cause our body to malfunction in any way. We arrest the free radicals that affect our cells in our body and we command them to line up with God's word. Body be made whole in the name and blood of Jesus !

Please heal my liver of any of the effects of drugs or alcohol or smoking and pollution of wrong food choices. I pray for wisdom and grace to only put in my body what is good for it. Cleanse my liver of all the toxins Father, and show me anything else in the natural I should do to cleanse my body.

[if you have smoked - Cleanse my lungs of all the residual and toxins from smoking Father, that I can be all you want me to be, and do all You want me to do in the name and blood of Jesus.]

We will not allow addictions to remove us from our true feelings and provide escape from the reality we live in ! We will not allow addictions to control and destroy us and our relationship with you, but we turn to the true and Living God. For the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and from all evil ! We cast down all thoughts of boredom, depression, feelings of inadequacy, feelings of being imperfect, low self esteem, insecurities, stress, guilt, and condemnation out and take every thought captive to the Lord Jesus Christ. We put our past addictions behind us !

Father, You said in Ezekiel 14 that every man of the house of Israel that sets up his idols in his own heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, that you would answer him according to the multitude of his idols, because they are estranged from you. I renounce all IDOLATRY to self and self will and pray You will deliver me from all that keeps me from running directly to YOU when I need something Abba !

Father, cleanse me from all idols of addiction and addictive behavior. I am not afraid of the giants of addiction, because You said if the Lord delight in

us then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey.

Father we ask You to feed us with the finest of wheat and satisfy us with honey out of the Rock. You are the honey Lord Jesus, our Rock of Defense, our Tsureee and our Strong High Tower. Deliver us oh Lord from all the strategies of the evil one. Fill our hearts with Your love that cast down all fear and insecurities. We command all demons of compulsion escapism & anxiety to go in the name and blood of Jesus.

We thank you for redeeming us and cleansing us from sin with the blood of Jesus. We thank you for the infilling of the Holy Ghost, because you said where the Spirit Of the Lord is there is liberty. Jesus said you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you. HE is in us and on us, and around us and behind us, and we have the POWER of the Holy Spirit to walk in FREEDOM from addictions in Jesus name, by YOUR GRACE ABBA ! Pour out the baptism of FIRE on us Holy Spirit that we would never again allow ourselves to be deceived into bondage again.

Scriptures for Overcoming Pride

Adapted from Beth Moore's Book: Praying the Scriptures
(alterations by Priscilla)

Father, according to Your Word, in his pride the wicked does not seek You; in all his thoughts there is no room for You. (Ps. 10:4)

Please help me to always make room in my thoughts for You, God. Don't allow me to continue on in pride that stops me from seeking You ! Keep me Christ-minded; always casting my cares upon You. Lord, Your Word speaks of the wicked wearing pride like a necklace and clothing themselves with violence, (Ps.73:6) You indicate a link between pride and violence. Please deliver me from these evils. Root out all the judgements I have made that I may repent of them and renounce them. Keep me humble Lord !

Father, You've said that to fear the Lord is to hate evil, You hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. (Prov.8:13)
Help me to have a healthy fear of You that destroys pride and arrogance. Put a guard at the door of my mouth that I would not hurt others by my arrogance or pride.

Your Word says when pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Prov 11:2

Father grant me grace to be humble and pour Your wisdom upon me. Wisdom that is spiritual if from You...Keep me from worldly wisdom Lord. Show me when I am walking in it, that I might repent.

Father, You're teaching me that pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice (Prov. 13:10)

Help me to see my pride when I am quarrelsome. Help me to have a teachable heart.

Lord, Your Word clearly warns us that pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov 16:18 God, I know that a man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor. Prov 29:23.

Lord humility is casting all my cares upon You for You care for me. It is recognizing I am not almighty or omnipotent...that I have a need for You and Your guidance and help. I want to be a person who gains honor in Your sight. So help me to not be too proud to ask for help, from You , or from others.

Father, help me to remember in my impatience, that the end of a matter is better than its beginning , and patience is better than pride (Eccl 7:8)

Father, a day is certainly coming when the arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. (Isaiah 2:17) Crush the pride and arrogance in me Lord, before that day !

Father, Your Word says that You will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. You will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. (Isaiah 13:11) Father, those who have been forsaken and hated by the world, You can make the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations. (Isa 60:15) YOUR approval and opinion are all that matters.

Lord , You instruct Your people to listen carefully and heed Your instruction because pride can cause the Lord's flock to be taken captive. (Jer. 49:16)

Father, help me to understand that the pride in my heart is deceiving me.

(Jer. 49:16) Those who walk in pride and arrogance, You are able to humble. (Dan 4:37) Burn out all the self-righteousness in me Lord....Deliver me from a religious spirit...that only looks at what is wrong in others, but not what is wrong in me. Help me to take the plank out of my own eye !

Father, Your Word says that pride hardens the heart. (Dan 5:20) Your desire for me is that I be tenderhearted (Eph 4:32) and that my gentleness would be made known to all (Phil 4:5) Please melt any hardness in my heart. Expose any bitter root that I can repent. Fill me with Your love and gentleness and peace, that I can be loving to others.

Father, You led the Israelites all the way in the desert for forty years, to humble them and to test them in order to know what was in their hearts, whether or not they would keep Your commands. (Deut 8:2)

Help me to understand that sometimes You lead me on certain paths to humble me also and to see what is in my heart. Purify my heart, Lord, so that You will take joy in what You find. Teach me how to walk humbly with You.

Father, You have promised that if Your people who are called by Your name will humble themselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from their wicked ways, then You will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron 7:14)

Please help me to understand that corporate revival begins with personal, individual revival. Help me to humble myself and pray and seek Your face and turn from my own wicked ways. Thank You for hearing me from heaven and forgiving my sins and bringing healing to my heart.

My Father, I celebrate the fact that You, Jehovah God, take delight in Your people; You crown the humble with salvation. (Ps 149:4)

Lord, Your hand has made heaven and earth , and through You they came into being. Your Word says, " This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word " (Isaiah 66:2)

Pour out Your mercy and grace upon me oh Lord, that I can be this kind of person. Change my heart to be like Yours Father ! My Savior and Redeemer, help me to take Your yoke upon me and learn from You, for You are gentle and humble in heart, and I will find rest for my soul. Matt 11:29

Father, like Mary, help my soul to glorify You and my spirit to rejoice in You my Savior, for You have been mindful of the humble estate of Your servant. (Luke 1:46-48) Father, You are calling upon me to be completely humble and gentle; to be patient, bearing with others in love (Ephesians 4:2)

Empower me by Your Spirit to be obedient to Your commands. Heal my heart of all woundedness, and deliver me from all evil, that I may obey You

completely and wholeheartedly. Fill me with the knowledge of Your love for me, that I can walk in security of heart and mind and know that You are always there for me, and that I would know the depths of Your love that leads to repentance.

Father, thank You for giving us more grace. You oppose the proud, but give GRACE to the humble. (James 4:6) Grant me grace to OVERCOME in all areas of my life Lord !

Father, I desire to humble myself before You, and trust that You will lift me up. (James 4:10) God, through the power of Your Most Holy Spirit, help me to live in harmony with others, be sympathetic, love as a brother or sister, be compassionate and humble. (1 Peter 3:8)

Father, help me to clothe myself with humility toward others, because you oppose the proud, but give grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5) I will never live a day that I am not in need of Your grace, so please help me maintain an attitude that welcomes it.

Father, Your Word says You will break down stubborn pride and make the sky above the proud like iron and the ground beneath him like bronze. (Lev 26:19) Lord Your Word is drawing a picture of the arrogant life. Prayers lifted to heaven will seem to hit a ceiling of iron, and life beneath the feet will be hard. Help me to be humble before you, Lord. The life of the prideful will eventually become very hard.

Prayer Against Pride,

[Behemoth, Leviathan & Lucifer]

Dorothy Ray

Father You said, pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall, and everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord and stirs up strife. You also said that the pride of our hearts has deceived us, you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that said in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground ! You said, a high look and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked is sin.

We renounce and break the curse of pride off _____ that came down the family bloodlines. We bind you Satan, pride, all demons connected with the

spirit of pride, and all spirits working with the spirit of pride. We forgive our fathers and remit their sins for allowing pride to come down the generations.

I loose the Holy Spirit to teach_____the truth, and to open the eyes of their understanding to know the truth that makes them free, to pull down strongholds and release_____ from all dominating and controlling spirits.

I bind Leviathan[the crocodile/serpent], the king of the children of pride [Job 41], the seven headed monster of pride, envy, greed, sloth, wrath, gluttony and lust. I bind the piercing, crooked, fleeing torturous, twisting serpents that recite charms and spells over_____. I bind all arrogance, haughtiness, self exaltation, rebellion, marriage destroying spirits, all shield spirits of rejection, hurt, insecurity, shame, fear, self righteousness and religious and religious pride spirits, and violence, and murderous spirits, which give_____a reason to hold on to pride. We strip them away from _____and command all the attacks to cease !

I bind all boasting, selfish ambition, cursing, lying, anger, arguing and disputing, stubbornness, and hardness of heart that would cause divorce and mental problems, unbelief and doubt, lack of wisdom and understanding, forgetfulness, lack of repentance and godly sorrow, backsliding and departing from God.

I bind all MOCKERY, restlessness, and command them to bow down to the Lord Jesus Christ. We ask You Father, to loose the arrows of your deliverance and shoot arrows against our enemies and against Leviathan, and all related spirits in Jesus' name.

Father, we ask You to shatter the jaws and teeth, and break the heads of Leviathan in pieces and gie him to be meat to the people living in the wilderness. You said his scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal so we ask you to stip his scales off, [all demons that shield him from attack], and take away his armour and spoil his goods according to Luke 11:22.

The word says in Leviathan's neck remained strength. We pull down the strong stiffnecked spirits, uncircumcised in heart and ears and command their strength broken off of _____. Gather, we ask you to break the neck of Leviathan, because You said that you have given us the neck of our enemies. Break the pride that encompasses_____as with chains and set him/her free.

I bind the spirit of Satan, the spirit of pride over_____. Father, You said for the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in pride; and for cursing and lying which they speak against_____.

Also, You said a false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape, but shall perish.

Father, since _____'s heart is lifted up, and his/her mind hardened in pride, depose Satan from his kingly throne and take Your grace & glory and pour it out on _____ giving him/her a spirit of repentance so that their heart will be soft and tender towards You, and give You glory ! Remove from them the ROOTS of PRIDE in their life.

Father we ask that the haughty, prideful spirit of Satan fall from _____ just as Jesus said He saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven and be replaced with a spirit of humility and meekness.

Father, You said with pride comes contention and shame, so I cast out the scorner spirit and contention must leave, and I rebuke all strife and ask You to remove all reproach in _____. Satan You will not exalt yourself above the knowledge of God in _____'s life and bring shame and contention, because _____ brings every thought into obedience to Christ Jesus. Jesus has shown strength with HIS ARM, He has scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats of influence and exalted those of low degree.

Father, You said all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father , but of the WORLD. We SUBMIT our flesh, our eyes, our ears, our life, our home, our family, the ministry You have given us, everything we are, and everything we have to YOU. _____ resists the devil, the god of this world that has blinded his/her mind concerning pride, and pride must flee in Jesus' Name.

Father, You said You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. I ask You to give grace to _____ to humble themselves under Your mighty hand, and You said you would exalt _____ in due time. (James 4:5; 1 Peter 5:6)

I loose the ministering spirits of God to restore all the particles of the soul that has been removed from _____ and to fill all the vacancies with godly character and attributes - holiness, purity, thankfulness, love, faith, hope, peace, compassion, humility and power to resist the devil's temptations over _____. In the name and blood of Jesus !

Father I thank you for forgiving _____, our mate, our children, our family members, and all our ancestors of the sin of pride, arrogance, and unthankfulness, and discontentment. I cover them with the blood of Jesus and

ask You to release them from all cause and effect of the sins of pride in the name and blood of Jesus.

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Prayers to release revelation...

Daniel 2:28a NKJV But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.

Daniel 2:21b-22 Amp ...He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding! [Daniel 4:35.] 22 He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him! [Job 15:8; Psalms 25:14; Matthew 6:6.]

Ephesians 1:9, 17-18 NKJV

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will...17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Father we need to know what lies ahead to be able to prepare our hearts.

And You are the revealer of secrets. Please release revelation to me for whatever You want me to see. Open the eyes of my understanding and make known to me the mystery of your will, in the name and blood of Jesus...

Daniel 12:4 AMP But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. [Amos 8:12.]

Father, Your Word says that we will search through the Word, and what was meant by the prophets will be revealed to us. Release we ask in this hour, illumination of scripture, and dreams and visions, words of knowledge, and words of wisdom that we would be filled with wisdom and understanding in the knowledge of you, and release prophetic words that will bless the lost and let them know there is a God in heaven Who is above all others, and He knows them personally. Help us to be prophecy. Help us to be conduits of Your grace and love through prophetic utterance given us. Release the living springs

Lord inside us that we might bring in the Harvest Your heart desires. Help us to understand and have revelation of YOUR will and purpose for our lives.

Matthew 13:35 NKJV that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Father we are in Jesus, and You love us as You love Jesus, so we ask in His name Abba, that you would also help us to speak parabolically when needed to instruct others, and to know things kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Let the seals be broken from Your word as it says in Dan 12:9

Let us understand heavenly things as it says in John 3:12

Open our eyes to regard the wondrous things in Your Word [Ps 119:18]

Reveal to us the secret counsels of God hidden from the ungodly.

Release to us WISDOM ABBA, In Jesus' name.

Mark 4:11 AMP And He said to them, To you has been entrusted the mystery of the kingdom of God [that is, the secret counsels of God which are hidden from the ungodly]; but for those outside [of our circle] everything becomes a parable,

1 Corinthians 14:6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? NKJV

Amos 3:7-8 NKJV Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. 8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

Lord Your word says that You do nothing unless you speak to your prophets. Lord release revelation in this hour that gives us wisdom and understanding for Your will in our lives, Your direction and guidance for what to do and how to live. Release discernment Lord so that we know what is truth, and what is a lie, coming out of the mouths of others. Lord, enlighten our darkness. Illuminate our understanding in the name and the blood of Jesus. Do not let the enemy prevail over us oh Lord !
Make darkness light before me. [Is 42:16]

2 Samuel 22:29 NKJV "For You are my lamp, O Lord; The Lord shall enlighten my darkness.

Ezra 9:8-9 NKJV And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

Psalms 13:3-4 NKJV Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the sleep of death; 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

Psalms 18:28 NKJV For You will light my lamp;The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

Release oh Lord, visions and revelations of the Lord. Let me receive an abundance of revelations and speak the mysteries of Christ Jesus. And let me be a good steward of the revelations, in that I would obey what You tell me to do, or share, and to not share what You don't want me to share. Let me receive and understand Your hidden wisdom. Give me a spirit of obedience I pray, and keep me from distractions, in the name and the blood of Jesus. [2 Cor 12:1,7 ; 1 Cor 4:1, 2:7; Col. 4:3]

Psalms 49:4-5 NKJV I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my dark saying on the harp. 5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?

Proverbs 1:5-7 NKJV

5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Father, please keep me teachable and flexible, that I would listen to wise counsel and be able to receive what Your Holy Spirit, and the godly say. Help me to LISTEN to what You are saying by quieting myself to hear, and fill me with the Spirit of the fear of the Lord , that I would become wise. Keep me from the pride that blinds, Abba.

Job 29:2-3 NKJV "Oh, that I were as in months past,As in the days when God watched over me; 3 When His lamp shone upon my head,And when by His light I walked through darkness;

Proverbs 20:27 NKJV The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

Oh Lord, watch over us, and keep us hidden in the shadow of Your wings ! Make Your light to shine upon us, that you would give us light in dark times, and that You would always keep us in touch with the inner workings of our

heart. Help us to discern our own hearts, and to keep a humble heart in the midst of darkness around us. Make Your face to shine upon us, illuminating our path. Make our steps broad, that we would have a sure footing Oh Lord in You. Help us to understand and know Your deep thoughts, the deep things of God. Remove any spiritual scales from our eyes Father, and any veil of blindness. [PS 92:5 1 Cor 2:10, Acts 9:18]

Isaiah 25:7-8 NKJV And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth;
For the Lord has spoken.

2 Corinthians 3:14-16 NKJV But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Ephesians 4:18-19 NKJV having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

2 Peter 1:5-9 NKJV But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Lord, instruct me on my bed at night. Release wisdom as I rest in You. Father, if it be your will, I even want to not just see you in visions and dreams, but face to face as Moses did. Lord purify My heart that I might see You high and lifted up, as Isaiah saw you, as Ezekiel saw You. Father bless Your people with such revelation in this hour that they might Be full of the Spirit of Might, and full of Love for You. Apart from YOU We can do nothing. You said in Ephesians 3 that if we know the fullness of Your love, we can be filled with YOUR very presence, so release the Revelation of the Length, depth, width and breadth of Your LOVE for us, that we can be filled with YOUR Spirit.

Psalms 16:7 NKJV I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

Numbers 12:6-8 NKJV Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. 8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:18-19 AMP 18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; 19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Father, PURIFY our hearts, our minds, our will that we can see You, that our eyes would be open to the beauty realm of heaven. Cleanse us from all pride, that we would be worthy of such revelations, in the name and blood of Jesus.

AMEN !

Isaiah 33:14-17 NKJV The sinners in Zion are afraid; Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" 15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from seeing evil: 16 He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure. The Land of the Majestic King 17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty;

Praying for Difficult People

A Christian inner healing prayer format from "Listening Prayer Therapy"
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Think about your life.

1. Is there someone you know and love who does not know or understand the need to have Jesus as their Savior and Lord?
2. Have you ever wanted to know how to pray for a teenager or young adult who has run away from their family or is going wild?

3. Do you have someone who always expresses bitterness, or who always complains, and nothing you say seems to help?

4. Have you encountered people who seemed quite resistant to godly counsel? You felt that you had something to say but you knew that it was not getting through.

Keep these names in your mind as you learn how to pray for 'difficult people.'

7 Prayer Guidelines

Remember these seven important prayer guidelines:

1. Listen to God. Before you speak listen. Attune yourself to God. Be open to the inspiration of heaven as you speak or write your prayer.

2. Agreement. There is power in a spoken prayer in which two or more hear and agree with the prayer.

3. Humility. You are not God. Focus on God's will and God's power. It helps to step back and take hands off to signal that you can't handle this and to let God take over.

4. Do not use prayer to control God. Do not whine at God. Do not plead. Do not gang up on God - as in 'get more people to pray then God will listen.' When you listen - guideline #1 - and pray in line with God's will, you don't use prayer to convince God.

5. Do not use prayer to control people. Do not tell God how you want someone made over. **Also, do not pray for something to happen to someone as in: 'praying that someone would have trials so that they will learn patience.'** Not!

6. If you are not sure what God's will is in a situation, don't pray specifics. Pray more general. For example, I bless what God is doing in this person's life.

7. Do not pray to Satan or command Satan (or principalities and powers.) ...Avoid naming or focusing prayers around Satan. Also do not command angels because you are not the Lord of Hosts - God is. You can request - God commands.

When you believe that it is necessary to deal with Satan's power in prayer, then address God and his power and authority. For example, praise God for

what He has done. Second, request God deal with Satan or the powers of darkness. This way you avoid addressing prayers to Satan or principalities or powers. As you keep the naming Satan or evil powers to the absolute minimum you avoid inviting the presence of evil. That is why you keep your focus on invoking God's presence.

Level the Playing Field

When praying for the lost or the prodigal, think of leveling the playing field. You want the person to be able to make up his or her own mind. You are not trying to manipulate their mind. However, neither do you want to allow Satan, or powers of darkness to be allowed free access to seduce, beguile, deceive or confuse the loved one that you are praying for. The blood of Jesus is a powerful prayer of protection to use.

Scripture speaks of the enemy veiling the eyes of the unbeliever. You don't want to allow that to happen, so you pray, in Jesus name, that God will protect them so that their eyes can see clearly and their minds discern correctly.

The Bible speaks of us facing a choice between life and death, between blessing and cursing. You want the person you are praying for to see clearly that choice before them. If they are sinning you want them to see, understand, feel and experience the consequences of that sin, of their choices. You want to pray that they can see the paths before them: a path toward life abundant and a path to death and misery.

You do not use your prayer to force them to choose a particular path. Instead, you pray that they know what their choice is. You might put it like this.

"Father, I pray that You protect (name) from any confusion, deception or game playing by other people or the enemy.

I pray that their mind be open and that their spiritual eyes can see the path before them: a path leading to death and destruction and a path to life and life abundant. May they be free to make up their own mind, make their own choices and face the consequences of those choices. Give them eyes to see the consequences of their choices."

Put in a God Inclination

In Jesus name, I pray that Your Spirit would incline them to choose life, that You would call them to yourself, may they know Your love. Send a messenger

(angel or human) who can share with them the gospel of Jesus in terms that they would understand.

Total Release

"(Name) is Your child, Father. You gave (name) life. You have loved and watched over (name) all their life. You sent your Son Jesus to give His life to save (name.) So I commit (name) totally into Your care. He (or she) is in Your hands. They are yours, Father.

I release them from my hold. I cut the apron strings. I let go. I step back. I take my hands off. They are yours.

I give you permission to do whatever it takes to bring them to the point where they discover Your purpose for their life. Whatever it takes for them to come to their senses. Whatever it takes for them to discover the Joy of serving You.

May Your will and Your purposes for them be done.

Not by my prayers but by Your Spirit, Lord. I commend them into Your hand

Mediation Prayer

Are there times when people want you to listen but they are closed to your counsel? They may not want you to pray for them. They just want to talk about their problems. They need a listener and you are it.

Never underestimate God's ability to break through to the chronic complainer. God can do it and you never know when it may happen.

Meantime what do you do with all the problems that are getting dumped on you?

Be a Pipe to Heaven!

Be a pipe not a garbage can. Be a pipe to heaven!

In your heart have a little agreement with God that goes like this: "God I can't stand hearing all these complaints especially since (name) won't listen to me or let me pray with them. I feel so helpless. There is nothing I can do. I can't reach them. So I am going to stop trying to reach them and put them in Your hands.

When they talk, I am going to listen, but I am going to let You listen too! In fact I am going to send everything that they say up to you. You can listen to their bitterness, (or whatever.) You can deal with them. I give up. Mentally I am sending them to You.

Maybe You can reach them. I can't"

Build a Praise Highway to Heaven.

Someone has shared their problem with you and you really hurt for them. You are burdened with concern. You love them. You want to pray for them.

There is a way to have God touch them without pleading with God in prayer. It is to praise and worship God. Sing praises. Speak praises. Focus on who God is. Express your feelings for god to God.

A strange thing happens when you get totally focused on God and forget the burden. Your burden gets lifted off you and up to heaven. Without you trying to the person you feel for as an intercessor will be touched by God.

As your spirit lifted to God so did the burden - which was on your spirit as well. So the burden got to heaven - by the highway of praise.

Send the Holy Spirit.

Remember that the Holy Spirit is the Counsellor, the Comforter. When you can't get through to someone, the Holy Spirit can. What you say to someone is screened by their mind. The Holy Spirit has a distinct advantage; He reaches the heart.

Do you give up? Then step back. Take hands off. Send the Holy Spirit!

For example you can pray like this:

"Father I can't reach (name.) I am going to let you speak to them. Their mind is closed to me; but you can reach their heart. Your Spirit leaps over mountains and bounds over hills, The Song of Solomon 2:8. No barrier is too big for you. So, please send Your Holy Spirit to (name) and you tell them what they need to know.

I am going to take my hands off. I am going to leave them in your hands. I am not going to keep trying to get through to them until you show me that the door is open."

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PRAYING JOHN HYDE " THE APOSTLE OF PRAYER"

Some of the places He prayed were in what is now PAKISTAN..ie Sialkot is in Pakistan. The Punjabi region covers part of India and Pakistan. I also read that he read through the bible 70 times I think contemplatively. Much of what He and others have prayed, we will reap. He believed there would be a restoration of apostolic at the end of times, just like Kathryn Kuhlman, and others.

Profiles In Prayer: Praying John Hyde

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It was to the Punjab that the son of an Illinois Presbyterian minister, John Nelson Hyde, felt led to begin his lifetime of missionary endeavor. At the time of his posting, he was one of only five missionaries in a territory holding nearly one million non-Christians. Progress was slow, but measured. In a letter to his seminary after his first year in India, Hyde wrote:

Yesterday eight low-caste persons were baptized at one of the villages. It seems a work of God in which man, even as an instrument, was used in a very small degree. Pray for us. I learn to speak the language very, very slowly: can only talk a little in public or in conversation."

Hyde's inability to master the complex native languages was due in no small degree to his partial deafness. To the dismay of mission authorities, he devoted most of his time to Bible rather than language study, displaying the withdrawn intensity of a visionary rather than the engaging demeanor of the traditional missionary. In time, however, Hyde gained a certain fluency, though he never lost his zeal for Scripture. With periods of outright persecution by natives, and few, if any conversions, Hyde began leading his fellow missionaries in intercession for India. So deep was his call to prayer that by 1899 he began spending entire nights face down before God. In a letter to his college he wrote:

Have felt led to pray for others this winter as never before. I never before knew what it was to work all day and then pray all night before God for another... In college or at parties at home, I used to keep such hours for myself, or pleasure, and can I not do as much for God and souls?"

In 1904, Indian Christians and western missionaries gathered for the first of an annual series of conventions at Sialkot in what is today Pakistan. To support this time of spiritual renewal, John Hyde and his friends formed the Punjab Prayer Union, setting aside half an hour each day to pray for revival. The results of their prayers were plainly seen at the Sialkot Convention as a special anointing fell upon those gathered. Year by year the prayer union fasted and prayed, and at each convention a growing urgency for evangelism and intercession filled each attendee. John Hyde emerged as the prayer leader, and all were amazed at both the depth of his spiritual insight, and the ferocity of his burden for India.

By 1908, John Hyde dared to pray what was to many at the convention an impossible request: that during the coming year in India one soul would be saved every day. Three hundred sixty five people converted, baptized, and publicly confessing Jesus as their Savior. Impossible -- yet it happened. Before the next convention John Hyde had prayed more than 400 people into God's kingdom, and when the prayer union gathered again, he doubled his goal to two souls a day. Eight hundred conversions were recorded that year, and still Hyde showed an unquenchable passion for lost souls.

At the 1910 convention, those around Hyde marveled at his faith, as they witnessed his near violent supplications, "Give me souls, oh God, or I die!" Before the meeting ended, John Hyde revealed that he was again doubling his goal for the coming year. Four souls a day, and nothing less. During the next twelve months John Hyde's ministry took him throughout India. By now he was known as "Praying Hyde," and his intercession was sought at revivals in Calcutta, Bombay, and other large cities. If on any day four people were not converted, Hyde said at night there would be such a weight on his heart he could not eat or sleep until he had prayed through to victory. The number of new converts continually grew.

It was in Calcutta that friends persuaded Hyde to see a doctor about his rapidly deteriorating health. The years of travail had obviously taken a toll. Yet no one expected the medical examiner's incredible diagnosis. John Hyde's heart had shifted out of its natural position on the left side of his chest to a place over on the right. It was unlike anything the doctor had seen before, and he warned Hyde that unless he got complete rest he would be dead in six months.

In fact, Praying Hyde lived for nearly two more years, long enough to see a wave of revival sweep through the Punjab and the rest of India -- and long enough to have his own personal vision enlarged. Before he died, he shared what God had shown him:

On the day of prayer, God gave me a new experience. I seemed to be away above our conflict here in the Punjab and I saw God's great battle in all India, and then away out beyond in China, Japan, and Africa. I saw how we had been thinking in narrow circles of our own countries and in our own denominations, and how God was now rapidly joining force to force and line to line, and all was beginning to be one great struggle. That, to me, means the great triumph of Christ. We must exercise the greatest care to be utterly obedient to Him who sees all the battlefield all the time. It is only He who can put each man in the place where his life can count for the most.

Praying Hyde

Part I

by

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Christ in the Home

John Hyde, "The Apostle of Prayer," as he was often called, was reared in a home where Jesus was an abiding guest, and where the dwellers in that home breathed an atmosphere of prayer.

I was well acquainted with John's father, Smith Harris Hyde, D.D., during the seventeen years he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Carthage, Illinois. Dr. Herrick Johnson, of Chicago, shortly before he died, wrote these words:

Hyde's father was of rare proportion and balance, a healthful soul, genial and virile, firm of conviction, of good scholarly attainment, of abundant cheer, and bent on doing for God to the best of his ability.

Personally I knew him in his home to be a courteous, loving husband. I knew him to be a firm, yet sympathetic father, commanding his household after him. I knew the sweet-spirited, gentle, music loving, Christ-like Mrs. Hyde. I knew each one of the three boys and three girls who grew up in that home. Often I have eaten at their table. Twice I have been with the family when the crepe

was on the door; once when Mrs. Hyde was taken away, and again when dear John's body was brought home and lovingly laid to rest in Moss Ridge Cemetery. Often I have kneeled with them, and have, as a young minister, been strangely moved when dear Dr. Hyde poured out his heart to God as he prayed at the family altar. I knew him in his church and in the Presbyterian meetings. He was a noble man of God. Under God, his congregation was built up, and he was a leader among his ministerial brethren.

I have frequently heard Dr. Hyde pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust out laborers into His harvest. He would pray this prayer both at the family altar and from his pulpit. It is therefore no strange thing that God called two of his sons into the Gospel ministry, and one of his daughters for a time into active Christian work. Dr. Hyde magnified his office, and rejoiced to give his sons up to a life of hardship and trial.

I read in "Far North in India" [about 1930] the statement by a former missionary in India, Dr. W. B. Anderson, that a hundred million people in India to-day have not heard of Jesus Christ, and as things are now have not the remotest chance to hear about Him. There are other millions in Africa and other countries in the same Christless ignorance. Why is it so?

Because prayer closets are deserted, family altars are broken down, and pulpit prayers are formal and dead!

Bible schools and seminaries can never supply the workers needed. My own sainted mother prayed as a young girl that the doors of the heathen countries might be opened. Afterwards as the mother of ten children (eight of whom grew to manhood and womanhood), she prayed for laborers to enter these open doors, and God sent one of her sons to India and two of her daughters to China.

Grandmother Lois and mother Eunice prayed, and when the Great Apostle to the Gentiles was about to take his departure he could lay his hands on son Timothy and commission him to "Preach the Word!"

John Hyde was an answer to prayer, and when in other years he prayed in India, God raised up scores of native workers in answer to his prayers. The Great Head of the Church has provided one method for securing laborers. He said, ""The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray . . ." (Matthew 9:37-38, NKJV).

Holy Ground

In the Tabernacle of Moses there was one room so sacred that only one man of all the thousands of Israel was ever permitted to enter it; and he on one day only of all the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year. That room was the Holy of Holies. The place where John Hyde met God was holy ground. The scenes of his life are too sacred for common eyes. I shrink from placing them before the public.

But when I remember Jacob at the brook, Elijah on Cannel, Paul in his agony for Israel, and especially the Ian in the Garden, then I am impressed by the Spirit of God that the experiences of this "Man of God" should be published for the learning and admonition of thousands. So we take our stand near the prayer closet of John Hyde, and are permitted to hear the sighing and the groaning, and to see the tears coursing down his face, to see his frame weakened by foodless days and sleepless nights, shaken with sobs as he pleads, "O God, give me souls or I die!"

Hyde's College Days

Some of his class-mates in the M'Cormick Seminary have kindly lifted up the curtain and allowed us to see something of the spirit which possessed the students of that Seminary during the year 1892, when John Hyde was one of the students. Dr. Herrick Johnson called that class "The Missionary Class of M'Cormick Seminary. " Hyde's beloved friend and fellow student—Burton A. Konkle—says: "Out of forty-six students in that class twenty-six decided for the foreign field. Hyde of India was our 'man of prayer.' Lee of Korea has been called 'The Apostle of Korea.' Foster our 'man of suffering,' whose beautiful life influenced us all. They were more to me than my own brother, and I never think of them but with a glow of thankfulness."

J. F. Young, once Pastor at Hyde's home, said: "I think Konkle is right when he says that Hyde made little impression on any of us (his fellow students), the first year in the seminary, and I rather doubt whether he did the second—he was just one of us, and we did not think much about him. It was during the senior year after the death of his brother Edmund—his eldest brother who was in the Seminary and was a student volunteer for the foreign field—that his fellow-students realized that he was not an ordinary young man. Hyde was greatly impressed by his brother's death, and a great struggle took place as to where his life should be lived. At last he surrendered, and in substance said: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord. " The result was a change in his own life, and we began to count it a pleasure to go for a walk with him.

His friend, Mr. Konkle, describes him thus:

During the senior year, when there was a growing interest in foreign missions in our class, Hyde came to my room about eleven o'clock one night and said he wanted all the `arguments' I had for the foreign field. We sat then for some moments in silence, and then I told him that he knew as much about the foreign field as I did; that I didn't believe it was argument that he needed, and that I thought the way for him to settle it was to lay it before our Father and stay until He decided for him: We sat in silence a while longer, and, saying he believed I was right, he rose and bade me good night. The next morning as I was going up the chapel steps, I felt a hand on my arm, and looking back I saw John's face radiant with a new vision. 'It's settled, Konkle,' said he, and I didn't need to be told how.

From that day he grew in power rapidly until, I think we would all agree, he was easily the most powerful single instrument for the foreign field in the Seminary. He prayed for men individually, and then sought them out, and his soul seemed aflame. Prayer was his pathway to greater things, and it became the characteristic of his whole life and work, because it was his peculiar power. He was a torch of prayer, that carried light and warmth. We are only beginning to appreciate the beauty and glory of his life.

One can see, therefore, how the choice of a field would be to him a mere incident compared to steps in progress, in insight into the Truth, and consequent ink consecration. During that senior year, as organizer of missions, I had appointed him Librarian of the Home Mission Committee, to which field he had, up to that time, seemed most inclined.

After he had decided for foreign work, he became restive at giving his time to the home field so much, and came to me asking if I didn't think he should be relieved from it. He knew I was pledged to the foreign field, and yet was organizer of our whole city mission work. So I looked at him with a twinkle in my eye, and asked him if he thought I should be relieved of my work for city missions. He colored a little, smiled with acquiescence, and said, 'I knew you would say that.' He saw that our principle, The field is the world, was one which we could not weaken in our Seminary outlook at least.

One of our class-mates has spent over thirty years in Korea, and built up sixty-seven churches, and his decision to go abroad was due to Hyde's influence as an instrument.

First Years in India

At the first John Hyde was not a remarkable missionary. He was slow of speech. When a question or a remark was directed to him he seemed not to hear, or if he heard he seemed a long time in framing a reply. His hearing was slightly defective, and this it was feared would hinder him in acquiring the language. His disposition was gentle and quiet; he seemed to be lacking in the enthusiasm and zeal which a young missionary should have. He had a wonderful pair of blue eyes. They seemed to search into the very depth of your inmost being, and they seemed almost to shine out of the soul of a prophet.

On arriving in India, he was assigned the usual language study. At first he went to work on this, but later neglected it for Bible study. He was reprimanded by the committee, but he replied: "First things first. "He argued that he had come to India to teach the Bible, and he needed to know it before he could teach it. And God by His Spirit wonderfully opened up the Scriptures to him. Nor did he neglect language study. "He became a correct and easy speaker in Urdu, Punjabi, and English; but away and above that, he learned the language of Heaven, and he so learned to speak that he held audiences of hundreds of Indians spellbound while he opened to them the truths of God's Word."

The Punjab Prayer Union

In every revival there is a Divine side and a human side. In the Welsh revival the Divine element comes out prominently. Evan Roberts, the leader, under God, seems in a sense to have been a passive agent, mightily moved upon in the night seasons by the Holy Spirit. There was no organization and very little preaching—comparatively little of the human element. The Sialkot revival, while just as certainly sent down from Heaven, seems not so spontaneous. There was, under God, organization; there was a certain amount of definite planning, and there were seasons of long continued prayer.

Just here, as showing where the human agency avails I wish to mention the Punjab Prayer Union. This was started about the time (1904) of the first Sialkot Convention. The principles of this Union are stated in the form of questions which were signed by those becoming members.

1. "Are you praying for quickening in your own life, in the life of your fellow-workers, and in the Church?"
2. "Are you longing for greater power of the Holy Spirit in your own life and work, and are you convinced that you cannot go on without this power? "

3. "Will you pray that you may not be ashamed of Jesus?"
4. "Do you believe that prayer is the great means for securing this spiritual awakening?"
5. "Will you set apart one half-hour each day as soon after noon as possible to pray for this awakening, and are you willing to pray till the awakening comes?"

John Hyde was associated with this Prayer Union from its beginning, and also had a definite part in the Sialkot Convention. The members of the Prayer Union lifted up their eyes according to Christ's command and saw the fields white to the harvest. In the Book they read the immutable promises of God.

They saw one method of obtaining this spiritual awakening, even by prayer. They set themselves deliberately, definitely, and desperately to use the means till they secured the result. The Sialkot revival was not an accident nor an unsought breeze from Heaven. Charles G. Finney says: "A revival is no more a miracle than a crop of wheat." In any community revival can be secured from Heaven when heroic souls enter the conflict determined to win or die—or if need be to win and die. "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matthew 11:12, NKJV).

Three Men

David's mighty men are catalogued in the Scriptures; there were the first three, then the second three, and afterwards the thirty; Jesus had many unnamed disciples. He had the Twelve, but in the inner circle nearest to himself were the special three: Peter, James, and John. Hundreds came to Sialkot and helped mightily by prayer and praise. But God honored a few men as leaders. This sketch is not given to flattery or fulsome praise, but God's Word says: "Honor to whom honor is due. "

God laid a great burden of prayer upon the hearts of John N. Hyde, R. M'Cheyne Paterson, and George Turner for this wonderful convention. There was need for a yearly meeting for Bible Study and prayer, where the spiritual life of the workers—pastors, teachers, and evangelists, both foreign and native—could be deepened. The church life in the Punjab (as indeed in all India), was far below the Bible standard; the Holy Spirit was so little honored in these ministries that few were being saved from among the Christless millions. Sialkot was the place selected for this meeting, and 1904 became memorable as the date of the First Sialkot Convention.

Before one of the first conventions, Hyde and Paterson waited and tarried one whole month before the opening date. For thirty days and thirty nights these godly men waited before God in prayer. Do we wonder that there was power in the convention? Turner joined them after nine days, so that for twenty-one days and twenty-one nights these three men prayed and praised God for a mighty outpouring of His power. Three human hearts that beat as one and that one the heart of Christ, yearning, pleading, crying, and agonizing over the Church of India and the myriads of lost souls. Three renewed human wills that by faith linked themselves as with hooks of steel to the omnipotent will of God. Three pairs of fire-touched lips that out of believing hearts shouted, "It shall be done!"

Do you who read these words look at those long-continued vigils, those days of fasting and prayer, those nights of wakeful watching and intercessions, and do you say, "What a price to pay!" Then I point you to scores and hundreds of workers quickened and fitted for the service of Christ; I point you to literally thousands prayed into the kingdom and I say unto you, "Behold, the purchase of such a price!"

Surely Calvary represents a fearful price. But your soul and mine, and the millions thus far redeemed and other millions which may yet be redeemed, a wrecked earth restored back to Eden perfection, the kingdoms of this world wrested from the grasp of the usurper and delivered over to the reign of their rightful King!—when we shall see all this shall we not gladly say, "Behold the purchase"?

1904—The First Sialkot Convention [Sialkot is now part of Pakistan]

One of his dearest friends in India writes about the great change that came to John Hyde's spiritual life at this convention in 1904. He writes that though John was a missionary and a child of God, for he had been born of God, he was yet a babe in Christ. He had never been compelled to tarry at his Jerusalem till he was endued with power from on high. But God in his love spoke to him and showed him his great need. At this convention, while he was speaking to his brother missionaries on the work of the Holy Spirit, God spoke to his own soul and opened up to him the Divine plan of sanctification by faith. Such a touch of God, such a light from Heaves, came to him, that he said at the close of the convention: "I must not lose this vision." And he never did lose it, but rather obtained grace for grace, and the vision brightened as he went obediently forward.

Another missionary tells how John came to this convention to lead the Bible studies. During those days he spoke of the length and breadth and height and depth of the love of God. That mighty love seemed to reach out through him and grip the hearts of men and women and draw them closer to God. This brother writes:

"One night he came into my study about half-past nine, and began to talk to me about the value of public testimony. We had an earnest discussion until long after midnight, and I think until after one o'clock, and as I remember it, quite an interesting argument.

"We had asked him on the next evening to lead a meeting for men which was being held in the tabernacle out on the compound, while the women of the convention were holding a meeting of their own in the missionary bungalow.

"When the time for the meeting arrived the men of us were seated there on the mats in the tent, but Mr. Hyde the leader had not arrived. We began to sing, and sang several hymns before he did come in, quite late.

"I remember how he sat down on the mat in front of us, and silent for a considerable time after the singing stopped. Then he arose, and said to us very quietly, 'Brothers, I did not sleep any last night, and I have not eaten anything to-day. I have been having a great controversy with God. I feel that He has wanted me to come here and testify to you concerning some things that He has done for me, and I have been arguing with him that I should not do this. Only this evening a little while ago have I got peace concerning the matter and have I agreed to obey Him, and now I have come to tell you just some things that He has done for me.

"After making this brief statement, he told us very quietly and simply some of the desperate conflicts that he had had with sin, and how God had given him victory. I think he did not talk more than fifteen or twenty minutes, and then sat down and bowed his head for a few minutes, and then said, 'Let us have a season of prayer.' I remember how the little company prostrated themselves upon the mats on their faces in the Oriental manner, and then how for a long time, how long I do not know, man after man rose to his feet to pray, how there was such confession of sin as most of us had never heard before, and such crying out to God for mercy and help.

"It was very late that night when the little gathering broke up, and some of us know definitely of several lives that were wholly transformed through the influence of that meeting."

Evidently that one message opened the doors of people's hearts for the incoming of the great revival in the Indian Church.

Compilation of quotes on prayer by Miles Bennett

"MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT FAINT"

"Action without prayer is arrogance, Prayer without action is hypocrisy." Jose Zayas

"Give yourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word. If you do not pray, God will probably lay you aside from your ministry, as He did me, to teach you to pray." - Robert Murray McCheyne

"The evangelization of the world depends first of all upon a revival of prayer. Deeper than the need for men - aye, deep down at the bottom of our spiritless life, is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing, world-wide prayer."- Andrew Murray

"Prayer and praise are to the Christian as the two wings are to the bird. Don't expect the bird to fly if one wing is broken. Even so the Christian needs both prayer and praise." - J. Wesley Adcock, in The Holy Spirit in Life and Labors.

"Before a word of petition is offered, we should have the definite and vivid consciousness that we are talking to God and should believe that He is listening to our petition and is going to grant the thing that we ask of Him. We should look to the Holy Spirit to really lead us into the presence of God and should not be hasty in words until He has actually brought us there." R. A. Torrey, in How to Pray (added 12/14/03)

1 You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. -- A. J. Gordon

2 I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer. -- Martin Luther

3 The story of every great Christian achievement is the history of answered prayer. -- E. M. Bounds

- 4 The greatest and best talent that God gives to any man or woman in this world is the talent of prayer. --Alexander Whyte
- 5 The world needs more true praying to save it from the reign and ruin of Satan. -- E.M. Bounds
- 6 Prayer "is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings." -- Chrysostom
- 7 Prayer is the supreme way to be workers together with God. -- Wesley L. Duewel
- 8 Prayer is the master strategy that God gives for the defeat and rout of Satan. -- Wesley L. Duewel
- 9 Prayer is God's ordained way to bring His miracle power to bear in human need. -- Wesley L. Duewel
- 10 Walking with God down the avenue of prayer we acquire something of His likeness, and unconsciously we become witnesses to others of His beauty and His grace. -- E. M. Bounds
- 11 Prayer is the greatest of all forces, because it honors God and brings him into active aid. -- E.M. Bounds
- 12 The first and last stages of holy living are crowned with praying. -- E.M. Bounds
- 13 The conditions of praying are the conditions of righteousness, holiness, and salvation. -- E. M. Bounds
- 14 Sainthood's piety is made, refined, perfected, by prayer. The gospel moves with slow and timid pace when the saints are not at their prayers early and late and long. - E. M. Bounds
- 15 Heaven is too busy to listen to half-hearted prayers or to respond to pop-calls. - E. M. Bounds
- 16 Praying men must be strong in hope, and faith, and prayer. - E.M. Bounds
- 17 Jesus taught that perseverance is the essential element in prayer. - E. M. Bounds

- 18 The goal of prayer is the ear of God. E. M. Bounds
- 19 Prayer should not be regarded "as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty." - E.M. Bounds
- 20 God's children should pray. They should cry day and night to Him. God hears every one of your cries in the busy hour of the daytime and in the lonely watches of the night. - Robert Murray McCheyne
- 21 Prayer succeeds when all else fails. - E.M. Bounds
- 22 We can never expect to grow in the likeness of our Lord unless we follow His example and give more time to communion with the Father. A revival of real praying would produce a spiritual revolution. - E.M. Bounds
- 23 Holy living is essential preparation for prayer. - E.M. Bounds
- 24 Prayer is not the cunning art of using God, subjecting Him to one's selfish ends in an effort to get out of Him what you want. - F.J. Huegel
- 25 According to Soren Kierkegaard prayer is "a silent surrendering of everything to God."
- 26 All that true prayer seeks is God Himself, for with Him we get all we need.
- The Kneeling Christian
- 27 The greatest blow sent Satan-ward is made by weeping warriors of prayer.
- Dick Eastman
- 28 Bob Pierce, regarding prayer, "Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God."
- 29 "Men ought always to pray, and not faint." - Bible, Luke 18:1
- 30 I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything but it came at some time; no matter at how distant a day, somehow, in some shape, probably the least I would have devised, it came. - Adoniram Judson
31. I live in the spirit of prayer; I pray as I walk, when I lie down and when I rise, and the answers are always coming. - George Mueller

32 Let me burn out for God. After all, whatever God may appoint, prayer is the great thing. Oh, that I might be a man of prayer! - Henry Martyn

33 Our prayer must not be self-centered. It must arise not only because we feel our own need as a burden we must lay upon God, but also because we are so bound up in love for our fellow men that we feel their need as acutely as our own. To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them. - John Calvin

34. Only turning God's house into a house of fervent prayer will reverse the power of evil so evident in the world today. -- Jim Cymbala

35. I learned as never before that persistent calling upon the Lord breaks through every stronghold of the devil, for nothing is impossible with God. For Christians in these troubled times, there is simply no other way. - Jim Cymbala, in Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

36 The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. - Samuel Chadwick

37 The greatest hindrance to effective prayer is sin. Satan's greatest goal is to keep us from our knees. - Dick Eastman

38. We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties. - Oswald Chambers

39 Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian. -- Andrew Murray

40 O Brother, pray; in spite of Satan, pray; spend hours in prayer; rather neglect friends than not pray; rather fast and lose breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper- and sleep too- than not pray. And we must not talk about prayer, we must pray in right earnest. The Lord is near. He comes softly while the virgins slumber. -- Andrew A. Bonar

41 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. -- James 5:16, The Holy Bible

42 The battle of prayer is against two things in the earthlies: wandering thoughts, and lack of intimacy with God's character as revealed in His word. Neither can be cured at once, but they can be cured by discipline. -- Oswald Chambers

43 "The 1990's will be a decade where we must focus on prayer as the main thrust to accomplish God's will and purpose on earth. The forces against us have never been greater and this is the only way we can release God's power to become victorious." -- John Maxwell, of Injoy Ministries (Amen! Still true!
- Miles, 12/01/05)

44 The devil is not terribly frightened of our human efforts and credentials. But he knows his kingdom will be damaged when we begin to lift up our hearts to God. -- Jim Cymbala

45 Prayer, real prayer, is lethal to Satan's cause. -- Selected

46 Prayer breaks all bars, dissolves all chains, opens all prisons, and widens all straits by which God's saints have been held. -- E. M. Bounds

47 Prayer is repeating the victor's name (Jesus) into the ears of Satan and insisting on his retreat. -- S. D. Gordon
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. -- James 4:7

48 Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. - The Kneeling Christian

49 He who knows how to overcome with God in prayer has heaven and earth at his disposal. -- C. S. Spurgeon

50 Even so, to our knees, O Christians! Desist the folly of sprinkling today's individual and international iniquity with theological rose water! Turn loose against this putrefaction those mighty rivers of weeping, of prayer, and of ununctionized preaching until all be cleansed. -- Leonard Ravenhill

51 The coming revival must begin with a great revival of prayer. It is in the closet, with the door shut, that the sound of abundance of rain will first be heard. An increase of secret prayer with ministers will be the sure harbinger of blessing. -- Andrew Murray

52 Prayer is the only adequate way to multiply our efforts fast enough to reap the harvest God desires. -- Wesley L. Duewel

53 Prayer is the Christian's first line of defense against demonic influence. Fervent, sincere prayer thwarts Satan's activity like nothing else. -- The Bondage Breaker

54 A life growing in its purity and devotion will be a more prayerful life. -- E. M. Bounds

55 Pray alone. Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt at night. The best way to fight against sin is to fight it on our knees. -- Philip Henry

56 Holiness is not to love Jesus and do whatever you want. Holiness is to love God and do what He wants. -- C. Peter Wagner
Holiness is as indispenable for a spiritual warrior as is eyesight for a military fighter pilot. - C. Peter Wagner

57 God uses prayer to educate His people and to produce holiness of character in them. - Harold Lindsay

58 The Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher of prayer. Lord, teach us to pray. -- Selected

59 All real growth in the spiritual life,
all victory over temptation,
all confidence and peace in the presence of difficulties and dangers,
all repose of spirit in times of great disappointment or loss,
all habitual communion with God, - depends upon the practice of secret prayer.
- The Kneeling Christian

60 If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith. -- Martin Luther

61 The man who has gotten God's word in the prayer closet neither seeks nor expects encouragement from men for the delivery of that word. the Spirit Himself bears witness of the approval. -- Leonard Ravenhill

62 He only can truly pray who is all aglow for holiness, for God, and for heaven. E. M. Bounds

63 The stream of praying cannot rise higher than the fountain of living. -- E. M. Bounds

64 Nothing you can do will benefit you more than prayer. -- Paul Y. Cho

65. When God intends great mercy for His people, the first thing He does is set them a-praying. - Matthew Henry

66. "When God has something very great to accomplish for His church, it is His will that there should precede it, the extraordinary prayers of His people; as is manifest by Ezek. 36, 37, together with the context. And it is revealed that when God is about to accomplish great things for His Church, He will begin by remarkably pouring out the spirit of grace and supplication (Zach. 12:10). ...I should think the people of God in this land would be in the way of their duty to do three times as much fasting and prayer as they do" Jonathan Edwards, from his Thoughts on Revival, Part 5.

67. God's command to "pray without ceasing" is founded on the necessity we have of his grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air. - John Wesley

68. Whether we think of, or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him. - John Wesley

69. All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God, without either adding to or diminishing from it by His choice. - John Wesley

70. Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding be employed on outward things. - John Wesley

71. In souls filled with love, the desire to please God is continual prayer. - John Wesley

73. God only requires of his adult children, that their hearts be truly purified, and that they offer him continually the wishes and vows that naturally spring from perfect love. For these desires, being the genuine fruits of love, are the most perfect prayers that can spring from it. - John Wesley

74. To pray with bitterness toward fellowmen nullifies hours on our knees.- Dick Eastman

75. Prayer is the highest order of business, for it links a powerless human to the creative force of God's sovereign power.- Selected

76. The price of prayerlessness far exceeds the price of prayer.- Selected

77. TAKE TIME TO PRAY

78. The prayer of faith is the only power in the universe to which the Great Jehovah yields. Prayer is the sovereign remedy.- Robert Hall

79. If the spirit of prayer departs, it is a sure indication of a backslidden heart, for while the first love of a Christian continues he is sure to be drawn by the Holy Spirit to wrestle much in prayer. -Charles G. Finney, in Revival Lectures

80. To pray as a duty and as if obliging God by our prayer, is quite ridiculous, and is certain indication of a backslidden heart.- Charles G. Finney

81. Probably in the Day of Judgment it will be found that nothing is ever done by the truth, used ever so zealously, unless there is a spirit of prayer somewhere in connection with the presentation of truth. - Charles G. Finney

82. Prevailing , or effectual prayer, is that prayer which attains the blessing that it seeks. - Charles G. Finney

83. When Christians are united, and praying as they ought, God opens the windows of heaven, and pours out His blessing till there is not room to receive it (Read Mal. 3:10).

84. Prayer is the vital breath of the Christian; not the thing that makes him alive, but the evidence that he is alive. - Oswald Chambers

85. A prayer-meeting is an index to the state of religion in a Church. - Charles G. Finney

86. Never say you will pray about a thing; pray about it. -Oswald Chambers

87. Nothing is clearer than that prayer has its only worth and significance in the great fact that God hears and answers prayer. -E. M. Bounds

88. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear me. - David, Psalm 55:17
89. Those who know God the best are the richest and most powerful in prayer. Little acquaintance with God, and strangeness and coldness to Him, make prayer a rare and feeble thing. - E. M. Bounds
90. ...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. - James 5:16b
91. Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, and God delivers by prayer. - E. M. Bounds
92. Prayer is the acid test of devotion. - Samuel Chadwick
93. The only power that God will yield to is that of prayer. - Leonard Ravenhill
94. One of the cornerstones of a healthy church is having people who are faithful in prayer. - Selected
95. We don't have praying churches, just praying people who make up praying churches. - Selected
96. It is always too soon to quit praying, even when praying is the last thing we seem able to do. - Harold Lindsell, in *When You Pray*
96b. Pray without ceasing. - 1Thessalonians 5:17
97. As is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray. - Martin Luther
98. Prayerlessness is sin. - Harold Lindsell
- 98b. God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. - Samuel, from 1Samuel 12:23
- 98c. Prayerlessness is disobedience, for God's command is that men ought always to pray and not faint. To be prayerless is to fail God, for He says, "Ask of me." - Leonard Ravenhill, in *Revival Praying*
- 98d. Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. - Jer. 33:3
99. Prayer is my chief work, and it is by means of it that I carry on the rest. - Thomas Hooker, Puritan

100. The prayer life does not consist of perpetual repetition of petitions. The prayer life consists of life that is always upward and onward and Godward. - George Campbell Morgan

101. The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer. - Leonard Ravenhill

102. We can do nothing without prayer. All things can be done by importunate prayer. That is the teaching of Jesus Christ. -E. M. Bounds

103. Notice, we never pray for folks we gossip about, and we never gossip about the folk for whom we pray! For prayer is a great detergent. - Leonard Ravenhill

104. Prayer wonderfully clears the vision; steadies the nerves; defines duty; stiffens the purpose; sweetens and strengthens the spirit. -S.D. Gordon

105. The secret of all failure is our failure in secret prayer. - The Kneeling Christian

106. People may spurn our appeals, reject our messages, oppose our arguments, despise our persons; but they are helpless against our prayers. - Thomas Lindberg.

107. We must bear in mind that mere resolutions to take more time for prayer and to conquer reluctance to pray will not prove lastingly effective unless there is a whole hearted and absolute surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. - The Kneeling Christian

108. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies. - The Kneeling Christian (Also, see Philipians 4:6)

109. The prayer of the saints is never self-important, but always God-important. - Oswald Chambers

110. Unless the heart is right the prayer must be wrong. - The Kneeling Christian

111. There is no greater test to spirituality than prayer. The man who tries to pray quickly discovers just where he stands in God's sight. - The Kneeling Christian

112. Prayer is not given us as a burden to be borne or an irksome duty to fulfill, but to be a joy and power to which there is no limit. - The Kneeling Christian

113. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:16

114. All hindrance to prayer arises from ignorance of the teaching of God's Holy Word on the life of holiness He has planned for all His children or from an unwillingness to consecrate ourselves fully to Him. - The Kneeling Christian

115. ...prayer is partnership with God in His planet-sized purposes, and includes the "all things" beside, as an important detail of the whole. - S. D. Gordon

116. God's greatest agency; man's greatest agency, for defeating the enemy and winning men back is intercession. -S. D. Gordon

117. The mightiest prayers are often those drenched with the Word of God. - Herbert Lockyer

118. The man who, despite the teaching of Scripture, tries to pray without a Savior, insults the deity. - Charles Haddon Spurgeon

119. ...True prayer is measured by weight, -not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length. - C. H. Spurgeon

120. If you want that splendid power in prayer, you must remain in loving, living, lasting, conscious, practical, abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ. - C. H. Spurgeon

121. When God's mercies are coming, their footfalls are our desires to pray. -C. H. Spurgeon

122. God will hear His people at the beginning of their prayers if the condition of their heart is ready for it. -C. H. Spurgeon

123. A true prayer is an inventory of needs, a catalog of necessities, an exposure of secret wounds, a revelation of hidden poverty. - C. H. Spurgeon

124. Prayer plumes the wings of God's young eaglets so that they may learn to mount above the clouds. Prayer brings inner strength to God's warriors and sends them forth to spiritual battle with their muscles firm and their armor in place. - C.H. Spurgeon

125. Prayer is not a hard requirement- it is the natural duty of a creature to its creator, the simplest homage that human need can pay to divine liberality. -C. H. Spurgeon

126. God's mercy visits every house where night and morning prayers are made, but where these are neglected, sin is incurred. -C. H. Spurgeon

127. Our prayers may be very beautiful in appearance and might appear to be the very paragon of devotion, but unless there is a secret spiritual force in them, they are vain things. -C. H. Spurgeon

128. Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray, then, my dear brother; pray, pray, pray. - Edward Payson

129. Little praying is a kind of make believe, a salve for the conscience, a farce and a delusion. - E. M. Bounds

130. Importunate praying is the earnest inward movement of the heart toward God. -E. M. Bounds

131. No principle is more definitely enforced by Christ than that prevailing prayer must have in it the quality which waits and perseveres, the courage that never surrenders, the patience which never grows tired, the resolution that never wavers. E. M. Bounds

132. The word of God is the food by which prayer is nourished and made strong. - E. M. Bounds

A DAILY PRAYER TO PRAY

133. Holy Spirit of God, visit now this soul of mine, and tarry within it until the eventide. Inspire all my thoughts. Pervade all my imaginations. Suggest all my decisions. Lodge in my soul's most inward citadel, and order all my doings.

Be with me in silence and in my speech, in my haste and in my leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and the weariness of the evening. Give me grace at all times to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship. - John Baillie, in Herald of His Coming

134. Prayer is not a load to be carried but a gift to be enjoyed. - Selected

134b. Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;

Gives exercise to faith and love,

Brings every blessing from above. - Leonard Ravenhill

135. There is nothing to be valued more highly than to have people praying for us; God links up his power in answer to their prayers. - Oswald Chambers

136. Our greatest victories are won on our knees and with empty stomachs -
Julio C. Ruibal

137. Continue in prayer, and though the blessing tarry, it must come; in God's own time it must appear to you. - C. H. Spurgeon

138. ...a man who kneels before God will stand before men. - Leonard Ravenhill

139. ... he that is never on his knees on earth, shall never stand upon his feet in heaven. - C. H. Spurgeon

140. If your faith does not make you pray, have nothing to do with it: get rid of it, and God help thee to begin again. C. H. Spurgeon

141. When we discern that people are not going on spiritually and allow the discernment to turn to criticism, we block our way to God. God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede. -
Oswald Chambers

142 If the spiritual life be healthy, under the full power of the Holy Spirit, praying without ceasing will be natural. - Andrew Murray

143. Without set times of prayer, the spirit of prayer will be dull and feeble. Without the continual prayerfulness, the set times will not avail. - Andrew Murray

144. Scripture calls us to pray for many things: for all saints; for all men; for kings and all rulers; for all who are in adversity; for the sending forth of

laborers; for those who labor in the gospel; for all converts; for believers who have fallen into sin; for one another in our immediate circles. - Andrew Murray

145. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is His delight. Proverbs 15:8

146. For this sin hungry age we need a prayer-hungry Church. We need to explore again the "exceeding great and precious promises of God." In "that great day," the fire of judgment is going to test the sort, not the size, of the work we have done. That which is born in prayer will survive the test. Prayer does business with God. Prayer creates hunger for souls; hunger for souls creates prayer. The understanding soul prays, the praying soul gets understanding. To the soul who prays in self-owned weakness, the Lord gives His strength...Lord, let us pray- Leonard Ravenhill, in Why Revival Tarries,

147. It takes a tremendous amount of reiteration on God's part before we understand what prayer is. We do not pray at all until we are at our wits' end. - Oswald Chambers

148. The Ministry of Prayer, if it be anything worthy of the Name, is a ministry of ardor, a ministry of unwearied and intense longing after God and His holiness. - E. M. Bounds

149. The revelation of our spiritual standing is what we ask in prayer; sometimes what we ask is an insult to God; we ask with our eyes on the possibilities or on ourselves, not on Jesus Christ. - Oswald Chambers

150. ...our Lord prayed because He was concentrated on God; that is, He did not worship prayer. - Oswald Chambers

151. ... in times of declension we are inclined to place the need of prayer instead of penitent approach to God in the fore front. - Oswald Chambers

152. The purpose of prayer is the maintenance of fitness in an ideal relationship with God amid conditions which ought not to be merely ideal but really actual. ...by prayer we lay hold on God and He unites us into His consciousness. - Oswald Chambers

152b. The purpose of prayer is to reveal the presence of God equally present all the time in every condition. - Oswald Chambers

153. Our Lord did not say it was wrong to pray in the corners of the street, but He did say it was wrong to have the motive to "be seen of men". - Oswald Chambers

154. It is not wrong to pray in the early morning, but it is wrong to have the motive that it should be known. - Oswald Chambers

155. To pray strenuously needs careful cultivation. We have to learn the most natural methods of expressing ourselves to our Father. - Oswald Chambers

156. ...a most beneficial exercise in secret prayer before the Father is to write things down exactly so I see exactly what I think and want to say. Only those who have tried these ways know the ineffable benefit of such strenuous times in secret. - Oswald Chambers

157. Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our person- but they are helpless against our prayer. Fellow Christians who love the cause of Christ- to prayer! To prayer! The times are calling us to it. We must press on. -- Sidlow Baxter

158. Prayer is not logical, it is a mysterious moral working of the Holy Spirit. - Oswald Chambers

159. We lean to our own understanding, or we bank on service and do away with prayer, and consequently by succeeding in the external we fail in the eternal, because in the eternal we succeed only by prevailing prayer. - Oswald Chambers

160. Prayer means that I come in contact with an almighty Christ, and almighty results happen along the lines He laid down. - Oswald Chambers

161. See that you do not use the trick of prayer to cover up what you know you ought to do., Oswald Chambers

162. The man who has gotten God's word in the prayer closet neither seeks nor expects encouragement from men for the delivery of that word. The Spirit himself bears witness of the approval. - Leonard Ravenhill

163. How wilt thou get a word from God if thou do not seek it? And how canst thou seek it but by earnest prayer? If otherwise, thou mayest get something that is the product of thy empty head to mumble over before the people, and spend a little time with them in the church. But O, it is a miserable preaching

where the preacher can say, "Thus say I unto you, but no more",; and cannot say, "Thus saith the Lord." - Thomas Boston of Simprin (1699)

164. All earthly things with earth will pass away; Prayer grasps eternity. Then pray, always pray! - E. H. Bickersteth

166. True prayer is a lonely business - Samuel Chadwick

167. The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Power helpeth our infirmity in prayer.
The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Life ends our deadness in prayer.
The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Wisdom delivers us from ignorance in this holy art of prayer.

The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Fire delivers us from coldness in prayer.
The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Might comes to our aid in our weakness as we pray. - Leonard Ravenhill

168. (Re: "rend your hearts" Joel 2:13) We rend our hearts:
by godly consideration and examination;
by the conviction of the Holy Spirit;
by recognition of our failure to pray;
by confessing that we have more appetite for material food than for spiritual;
by acknowledging that we like the company of men more than the company of God;
by abhorring ourselves because we love to play more than pray. - Leonard Ravenhill,

169. Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian. - Andrew Murray

170. A sense of the need of souls;
a Christlike love in the heart;
a consciousness of personal impotence;
faith in the power of prayer;
courage to persevere in spite of refusal;
and the assurance of an abundant reward;
these are the dispositions that constitute a Christian an intercessor, and call forth the power of prevailing prayer. - Andrew Murray

171. Every work of God can be traced to some kneeling form. - Dwight L. Moody

172. ...get a place for prayer where no one imagines that that is what you are doing. Shut the door and talk to God. - Oswald Chambers

173. Learn to be vicarious in public prayer. Allow two rivers to come through you: the river of God, and the river of human interests. Beware of the danger of preaching in prayer, of being doctrinal. - Oswald Chambers

174. We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties. Oswald Chambers

175. Prayer is God's ordained way, the insignificant way of prayer. -- Oswald Chambers

176. ...the purpose of prayer is to reveal the Presence of God, equally present at all times and in every condition. -- Oswald Chambers

177. Prayer is the key to success. Not to pray is to fail. To pray aright is never to fail. - Amzi Clarence Dixon

178. The place of real prayer is the Christian's treasure chamber. He is there in the midst of the treasures of grace which God has given him, and it is there that God enriches him more and more; but in the secret place of the Most High where he dwells, he is rich in love, joy, peace, and all the fruits of the Spirit. - Amzi Clarence Dixon

179. HOW TO PRAY:

- A. Pray Genuinely. Matt. 6:5 In prayer be genuine, for you are dealing with God.
- B. Pray Secretly. Matt. 6:6 All real prayer is private with God the only auditor.
- C. Pray Definitely. Matt. 6:7 God wants us to express our needs in a clear, intelligent manner.
- D. Pray Fraternally. Matt. 6:9 "Our Father" We are...united in family ties to all Christians.
- E. Pray Reverently. Matt. 6:9 "Hallowed be thy name" Let no word pass our lips which in any way takes the name of God in vain.
- F. Pray Loyally and Hopefully. Matt. 6:10 "Thy kingdom come" While we are permitted to be lovingly familiar, we must be loyally true.
- G. Pray Submissively and Aggressively. Matt. 6:10 "Thy will be done" His will is law, and it is never violated. Such is the standard we should have before us, and we should be satisfied with nothing less.

H. Pray dependently. Matt. 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread" ...the word "daily"...has in it no thought of time. It means "needed", "necessary."

I. Pray Cautiously. Matt. 6:13 "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One." We should keep as far from danger as possible.

-taken from sermon "How to Pray", by Amzi Clarence Dixon

180. ...Our prayers are heard, not because we are in earnest, not because we suffer, but because Jesus suffered. - Oswald Chambers

181. The tendency nowadays is to worship prayer, stress is put on nights of prayer and the difficulty and cost of prayer. It is not prayer that is strenuous, but the overcoming of our own laziness. If we make the basis of prayer our effort and agony and nights of prayer, we mistake the basis of prayer. The basis of prayer is not what it costs us, but what it costs God to enable us to pray. - Oswald Chambers

182. God answers prayer on the ground of Redemption and on no other ground. - Oswald Chambers

183. The whole meaning of prayer is that we may know God. - Oswald Chambers

183b. If God sees that my spiritual life will be furthered by giving the things for which I ask, then He will give them, but that is not the end of prayer. The end of prayer is that I come to know God Himself. - Oswald Chambers

184. Inarticulate prayer, the impulsive prayer that looks so futile, is the thing God always heeds. The habit of ejaculatory prayer ought to be the persistent habit of each one of us. - Oswald Chambers

185. When we learn to pray in the Holy Ghost, we find there are some things for which we cannot pray, there is a sense of restraint. Never push and say, "I know it is God's will and I am going to stick to it." Beware, remember what is recorded of the children of Israel: "He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." - Oswald Chambers

186. Prayer is not an exercise, it is the life. - Oswald Chambers

187. We think of prayer as a preparation for work, or a calm after having done work, whereas prayer is the essential work. It is the supreme activity of everything that is noblest in our personality. - Oswald Chambers

188. The whole life of the believer should be prayer--and this is the summary and conclusion--every act, every word, every wish. The act that is not prayer in the ultimate, and the word which is not prayer in the last analysis, and the wish that is not prayer in the profoundest depth are to be put away; they do not become the life of faith. They are things that produce fainting. - George Campbell Morgan

189. Prayer is life passionately wanting, wishing, desiring God's triumph. Prayer is life striving and toiling everywhere and always for that ultimate victory. - George Campbell Morgan

190. Oh, how strenuous is life! I know a little of it. Men "ought always to pray, and not to faint." How fierce the battle! I know something of the conflict, but I ought not to faint, because I can pray. - George Campbell Morgan

191. Men ought not to faint because men ought to pray. - George Campbell Morgan

192. Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer can do. — Charles Spurgeon

193. Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible. — Corrie ten Boom

194. Prayer for revival will prevail when it is accompanied by radical amendment of life; not before. - A.W.Tozer

195. "Too busy; O forgive, Dear Lord, that I should ever be, too much engrossed in earthly tasks, to spend an hour with thee." -- A.B. Christiansen

196. "O, let the place of secret prayer become to me the most beloved spot on earth." -- Andrew Murray

197. "The secret of praying is praying in secret." -- Leonard Ravenhill

198. "Prayer itself is an art which only the Holy Ghost can teach us. He is the giver of all prayer. Pray for prayer- pray till you can pray." -- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

199. The prayer of the feeblest saint who lives in the Spirit and keeps right with God is a terror to Satan. The very powers of darkness are paralyzed by prayer; no spiritualistic seance can succeed in the presence of a humble praying saint. No wonder Satan tries to keep our minds fussy in active work till we cannot think in prayer. -- Oswald Chambers

200. Let none expect to have the mastery over his inward corruption in any degree, without going in weakness again and again to the Lord for strength. Nor will prayer for others, or conversing with the brethren, make up for secret prayer. - George Mueller

201. The prayer life does not consist of perpetual repetition of petitions. The prayer life consists of life that is always upward and onward and Godward. - George Campbell Morgan

202. Prayer is simple, prayer is supernatural, and to anyone not related to our Lord Jesus Christ, prayer is apt to look stupid. - Oswald Chambers

203. Our true character comes out in the way we pray. - Oswald Chambers

204. Prayer imparts the power to walk and not faint. - Oswald Chambers

205. Prayer is not getting things from God, that is the most initial stage; prayer is getting into perfect communion with God; I tell Him what I know He knows in order that I may get to know it as He does. - Oswald Chambers

206. Prayer is the answer to every problem there is. - Oswald Chambers

207. Never make the blunder of trying to forecast the way God is going to answer your prayer. - Oswald Chambers

208. It will be a wonderful moment for some of us when we stand before God and find that the prayers we clamoured for in early days and imagined were never answered, have been answered in the most amazing way, and that God's silence has been the sign of the answer. If we always want to be able to point to something and say, "This is the way God answered my prayer," God cannot trust us yet with His silence. - Oswald Chambers

THE LEVELS OF PREVAILING PRAYER

Level 1: Ask. Matt. 7:7

Level 2: Seek. The asking becomes longer and more intense.

Level 3: Knock. Interceding becomes even more urgent and insistent.

Level 4: Fast. To the previous crescendo of intensity and urgency of intercession, fasting is added.

Level 5: Prayer burden. The burden may be intense and brief or perhaps extend over a longer time.

Level 6: Wrestling in prayer. Very intense praying.

Level 7: Prayer warfare. Prayer battle, extending over a prolonged period.

Wesley L. Duewel, in *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*

210. Intercessory prayer for one who is sinning prevails, God says so. The will of the man prayed for does not come into question at all, he is connected with God by prayer, and prayer on the basis of the Redemption sets the connection working and God gives life. - Oswald Chambers

211. (Re: General Stonewall Jackson, recounted to Chaplain William W. Bennett) " I saw something today which affected me more than anything I ever saw or read on religion. While the battle was raging and the bullets were flying, Jackson rode by, calm as if he were at home, but his head was raised toward heaven, and his lips were moving evidently in prayer" *America's God and Country*, William J. Federer, p.27.

212. Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. - Phillips Brooks

213. We put it as our most sober judgment that the great need of the Church in this and all ages is men of such commanding faith, of such unsullied holiness, of such marked spiritual vigor and consuming zeal, that their prayers, faith, lives, and ministry will be of such a radical and aggressive form as to work spiritual revolutions which will form eras in individual and Church life. - E. M. Bounds

214. Prayer has mighty power to move mountains because the Holy Spirit is ready both to encourage our praying and to remove the mountains hindering us. Prayer has the power to change mountains into highways. - Wesley L. Duewel

215. Prevailing prayer is prayer that pushes right through all difficulties and obstacles, drives back all the opposing forces of Satan, and secures the will of God. Its purpose is to accomplish God's will on earth. Prevailing prayer is prayer that not only takes the initiative but continues on the offensive for God until spiritual victory is won. - Wesley L. Duewel

216. Many Christians are so spiritually frail, sickly, and lacking in spiritual vitality that they cannot stick to prayer for more than a few minutes at a time. - Wesley L. Duewel
217. Prayer is talking with God and telling Him you love Him, conversing with God about all the things that are important in life, both large and small, and being assured that He is listening. - C. Neil Strait
218. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is His delight. Proverbs 15:8
219. The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29
220. He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination. Prov. 28:9
221. The devil is not terribly frightened of our human efforts and credentials. But he knows his kingdom will be damaged when we begin to lift up our hearts to God. - Jim Cymbala, in Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire
222. Trouble is one of God's great servants because it reminds us how much we continually need the Lord. - Jim Cymbala
223. The main thing that God asks for is our attention. - Jim Cymbala, quoting a devotional writer
224. "...I learned as never before that persistent calling upon the Lord breaks through every stronghold of the devil, for nothing is impossible with God. For Christians in these troubled times, there is simply no other way." - Jim Cymbala
225. "It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves." - Luke 19:46
226. "Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves." - Mark 11:17
227. "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." - Matthew 21:13

228. " Does the Bible ever say anywhere from Genesis to Revelation, 'My house shall be called a house of preaching'? Does it ever say, 'My house shall be called a house of music'? Of course not. The Bible does say, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'. Preaching, music, the reading of the Word - these things are fine; I believe in and practice all of them. But they must never override prayer as the defining mark of God's dwelling. the honest truth is that I have seen God do more in people's lives during ten minutes of real prayer than in ten of my sermons." - Jim Cymbala

229. Only turning God's house into a house of fervent prayer will reverse the power of evil so evident in the world today - Jim Cymbala

230. Prayer for Disassociation from Deceiving Spirits:

"Heavenly Father, I commit myself unreservedly to Your will. If I have been deceived in any way, I pray that You will open my eyes to the deception. I command in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that all deceiving spirits depart from me and I renounce and reject all counterfeit gifts (or any other spiritual phenomena). Lord, if it is from You, bless it and cause it to grow that Your body may be blessed and edified through it. Amen."

- Neil Anderson, in *The Bondage Breaker*, Harvest House Publishers; copyright 1990, 1993; Eugene Oregon 97402; soft cover p.165

231. Prayer is the Christian's first line of defense against demonic influence. Fervent, sincere prayer thwarts Satan's activity like nothing else. - Adapted from statements from *The Bondage Breaker*

232. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. - The Holy Bible, James 5:16

232. Humility is the way for us to open communication with the merciful God of heaven. It is far better to pray in a private "room," be unseen by man, and have the approval of God than to give a public display of prayer and have a heart full of pride. - Selected

233. Real prayer comes not from gritting our teeth but from falling in love. - Richard Foster

234. Intercession is cooperation with the Holy Spirit in his work to convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment. John 16:8 - Lars Widerberg, *Intercessors Network*.

235. "A powerful and necessary weapon in the prayer warfare is thinking, sharp, discerning thinking. 1 Peter 4:7. This attitude is a manifestation of the kingdom of God in the midst of turmoil." - Lars Widerberg

236. Regarding Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone----"Praying the cornerstone into its right and rightful place causes upheaval and sanctification. Praying the cornerstone into a society causes turning points. Praying the cornerstone is prophetic work, demanding work. Praying the cornerstone causes purging fire, first among the intercessors. Without this, any attempt to bring about awakening will miss the mark." Lars Widerberg

237. Prayer thrives in the atmosphere of true devotion.
- E. M. Bounds

238. ". . . every preacher who does not make prayer a mighty factor in his own life and ministry is weak as a factor in God's work and is powerless to project God's cause in this world." - E. M. Bounds

239. He only can truly pray who is all aglow for holiness, for God, and for heaven. - E.M. Bounds

240. When we become too glib in prayer we are most surely talking to ourselves. - A.W. Tozer

241. Prayer will promote our personal holiness as nothing else, except the study of the Word of God. - R.A Torrey

242. When the devil sees a man or woman who really believes in prayer, who knows how to pray, and who really does pray, and, above all, when he sees a whole church on its face before God in prayer, "he trembles" as much as he ever did, for he knows that his day in that church or community is at an end.
- R.A. Torrey

243. The ministry of prayer, if it be anything worthy of the name, is a ministry of ardor, a ministry of unwearied and intense longing after God and after his holiness.
- E.M. Bounds

244. "Prayer must be aflame. Its ardor must consume. Prayer without fervor is as a sun without light or heat, or as a flower without beauty or fragrance. A soul devoted to God is a fervent soul, and prayer is the creature of that

flame. He only can truly pray who is all aglow for holiness, for God, and for heaven." - E. M. Bounds

245. Enthusiasm is more active than faith, though enthusiasm cannot remove mountains nor call into action any of the omnipotent forces which faith can command. Activity is often at the expense of more solid, useful elements, and generally to the total neglect of prayer. To be too busy with God's work to commune with God, to be busy with doing church work without taking time to talk to God about His work, is the highway to backsliding, and many people have walked therein to the hurt of their immortal souls. - E. M. Bounds

246. So the preacher of the gospel asks your prayers: and it is a part of the duties arising out of the relationship between Christian men that those who are taught should pray for those who teach God's Word. - C. H. Spurgeon

247. No man can do a great and enduring work for God who is not a man of prayer, and no man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying. - E. M. Bounds, *Power through Prayer - 8 Examples of Praying Men*

248. Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer. - John Wesley

248b. "Work as if everything depends on you; pray as if everything depends on God." - Author unknown, but may be John Wesley. If you know, write me [HERE](#). Thanks -MEB (added 6/13/05)

249. I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day. - Abraham Lincoln

250. The men who have guided the destiny of the United States have found the strength for their tasks by going to their knees. This private unity of public men and their God is an enduring source of reassurance for the people of America. - Lyndon B. Johnson

251. Avail yourself of the greatest privilege this side of heaven. Jesus Christ died to make this communion and communication with the Father possible. - Billy Graham

252. Prayer is the nearest approach to God and the highest enjoyment of Him that we are capable of in this life. - William Law

253. You can do more than pray after you've prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. - John Bunyan

254. I must secure more time for private devotions. I have been living far too public for me. The shortening of devotions starves the soul, it grows lean and faint. I have been keeping too late hours. - William Wilberforce

255. To pray is to let Jesus come into our hearts. It is not our prayer which moves the Lord Jesus. It is Jesus who moves us to pray. - O. Hallesby

256. May God open our eyes to see what the holy ministry of intercession is, to which, as His royal priesthood, we have been set apart. May He give us a large and strong heart to believe what mighty influence our prayers can exert. And may all fear as to our being able to fulfill our vocation vanish as we see Jesus, living ever to pray, living in us to pray, and standing surety for our prayer life." - Andrew Murray

257. O believing brethren! what an instrument is this which God hath put into your hands! Prayer moves Him that moves the universe." - Robert Murray McCheyne.

258. "To despise the world is the way to enjoy heaven; and blessed are they who delight to converse with God by prayer." - John Bunyan

259. More of John Bunyan's quotations on prayer:

"Before you enter into prayer, ask thy soul these questions:

1. To what end, O my soul, art thou retired into this place?

Art thou not come to discourse the Lord in prayer?

Is he present; will he hear thee?

Is he merciful; will he help thee?

Is thy business slight; is it not concerning the welfare of thy soul?

What words wilt thou use to move him to compassion?

To make thy preparation complete, consider that thou art but dust and ashes, and he the great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that clothes himself with light as with a garment; that thou art a vile sinner, he a holy God; that thou art but a poor crawling worm, he the omnipotent Creator.

In all your prayers forget not to thank the Lord for his mercies.

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than thy words without a heart.

Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.

The spirit of prayer is more precious than treasures of gold and silver.

Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God. and a scourge for Satan." - John Bunyan

260. "Prayer makes a godly man, and puts within him "the mind of Christ," the mind of humility, of self-surrender, of service, of pity, and of prayer. If we really pray, we will become more like God, or else we will quit praying." - E. M. Bounds

261. A holy life does not live in the closet, but it cannot live without the closet. - E. M. Bounds

262. "Prayer is the greatest vehicle to have a congregation united in seeing Christ's mission fulfilled." - Oni Kittle

262. It is only when the whole heart is gripped with the passion of prayer that the life-giving fire descends, for none but the earnest man gets access to the ear of God. - E. M. Bounds

263. "No man - I don't care how colossal his intellect - No man is greater than his prayer life." - Leonard Ravenhill

264. "To stand before men on behalf of God is one thing. To stand before God on behalf of men is something entirely different." - Leonard Ravenhill

265. "Pray absolutely for those things you may pray for absolutely. Pray conditionally for those things you may pray for conditionally. For those things you can't pray for - don't." - Paul Gerhardt

266. "Fall on your knees and grow there. There is no burden of the spirit but is lighter by kneeling under it. Prayer means not always talking to Him, but

waiting before Him till the dust settles and the stream runs clear." - F. B. Meyer

267. "Public prayers are of little worth unless they are founded on or followed up by private praying." - E. M Bounds

268. "Of all the duties enjoined by Christianity none is more essential and yet more neglected than prayer." - Fenelon

269. The greatest answer to prayer is that I am brought into a perfect understanding with God, and that alters my view of actual things. -O. Chambers

270. . "All that God is, and all that God has, is at the disposal of prayer. Prayer can do anything that God can do, and as God can do everything, prayer is omnipotent." - R. A. Torrey

271. "When we pray for others the Spirit of God works in the unconscious domain of their being that we know nothing about, and the one we are praying for knows nothing about, but after the passing of time the conscious life of the one prayed for begins to show signs of unrest and disquiet. We may have spoken until we are worn out, but have never come anywhere near, and we have given up in despair. But if we have been praying, we find on meeting them one day that there is the beginning of a softening in an inquiry and a desire to know something. It is that kind of intercession that does most damage to Satan's kingdom. It is so slight, so feeble in its initial stages that if reason is not wedded to the light of the Holy Spirit, we will never obey it, and yet it is that kind of intercession that the New Testament places most emphasis on." - Oswald Chambers

272. "As white snowflakes fall quietly and thickly on a winter day, answers to prayer will settle down upon you at every step you take, even to your dying day. The story of your life will be the story of prayer and answers to prayer." --O. Hallesby

273. "The prayer that sparks revival begins long before the countryside seems to awaken from its slumber in sin. It starts when men fall on their knees and cry out to God. That's where true intimacy with God takes place and we begin the journey of being transformed into the image of Christ. And as men are transformed, the course of a nation can be changed." - Wellington Boone

274. "The true spirit of prayer is no other than God's own Spirit dwelling in the hearts of the saints. And as this spirit comes from God, so doth it naturally tend to God in holy breathings and pantings. It naturally leads to God, to converse with him by prayer." - Jonathan Edwards in Sermon, Hypocrites Deficient in Prayer
275. "For the sun meets not the springing bud that stretches towards him with half that certainty as God, the source of all good, communicates Himself to the soul that longs to partake of Him." - William Law
276. "Your prayer life denotes how much you depend on your own ability, and how much you really believe in your heart when you sing, "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling...." The more self- confidence you have, the less you pray. The less self-confidence you have, the more you have to pray." - Lars Widerberg, article on prayer - The Father's House a House of Prayer)
277. By intercessory prayer we can hold off Satan from other lives and give the Holy Ghost a chance with them. No wonder Jesus put such tremendous emphasis on prayer. -Oswald Chambers
278. The more helpless you are, the better you are fitted to pray, and the more answers to prayer you will experience. -O. Hallesby
279. Whenever the insistence is on the point that God answers prayer, we are off the track. The meaning of prayer is that we get hold of God, not of the answer. - Oswald Chambers
280. Jesus Christ carries on intercession for us in heaven; the Holy Ghost carries on intercession in us on earth; and we the saints have to carry on intercession for all men. - Oswald Chambers
281. He who is too busy to pray will be too busy to live a holy life. Satan had rather we let the grass grow on the path to our prayer chamber than anything else. E.M.Bounds
282. A loving spirit is a condition of believing prayer. We cannot be wrong with man and right with God. The spirit of prayer is essentially the spirit of love. Intercession is simply love at prayer. - The Kneeling Christian, Chapter 11
283. "We feel sure that the weakness in the spiritual life of many churches is to be traced to an inefficient prayer-meeting, or the absence of meetings for

prayer..... Can we not make the weekly prayer-meeting a live thing and a living force?" - The Kneeling Christian, Chapter 11

284. All hindrance to prayer arises from ignorance of the teaching of God's Holy Word on the life of holiness He has planned for all His children, or from an unwillingness to consecrate ourselves fully to Him. When we can truthfully say to our Father, "All that I am and have is thine," then He can say to us, "All that is mine is thine." - The Kneeling Christian, end of Chapter 11

285. "Through His Spirit, the Spirit of prayer, our life may be one of continual prayer. The Spirit of prayer will help you become an intercessor, asking great things of God for those around you." - Andrew Murray

286. "At the heart of every revival is the spirit of prayer." - Arthur Wallis, in his Preface to In the Day of Thy Power, The Scriptural Principles of Revival

287. "Prevailing prayer requires a tender, compassionate heart, a deep solicitude for the glory of God and the good of His people. Nehemiah wept and mourned." - Arthur Wallis in his book, In the Day of Thy Power, The Scriptural Principles of Revival, Chapter 8, "The Praying Heart"

288. All the mighty interceding of the ages that has ever shaken the kingdom of darkness has been based upon the promises of God." - Arthur Wallis in his book, In the Day of Thy Power, The Scriptural Principles of Revival, Chapter 8, "The Praying Heart"

289. "Before a word of petition is offered, we should have the definite and vivid consciousness that we are talking to God and should believe that He is listening to our petition and is going to grant the thing that we ask of Him. We should look to the Holy Spirit to really lead us into the presence of God and should not be hasty in words until He has actually brought us there." - R. A. Torrey, in How to Pray

290. "Each time you intercede, be quiet first and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, of how He delights to hear Christ, of your place in Christ, and expect great things." - Andrew Murray, "Helps to Intercession," Fifteenth Day, The Ministry of Intercession

291. "I am perfectly confident that the man who does not spend hours alone with God will never know the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The world must be left outside until God alone fills the vision...God has promised to answer prayer. It is not that He is unwilling, for the fact is, He is more willing to

give than we are to receive. But the trouble is, we are not ready..." - Oswald J. Smith, *Enduement*, 56-58 (added 6/8/04)

292. "There must be closet praying! It is in the closet that we establish the beautiful habit of spontaneous praying on every occasion. When we are fresh out of the closet we are quick to pray about every turn of events. Unceasing prayer is God's avenue for His children to react to all happenings." - Clyde Martin, article "Outside the Closet," June, 2004 *The Prayer Life Online* magazine (added 6/14/04)

293. "You may as soon find a living man that does not breathe, as a living Christian that does not pray. For this shall every one that is godly pray. If prayerless, then graceless." Matthew Henry, commenting on Matthew 6:5, in *Volume 5*. (added 8/26/04)

294. "True revival lives in prayer. Prayer draws power from revival. We need only to follow the way-marks of their remarkable history to be satisfied of their inseparable unity." - Johnston, J. B.; *THE PRAYER-MEETING, and ITS HISTORY*, as identified with the life and power of godliness, and the revival of religion; copyright 1870; p. 158 (added 1/15/05)

295. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." - Lord Alfred Tennyson (Alfred, Lord Tennyson) (added 1/25/05)

296. "Without prayer religion in the soul would die, as without respiration temporal death would ensue. Prayer is the breath of the soul." - Johnston, J. B.; *THE PRAYER-MEETING, and ITS HISTORY*, as identified with the life and power of godliness, and the revival of religion; copyright 1870; p. 73 (added 1/30/05)

297. "Wherever...thou shalt be, pray secretly within thyself. If thou shalt be far from a house of prayer, give not thyself trouble to seek for one, for thou thyself art a sanctuary designed for prayer. If thou shalt be in bed or any other place, pray there; thy temple is there." - Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) (added 2/06/05)

298. "The prayer-meeting furnishes a very accurate discriminating test of character. The live Christian loves its enjoyments, the spiritually dead have no delights there." — Johnston, J. B.; *THE PRAYER-MEETING, and ITS HISTORY*, as identified with the life and power of godliness, and the revival of religion; copyright 1870; p. 209 (added 2/06/05)

299. "Wise is he in the day of trouble who knows his true source of strength and who fails not to pray." - E. M. Bounds in *The Essentials of Prayer* (added 8/09/05)

300. "Any church may have a mighty man of God for its pastor, if it is willing to the price and that price is not a big salary but great praying." R.A. Torrey, *The Power of Prayer* (added 8/07/05)

301. "Prayer, in every care and anxiety and need of life, with thanksgiving, is the means God has appointed for our obtaining freedom from all anxiety, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding." R.A. Torrey, in *How to Pray* (added 12/01/05)

7 REASONS WHY WE SHOULD PRAY FOR ISRAEL FIRST

1

God has not finished with Israel

Has God cast away His people ? Certainly not ! God has not rejected His people whom He fore-knew (Rom 11:1 - 2)

Again I shall rebuild you and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel (Jeremiah 31:3) The gifts and callings of God are irrevocable ... (Rom 11:29)

2

The Word of God commands us to...Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

You who call upon the name of the Lord, give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem as a praise in all the Earth (Isaiah 62:6 - 7)

Let the priests who minister to the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; let them cry out "spare you people of Lord" (Joel 2:17)

3

The Church has a continuing upon the past, present and future of Israel. Remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you [Rom 11:17]

Whom are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came (Rom 9:4-

5)

4

The Gentiles have benefited from the Jewish people's fall ...
Through their trespass, salvation has come to the Gentiles (Rom 11:11)
If their falling away was riches for the world, what will their reconciling be,
but life from the dead (Rom 11:15)

5

God loves Israel - If we have His love and His Spirit, shouldn't we ?
Israel I have loved you with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3)
They are beloved for the sake of the fathers (Rom 11:28)
Whoever touches you, touches the apple of His eye (Zech 2:8)

6

Yeshua's return to take up His 1000 yr reign is dependant on Israel's
salvation. That He may send Yeshua, whom Heaven is restraining until the
time of restoration of all things, as spoken by God, through the mouth of His
holy prophets. (Acts 3:21) You won't see me again until you say "Blessed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matt 23:39) Behold He is coming
on the clouds and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. (Rev
1:7)

7

You will be blessed if you bless the Jewish people - I will bless those who
bless you (Gen 12:3) It is your duty to help the Jewish people It
pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have
been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them
in material things. (Rom 15:27)

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Soul Travail

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The harvest is coming and we need to be able to birth them in, In this
teaching I want to share with you about soul travail. What it is and I want to

give you some keys to loosing souls in the heavens using the word of the Lord. I know this will help equip you in intercessory evangelism.

Isa 66:7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Isa 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? [or] shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Isa 66:9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut [the womb]? saith thy God.

Ga 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.

In order for us to really be effective in praying for the harvest there must be work, travail, fervency, weeping and pain. But before we can birth and travail the way God has called us to pray we first have to be pregnant with Gods heart. If you are not full of the passion and burden of Gods heart for harvest we will only pray out of duty and not desperation.

I have seen my wife in labor and it was not without sweat, all that she was, tears and groans brought forth the joy of our children. In the above passage you can see that Paul was in this kind of burden and intercession for the ones that were his labor in the Lord. Paul states that he was birthing again, there must have been a place where he had birthed before these precious souls into Gods kingdom.

In China where there has been up to 25,000 souls a day being saved those great saints in the midst of great persecution even death have arose as early as four in the morning. I have seen a video of the underground church as many as hundreds packed like sardines into one house shaking, weeping, moaning as in great agony over the state of souls that have not yet come to Christ. I believe that when we ask for this spirit of prayer we too will begin to truly snatch lost souls out of hell!!!

A great reference to this kind of intercession which is not just for souls can be found in this great passage of scripture. In first Kings ch 18 verse 1 the word of the lord comes unto Elijah, he has a word from God that the rain is about to fall. Further into this text you see the prophet on top of mount Carmel with his face bowed between knees a picture of birthing. Elijah continues in this fervent act of intercession 7 times until there was a rain cloud the size of a mans hand. Elijah was pregnant with the word of the Lord

for he said I here the sound of the abundance of rain. That sound was in his spirit.

The second key in soul travail that I want to share with is first found in these two promises of God.

Ac 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Ex 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth [day] of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of [their] fathers, a lamb for an house: One lamb was sufficient for the deliverance of the whole household.

We have the right to have harvest especially in our house. So why then is there so many souls that have not come. Lets look at these two texts.

2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

In every believer there is a spirit that has an assignment to keep your house from coming to Christ and we need to learn in the spirit to take authority and open the prison for those oppressed.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound.

In this passage of scripture God continually uses the word me, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me to open the prison. proclaim liberty to the captives. I believe that there is a place where we stop asking God to give us what he told us to take. There is a place where we recognize that we have a enemy to the harvest God wants to give us, rise up in the spirit say Joe I set you free in Jesus name. Come forth you who sit in darkness. I command you devil binding Joe to loose him to see. I lay hold of Joe in the spirit and I open his eyes to

see. Lazarus come forth!! When we begin to take the authority and become pregnant with Gods heart and travail the harvest call them in it will come Praise God.

THE LISTEN TO GOD LIFESTYLE

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The promise of the New Covenant is of a new heart and a new spirit. When this promise is fulfilled we will walk into life with a new attitude. We will live our life out of a new identity.

I want to share with you some of the tools produced in my machine shop. These are not tools made of forged steel. These are not tools for working with normal materials. These are tools for the transformation of the human heart and spirit.

I want to equip a new type of workman. Are you interested? Do you want to be equipped as a new type of workman? Follow me and I will equip you with tools for transforming human hearts and lives!

Your first project is the transformation of your own life. Jesus thought it important that we start there. He said that we must get the log out of our own eye so that we could see the speck in our neighbor's eye.

You don't have to rush out to save the world. You need to be transformed yourself. When Jesus knows when you are ready, Jesus will bring opportunities your way to help others.

I call the tools that I have developed "Listening Prayer Therapy." The center focus is times when we listen to God. This practice develops our relationship with God. Do you know how hard it is to have a good relationship without listening? The true lover is a good listener.

As you learn and apply the tools of Listening Prayer Therapy, you will learn to listen to God. You will have a closer relationship with God. My dream is that you will develop an ongoing life style of listening to God which is to really love God.

If you adopt a lifestyle of listening to God and teach others to adopt this life style, then something great has happened. The Kingdom of God is at hand - in your life and the lives of others. In a kingdom you listen to and obey your king. This is what we mean when we pray: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done" How can Jesus be Lord if don't learn to listen to him?

If you adopt a lifestyle of listening to God you will transform your life and the world around you. Your life in Christ will be more fruitful and more joyful. You will be happier with yourself.

My vision is the transformation of Christianity. I see the day when Christians make listening to God the focus and foundation of their life.

This won't happen because it is a good idea. It won't happen because we tell others it is a good idea. Please don't preach and teach at people about listening to God! Don't tell them; show them. Don't push them; lead them. "Make disciples," Jesus said.

Telling people what to do in the Christian life is often counterproductive. People don't "get with the program" when we preach at them, especially if they are not taught how to implement it. Pressuring people, through preaching, turns people off!

Nor does it work for you to "preach" at yourself. People don't really transform their lives by condemning themselves and promising to themselves that they will be different. Out "trying to be good" is doomed to failure. "The good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice." Romans 7:19.

Paul is crystal clear, in Romans 7, as to why he practices what he hates. He says: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells. Jesus is crystal clear about the same point when he says: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but One, that is God." Matthew 19:17. This reality dooms self-change projects to failure.

"In the story of Curious George, the Man with the Yellow Hat says: "You stay here," said the man with the yellow hat, "but don't get into trouble." George tried to be good but he was curious - he was Curious George. Curious George does a good job of representing the difficulty that children have being good and staying out of trouble. It is hard to be good - even for adults! "George tried to be good but he was curious."

It is good to recognize that we can't transform ourselves into good persons. We can't save ourselves. We can't change our heart. Can a leopard change his spots?

We need a Savior. We need a new heart. We need a new spirit - a change of identity.

If we enter into life with a new heart, a new spirit, a new identity, perhaps then we could be good. Here is hope! Here is a different way to be good. But how? How do we get a new identity, a new heart, and a new spirit?

The Bible says, "Christ in us is our hope of glory." Paul boldly states that the old has passed away that all things are made new. The promise is there. The potential is there. We just need the tools for realizing that promise.

I have seen the tools of Listening Prayer Therapy bring about this new identity. This is not self-change. This is not good counsel. This is not good therapy. This is the transforming power of an encounter with God.

Listening Prayer Therapy is not my ministry. (I have seen how fruitful my ministry is!) This is Jesus at work transforming hearts and healing lives.

The skill I bring to Listening Prayer Therapy is of letting Jesus do the work. I don't give the answers. He does. It isn't my word that comes with effective life changing power. It is His word. His very word spoken to me and spoken to you.

I need humility as the therapist/facilitator. If I try to do the work, if I try to give the counsel, if I try to be the source of comfort it is not the same. It is not as fruitful. It is not as refreshingly creative. My word does not heal lives; God's Word does!

If you would learn from me to use these tools, you, too, need to learn humility. You need to learn that you are not God, that your word does not heal lives. You need to step back and let go of the need to be Savior, Healer or Counsellor.

Yes! The Holy Spirit is our Counsellor. Not you or me. Jesus is our Savior. Not you or me. The faith and encouragement of God the Father surpasses the faith and encouragement that you or I could bring.

For counsellors this requires giving up of control. It feels like a loss of prestige and glory. It feels risky as you introduce your client to a listening prayer time and wait to see what happens.

For preaching pastors listening prayer times can be integrated into the worship service. This time allows the member to assimilate and apply what has been said in the sermon. The listener moves from understanding about God to an encounter with God. Jesus is released to touch everyone present at the worship service.

But it is also feels risky for the pastor. Can he give up control? Can he let God move in people's lives? Is his faith and trust strong in God's ability to move in each one's life? Can he risk trying something new?

But taste the fruit of the ministry of Jesus there will be no turning back.

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The Father's House

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--- Nine places of intimacy.

Introduction

The reason I wrote this book is to kindle a fresh fire inside of God's people to pray and seek God's face. After God gave me the revelation on the Father's House it released inside of me a new sense of adventure and pilgrimage when it comes to intimacy with God. Prayer can become something we do out of duty or it's the Christian thing to do, but God wants us to draw near to him with passion and freedom from the feelings of duty. As we explore the Father's House and probe into the deep things of God I believe your eyes will be opened to the fullness of the revelation of God. He takes us from Glory to Glory. Every time I come in prayer I expect to reach a new level and experience God fresh. My goal in sharing this with you is to help you come out of spiritual ruts in prayer and see you stirred anew to run after God and taste all that He has on His table for you. It is time to eat, drink and be merry with God.

The Vision

The Lord revealed to me the Father's House and the nine rooms of intimacy. I received this word over the course of a month, on three different occasions which were instantaneous revelations. The Lord first dropped this word into my heart, when I was ministering at a home meeting in Mission, BC.

I had a prophetic word through a vision and as I began to share what God was showing me, I saw the Father's House. The individual I was giving this word to was wandering up a long road towards the house. There was a warm, inviting, drawing presence that made it irresistible. At the same time, there was a pulling away to the things of the world and the lust of the flesh where the swine were. This person was in the valley of decision, being swayed between the Father's House and the things of the world.

I saw a door in this vision and it was open. I heard a voice saying, "Come in here, come in here"; the voice of the Father calling his son, "Come in here, come in here". He would go up to the Father's house, stick his head in the door and then look back down the path to where the swine were. There was a battle between the flesh and the spirit; should I enter? Should I go into the Father's House and allow myself to experience the things God has for me in His presence?

The word the Lord gave me is not literal; but a parable, an allegory representing spiritual truth. The Lord helped me bring forth this revelation making it easy for us to eat and digest. God wants us to see that there is more than we've known. He wants to challenge and awaken us to the realities of the kingdom of heaven. God wants us to ask, knock and seek for the treasures of his Glory.

The vision of the Father's House had the characteristics of an entertainment house similar to that found at a circus. The same sensations of going to the carnival when I was a child began to come over me; the taste of cotton candy, the smell of hot dogs and the thrill of the rides. Confetti and party streamers were exploding out of the top of the house. It was alive, moving to the sounds of music. It was like the story of the Prodigal sons return. (Luke 15) The house had its own character and personality, it was irresistible, drawing and entertaining like the fair. You just wanted to be there. It created in you the excitement of fun and games. Where there should have been a door to close, there was none. In its place was a welcome mat and the voice of the Lord saying, "All are welcome both day and night to come and partake of the things of my presence."

Some time later I had another vision of the Father's house. This time I was inside and I saw a long hallway with doors on either side. The hallway went on further than my eyes could see. This was the end of the second vision.

It was in the third prophetic experience while I was in my bathroom, that I got taken by the Holy Spirit into the last vision. This was when God began to reveal to me the nine rooms of prayer within the house. I saw the living room, dining room, kitchen and bathroom, etc. In the following chapters I will share with you what God shared with me.

The Father's House

In the following chapters are some of the different acts of prayer and communion found in the nine rooms of intimacy in the Father's House. These are not all of the rooms in the Father's House nor are these all the experiences that are found in God. There is always more! The river gets deeper. (Ez. 47).

Before we get into the rooms of the Father's House and the different levels of prayer, I want to lay some scriptural foundations from the Word of God about the Father's House. The things that I saw and experienced, the rooms that the Lord brought me into are revealed parables, allegories representing truth.

In the book of John 14: 1-6 it declares "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." Jesus went into the Father's house and prepared rooms; dwelling places where we can go and know. Heb. 9:12; Heb. 4:16

The Father's House is a place where we can adventure. It's like a giant mansion; a place of exploring, searching out and seeking God. Searching Him with all your heart is to be adventurous like a pioneer exploring, looking for treasures; allowing God to take us in the spirit to different levels of prayer. And Jesus said, " I go and prepare a place for you so that I can receive you to myself." I don't believe that he was just meaning this for when we die. I do believe that Jesus has a place for us when we die, for when we die we are absent from the body and present with the Lord. Now Jesus can come to us and take us through the Holy Spirit to where he is now in the Father's House. This is what He did for me; He just brought me into His house and into the rooms He has prepared. Jesus continued saying "And where I go you know, and

the way you know." Thomas said " Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, " I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In the book of Psalms 65:4 David talks about the Father's house. I want to paint a picture about what we can look forward to, what we can explore and expect when we seek God. I want to instill a hunger within you for all the experiences that are in God. This scripture declares " Blessed is the man whom You choose, and cause to approach you, that he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple."

Psalms 36:7, " How precious is Your loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light." We are satisfied with the fullness and satisfied with the goodness of the Father's house.

Look into Jer. 31:12 , "Therefore they shall come and sing in the heights of Zion, streaming to the goodness of the Lord - for wheat and new wine and oil, for the young of the flock and the herd; their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, and they shall sorrow no more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the Lord."

In the Fathers house God wants to water us, fill us to the full. He wants us to be abundantly satisfied tasting the goodness of all he has. He allows us to be filled overflowing with the fullness of His house. He satisfies our mouth with good things so our youth is renewed like the eagle. God's house is so full of treasures that you can seek and find and keep on seeking and finding coming into more. Matt. 7:7 God wants to share with you all that is in His kingdom.

The Power of Persevering Prayer.

BY REV. ANDREW MURRAY

'And He spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint. . . . And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge saith. And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry to Him day and night, and He is long-suffering over them? I say

unto you, that He will avenge them speedily.' -LUKE xviii. 108.

Of all the mysteries of the prayer world, the need of persevering prayer is one of the greatest. That the Lord, who is so loving and longing to bless, should have to be supplicated time after time, sometimes year after year, before the answer comes, we cannot easily understand. It is also one of the greatest practical difficulties in the exercise of believing prayer. When, after persevering supplication, our prayer remains unanswered, it is often easiest for our slothful flesh, and it has all the appearance of pious submission, to think that we must now cease praying, because God may have His secret reason for withholding His answer to our request.

It is by faith alone that the difficulty is overcome. When once faith has taken its stand upon God's word, and the Name of Jesus, and has yielded itself to the leading of the Spirit to seek God's will and honour alone in its prayer, it need not be discouraged by delay.

It knows from Scripture that the power of believing prayer is simply irresistible; real faith can never be disappointed. It knows how, just as water, to exercise the irresistible power it can have, must be gathered up and accumulated, until the stream can come down in full force, there must often be a heaping up of prayer, until God sees that the measure is full, and the answer comes.

It knows how, just as the ploughman has to take his ten thousand steps, and sow his ten thousand seeds, each one a part of the preparation for the final harvest, so there is a need-be for oft-repeated persevering prayer, all working out some desired blessing. It knows for certain that not a single believing prayer can fail of its effect in heaven, but has its influence, and is treasured up to work out an answer in due time to him who persevereth to the end.

It knows that it has to do not with human thoughts or possibilities, but with the word of the living God. And so even as Abraham through so many years 'in hope believed against hope,' and then 'through faith and patience inherited the promise,' it counts that the long-suffering of the Lord is salvation, waiting and hastening unto the coming of its Lord to fulfil His promise.

To enable us, when the answer to our prayer does not come at once, to combine quiet patience and joyful confidence in our persevering prayer, we must specially try to understand the two words in which our Lord sets forth the character and conduct, not of the unjust judge, but of our God and Father towards those whom He allows to cry day and night to Him:

'He is long-suffering over them; He will avenge them speedily.'
He will avenge them speedily, the Master says. The blessing is all prepared; He is not only willing but most anxious to give them what they ask; everlasting love burns with the longing desire to reveal itself fully to its beloved, and to satisfy their needs. God will not delay one moment longer than is absolutely necessary; He will do all in His power to hasten and speed the answer.

But why, if this be true and His power be infinite, does it often last so long with the answer to prayer? And why must God's own elect so often, in the midst of suffering and conflict, cry day and night? 'He is long-suffering over them.' 'Behold! the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being long-suffering over it, till it receive the early and the latter rain.' The husbandman does indeed long for his harvest, but knows that it must have its full time of sunshine and rain, and has long patience.

A child so often wants to pick the half-ripe fruit; the husbandman knows to wait till the proper time. Man, in his spiritual nature too, is under the law of gradual growth that reigns in all created life. It is only in the path of development that he can reach his divine destiny. And it is the Father, in whose hands are the times and seasons, who alone knows the moment when the soul or the Church is ripened to that fulness of faith in which it can really take and keep the blessing. As a father who longs to have his only child home from school, and yet waits patiently till the time of training is completed, so it is with God and His children: He is the long-suffering One, and answers speedily.

The insight into this truth leads the believer to cultivate the corresponding dispositions: patience and faith, waiting and hasting, are the secret of his perseverance. By faith in the promise of God, we know that we have the petitions we have asked of Him. Faith takes and holds the answer in the promise, as an unseen spiritual possession, rejoices in it, and praises for it. But there is a difference between the faith that thus holds the word and knows that it has the answer, and the clearer, fuller, riper faith that obtains the promise as a present experience.

It is in persevering, not unbelieving, but confident and praising prayer, that the soul grows up into that full union with its Lord in which it can enter upon the possession of the blessing in Him. There may be in these around us, there may be in that great system of being of which we are part, there may be in God's government, things that have to

be put right through our prayer, ere the answer can fully come: the faith that has, according to the command, believed that it has received, can allow God to take His time: it knows it has prevailed and must prevail.

In quiet, persistent, and determined perseverance it continues in prayer and thanksgiving until the blessing come. And so we see combined what at first sight appears so contradictory; the faith that rejoices in the answer of the unseen God as a present possession, with the patience that cries day and night until it be revealed. The speedily of God's long-suffering is met by the triumphant but patient faith of His waiting child.

Our great danger in this school of the answer delayed, is the temptation to think that, after all, it may not be God's will to give us what we ask. If our prayer be according to God's word, and under the leading of the Spirit, let us not give way to these fears. Let us learn to give God time. God needs time with us. If we only give Him time, that is, time in the daily fellowship with Himself, for Him to exercise the full influence of His presence on us, and time, day by day, in the course of our being kept waiting, for faith to prove its reality and to fill our whole being, He Himself will lead us from faith to vision; we shall see the glory of God.

Let no delay shake our faith. Of faith it holds good: first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. Each believing prayer brings a step nearer the final victory. Each believing prayer helps to ripen the fruit and bring us nearer to it; it fills up the measure of prayer and faith known to God alone; it conquers the hindrances in the unseen world; it hastens the end. Child of God! give the Father time. He is long-suffering over you. He wants the blessing to be rich, and full, and sure; give Him time, while you cry day and night. Only remember the word: 'I say unto you, He will avenge them speedily.'

The blessing of such persevering prayer is unspeakable. There is nothing so heart-searching as the prayer of faith. It teaches you to discover and confess, and give up everything that hinders the coming of the blessing; everything there may be not in accordance with the Father's will. It leads to closer fellowship with Him who alone can teach to pray, to a more entire surrender to draw nigh under no covering but that of the blood, and the Spirit. It calls to a closer and more simple abiding in Christ alone.

Christian! give God time. He will perfect that which concerneth you. 'Long-suffering-speedily,' this is God's watchword as you enter the

gates of prayer: be it yours too.

Let it be thus whether you pray for yourself, or for others. All labour, bodily or mental, needs time and effort: we must give up ourselves to it. Nature discovers her secrets and yields her treasures only to diligent and thoughtful labour. However little we can understand it, in the spiritual husbandry it is the same: the seed we sow in the soil of heaven, the efforts we put forth, and the influence we seek to exert in the world above, need our whole being: we must give ourselves to prayer. But let us hold fast the great confidence, that in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

And let us specially learn the lesson as we pray for the Church of Christ. She is indeed as the poor widow, in the absence of her Lord, apparently at the mercy of her adversary, helpless to obtain redress. Let us, when we pray for His Church or any portion of it, under the power of the world, asking Him to visit her with the mighty workings of His Spirit and to prepare her for His coming, let us pray in the assured faith: prayer does help, praying always and not fainting will bring the answer. Only give God time. And then keep crying day and night. 'Hear what the unrighteous judge saith. And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry to Him day and night, and He is long-suffering over them. I say unto you, He will avenge them speedily.'

'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.'

Lord my God! teach me now to know Thy way, and in faith to apprehend what Thy Beloved Son has taught: 'He will avenge them speedily.' Let Thy tender love, and the delight Thou hast in hearing and blessing Thy children, lead me implicitly to accept Thy promise, that we receive what we believe, that we have the petitions we ask, and that the answer will in due time be seen. Lord! we understand the seasons in nature, and know to wait with patience for the fruit we long for-O fill us with the assurance that not one moment longer than is needed wilt Thou delay, and that faith will hasten the answer.

Blessed Master! Thou hast said that it is a sign of God's elect that they cry day and night. O teach us to understand this. Thou knowest how speedily we grow faint and weary. It is as if the Divine Majesty is so much beyond the need or the reach of continued supplication, that it does not become us to be too importunate.

O Lord! do teach me how real the labour of prayer is. I know how here on earth, when I have failed in an undertaking, I can often succeed by

renewed and more continuing effort, by giving more time and thought:
show me how, by giving myself more entirely to prayer, to live in
prayer, I shall obtain what I ask. And above all, O my blessed Teacher!
Author and perfecter of faith, let by Thy grace my whole life be one of
faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me—in whom my
prayer gains acceptance, in whom I have the assurance of the answer, in
whom the answer will be mine. Lord Jesus! in this faith I will pray
always and not faint. Amen.

NOTE

The need of persevering importunate prayer appears to some to be at variance with the faith which knows that it has received what it asks (Mark xi. 24). One of the mysteries of the Divine life is the harmony between the gradual and the sudden, immediate full possession, and slow imperfect appropriation. And so here persevering prayer appears to be the school in which the soul is strengthened for the boldness of faith. And with the diversity of operations of the Spirit there may be some in whom faith takes more the form of persistent waiting; while to others, triumphant thanksgiving appears the only proper expressions of the assurance of having been heard.

In a remarkable way the need of persevering prayer, and the gradual rising into greater ease in obtaining answer, is illustrated in the life of Blumhardt. Complaints had been lodged against him of neglecting his work as a minister of the gospel, and devoting himself to the healing of the sick; and especially his unauthorized healing of the sick belonging to other congregations.

In his defense he writes: 'I simply ventured to do what becomes one who has the charge of souls, and to pray according to the command of the Lord in James i. 6, 7. In no way did I trust to my own power, or imagine that I had any gift that others had not. But this is true, I set myself to the work as a minister of the gospel, who has a right to pray. But I speedily discovered that the gates of heaven were not fully opened to me. Often I was inclined to retire in despair. But the sight of the sick ones, who could find help nowhere, gave me no rest. I thought of the word of the Lord: "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Luke xi. 9, 10).

And farther, I thought that if the Church and her ministers had, through unbelief, sloth, and disobedience lost what was needed for overcoming of the power of Satan, it was just for such times of leanness and famine that the Lord had spoken the parable of the friend at midnight and his three loaves. I felt that I was not worthy thus at midnight, in a time of great darkness, to appear before God as His friend and ask for a

member of my congregation what he needed. And yet, to leave him uncared for, I could not either. And so I kept knocking, as the parable directs, or, as some have said, with great presumption and tempting God. Be this as it may, I could not leave my guest unprovided. At this time the parable of the widow became very precious to me. I saw that the Church was the widow, and I was a minister of the Church. I had the right to be her mouthpiece against the adversary; but for a long time the Lord would not. I asked nothing more than the three loaves; what I needed for my guest. At last the Lord listened to the importunate beggar, and helped me. Was it wrong of me to pray thus? The two parables must surely be applicable somewhere, and where was greater need to be conceived?

And what was the fruit of my prayer? The friend who was at first unwilling, did not say, Go now; I will myself give to your friend what he needs; I do not require you; but gave it to me as His friend, to give to my guest. And so I used the three loaves, and had to spare. But the supply was small, and new guests came; because they saw I had a heart to help them, and that I would take the trouble even at midnight to go to my friend.

When I asked for them, too, I got the needful again, and there was again to spare. How could I help that the needy continually came to my house? Was I to harden myself, and say, What do you come to me? there are large and better homes in the city, go there. Their answer was, Dear sir, we cannot go there. We have been there: they were very sorry to send us away so hungry, but they could not undertake to go and ask a friend for what we wanted. Do go, and get us bread for we suffer great pain. What could I do? They spoke the truth, and their suffering touched my heart. However much labour it cost me, I went each time again, and got the three loaves. Often I got what I asked much quicker than at first, and also much more abundantly. But all did not care for this bread, so some left my home hungry.'¹

In his first struggles with the evil spirits, it took him more than eighteen months of prayer and labour before the final victory was gained. Afterwards he had such ease of access to the throne, and stood in such close communication with the unseen world, that often, with letters came asking prayer for sick people, he could, after just looking upward for a single moment, obtain the answer as to whether they would be healed.

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TRUTH SCRIPTURES to pray against deception

Ps 15:1-4 NKJV The Character of Those Who May Dwell with the LORD
A Psalm of David. - LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell
in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And
speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his
friend; 4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised

Ps 25:5 NKJV Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of
my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

Ps 25:10 NKJV All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as
keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Ps 26:3-5 NKJV For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have
walked in Your truth. 4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in
with hypocrites. 5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit
with the wicked.

Ps 31:5 NKJV Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O
LORD God of truth.

Ps 33:4 NKJV For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in
truth.

Ps 40:11 NKJV Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;
Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

Ps 43:3-4 NKJV Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. 4 Then I will go to
the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You,

O God, my God.

Ps 45:4-5 NKJV And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You.

Ps 51:6-7 NKJV Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ps 54:5 NKJV He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.

Ps 57:10 NKJV For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, and Your truth unto the clouds.

Ps 60:4 NKJV You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah

Ps 85:10-12 NKJV Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase.

Ps 86:11 NKJV Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Ps 86:15 NKJV But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Ps 89:14 NKJV Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Ps 91:4 NKJV He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

Ps 96:13 NKJV For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.

Ps 117:2 NKJV For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Ps 119:30-31 NKJV I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me. 31 I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

Ps 119:43 NKJV And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,

Ps 119:142 NKJV Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

OT:8451 towrah (to-raw'); or torah (to-raw'); from OT:3384; a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch:KJV - law.

OT:3384 yarah (yaw-raw'); or (2 Chron 26:15) yara' (yaw-raw'); a primitive root; properly, to flow as water (i.e. to rain); transitively, to lay or throw (especially an arrow, i.e. to shoot); figuratively, to point out (as if by aiming the finger), to teach: KJV - (+)archer, cast, direct, inform, instruct, lay, shew, shoot, teach (-ering,-), through.

Ps 119:160 NKJV The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

Ps 138:2 NKJV I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Ps 145:18 NKJV The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

Ps 146:5-9 NKJV Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, 7 Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. 8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

Prov 3:3-4 NKJV Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

Prov 8:7 NKJV For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Prov 12:17 NKJV He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness, deceit.

Prov 14:22 NKJV Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.

Prov 16:6 NKJV In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.

Prov 20:28 NKJV Mercy and truth preserve the king, and by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

Prov 29:24-25 AMP Whoever is partner with a thief hates his own life; he falls under the curse [pronounced upon him who knows who the thief is] but discloses nothing. 25 The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, and puts his confidence in the Lord is safe and set on high.

Isa 10:20-21 AMP And it shall be in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more lean upon him who smote them, but will lean upon the Lord, the Holy one of Israel, in truth. 21 A remnant will return [Shear-jashub, name of Isaiah's son], a remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

Isa 16:5 NKJV In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

Isa 26:2 NKJV Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

Isa 38:19 NKJV The living, the living man, he shall praise You, as I do this day; The father shall make known Your truth to the children.

Isa 42:3 NKJV A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.

Isa 59:4 NKJV No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.

Isa 59:14-15 NKJV Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. 15 So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

Isa 61:8 NKJV "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them an everlasting covenant.

Isa 65:16 NKJV So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes.

Jer 5:1 NKJV The Justice of God's Judgment
"Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; See now and know; And seek in her open places if you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her.

Jer 7:28 NKJV Judgment on Obscene Religion
"So you shall say to them, 'This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

Jer 9:3 NKJV "And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me," says the LORD.

Jer 33:6 NKJV Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

Dan 4:37 NKJV Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Dan 8:12-13 NKJV Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered. 13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

Dan 10:21 AMP But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth or the Book of Truth. There is no one who holds with me and strengthens himself

against these [hostile spirit forces] except Michael, your prince [national guardian angel].

Hos 4:1 NKJV God's Charge Against Israel
Hear the word of the LORD, You children of Israel, For the LORD brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: "There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land.

Zech 8:3 NKJV "Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

Zech 8:8 NKJV I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness.'

Zech 8:16-17 NKJV These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace; 17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' says the LORD."

Zech 8:19 NKJV "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'The fast of the fourth month, The fast of the fifth, The fast of the seventh, And the fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.'

Matt 22:15-16 NKJV And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

Mark 5:32-34 NKJV But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Mark 12:32 NKJV So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

John 1:14 NKJV The Word Becomes Flesh

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17 NKJV For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. { AMP- 17 For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ. [Ex 20:1.] }

John 3:21 AMP But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are--wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].

John 4:23-24 AMP A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. 24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).

John 8:32 AMP And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

John 8:40 AMP But now [instead] you are wanting and seeking to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth which I have heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted.

John 8:44-46 AMP You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false. 45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [do not trust Me, do not rely on Me, or adhere to Me]. 46 Who of you convicts Me of wrongdoing or finds Me guilty of sin? Then if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me [trust Me, rely on, and adhere to Me]?

John 14:6 AMP Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

John 14:17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him.

But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

John 15:26 AMP But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.

John 16:13 AMP But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

John 17:17 AMP Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth...

John 17:19 AMP And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.

John 18:37-38 NKJV Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

Rom 1:18-20 NKJV God's Wrath on Unrighteousness
For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Rom 1:24-25 NKJV ...who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 2:8-11 NKJV but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness — indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

Rom 15:7-8 NKJV Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

1 Cor 13:4-7 NKJV Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

2 Cor 4:2-3 NKJV But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Cor 4:2 AMP We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery and cunning) or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of God, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly). And so we commend ourselves in the sight and presence of God to every man's conscience.

2 Cor 6:7 AMP By [speaking] the word of truth, in the power of God, with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand [to attack] and for the left hand [to defend];

2 Cor 11:10 AMP As the truth of Christ is in me, this my boast [of independence] shall not be debarred (silenced or checked) in the regions of Achaia (most of Greece).

2 Cor 12:6 AMP Should I desire to boast, I shall not be a witless braggart, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I abstain [from it] so that no one may form a higher estimate of me than [is justified by] what he sees in me or hears from me.

2 Cor 13:8 AMP For we can do nothing against the Truth [not serve any party or personal interest], but only for the Truth [which is the Gospel].

Gal 2:5 AMP To them we did not yield submission even for a moment, that the truth of the Gospel might continue to be [preserved] for you [in its purity].

Gal 2:14 AMP But as soon as I saw that they were not straightforward and were not living up to the truth of the Gospel, I said to Cephas (Peter) before everybody present, If you, though born a Jew, can live [as you have been living] like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how do you dare now to urge and practically force the Gentiles to [comply with the ritual of Judaism and] live like Jews?

Gal 3:1-2 NKJV Justification by Faith (cf. Rom 4)
O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Gal 4:16 NKJV Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Gal 5:7-8 NKJV Love Fulfills the Law
You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Eph 4:15-16 NKJV but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Eph 4:25-27 NKJV Do Not Grieve the Spirit
Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.

Eph 5:8-9 NKJV (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

Eph 6:14 NKJV Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Phil 1:18 NKJV What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

2 Thess 2:10-12 NKJV and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they

should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thess 2:13-14 NKJV Stand Fast

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

1 Tim 2:3-4 NKJV For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Tim 6:3-6 AMP But if anyone teaches otherwise and does not assent to the sound and wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and the teaching which is in agreement with godliness (piety toward God), 4 He is puffed up with pride and stupefied with conceit, [although he is] woefully ignorant. He has a morbid fondness for controversy and disputes and strife about words, which result in (produce) envy and jealousy, quarrels and dissension, abuse and insults and slander, and base suspicions,

5 And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, who imagine that godliness or righteousness is a source of profit [a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood]. From such withdraw.

6 [And it is, indeed, a source of immense profit, for] godliness accompanied with contentment (that contentment which is a sense of inward sufficiency) is great and abundant gain.

2 Tim 2:15 AMP Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

2 Tim 2:18 AMP

Who have missed the mark and swerved from the truth by arguing that the resurrection has already taken place. They are undermining the faith of some.

2 Tim 2:25 AMP He must correct his opponents with courtesy and gentleness, in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and come to know the Truth [that they will perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with and acknowledge it],

2 Tim 3:7 AMP [These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth. 8 Now just as Jannes

and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned. [Ex 7:11.] 9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those [magicians mentioned].

Titus 1:1-2 AMP PAUL, A bond servant of God and an apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) to stimulate and promote the faith of God's chosen ones and to lead them on to accurate discernment and recognition of and acquaintance with the Truth which belongs to and harmonizes with and tends to godliness, 2 [Resting] in the hope of eternal life, [life] which the ever truthful God Who cannot deceive promised before the world or the ages of time began.

Titus 1:10-15 AMP For there are many disorderly and unruly men who are idle (vain, empty) and misleading talkers and self-deceivers and deceivers of others. [This is true] especially of those of the circumcision party [who have come over from Judaism]. 11 Their mouths must be stopped, for they are mentally distressing and subverting whole families by teaching what they ought not to teach, for the purpose of getting base advantage and disreputable gain. 12 one of their [very] number, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, hurtful beasts, idle and lazy gluttons. 13 And this account of them is [really] true. Because it is [true], rebuke them sharply [deal sternly, even severely with them], so that they may be sound in the faith and free from error, 14 [And may show their soundness by] ceasing to give attention to Jewish myths and fables or to rules [laid down] by [mere] men who reject and turn their backs on the Truth. 15 To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted.

Heb 10:26-27 AMP For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning after once acquiring the knowledge of the Truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for [our] sins [no further offering to which to look forward]. 27 [There is nothing left for us then] but a kind of awful and fearful prospect and expectation of divine judgment and the fury of burning wrath and indignation which will consume those who put themselves in opposition [to God]. [Isa 26:11.]

James 1:18-19 AMP And it was of His own [free] will that He gave us birth [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself].

19 Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry.

James 3:14 AMP But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of and false to the Truth.

James 5:19-20 AMP [My] brethren, if anyone among you strays from the Truth and falls into error and another [person] brings him back [to God],

20 Let the [latter] one be sure that whoever turns a sinner from his evil course will save [that one's] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins [procure the pardon of the many sins committed by the convert].

1 Peter 1:22 AMP Since by your obedience to the Truth through the [Holy] Spirit you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another fervently from a pure heart.

2 Peter 2:2-3 AMP And many will follow their immoral ways and lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned and defamed.

3 And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep.

1 John 1:6 AMP [So] if we say we are partakers together and enjoy fellowship with Him when we live and move and are walking about in darkness, we are [both] speaking falsely and do not live and practice the Truth [which the Gospel presents].

1 John 1:8 AMP If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude and lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [which the Gospel presents] is not in us [does not dwell in our hearts].

1 John 2:4 AMP Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him.

1 John 2:21 AMP I write to you not because you are ignorant and do not perceive and know the Truth, but because you do perceive and know it, and [know positively] that nothing false (no deception, no lie) is of the Truth.

1 John 3:18 AMP Little children, let us not love [merely] in theory or in speech but in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity).

19 By this we shall come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we are of the Truth, and can reassure (quiet, conciliate, and pacify) our hearts in His presence, 20 Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].

.....1 John 3:21 AMP And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,

1 John 4:6 AMP We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.

1 John 5:6 AMP This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth.

AMP

2 John 1-2 NKJV Greeting the Elect Lady

The Elder, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, 2 because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

3 John 2-5 AMP Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.

3 In fact, I greatly rejoiced when [some of] the brethren from time to time arrived and spoke [so highly] of the sincerity and fidelity of your life, as indeed you do live in the Truth [the whole Gospel presents].

4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my [spiritual] children are living their lives in the Truth. 5 Beloved, it is a fine and faithful work that you are doing when you give any service to the [Christian] brethren, and [especially when they are] strangers.

3 John 8 AMP So we ourselves ought to support such people [to welcome and provide for them], in order that we may be fellow workers in the Truth (the whole Gospel) and cooperate with its teachers.

Thoughts on Our Training for the Ministry of Intercession

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FIFTEENTH LESSON.

'If two agree;' Or, The Power of United Prayer

'Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt 18:19-20.

One of the first lessons of our Lord in His school of prayer was: Not to be seen of men. Enter thy inner chamber; be alone with the Father. When He has thus taught us that the meaning of prayer is personal individual contact with God, He comes with a second lesson: You have need not only of secret solitary, but also of public united prayer. And He gives us a very special promise for the united prayer of two or three who agree in what they ask. As a tree has its root hidden in the ground and its stem growing up into the sunlight, so prayer needs equally for its full development the hidden secrecy in which the soul meets God alone, and the public fellowship with those who find in the name of Jesus their common meeting-place.

The reason why this must be so is plain. The bond that unites a man to his fellow-men is no less real and close than that which unites him to God: he is one with them. Grace renews not alone our relation to God but to man too. We not only learn to say 'My Father,' but 'Our Father.' Nothing would be more unnatural than that the children of a family should always meet their father separately, but never in the united expression of their desires or their love.

Believers are not only members of one family, but even of one body. Just as each member of the body depends on the other, and the full action of the spirit dwelling in the body depends on the union and co-operation of all, so Christians cannot reach the full blessing God is ready to bestow through His Spirit, but as they seek and receive it in fellowship with each other.

It is in the union and fellowship of believers that the Spirit can manifest His full power. It was to the hundred and twenty continuing in one place together, and praying with one accord, that the Spirit came

from the throne of the glorified Lord.

The marks of true united prayer are given us in these words of our Lord. The first is agreement as to the thing asked. There must not only be generally the consent to agree with anything another may ask: there must be some special thing, matter of distinct united desire; the agreement must be, as all prayer, in spirit and in truth. In such agreement it will become very clear to us what exactly we are asking, whether we may confidently ask according to God's will, and whether we are ready to believe that we have received what we ask.

The second mark is the gathering in, or into, the Name of Jesus. We shall afterwards have much more to learn of the need and the power of the Name of Jesus in prayer; here our Lord teaches us that the Name must be the centre of union to which believers gather, the bond of union that makes them one, just as a home contains and unites all who are in it. 'The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and escape.'

That Name is such a reality to those who understand and believe it, that to meet within it is to have Himself present. The love and unity of His disciples have to Jesus infinite attraction: 'Where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.' It is the living presence of Jesus, in the fellowship of His loving praying disciples, that gives united prayer its power.

The third mark is, the sure answer: 'It shall be done for them of my Father.' A prayer-meeting for maintaining religious fellowship, or seeking our own edification, may have its use; this was not the Saviour's view in its appointment. He meant it as a means of securing special answer to prayer. A prayer meeting without recognised answer to prayer ought to be an anomaly. When any of us have distinct desires in regard to which we feel too weak to exercise the needful faith, we ought to seek strength in the help of other. In the unity of faith and of love and of the Spirit, the power of the Name and the Presence of Jesus acts more freely and the answer comes more surely. The mark that there has been true united prayer is the fruit, the answer, the receiving of the thing we have asked: 'I say unto you, It shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.'

What an unspeakable privilege this of united prayer is, and what a power it might be. If the believing husband and wife knew that they were joined together in the Name of Jesus to experience His presence and

power in united prayer (1 Peter); if friends believed what mighty help two or three praying in concert could give each other; if in every prayer meeting the coming together in the Name, the faith in the Presence, and the expectation of the answer, stood in the foreground; if in every Church united effectual prayer were regarded as one of the chief purposes for which they are banded together, the highest exercise of their power as a Church; if in the Church universal the coming of the kingdom, the coming of the King Himself, first in the mighty outpouring of His Holy Spirit, then in His own glorious person, were really matter of unceasing united crying to God;--O who can say what blessing might come to, and through, those who thus agreed to prove God in the fulfillment of His promise.

In the Apostle Paul we see very distinctly what a reality his faith in the power of united prayer was. To the Romans he writes (xv. 30): 'I beseech you, brethren, by the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayer to God for me.' He expects in answer to be delivered from his enemies, and to be prospered in his work. To the Corinthians (2 Cor. i. 11), 'God will still deliver us, ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplications;' their prayer is to have a real share in his deliverance. To the Ephesians he writes: 'With all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit for all the saints and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me.' His power and success in his ministry he makes to depend on their prayers. With the Philippians (i. 19) he expects that his trials will turn to his salvation and the progress of the gospel 'through your supplications and the supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ.; To the Colossians (iv. 3) he adds to the injunction to continue steadfast in prayer: 'Withal praying for us too, that God may open unto us a door for the word.' And to the Thessalonians (2 Thess. iii. 1) he writes: 'Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable men.' It is everywhere evident that Paul felt himself the member of a body, on the sympathy and co-operation of which he was dependent, and that he counted on the prayers of these Churches to gain for him, what otherwise might not be given. The prayers of the Church were to him as real a factor in the work of the kingdom, as the power of God.

Who can say what power a Church could develop and exercise, if it gave itself to the work of prayer day and night for the coming of the kingdom, for God's power on His servants and His word, for the glorifying of God in the salvation of souls? Most Churches think their

members are gathered into one simply to take care of and build up each other. They know not that God rules the world by the prayers of His saints; that prayer is the power by which Satan is conquered; that by prayer the Church on earth has disposal of the powers of the heavenly world. They do not remember that Jesus has, by His promise, consecrated every assembly in His Name to be a gate of heaven, where His Presence is to be felt, and His Power experienced in the Father fulfilling their desires.

We cannot sufficiently thank God for the blessed week of united prayer, with which Christendom in our days opens every year. As proof of our unity and our faith in the power of united prayer, as a training-school for the enlargement of our hearts to take in all the needs of the Church universal, as a help to united persevering prayer, it is of unspeakable value. But very specially as a stimulus to continued union in prayer in the smaller circles, its blessing has been great. And it will become even greater, as God's people recognise what it is, all to meet as one in the Name of Jesus to have His presence in the midst of a body all united in the Holy Spirit, and boldly to claim the promise that it shall be done of the Father what they agree to ask.

'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'

Blessed Lord! who didst in Thy high-priestly prayer ask so earnestly for the unity of Thy people, teach us how Thou dost invite and urge us to this unity by Thy precious promise given to united prayer. It is when we are one in love and desire that our faith has Thy presence and the Father's answer.

O Father! we pray for Thy people, and for every smaller circle of those who meet together, that they may be one. Remove, we pray, all selfishness and self-interest, all narrowness of heart and estrangement, by which that unity is hindered. Cast out the spirit of the world and the flesh, through which Thy promise loses all its power. O let the thought of Thy presence and the Father's favour draw us all nearer to each other.

Grant especially Blessed Lord, that Thy Church may believe that it is by the power of united prayer that she can bind and loose in heaven; that Satan can be cast out; that souls can be saved; that mountains can be removed; that the kingdom can be hastened. And grant, good Lord! that in the circle with which I pray, the prayer of the Church may indeed be the power through which Thy Name and Word are glorified. Amen.

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Warring Wisely by Kathy Gabler

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The last weekend in January we were out of town in services. On Saturday night I was stirred to pray for our home church outreach. They were scheduled on Sunday night to take a platform trailer and minister in the open at a furniture store in town. I suddenly knew a spirit of malice had been loosed against them for that night, so I began to pray for their safety. In prayer, I saw an aerial view of the community and one small house was highlighted where someone was irritated and disturbed by the noise of the open air music and preaching. I prayed the peace of God would prevail over the anger that became the door for this spirit of malice.

1 Cor 5:8 mentions the "leaven of malice." Those words reveal the nature of malice to be like leaven. Though small in quantity, the influence of yeast will thoroughly pervade a loaf. In this case it might have been one individual upset and disturbed, but that bit of leaven had spread to others in the community as the spirit of malice sought a means of expression:

On Sunday evening, the first encounter with the spirit was a flare-up in Pastor's face. There was a sudden change of plans and he was told they could not use the scheduled parking lot due to an offense. Another flare up came when one of the church family on their way to help set up the meeting was falsely accused of hitting a boy on a bicycle. The boy had not been hit at all. He simply ran out in front of the vehicle and fell, causing the driver to screech to a halt. One of our youth on his way to the meeting met with a human road block on one of the streets near the church. He spun his car around and escaped the obvious threat. When the platform trailer was being returned to the church, the trailer slid in the mud and fell sideways. The driver's son, sitting near the jolting, twisting hitch could have been crushed but instead he ended up on the top of the tilted platform. The spirit of malice struck its blows but was not ultimately successful because of God's intervention.

As I prayed for wisdom and insight on this matter of malice, the Holy Spirit reminded that it was a spirit of malice that put Daniel in the lion's den: The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously

accused Daniel. A spirit of malice can enter through several doors. Of course, the primary entrance is through anger. In James 1:20-21, the overflow of wickedness or malice (same Greek word), is linked to the wrath of man. In Eph 4:31, again malice is mentioned with wrath, anger and bitterness. Another springboard for malice is envy, (Titus 3:3). We are urged to clean house, getting rid of malice and the rest of its gang: deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind in 1 Pet 2:1.

There are even more unrighteous acts and attitudes that open the door to malice revealed in Romans chapter one. We see wickedness, hatred and malice manifesting because of dishonor, perversity, rebellion, reprobate mind, covetousness and lust. The leaven of malice is expressed in many attitudes and behaviors in chapter one: uncleanness, dishonor, sexual perversion (bestiality, homosexuality), fornication, murder, debate, whispering, backbiting and slander, accusation, hatred for God, spitefulness, pride, boasting, disobedience, breaking covenant, inventing evil things, loss of natural affection, unmercifulness, lack of understanding, hypocrisy and deceitfulness.

ENVY stirred up the spirit of malice against Daniel. Dan 6:3-9 - Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or {evidence of} corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was {to be} found in him. Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find {it} against him with regard to the law of his God."

Daniel's Response: Daniel was not oblivious to the threats. However, he did not let the malice stirred up against him decide his behavior or attitude. Dan 3:10 - Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. (NAS) Daniel waged a wise warfare. 1) Daniel did not get distracted by the revealed plot. He did not focus on the threat or the injustice of the situation. 2) Daniel did not panic because of the plot, getting caught up in emotion and pleading with the king to protect him or avenge him. 3) Daniel kept his priorities straight by simply doing what he knew to do. 4) Daniel knew the enemy's plan and trusted God.

Even when the enemy's plot is discerned or blatantly exposed, we must not assume or presume a course of action. A spirit of malice put Daniel in the lion's den, but God shut the mouths of the lions! Seeing what God sees is not enough, we need to view it the way He views it and agree with His plans for handling the situation. Interestingly, God did not remove the threat, He simply removed its sting. God did not stop the plan of malice by having the king show special favor to Daniel and make him an exception to a political ruling, instead He awesomely prevailed over the plot. (As intercessors, spying out the enemy's camp and perceiving his plans is not enough. We must respond to the situation as God directs. We will grow discouraged praying for God to remove the threat if He simply wants us to trust Him to remove the stinger instead!)

OUTCOME: Then Daniel was exonerated . . . inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime. And the sowing and reaping cycle came to full completion in Dan 6:23-26 - Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children, and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones. Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations, and {men of every} language who were living in all the land: "May your peace abound! "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; for He is the living God and enduring forever, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and His dominion {will be} forever. "He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has {also} delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." (NAS)

The end result was that God was glorified in the whole community (nation) that had been infected by the leaven of malice. We usually plan "successful endeavors" rather than spiritual wars, but the spoils of war are often much more impacting and more far reaching than our original plans would have been.

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Weeping Between the Porch and the Altar

Leonard Ravenhill

Weeping between the porch and the altar - Part 1 Leonard Ravenhill

I'm not really going to preach a sermon this morning, but I want to have a launching pad... Joel 1:13 "Gird yourselves, and lament ye priests, howl ye ministers of the altar. Come, lay all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God. For the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly." And then to verse 17 of the next chapter, "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is your God?"

A few years ago, Dr. Carl F. Henry, founder and editor of Christianity Today, sent out a questionnaire to what he called, "Twenty of the leading intellectual preachers in the country." And the question that he sent out was this: "What do you see for the church of Jesus Christ by the year 2000." I remember only one of the replies, it was given by Elton Trueblood, the Quaker philosopher. He said this amazing thing: "By the year 2000 the church will be a conscious minority surrounded by an arrogant, militant paganism." I swallowed that hook, line and sinker, and woke up about 2 o'clock in the morning with mental and I think spiritual indigestion. Then I began to remind myself that Christianity was not served up to the world in a silver platter. Christianity was born in a sophisticated, totalitarian society.

The early church was walled in on one side with the mightiest military machine in history, the power of Rome. It was walled in on the other side with Greek intellectualism. It was blocked ahead by the monopoly the Jews thought they had on God.

Those men who turned the world upside down had

No colossal intellectual capacity.

No great financial backing.

No social standing. They were about the most despised men in and around Jerusalem. And yet they broke out somehow - and later it was said that

they turned the world upside-down.

I think at least once a week and sometimes I think once a day, what Dr. J. B. Phillips, who gave us the Phillips New Testament, said of the first chapters of Acts:

"This is the church of Jesus Christ before it became fat and out of breath by prosperity.

This is the church of Jesus Christ before it became muscle bound by over organization.

This is the church of Jesus Christ where they didn't gather together a group of intellectuals to study psycho-somatic medicine, they just healed the sick.

This is the church of Jesus Christ where they did not say prayers, but they prayed in the Holy Ghost." There's a vast difference.

The tragedy in our colleges and seminaries right now is that we turn men out who know the word of God. - That is never going to turn the world.

The question is not whether they know the Word of God. The question is: DO THEY KNOW THE GOD OF THE WORD?

Just to give a man a license to preach because he has so much academic ability is like giving a blind man a driving license. If he doesn't know God, why is he in this business?! We have to make up our minds if this Book is absolute or obsolete. It's either got the answer for our generation or forget it. We have to make up our minds that preaching is not a profession, it's a passion.

I remember going down High Holborne in London a few years ago... well it is a few, twenty five I guess. A little lady was going to the mail box. There she was, very, very stooped and she shakily put her mail into the box; then she turned to go into a building. Somebody asked me, "Do you know who that is?" And I said, "Not the slightest idea." "That is the widow of Hugh Price Hughes." At one time the king of the Methodist pulpit in England. His daughter gave us a huge biography of her father. And she said, "When he came back on a Sunday night from the service, if no one had been saved, he would be inconsolable. You couldn't comfort him. He wouldn't eat, he wouldn't drink. He wouldn't even take his long coat off. He threw himself over his bed and he sobbed and he sobbed and he sobbed and said, 'Why? Why? Why?'"

Isn't it staggering when you think that one sermon on the day of Pentecost produced 3000 people? And we had some cities yesterday where 3000 sermons were preached and nobody was saved. And it doesn't even faze us.

The church used to be a lightning bolt, now it's a cruise ship. We are not marching to Zion - we are sailing there with ease.

In the apostolic church it says they were all amazed - And now in our churches everybody wants to be amused.

The church began in the upper room with a bunch of men agonizing, and it's ending in the supper room with a bunch of people organizing.

We mistake rattle for revival, and commotion for creation, and action for unction.

Look, I think this is a critical hour in history, the most critical hour in history; the Middle East is ready to blow up... the prestige of this nation we love has gone down ... As someone said, "We live in a theater of the absurd."

I'm old enough to remember years prior to World War I. My cousin had been to our house about a month before the war broke out, as straight as a ram-rod. He had his red jacket with its lovely gold buttons. I looked at him and thought, "My, what a marvelous thing to be a soldier." On the 4th of August 1914 the war broke out and he went with millions of other men to fight; he came back a total physical wreck. But you see, the slogan of World War I was this: "This is the war to end wars." War is not only unchristian, it's uncivilized.

After that, from 1919 to 1939, we had twenty golden years of peace when the church had the greatest opportunity since Pentecost, in my judgment. Then came the second World War.

Prior to World War I we had a group of intellectuals in England called Fabian Socialists. The red bearded man who gave us plays like *Pygmalion* and *My fair lady*, George Bernard Shaw, was one of the super intellectuals. Really, the leader was a self anointed and self-appointed prophet of a new world order; his name was H. G. Wells, a cocky little man. Those men did not talk about redemption, they did not talk about sin, they were just rationalists, they were just humanists. Away back in 1912, two years before the 1914 war, H. G. Wells said, "It is possible for us to have a new race of people by intellectual and biological processes. We don't need the Bible, we don't need the church, we can pull down the hills of wealth, we can fill up the valleys of poverty." He didn't talk about sin and redemption and wickedness.

He talked about the adequacy of materialism.

He talked about the inevitability of progress.

He talked about the sufficiency of man.

They were going to bring in a new millennium by their own genius. And then a shadow came over the sky. We had the 1914-18 war. And at the end, H. G. Wells and the gang were not so sure about things. In 1939 came the 2nd World War. Well, H. G. Wells had written his outline of history, but the last

book he wrote, in the middle of World War II, was not this rosy optimism. His last book was *Mind at the end of it's Tether*. And he said, "There is no hope for humanity." And he said one more sensible thing, "There is a little cavity somewhere in the human breast which can be filled by God and only by God."

We feel a little nervous these days of talking about human depravity. Well, heaven knows, there has never been as much depravity around as we have today. Look at the iniquity that was on the earth when the prophet Elijah came on the scene. The nation was in bondage to idolatry, and impurity, and infidelity, and indifference.

And it's my contention this morning that this pulpit is no place for puppets. In this day in which we live it's prophets that we need. A Jewish scholar says,

"The prophet, by the very nature of his calling, is a tragic figure. He has a fierce loyalty toward God and he has a broken heart over a lost nation."

We miss the mark telling people who are morally good, and very excellent many of them, that Jesus Christ came into the world to make bad men good. He did not. That's a fringe benefit.

The first argument God has with a man is not that he's bad, it's that he is DEAD in trespasses and in sin. And Christianity is the only Gospel in the world, the only message in the world, where a man's God comes and lives inside of him. Where's the brooding of the Holy Ghost these days? When revival comes you don't daringly say, "Joe Smith is coming to preach this week, and he'll finish Sunday night." Where in the world did we get the idea that the Holy Spirit only comes at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and you send Him home at 12 o'clock. You want Him back at 7 at night 'til 8 and we don't need Him 'til Wednesday night. When revival comes the lights don't go out in the sanctuary for weeks and weeks and weeks.

I spent an afternoon in Wales in 1931 or 32 with an old man who had been one of the right hand men in the Salvation Army revival back in the 1880's. The man was eighty years of age. He told me about the amazing things that happened in their revivals. The men that would sit in the back seats, almost the scum of the earth, came in just to get warm, but they would get so worried when the old preacher William Booth was preaching one of his hell-fire messages, that they shred their hymn books. Begby, in his definitive work on William Booth, in the first volume I think, talks about the holiness meetings. And he said, "When the Holy Ghost came down and men resisted the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God would lift people from the back of the sanctuary and

carry them over the audience and drop them at the altar." And we think we've seen everything because two or three people get healed.

You can not standardize revival. I am not thinking of a church revival; I'm thinking of a national revival. There is only one hope for America and that is that we have a Divine intervention in the nation. Forget your denomination, forget your empty seats.

Let's see first of all how God grieves over the sin of the people, and after all, when you look in the Old Testament, God's argument was not with the Amalekites, and Hitites and all the other "ites". God's problem in the Old Testament was Israel. God's problem today is not communism, Mormonism, Moonism or any other "ism." God's problem is His church today. We are so worldly. A city wide crusade can cost two million dollars. Revival doesn't cost a red cent, except broken hearts. You can stage your revival; you can stage a city wide crusade; you can not stage Revival. Revival is a mysterious divine intervention. I think one of the most awesome tasks given to man was given to John Baptist, when God said, "Prepare YE the way of the Lord."

You know, you talk about revival in this country and everybody has got tunnel vision. They think revival must come like Finney had it. We are not living in Finney's days. It would be nice to have him around, for sure, but we are not living in Finney's day. It is a new day. Iniquity has never swaggered like it swaggers now. You know what has happened in the last twenty three years in England? In the last twenty three years in England the Muslims have built 300 mosques and at the same time they were building their 300 mosques the Church of England has closed 660 churches. Does it drive us to despair? There are more people lost in this world at the moment than in any period in history. And yet we go on as though we were on the edge of the millennium instead of on the edge of judgment.

I believe the key to revival is given here in Joel, "Let the priests, the ministers of God, weep between the altar and the door posts."

I was preaching in a well known college two years ago. I was preaching on Hannah, because I think Hannah is typical of the true intercessor. The intercessor believes, "The thing will happen through me. I have to stand in the gap." You know, when you talk about intercessors we always go back and say, "Well, America's had some of the best intercessors." You're right; we had. We had praying Payson of Portland back in the eighteen hundreds. The floor in his room was as hard as this metal and yet there were two grooves side by side where his knees used to rub in the floor.

What about Jonathan Goforth that went out and had revival in China?

What about John Hyde, one of the greatest men ever in prayer? You know, the first thing that really moved me to God after I got saved? Somebody gave me an abridged edition of the life of David Brainard. I just could not believe it; I could not take it in. Could a man be so utterly selfless? The thing that is crippling us is our prosperity. Materialism is choking the church as well as the world. We want ease and comfort. When I read of a young man that could walk out in the snow, snow up to his chin sometimes, wrestling in prayer from sunrise to sunset with a tubercular body...

When I read about a man that wrestled in prayer like that, I was dumbfounded. And since the church I went to was pretty sleepy and I was only about seventeen, I went out into Sherwood forest - I lived on the edge of it - and started praying by myself at night. We have some bracken there, and it grows seven or eight feet high, I used to creep in it and weep and groan and pray for revival. And revival came. Because I prayed? No, No. I was one of a number.

But a man called George Jefferys came. Very humble... He never stopped to meet you... never mentioned money... He just came there, they sang about one chorus, but the ministry and the authority of God was upon him, and again the Acts of the Apostles were repeated. I don't think that a move of miracles like that is the only answer. In fact I think we could by-pass that. In the last thirty years America has had more healing crusades than all the nations of the world put together.

What we need now is

A revival of holiness.

A revival of character.

A revival of people who are utterly selfless

and prepared to lay their lives on the altar for God.

Paul Koffman went to Nagaland, India, to see what happened and expected something like Finney. When he got there saw signs and wonders and miracles, cripples were healed, blind people were seeing, every distorted, perverted thing was put right. So what? Hey, did you ever hear of a revival like this? The government has made an inquiry. Why has the drink traffic gone down? Why is it the kids are behaving in the street? Why are we not having a problem with drugs? Why is the nation convulsed? Why is the government inquiring? They were the most rebellious, lawless state in India and now they are the calmest. The crime has gone. People are civilized and gentle and loving.

Well, it's the same old story. They discovered a group of people, underground people, who had been praying twenty years for revival.

No man - I don't care how colossal his intellect - No man is greater than his prayer life. To stand before men on behalf of God is one thing. To stand before God on behalf of men is something entirely different.

We've urged people to tithe, haven't we? But we only mean their money. You see, we want a "revival" which is a painless Pentecost. We want something that won't disturb our status quo. It's "easy street" everywhere else, so why not here?

There never has been a revival that I can trace, that hasn't been birthed back there with true, true, true intercession.

In the city of Leeds, where I lived in England, the revival came. It came because there was a little man there, he was unlettered, he had no degree, but boy, did he have a burning heart. And he labored, and he had three breakdowns, not mentally, but physically. You know why? Because he fasted so much. But he had authority. Paul says in Ephesians 6:19, "Pray for me, that utterance may be given me." In other words he means, let the Word be endued with that mysterious thing that you can't define and nobody can give. The thing that we call unction. The anointing of God! If money could buy it, my, some of you would sell your house to get it, but you can't get it with money. And you can't get it at the university.

We are trying to marry Christianity
to prosperity,
and popularity,
and personalities. And it isn't working. Oh, you can preach the prosperity doctrine because that feeds our carnality. Look, why don't those men that preach that go to the third world to preach it where they need it? I know wealthy people, many of them are lovely people and I believe God lets them have a ministry in supplying needs. But when the church of Jesus Christ is prosperous, she never has revival. It's when she's poor. Prayer is the language of the poor. "Bow down Thine ear and hear me, for I am poor and needy."
The self-satisfied don't need to pray.
The self-sufficient don't want to pray.
The self-righteous cannot pray.
But the man who realizes,
"I need something outside of anything that's human at all," he wants to bathe his soul in prayer. I went to a little Bible school in England, there were only

thirty five students, but I'm glad that the man who was the principal was a man of prayer - Samuel Chadwick who wrote the book "The Path of Prayer." The weakest meeting in almost any church without exception is the prayer meeting. And when we are not strong in prayer we are saying to God, "We can manage." (Of course, we shall pray if we have an invasion, we shall pray if we have a famine - we have a great "utility" God.)

Very often we say to young people, "Now look, you have to read your Bible and maintain your prayer. You need to maintain your prayer life to maintain your Christian life." No! Not so. Not so. You need to maintain your Christian life in order to pray. The greatest expositor in the world living today told me personally, "I don't have any trouble. I delight to expound the Word. My books..." he wrote many, many books, but he said, "I've always found prayer so tough. I just find prayer the most difficult thing in the world." Read the Acts of the Apostles and all you read about is prayer, prayer, prayer, prayer, prayer. When they had prayed the place was shaken. If you want to read the prayer life of Jesus you would read the Gospel according to Luke because in every instance he gives Jesus as a praying man.

I remember a series of meeting we had in Wales in 1949. After three days a lady, Mrs. Lewis, said to me, "Brother Ravenhill, this is the nearest thing to the Welsh revival that we've had." That was forty years after the Welsh revival. "Mrs. Lewis, what's the point of identification?" "Because we walk up the hill now as we walked then." And she explained, "Last night, the night before, the night before that," she said "it wasn't until we got to the cross roads and bid each other 'good night,' that we realized that nobody had said a word. We were so awed with the majesty and the presence of God."

Our people don't get off the door step of the church - "Hey, do you think the Cowboys will win today?" It's dribble! It's nonsense! When did you last tiptoe out of the sanctuary when you dare not say a word? The church has to rediscover two things.

One, the majesty and the Holiness of God, and the other, the sinfulness of sin.

Prayer is not the easiest thing in the world,

Prayer is the hardest thing in the world.

Prayer is the most demanding thing in the world.

I had the pleasure of praying very often with Duncan Campbell, a man God used in the Hebrides revival, 1950 onward. I asked him one day about a certain event, he said, "Yes, that's right. When I was ministering the place

was like iron; it seemed as though God was a million miles away. And my message was like throwing a rubber ball at the wall, my words came back on me." In front of him were all kinds of ministers, but he didn't say anything to the preachers and the deacons and the elders. He pointed to a boy sitting over there, called him by name and said, "Laddie, will you pray?" A sixteen year old high school boy! And he stood up, and he said in his Scottish way, "Ach, what is the good of praying if we are not right with God?" And he began to quote Psalm 24, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and pure heart." and so forth and so on. "And when he'd finished," Duncan told me, "The stillness of eternity was on the building." And the boy prayed 10 minutes, 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 40 minutes, 45 minutes. And then, when he prayed as though he could see the invisible he said, "Satan."

Oh, I've heard people say this almost facetiously in some meetings, "Get the Devil out of this place." The young boy stood there and said, "Satan, I rebuke you. Get out of this territory! In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. I plead the blood of Christ, BE GONE!"

And just as though a switch was pulled in heaven God came on the meeting, He came on a tavern at the end of the road and people left it.

He came on a dance at the end of the road and people left it. We have to drag people to the altar; there are no altar calls in the New Testament if you want to be REALLY scriptural. Altar calls are an invention for when the Holy Ghost doesn't deal with people. This boy prayed, the Holy Ghost came and that whole community vibrated with God. You see preacher, you've only two things to do, not twenty two. You are not supposed to be the janitor and running a business and finding about the church's bank balance and all that junk. If you are going to be a true Biblical preacher you got two things to do according to Acts 6:4, give yourself continually to prayer and the Word of God. That's all you have to do. Who is going to visit the sick? The deacons. Who is going to bury the dead? The deacons. (The Scripture clearly says, "Let the dead bury the dead." - I like to tease, you know.)

You see, we want the church to function our way. "God bless our plans." "God bless what we do." When Alexander McClaren went to that great big church in Manchester, England - and I've ministered in that church - seats maybe a couple of thousand or so - the deacons, great bearded fellows they were in those days, asked him a host of questions which he answered. Finally they said, "We've asked you to be the pastor of this great church. We'll give you a new house, we'll furnish it, we'll buy you a carriage and pair," as we say in England, "and we'll give you a large salary." After they went on, and on, and on, they asked, "Will you accept this?" And he said, "All right, I'll accept it - that is if you accept my terms." "You have terms?" (You know most churches

think when they get a pastor they are renting a Hertz car. You better come and fit in!) "And what are the conditions?" And he laid some down, but one vital thing that he laid down was this, "I shall do no visiting."

Dr. Tozer, I loved that precious man and talked with him often, just the two of us in his office and prayed with him. Dr. Tozer never went to Bible school, he never went to the seminary. Yet he was one of the most learned men I ever met. I stayed in the house of a member of his church and she said, "You know what? I have gone to his church twenty five years and he has not been in my house five times." But I'll tell you what, he spread the table, and that's all you have to do. You know brethren, you never have to advertise a fire. You don't have to advertise it in the news paper, forget it. You let the glory of the Lord fill the temple; people will come from hundreds of miles. Because it's starvation everywhere.

My phone rings constantly, "I'm going to move here, I'm going to move there. Do you know a church that really is on fire for God? A church where they have all night prayer meetings?" No church should function these days without a whole night prayer. What do you want... social standing? Do you just want numbers of people? Do you want to fill the pews? Or do you want fire? I said last night, I think the greatest honor that was ever given to a preacher in history was not given by men, it was given by demons. When those demons said, "Jesus I know and Paul I know." Come on preacher, do you think if the devil has a danger list of the ten most wanted men in America you are one of them? I would rather be the last man on the devil's danger list than the first man on any honor roll you could give us about preaching. I'll say it again: brother, if you are not known in hell you are not worth a hill of beans.

We must realize we are not just fighting a local situation, we are not fighting drug addiction, we are not fighting massive pornography. We are surrounded by an arrogant, militant paganism. If you told your grandfather forty years ago that forty thousand homosexuals would march down main street, he would have said, "Not in America." You know what? Adultery and divorce is getting to plague proportions even in the church of God. We don't have decent morality in some churches, never mind spirituality. We don't elect deacons because they are full of the faith and the Holy Ghost - we appoint them because they own two Texaco stations and a hot dog stand.

Another thing Jesus did, He prayed all night before He chose His disciples. If we prayed all night before we chose our deacons, I guarantee half of them wouldn't get in... if we had to get the witness of the Spirit about it.

You see, I have people saying, "Why don't you write a book about some methods of revival." No, no. I can't do that. We don't need to find the formula for revival. The formula for revival is in the Word of God or else there isn't one.

The formula of revival is:

Preachers need to hit the altars and weep because they have no tears.

Groan because there is no moving of the Spirit of God.

Apologize to God that we've kind of manipulated the supernatural. Now, I am not just thinking of miracles of twisted limbs and other things. I think the greatest miracle that God can do is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world, and make that unholy man holy and put him back in an unholy world and keep him holy. But we are more afraid of holiness today in the church than we are of sinfulness.

If an unclean man with an unclean spirit does unclean things, if a man that's vile does vile things because he has a vile spirit,

surely the man who has the Holy Spirit in him will live a holy life. I don't ask people if they are saved anymore, forget it, everybody is "saved;" it doesn't mean a thing. Don't ask a man if he is born again, just look gently at him, it doesn't matter who he is, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Methodist or Mennonite, just say, "Brother, does Christ live in you?" Well, isn't that the standard of the New Birth? Isn't that what Paul says, "Christ in you the hope of glory"? I hear an awful lot about gifts of the Spirit, that's all right.

I hear less about the fruit of the Spirit.

I hear less still about having your fruit unto holiness.

I hear less still about bringing forth fruit meet for repentance. You know why some people don't believe in our converts? Because they don't go back and clear up the dirty mess that they've made as far as they can. Restore the stolen money...maintain the baby of the girl they got into trouble... some other thing they should do. Bring forth fruit. A healthy tree doesn't bring forth fruit. It's the tree that has all the flowing life that brings forth fruit.

One day Napoleon ran his index finger round a great country, he was talking to his generals and he said, "There lies a sleeping giant, LET IT SLEEP!!

Because," he said, "if that country ever wakes up and harnesses it's man power to it's mineral power it will shake the world." The country he outlined, in case you are interested, was none other than China, our biggest headache. See the devil standing there, he isn't running his finger round a map, he is running his finger round the church of Jesus Christ and he says, "There is the church of Jesus Christ asleep, LET IT SLEEP!!" "Because if it ever rediscovers

the power of the Holy Ghost, if it ever rediscovers the resurrection power of Jesus, it will shake the world."

I wonder how much of our lives is dominated by the Spirit of God. No, no, no, we can't go to the congregations. Let the priest weep between the altar and the door posts. I walked round the front of the podium one day, in a distinguished, wonderful college, fourteen hundred students listening. I just walked round and said to the professors, "Gentlemen you are teaching young men to be preachers. In one sense, they are going to guide the church in the future days. Tell me this, do you have for them a course on weeping? And if they graduate, do you have a course on howling?"

An old professor came and sat at the back in one of my meetings. He believed in old blood and fire, hell-fire preaching and holy living and a church being something which God deposited in the world just to show people how He can redeem us and get a bride for Himself. And you know, all the other professors in that university say, "That old man is senile."

I like an old statement that was made I think by Montgomery, "All earthly things with earth will fade away, but prayer grasps eternity." And if we're going to see as God sees... Praying, just recently, the Lord seemed to say this to me, "If you claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit the things that grieve the Spirit will grieve you." Who does the Lord cast His burdens on? Does He roll them away into the oblivion? No, no, no. He says, "My yoke is easy, My burden is light."

We don't want people to think we're depressed. I mean, everything is depressing outside, why cover it over? We are heading for judgment faster than you could ever think unless there is a divine intervention. And the key, again, is the priests weeping. The priests howling.

We sure need
a heaven born,
earth shaking,

hell-terrifying revival. And it only comes through brokenness, it comes through honesty. It comes when we admit, which is true of most around these days, that we just have a form of godliness - thank God we are not filthy and we are not dirty and we are not drunkards and we don't have a spare woman or something, we are pretty good. Ha, yes, that's just like Israel. They got out of Egypt and they got to Kadesh-barnea and instead of going to the promised land they got stuck.

Kadesh-barnea was supposed to be a gateway and it became a goal.

It was supposed to be a thoroughfare and it became a terminal.
It was supposed to be a stepping stone to something else, it became a stumbling block.

Let me wind this up. I was reading, and I guess I read it every week or I recite it to myself, that amazing chapter that we call the Faith Chapter in Hebrews 11. Faith is mentioned twenty four times in that chapter. I believe the key is not just the word faith, I believe the key is the 6th verse - "He that cometh to God must believe that He is." He is what? He is everything that He said in this Word. And then, you know, I read Hebrews 11: "They subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, women received their dead come to life again." I read that and I knelt down to pray in my office and it's as though the Lord said, "Say that again." And so I said it, "Lord, these people far off there, they subdued whole kingdoms, they wrought righteousness, they obtained promises, they stopped the mouths of lions, women received their dead come to life." And, as somebody said this year, "and not one of them had a Bible." Did you ever consider that? Let me take you back to a time when God's chosen people wondered around in sheepskins and goatskins! Now we've a land flowing with milk and honey - and churches flowing with mink and money. As though God looks on the outside. Forget it! He looks on the inside. Those people never had 66 Books. And you know what, if the world lasts another 100 thousand years, which it won't, but if it did, God doesn't have anything to add to that Book. He's said all He is ever going to say to man.

In my youth, I used to go listen in a Bible class where Dr. G. Campbell Morgan used to preach very often - a fascinating Bible teacher. And I remember in my early teens I thought, "One day I'll stay behind and ask him what kind of a Bible he has because all that stuff he has isn't in my Bible." I don't care whether you are thinking of Finney or Wesley or Booth, or any great majestic figure that has ruled in the church of God and seen revival, not one of them had a bigger Bible than you and I have. It's the same Word. Again, we better make our minds up whether it is absolute or obsolete. I'll tell you what, if this Book doesn't have the answer for a rotten, corrupt, stinking world, there is no answer for it. We've out sinned Sodom and Gomorra. Do you know there are 600 million Bibles in America? Would you try to guess how many millions or billions of Bible cassettes there are in the nation? Would you like to try to estimate how many seminars there are? Or seminaries there are? Or Bible schools? Or how many Gospel messages are preached throughout the nation? And that we've got 500 radio stations that broadcast something of the Gospel.

Let me give you the other side and I quit.

We are the most broken nation that we've ever been in history.
We've more broken homes,
We've more broken hearts over those broken homes.
We've more broken little kids because of those broken homes.
We've more minds broken by drugs,
We've more bodies broken - over a million girls last year got pregnant under 17 years of age. And people were marching a few years ago, "Stop the war in Vietnam, stop the war." "No right to kill people," and yet it's estimated in the last nine years we've put more than 10 million babies to death before they left their mother's wombs (in a Christian country. My Lord, what happens in a heathen country!) Do you think God Almighty is going to wink at our sin much longer? I don't. And the legislators can't help us,
and the banks can't help us,
and the government can't help us,
and money can't help us. Our help cometh from the Lord. And the only way is in submission and brokenness. That we get and say, many of us,
"Lord, I don't have the vision I used to have.
I don't have the passion I used to have.
I don't have the concern I used to have," not for America, for lost souls.

Lost souls first, America second. I am convinced the key is in the ministry. Maybe the way to start revival in your church is to stand up next Sunday morning and say, "Look, I want to tell you, I've had no passion for the lost. I shed no tears for lost mankind. I've so many other things I am interested in." I believe one key to the apostle Paul's life was this, "This - one - thing - I - do." He lived God. He thought God. He prayed God. That's all.
You can lash him, you can't whip it out of him.
He can float on a piece of wood in the Mediterranean a night and a day - thirty six hours, you can't wash it out of him.
They tried to starve him, you can't starve it out of him. He'd had a vision of the cross, he'd had a vision of the resurrection power. He'd realized the greatest thing this side of eternity is to be a God filled man. And goes out and proclaims that message, whether he goes to Jews, to barbarians, the Greeks, the intellectuals. He is as at home in the intellectual capital of the world, Athens, as he is in the religious capital of the world, Jerusalem. God never, never intended His church to backslide. God never intended His church to function with anything less than Apostolic Christianity. And it's time to call the church to prayer. I believe if we were as spiritual as we think we are we would have gone to church yesterday in sackcloth and a handful of ashes to put on our heads and mourn that the Glory has departed.

I can almost hear Duncan Campbell saying how they cried in Scotland, "Oh, that Thou wouldst rend the heaven and come down." You see, we've never seen God move 'til He's stopped the traffic.

'Til people in the shops are singing.

'Til the lights don't go out week after week.

'Til the Holy Ghost is moving in factories. He's done that in other revivals.

He has called us to stand in the gap.

To be the repairers of the breach.

To bring the powers of the world to come on this materialistic blind day in which we live and this sleepy Laodicean church. When He was on earth He cleaned the temple. I feel it needs cleansing again, from worldliness... from materialism... May the Lord help us to search our hearts as well as search the Scriptures. Help us to be honest and admit that we've failed, seek the place of prayer, and the place of cleansing and the place of anointing. May we be a vital link between His Eternal Spirit and this troubled, lost world outside.

May His glory shine forth again.

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"The Weeping Room - Pathway to Strategy"

By Jennifer Miller

One day as I was in prayer the Lord began to open up my eyes to a spiritual encounter. I saw myself being taken up to heaven. Before me I saw a huge house with many rooms. I knew instantly that this was the 'Father's House'. I could feel the love of the father drawing me in, so I began to run as fast as I could to enter the house. As I entered, the Lord walked with me through many rooms, each one packed with spiritual meaning.

He quietly invited me to follow Him into the most beautiful room in the whole house - the intimacy room. It was absolutely extravagant and beautiful. Upon entering the room, I was overwhelmed with love and wanted to stay there forever. In the Spirit I could hear other people (other believers) in all the different rooms of the house. Some were studying books in the library; others were becoming intoxicated in the spiritual wine cellar. I was somewhat surprised that everyone wasn't in the intimacy room since it was the most beautiful room in the whole house.

The Weeping Room

As I was admiring this intimacy chamber, I noticed a little wooden hatch door on the floor adjacent to the bed. It seemed really odd to me, because it wasn't fancy and hardly seemed to fit with the rest of the room. I asked the Lord why it was there, and He told me that it led down to another room in the house. I asked Him why He would put this door so close to the most beautiful thing in the whole room, the bed. He responded, "I keep it here, because down there is where I spend most of my time". Instantly my curiosity was stirred so I asked what was down there. He said it was called the "Weeping Room".

Although it hardly sounded like a room I wanted to be in, there was a cry in my heart that said that if that is where the Lord spends His time, then that is where I want to go. I asked Him if I could go down there with Him, and He responded "Very few will choose to go down there, it's not extravagant like this room, it's lonely, it's not comfortable, and you have to get very low to fit through the door." I told Him that I didn't care what the conditions would be like; I just really wanted to be wherever He was.

So we opened the little hatch door and began to slowly climb down a dark staircase until we came upon the tiny room. I had to get on my knees to fit through the door because it was so small. As we entered the room it was very simple. All it consisted of was a small wooden chair. One of the walls had a small window in it. The Lord took His seat on the chair and turned His face to look out the window. Instantly I became aware of why this room was called the weeping room.

You Could Hear Every Cry

As you looked out the window - you could see and hear every single cry coming from people on the earth. You could see every single act of injustice all at the same time. Every starving child crying out to God, every woman being raped,

every moan of the rejected ... you could hear every prayer, every cry all at the same time. The Lord sat in His chair and watched and heard it all.

At once I was overwhelmed with intercession and began to weep. I wept for hours. I wept for those who were hurting, but even more - I was undone by this beautiful King who would choose to spend His time in this place; This King who paid such attention to every cry and who was so full of compassion. As I sat and wept with the Lord, I began to 'feel' His heart-and all my selfish ambition began to fade away

While we were in that place I noticed that there was another door in the weeping room. I asked the Lord what was behind that door and He told me that was where the 'Strategy Room' was. As He said those words, instantly in my spirit I knew in that room divine strategy for end-time revival was available. Although the door was still closed, I recognized that Wisdom and Revelation were in there.

Divine Strategy Room

Heavenly blueprints were laid out to see the fulfillment of His kingdom coming to earth from that room. It was like the hidden room that everybody searches for. Everyone longs to have divine strategy. I immediately asked if I could go in there and the Lord soberly told me that I didn't 'fit through the door'. I instantly understood that I had to spend time in the weeping room. As I began to really apprehend the heart of God for the poor and the broken, then issues of my soulish nature would be stripped away until I would become small enough to fit through the door.

At that moment everything became clear. This was the only way to access divine strategy. From the place of intimacy God invites us in to a deeper level - He beckons us into the weeping room-a place where we choose to see what He sees and feel what He feels. And as we spend time getting the heart of God, things of our flesh begin to be stripped away until we are small enough to fit through the door that leads to the strategy room.

I had this encounter over two years ago but I believe that God is now moving many in the church from the place of intimacy into weeping. This will lead them into the strategy room. In actuality, you never have to leave the intimacy room; you just discover the deeper levels. Many have already surrendered themselves to the weeping room and extravagantly pursued the heart of God for the broken- they are now being invited into the strategy room.

Invitation to Divine Strategy

I had another encounter a little over a year ago in which I heard a loud voice say, "It's Time!" and in the Spirit I saw the strategy room door swing open.

God is inviting us into divine strategy that will release a global harvest of souls, and establish the revelation of His kingdom on earth through overcoming saints.

I believe that as we enter the "strategy room," we will be compelled and moved by what we have seen and felt in the weeping room. I have a sense that some have gone before us into the strategy room. Unfortunately, most quickly forgot what the strategy was for and used it to build their own kingdom. (Haggai 1:3-7) God is in the process of raising up a whole company of believers who are repulsed at the idea of building their own kingdom. This company will have their hearts truly branded with passion and compassion. These are the ones that God is looking to release into the strategy room. "It's Time!"

Prayers for Healing and Health

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I am healed by the stripes of Jesus. [Isa 53:5]

Jesus carried my sickness and infirmities [Matt 8:27]

I cast out all spirits of infirmity that would attack my body in the name and blood of Jesus.

I break, rebuke, and cast out any spirit of cancer that would attempt to establish itself in my lungs, bones, breast, throat, back, spine, liver, kidneys, Adrenal, thyroid, pituitary, brain, pancreas, skin, blood or stomach, in the name and blood of Jesus.

I break, rebuke and cast out all spirits causing diabetes, high blood pressure, low blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, leukemia, lymphoma, blood diseases, breathing problems, arthritis, lupus, fibromyalgia, Alzheimers, or insomnia/sleep disturbances in the name and blood of Jesus.

I speak HEALING and STRENGTH to my bones, muscles, joints, organs, head, eyes, throat, glands, blood, marrow, lungs, kidneys, liver, spleen, spine,

pancreas, bladder, ears, nose, sinuses, mouth, tongue and feet in the name and blood of JESUS.

I repent & loose myself and my family from all heart attacks rooted in fear, and I command all spirits of fear to leave in the name and blood of JESUS. [Luke 21:26]

I repent & loose myself from all diabetes rooted in rejection, self hatred, inheritance and guilt, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of Jesus.

I repent, and loose myself from all cancer rooted in bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, and slander of the tongue, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS. I command any spirits of cancer and death to go now, in the name and blood of JESUS.

I repent and loose myself from all lupus rooted in self rejection, self hatred, & guilt, and I cast these spirits out in the name and blood of JESUS and command LIFE to my immune system, and LIFE to every organ in my body.

I repent and loose myself from multiple sclerosis rooted in self hatred, guilt & rejection from the father, and I cast these spirits out in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I repent and loose myself from rheumatoid arthritis that is rooted in self hatred and low self esteem, and I command these spirits to leave , to get out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I repent and loose myself from high cholesterol that is rooted in anger, hostility, rage, & rebellion and command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I repent and loose myself from all sinus problems rooted in fear and anxiety, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS. I repent and loose myself from all high blood pressure rooted in fear and anxiety, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of Jesus.

I repent and loose myself from all asthma rooted in fear concerning relationships, in rejection or resentment, and command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I repent and loose myself from a weakened immune system that is rooted in a broken spirit or broken heart, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS and ask You Abba, to heal my heart and pour in Your love that cast down all fear.

I repent and loose myself from all strokes rooted in self rejection, self bitterness, and self hatred, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I repent and loose myself from any bone diseases rooted in envy and jealousy, and I command these spirits to come out in the name and blood of JESUS. [Prov 14:30]

Forgive me Lord, for allowing any fear, guilt, self-rejection, self-hatred, unforgiveness, bitterness, sin, pride, or rebellion to open the door to any sickness or infirmity. I renounce all these things in the name and blood of JESUS.

I cast out any spirit of infirmity that came into my life through PRIDE in the name and blood of JESUS. I cast out any spirit of infirmity that came into my life through rejection, trauma or accidents, in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I cast out any spirit of infirmity, that came through witchcraft or jezebelic curses in the name and blood of JESUS.

Give me a sound heart, which is the life of my flesh. Remove from my heart any evil, sinful attitude Abba. In the name and the blood of JESUS.

Lord, remove any darts from my liver [Prov 7:23] Cleanse my liver of all toxins, and help me to eat what I need to be healthy Lord.

Heal me and deliver me from all my pains in the name and blood of JESUS.

I rebuke any sickness that would come to eat up my flesh, including cancer, in the name and blood of JESUS. { Ps 27:2}

Let no evil diseases [things of belial] cleave to my body in the name and blood of JESUS. I break all curses of sickness and disease, and I command all hereditary spirits of sickness, disease or infirmity to come out in the name and blood of JESUS. [Ps 41:8]

I break all curses of premature death and destruction over me and my family, and cancel any covenants with death or death wishes, coming from family involvement in secret societies or witchcraft, in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I prosper and walk in health even as my soul prospers. [3 John 2]
I receive the Word of God, which is health to my flesh.[Prov 4:22]
Lord bless my bread and water, and take all sickness away from me. [Ex 23:25] I ask in the name and blood of JESUS.

I command every organ in my body to function the way God intended it to in the name and blood of JESUS. [Ps 139:14]
My bones are fat because I receive the good report of the gospel. [Prov 15:30] Lord keep all my bones [Ps 34:20] Let every tumor or benign growth melt at the presence of God, in the name and blood of JESUS. [Ps 97:5]

Let any infection in my body be burned by the fire of God.
I release myself from all allergies and sinus problems in the name and blood of JESUS.

I pray for my arteries and blood vessels to be opened and cleansed and my circulatory system to function properly in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I rebuke all fevers in the name of Jesus. [Luke 4:39]

My flesh shall be fresher than a child's and I will return to the days of my youth, [Job 33:25] in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I pray for my immune system to be strengthened that You would increase the Tcells and B cell production in my bones, in the name and blood of JESUS. [Ps 119:28]

Lord would You renew my youth like the eagle's in Jesus name ? [Ps 103:5]

I will live and not die and proclaim the name of the Lord, in the name and blood of JESUS. [Ps 118:17]

My beauty shall be as the olive tree [Hosea 14:6]

Lord , You heal ALL of my diseases for by Your stripes I am healed. [Ps 103:3, Is 53]

Lord, You are the health of My countenance. [Ps 43:5]

Heal my oh Lord, and I will be healed. [Jer 17:14]

Let Your virtue touch my life and heal me...[Luke 6:19] in the name and blood of JESUS.

I ask for the release of the fire of GOD to burn out any sickness, disease, or infirmity that would operate in my body in the name and blood of JESUS.

No sickness or plague will come near my dwelling. [Ps. 91:10]

Lord JESUS, arise over my life with healing in Your wings [Mal 4:2]

In the name and blood of JESUS I pray.

The Lord is the strength of my life [Ps 27:1]

I command every germ or sickness that touches my body to die in the name and the blood of JESUS. I take the shield of faith and quench ever fiery dart of the enemy [Eph 6:16]

I am redeemed from the curse of the law, from all sickness and disease. [Gal 3:13] Every plague is stopped when it comes near me through the atonement of Jesus Christ. [Num 16:50]

I loose myself and my family from every infirmity in the name and blood of Jesus. [Luke 13:12] Jesus Christ makes me whole. [Acts 9:34]

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Let my body functioning the wonderful way You designed it to function in the name and the blood of JESUS. [Ps 139:14]

Your Word says Lord, that if the Spirit of Christ Jesus lives in me, that He Who raised Christ from the dead will give LIFE to my mortal body. So I pray YOUR LIFE to my body, every cell in my body, in the name and blood of JESUS. AMEN!

Prayers for Deliverance from Evil

Deliver me from all evil [Matt 6:13]

I pray that You would keep me from evil [1 Chron 4:10]

That no evil will touch me or my family. [Job 5:19]

Put to shame those who wish me evil [Ps 40:14]

Let no evil disease cleave to my body [Ps 41:8]

I will not be afraid of evil tidings [Ps 112:7]

I will not be visited with actual evil [Prov 19:23]

I refrain my feet from every evil way so that I might keep Your Word. [Ps 119:101] Preserve me from all evil [Ps 121:7]

In the name and the blood of JESUS.

Deliver me from evil men [Ps 121:7]

Let people be healed of plagues and evil spirits [Luke 7:21]

I pray that You would keep me from evil according to John 17:15

I will not be overcome with evil, but I overcome evil with GOOD ! [Rom 12:21]

I put on the whole armor of GOD that I might stand in the evil day.[Eph 6:13]

I cancel all the plans and forces of evil sent against my life. Let the works of evil be burned by Your holy FIRE. Let men repent of evil and turn to righteousness. Let no evil be established in my life, but let Your righteousness be established.

I loose myself from all evildoers and evil soul ties in the name and the blood of JESUS.

AMEN !

Prayers for Self Deliverance

I renounce all sins associated with, and break all generational curses of pride, rebellion, lust, perversion, jealousy, slumber, heaviness, poverty, witchcraft, idolatry, death, destruction, failure, error, whoredoms, bondage, infirmities, fear, and rejection and I bind all these spirits and rebuke them in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I renounce all generational sins, and hereditary sins, and command all generational and hereditary spirits operating in my or my family's lives through curses to be bound and cast out in the name and blood of Jesus.

I renounce and rebuke all spirits of lust, perversion, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and all spirits of sexual impurity to come out of my mind, will and emotions in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I bind, renounce and rebuke all deaf and dumb demons & command them to leave in the name and blood of JESUS. I command all spirits of forgetfulness, mind control, mental illness, doublemindedness, mind blanking, muddle, mind binding spirits, fantasy, pain, pride and memory recall to come out of my mind and heart in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I break all curses of schizophrenia and command all spirits of confusion, rejection, rebellion and roots of bitterness, and unforgiveness to come out in the name and blood of JESUS. Show me Lord anyone I need to forgive.

I bind, renounce, and command all spirits of guilt, misery, regret, remorse, shame, torment, unworthiness, and condemnation to come out of my conscience in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind and renounce, and command all spirits of grief, sorrow, anguish, heartache, cruelty, crushed heart, crying, deep hurt, gloom, melancholy, mourning and a wounded spirit to get out in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I bind the strongman of SLUMBER in the name and the blood of JESUS and I renounce & command all spirits of slumber; withdrawal, isolation, antisocial spirits, pouting, repression, silence, sleepiness, apathy, complacency, indifference, stoicism, sullenness, unreality, dullness, amnesia, bedlam, confusion, embarrassment, flashing thoughts, forgetfulness, incoherence, mind blanking and mind darkness, indecision, procrastination, mind racing, turmoil, inability to read, daydreaming or fuzziness and wasting, sloth, spiritual blindness, inactivity, slowness, stupidity, trance and passivity to leave now in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I bind, renounce, and rebuke any strongman of BONDAGE or ADDICTION to come out of my appetite in the name and blood of Jesus, and all spirits of whoredoms connected to them. I break the power of addiction to alcohol, marijuana, cigarettes, spending, sex, deviance, opposition, stubbornness, and unteachableness to leave now in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind, renounce and rebuke all spirits of witchcraft, sorcery and DIVINATION, voodoo, Santeria, necromancy, hypnosis, astrology and all infirmities connected with them to be bound and I command you to leave in the name and blood of JESUS. I command all infirmity spirits to leave my body in Jesus' name.

I bind, renounce and rebuke all Occult spirits, and break any occult curses coming at me or my family in the name and blood of JESUS. I bind all watcher demons, all witchcraft, divination or sorcery spirits, and all spirits of leviathon, warlock, or astroprojection to leave in the name and blood of JESUS. I command all spirits of death and destruction that came with them to leave now in the name and blood of JESUS, for Jesus alone holds the keys to death and hell. I shall live and declare the glory of the LORD. I bind all retaliation for these prayers in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind, renounce and rebuke any hindering spirits, lying spirits, deception, delusion, and spiritual blindness, religious spirits, legalism, hypocrisy, ritualism, or counterfeit false gifts, counterfeit false prophecy, counterfeit tongues to leave now, in the name and blood of Jesus.

I bind, renounce, and rebuke all spirits of Rebellion, murder, hatred, rage, anger, self hatred, self abasement, self condemnation, or self delusion or pretense and vanity, externalism, sham, false humility, false compassion, permissiveness or control to leave now in the name and blood of JESUS. I command all spirits of the world & cursing spirits to be bound and rebuke all spirits of cheating, craftiness, cunning, dishonesty, disputing, dishonoring, disrespect, exaggeration, false accusations, manipulation, flattery, immoderation, stealing, meanness, ridicule, rudeness, theatrics, and traitor, to go in the name and the blood of JESUS. I command all backbiting, belittling, blasphemy, coarse jesting, gossip, grumbling, mocking, murmuring, complaining, obscenity, profanity, vulgarity, swearing, false humility, and

mocking to go now in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind all DEAF & DUMB spirits and command them to go from me or my family. I rebuke hyperactivity, ADHD, ADD, child abuse, combat, driving, frenzy, interrupting, pressure, restlessness, disorder, disruption, mischief, And all related infirmities to go in the name and blood of JESUS. All blocked eustacian tubes, all bruxism [toothgrinding], convulsions, epilepsy, deafness, fits, imbalance, meniere's disease, tinnitus, TMJ and all insanity and mental illness spirits akin to deaf and dumb spirit LEAVE NOW in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind any strongman of ANTICHRIST spirit and renounce and rebuke all spirits of Doubt, skepticism and unbelief to go in the name and the blood of JESUS. I bind all spirits of rebellion associated with it, adversary, anti-submissiveness, attacking, anarchy, deception, defiance, false cults, home-breaking, humanism, intimidation, jezebel, ahab, mutiny, obstinancy, opposition, overbearing, passive-aggressive, possessiveness, obsession, resistance, independence, revolt, rigidity, seduction, self will , self centeredness, shamanism, sloppiness , mockery and witchcraft to GO in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind any strongman of JEALOUSY, and renounce and rebuke all spirits of covetousness, greed, retaliation, control, bossiness, dominance, impatience, agitation, criticism, malice, fury , cruelty, spitefulness, treachery, biting and devouring spirits, avarice, cravings, discontentment, material lust, stealing, BITTERNESS, anger , antagonism, contempt, contention, bitter love, enmity, fighting hatred, hatred of authority, hostility, irritation, abortion, resentment, temper, unforgiveness, violence and wrath, STRIFE, annoying, bickering , contention, discord, quarreling , sarcasm, slander, to LEAVE NOW in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind the strongman of HAUGHTINESS in the name and blood of JESUS and I renounce and rebuke all spirits of Accusation, judging, prejudice, criticism, unreasonableness, competition, derision, driving, headstrong, intimidation or scheming, mind idolatry, excuses, intellectualism, rationalization, rejecting truth, PRIDE, arrogance, conceit, cynicism, despisement, egotism, externalism, forwardness, gloating, self importance, LEVIATHAN, pride of life, self assertiveness, self centeredness, self

contentedness, self exultation, self justification, self reliance, self righteousness, self sufficiency, spirit of Pharisees, superiority or vanity, Perfectionism, cautiousness, demanding, frustration, intolerance, irritability, hypervigilance, disparagement, I command you all to GO in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind the strongman of HEAVINESS [Is 61:3] and I renounce and rebuke all spirits of depression, despair, bleakness, calamity, darkness, defeatism, desolation, dejection, desolation, despair, despondency, destitution, destruction, wasting, disaster, discouragement, financial reverses, hopelessness, morbidity, pessimism, suicide, anorexia, accident proneness, uselessness, GUILT, condemnation, distortion, harassment, and all FATIGUE; Chronic tiredness, chronic weariness, insomnia, laziness, mental exhaustion, oppression, physical exhaustion, weakness and command you all to come together and leave NOW in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind, renounce and rebuke all spirits of GLUTTONY; binge, bulimia, compulsiveness, frustration, greediness, pickiness, moodiness, nervousness, resentment, restlessness, self pity, self reward, sweet tooth, and idolatry connected with it. I rebuke any generational spirits of gluttony off me and my family in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind and renounce the strongmen of FEAR and REJECTION and command them and all their cohorts of cowardice, door mat, fear of rejection, fear of failure, self rejection, fear of authority, fear of intimidation, sensitiveness, Fear of disapproval, grouchiness, self awareness, self consciousness, self pity, stuttering, whining, & all spirits of WORRY, agitation, nightmares, anxiety, apprehension, distress, dread, furtiveness, terror, and vexing to GO in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I bind and renounce all spirits of INSECURITY: bedwetting, failure, false love, figurehead, humiliation, inadequacy, ineptness, inferiority, loneliness, milque-toast, religious fanaticism, shyness, talkativeness, loquacity, timidity, undependability, PERSECUTION; complaining, fear of accusation, fear of condemnation, fear of judgment, fear of reproof, harassment, unfairness, and disparagement, paranoia, distrust, envy, jealousy, and suspicion to GO in the name and blood of JESUS.

I bind, renounce and rebuke all spirits of NERVOUSNESS, jumpiness, nail biting, stress, tension, indecision, compromise, disorder, doublemindedness, foolishness, forgetfulness, futility, indifference, procrastination, unreliability, & weakness towards temptation to leave NOW...I command you to GO, and ask You LORD to have Your angels escort all these spirits out of my house, and far away from me, never to return in the name and blood of JESUS.

Now I command any spirits operating in my head, eyes, mouth, tongue and throat to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I command all spirits operating in my chest and lungs to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I command all spirits operating in my stomach, navel, gut and abdomen, liver, heart, pancreas, spleen, bladder and kidneys to come out in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I command all spirits operating in my sexual organs to come out in the name and blood of JESUS. I command all spirits operating in my hands, arms, legs, feet, spine, bone, joints, knees, and elbows, or around my spine to GO NOW; get out, in the name and blood of JESUS.

I command all spirits operating in my glands and endocrine system to come out in the name and blood of Jesus.

I command all spirits operating in my blood, lymph and circulatory system , my muscles and muscular system to come out in the name and the blood of JESUS.

I command all religious spirits of doubt, unbelief, error, heresy and tradition that came in through religion and false teaching to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I command all spirits from my past that are hindering my present and future to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

I command all ancestral spirits that entered through my ancestors to come out in the name and blood of Jesus.

I command all hidden spirits hiding in any part of my life to come out in the name and blood of JESUS.

Father, I ask you to reveal anything that is a root in my life that leads me to sin. I give you permission to uncover to my own mind anything hidden in my heart that I am not aware of that keeps me from intimacy with You or obedience to You, in the name and blood of JESUS. Holy Spirit, take over my life, and lead me into paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Deliver me from ALL EVIL as Your word says, and make in me a clean heart. Renew a right spirit within me, and bind my mind to the mind of JESUS. Bind my heart to Your heart, My will to YOUR will for my life in the name and blood of JESUS. Thank you Lord for saving me and loving me , and teaching me. Thank you for Your great patience that you have shown me and direct my heart into the love of GOD & the patience of Christ Jesus I pray. Keep me from presumptuous sins, and keep me in Your perfect will. Direct and guide me and all whom I love in the way that is everlasting Abba. In the name and blood of JESUS I pray.

From Prayers That Break Curses by John Eckhardt

Evil Imaginations

Lord, Paul gave a warning about those who turn away from You..."Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as god or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools". [Rom 1:21-22 NLT] So many people in our world today have made up foolish ideas about You Lord, and as a result have minds that have become dark and confused. They profess to be part of a "new age", but they look like fools. Lord, raise up a godly army that will keep these fools from confusing and pulling others away from You. Move by Your Holy Spirit to DESTROY THE INFLUENCE of those who claim to know more than You.

Lord make us into a strong, bold spiritual army in America. " We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ" [2 Cor. 10:3-5 NLT]

Evil

Lord, "are not a God who takes pleasure in evil," and "the wicked cannot dwell with You. " The arrogant cannot stand in Your presence," and "You hate all who do wrong" [Ps 5:4-5 NIV]

Lord, you have instructed Your followers to "depart from evil and to do good; seek peace and pursue it" [Ps 34:14] I have committed my life to following Your instructions Lord.

Father, You have told Your followers, "Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither." [Ps 37:1-2 NLT]

Father, I will be still in Your presence and wait patiently for YOU to act. I will not worry about evil people who prosper, and I will not fret about their wicked schemes [Ps 37:7]

Father, I am so thankful for Your Word, which promises, " It is better to be godly and have little than to be evil and rich. For the strength of the wicked **WILL BE SHATTERED**, but the Lord takes care of the godly. Day by day the Lord takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever. They will not be disgraced in hard times; **even in famine they will have more than enough**. But the wicked will die. The Lord's enemies are like flowers in a field—they will disappear like smoke". [Ps 37:16-20 NLT]

Father, I will obey Your Word to "turn from evil and do good, and you will live in the land forever. For **the Lord loves justice, and he will never abandon the godly**" [Ps 37:27-28 NLT]

Lord, " the wicked wait in ambush for the godly, looking for an excuse to kill them. But **the LORD will not let the wicked succeed or let the godly be condemned when they are put on trial**" [Ps 37:32-33 NLT]

Lord, at times it seems like the evil plans and schemes of men and women who are living godless lives will succeed and Your children will suffer because of them. But I am committing myself to taking a stand on Your WORD. I stand in agreement with Psalm 91 and I will:

1. Live under Your protection and stay in Your shadow of Your wings.
2. Proclaim that You are my fortress and place of safety.
3. Believe You are my God and trust You.
4. Trust that you will keep me safe from secret traps and deadly diseases.
5. Be safe and secure under Your wings
6. Have no fear of dangers at night or in the daytime, because Your faithfulness is like a shield and a city wall.
7. Have faith that no disease will strike in the night and no disasters will come in the daytime.
8. Know that through thousands fall at my side, I will not be harmed !
9. See You punish the wicked with my own eyes and I will run to YOU for safety.
10. Experience no terrible disasters striking my home, my family or me
11. Believe that You have commanded Your angels to protect me wherever I go.
12. Declare that Your power will be stronger than the strongest lions or the most deadly snakes !
13. Be safe because I love You and serve You.
14. Call on You when I am in trouble, and You will protect and honor me.
15. Live a long life and live to see Your saving power.

Father, sometimes unjust leaders boldly claim that God is on their side, yet they are leaders who permit injustice. They gang up on the righteous and condemn the innocent to death through their unjust laws and regulations. But when this happens, YOU are my FORTRESS and the Mighty Rock on which I stand. You have promised to turn their sins back upon them and destroy them in the way they planned to destroy Your children. [Ps 94:20-23]

Father, in this day when it seems that godless men and godless laws are destroying the godly life and foundations on which this nation was founded, Your Word brings courage and strength to Your people. In it You have promised that our "children will be successful everywhere", and an "an entire generation of godly people will be blessed." Your people will possess wealth, and our good deeds will last forever." Light shines in the darkness for the godly." Your people will be GENEROUS, COMPASSIONATE AND RIGHTEOUS." Good will come to those who lend money generously and

conduct business fairly. We will not be overcome by evil. As we confidently trust in You to care for us, we will be confident and fearless and face our foes triumphantly. We will have influence and honor, and when the wicked see this, it will infuriate them. They will grind their teeth in anger and slink away as their hopes are thwarted. [Ps 112 NLT]

Father, YOU have promised, "Whoever listens to Me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without the fear of evil" [Prov 1:33]

Father, You have warned Your children, "Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil". [Prov 4:14]
...Your Word promises "No grave trouble will overtake the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil" [Prov 12:21]

Some more from the word...pris

Ps 90:13-17 NKJV

13 Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! 15 **Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil.** 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And **let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

Jeremiah in the midst of his nation going captive was able to buy land, and in the end was released from jail to live and stay in Israel.

Jer 15:19-21 AMP Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: **If you return** [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you will be My minister; and **if** you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people].

20 And **I will make you to this people a fortified, bronze wall; they will fight against you, but they will not prevail over you, for I am with you to save and deliver you, says the Lord.**

21 And **I will deliver you out of the hands of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the palms of the terrible and ruthless tyrants.**

Hab 3:19 AMP The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

Trench prayer

excerpt from John Eckhardt's book
"Prayers That Bring Change"

Father, in the name of Jesus, I am at the brink of my Red Sea, But I thank You for the miracles that come as I face impossible situations.

I thank You for Your saving grace. Your strong right hand, and Your outstretched arm. No one has an arm like Yours! Even as You brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea, I know You are doing the same for me. I depend upon YOU to see me through. There is absolutely nothing impossible for You, Jesus.

I take courage and comfort knowing that You are my strength when I am weak. I call You FAITHFUL in the midst of what seems so horrible and unexplainable. My trust is in YOU, God. I take You at Your Word, for Your word will not return void unto You. I expect Your word to bring back all that was lost or stolen from me, in the name of Jesus. I pronounce proverbs 6:31 over my life - all that was taken will be returned seven times. I decree that no weapon formed against me will be able to prosper, and every tongue that rises against me I will show to be wrong.

Lord, I thank you for being a SHIELD all around me. You are my exceeding great reward, and my shelter is in YOU. You are my refuge and my fortress. There is absolutely nothing that can separate me from Your love. I am fully persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate me from the love of God.

I declare that You will perfect that which concerns me. I cast all my care upon You because I know that You care FOR me. Lord, as I submit to You, I rejoice. I know that all things work together for the good of those who love you are the called according to YOUR purpose; therefore, I know that this too shall pass. It will bring a great testimony and glory unto You. Lord, thank you for trusting me with this tribulation. I know that You would not put more on me than I can bear. This challenge in my life is working patience in me. The patience I am receiving is giving me experience, and the experience is giving me hope. Because of the hope that I am receiving out of this experience, I will not be disappointed in the end.

No spirits of fear, anxiety, hopelessness, depression, or worry will plague my soul. The spirit of defeat is displaced by victory. I do not have a spirit of fear; therefore I boldly say that I have the spirit of power, love and a sound mind. Lord I take authority over every opposing spirit that comes to contend with Your divine purpose for my life. I declare that I WILL FULFILL the destiny YOU have ordained for my life. I declare that I will fulfill the destiny You have ordained for me, and I will not be distracted. I bind the spirit of distraction that comes to confuse and discourage me. I am not moved by what I see! I walk by faith and not by sight! I release the voice of FAITH over my situation and say that Jehovah JIRAH is my provider. Every need is already met concerning the matter.

There is no WANT in my life. Doors are opening on my behalf. I rejoice to know that You have never left or forsaken me. You promised to be with me in trouble and to deliver me because I have known Your name. Thank YOU for delivering me from my strong enemy.

Jesus, Your name is a strong tower. I run into it and I am safe. All adversities, attacks, catastrophes, calamities, emergencies, storms, disasters, dangers, slander, defamation, accusation, sudden arrows, traumas, and any other thing that comes to hurt my family or me are covered with the blood of JESUS. I BIND THE ARROWS that come by day and the terrors that come by night. I put on the whole armor of God so that I may be able to stand against the wiles of the evil one. I gird my loins with TRUTH and sever every lie of the enemy. I put on the breastplate of the righteousness of God. My feet are shod with the gospel of peace. I take the shield of FAITH and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. I put on the

helmet of salvation. The Sword of the Spirit is in my hand, and I am praying in the Spirit consistently.

I am MORE THAN A CONQUEROR. Lord I thank YOU for the prevailing anointing that causes me to triumph in the face of adversity. I grab hold of the horns of the altar and refuse to let go ! I commit to bless YOU in the midst of trouble. Your divine will for this time of my life will be accomplished. What the devil has meant for my demise will cause my PROMOTION and PROSPERITY. [pris- no matter what is going on around me.] The greater ONE is on the inside of me. I command the resurrection power of Jesus to come forth on my behalf in [the name and blood] of JESUS !

[Pris - adds:

I bless those who curse me, I forgive those who curse me and use me, and misunderstand me, or hate me. I release the love You have given me to them in the name and blood of JESUS. Thank You Lord that YOU give me GRACE to help in the time of need. Thank You that YOU give me the GRACE to sow good in the face of evil. YOU help me to love my enemies despite the circumstances and their hatred towards me and YOU. Lord I lay down my life and in FAITH I pick up YOUR LIFE and GOODNESS, and ask for YOU HOLY SPIRIT to OVERCOME ME. TAKE OVER LORD. Make of me what You will. DO what YOU WANT.

You alone know what is best. I put the whole of my trust in YOU. GRANT me the GRACE to love in the midst of evil and hatred. Lord give me grace to overcome anything in me that wars against You, against belief in your love & goodness towards me. RIP OUT OF ME anything that is displeasing to You. I yield to Your wisdom, and mercy, and ask for You to give me the discernment and wisdom from Your heart that I might see as You see, and hear as You hear.

I give you all my judgments, and ask you to forgive my heart for anything that is NOT in YOUR PERFECT WILL in my life. Pluck out any deceptions, or lies I've believed. DESTROY opinions that don't line up with YOURS. Forgive me for believing any lies or distortions that have come from the enemy to blind me, and remove the scales from my eyes. In the name and blood of Jesus, help me to overcome everything that would offend you that

I may receive the fullness of YOU. Would You release revelations of Your love that I would be FULL of the depth, breadth, width and length of the knowledge of YOUR LOVE, that I may be filled with the fullness of YOU.

Help me to know that love, and peace that is YOURS, that all men might know how much YOU love them. Help me to walk like You Jesus, to talk like you, to see like You, to respond as You would respond. I will not be satisfied till I awake in YOUR LIKENESS. I will not be satisfied, till people are healed and delivered by Your presence in and around me. Let my words be like apples of gold in settings of silver. Forgive oh Lord, all my self condemnation, and doubts, or self pity. Forgive any discontentment with where I am, and anger at You for putting me here. I renounce any anger Lord against anyone. I pray YOU will destroy every yoke of bitterness or anger that is displaced including towards myself. I renounce resentment, and defeatism, and ask that YOU forgive all this and remove it from my life, and ask that YOU would release YOUR JOY, inexpressible and overflowing in my life, regardless of circumstances. Grant to me the GIFT OF FAITH to get through these times victoriously. In the name and blood of Jesus, AMEN.]

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