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A 31 Day Daily Devotional to
Transform Your Prayer Life

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About This Devotional

Every believer carries divine treasure within—God-given purpose, untapped potential, and spiritual greatness placed there by design. Yet for many, that gold remains hidden beneath layers of fear, past pain, limitation, and an unfulfilled sense of identity.

Mining the Gold in You was created to help uncover what God has already placed inside you.

Produced by Divine Visitation Assemblies, this daily devotional offers short, powerful readings designed to refine character, awaken purpose, and activate the fullest expression of who God created you to be. Each day invites you into a process of spiritual excavation—removing hindrances, renewing the mind, and revealing the treasure of faith, courage, wisdom, and destiny within.

Through Scripture, reflection, and prophetic insight, this devotional guides you into daily encounters with God that transform how you see yourself, how you walk with Him, and how you live out your calling.

This devotional is not meant to be rushed or merely completed.

It is meant to be lived—day by day, layer by layer—until the gold within you shines.

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Foreword

WOW! That is my first impression of this daily devotional. I have studied and applied leadership principles in my life for the last thirty years. I have sought out those who possess knowledge and fruit in this area at all cost. One of those people has been my great friend, Bishop Andre Thomas. Andre carries a unique combination of anointing and wisdom that has been a vital resource and benefit for my wife and me. I have volumes of notes from our conversations that have helped me become a better leader and a better person. I know this devotional will be an asset for everyone, including myself. It has already become part of my daily reading.

Leadership, like anything else in life, is a journey, not an event. It requires a consistent pursuit and intentional approach to our daily activities. Everyone who studies and applies leadership principles will, in turn, begin to teach them to others. Whether you are a leader of a large congregation, a company, or a family of four, you are a leader. Therefore, you must fill your life with truth, wisdom, and practical application in order to be effective.

Today in America, we do not teach leadership in our schools. Most people come to college without understanding that knowledge in a field does not

automatically make someone a leader. A leader is someone who has influence, not merely someone who holds a position. You will have to work to grow as a leader. It does not come naturally to everyone.

My recommendation is to get started and do not stop. Learn wisdom from others, and you too will develop your leadership style and ability.

One of my deepest wells of sweet, refreshing truth is my brother Andre. You will find that his insights, along with his clear way of communicating these truths, will be both impactful and useful.

So go ahead. Get started today on a journey that will benefit you and all those you will touch. Do it with my friend Andre, and I know you will be blessed, just as I have been.

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Introduction

Dear Reader,

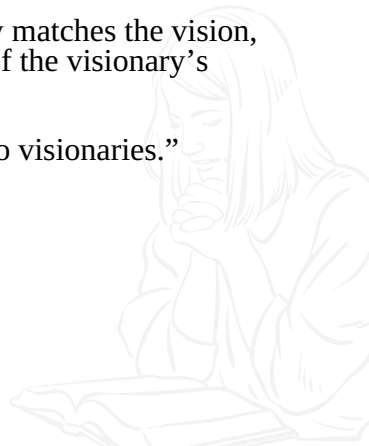
You are holding this life-changing devotional in your hand because of an encounter I had with the Lord in 2006.

During this encounter, the audible voice of the Lord came to me twice and said:

“The problems of this world can be solved by the people of this world if they manifest vision.”

Then the voice of the Holy Spirit spoke from within and said:

- ◆ “The problems of a generation will never be greater than the ideas and solutions within people born into that generation.
- ◆ These ideas and solutions are within people in the form of an uncommon vision.
- ◆ Unless the wisdom in the visionary matches the vision, the vision will become the object of the visionary’s frustration.
- ◆ I am sending you to take wisdom to visionaries.”



In June 2016, the Holy Spirit, referencing Colossians 2:3, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,” instructed me to write a wisdom epistle to my generation. This epistle would contain an A to Z of how to fulfill vision and would be treasures of wisdom. This book is the manifestation of that instruction.

For each day of the month, I have shared treasures from the hidden wisdom and knowledge of God for your glory, breakthrough, advancement, prosperity, healing, and wholeness to mine the greatness in you.

1 Corinthians 2:6–7 says, “But we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, which God has hidden and predetermined before the world for our glory.”

As you apply what you learn from these daily devotions, your life will become a wonder. The greatest version of you will emerge and bring great pleasure to God as your light shines in a dark world.

For your greatness,
Dr. Andre Thomas

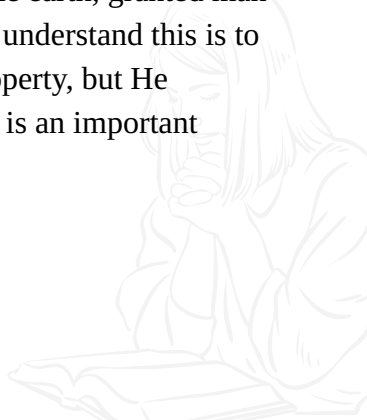
Day 1: God Owns the Earth, but Man Has the Lease and Dominion

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” ~ *Genesis 1:26*

Understanding the mindset of God when He created man is essential to understanding the place of prayer in God’s heart and in man’s life.

God created the earth, and therefore He owns it. However, by the legal decree of His Word, He gave man dominion over the earth. The word dominion means to take charge, rule, manage, oversee, lead, and govern.

In other words, God, as the owner of the earth, granted man the authority to manage it. One way to understand this is to think of it as a lease. God owns the property, but He entrusted its management to man. This is an important concept to grasp.



This helps explain why God did not intervene when Adam and Eve made the disastrous decision to yield to Satan's temptation and eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God did not intervene because doing so would have violated the authority He had already given to man.

Consider a practical example. If you rent a house from a landlord, that landlord does not normally interfere with the decisions you make inside the home. Imagine that you made the poor decision to allow an old romantic flame to move into the house while you were engaged to someone else. It would be unthinkable for the landlord to step in and manage that situation for you.

Why? Because once the lease is in your name, you are responsible for what happens inside the house. If you want the landlord's involvement, you must invite him in and ask for his advice or assistance.

The same principle applies spiritually.

God Almighty will enter into the affairs of man when He is invited. That invitation is called *prayer*. When we pray, we are giving God permission to intervene in our lives and circumstances. If we do not ask Him to come into a situation, He will not violate the dominion He has given to us.

We also know that landlords periodically inspect their properties while the lease is in effect. In a similar way, God observes how we are managing, administrating, and governing life on the earth He entrusted to us.

This arrangement will remain in place until man's lease on the earth reaches its conclusion at the second coming of Jesus Christ. Until that time, much of God's activity on the earth is connected to the prayers of His people.

Prayer

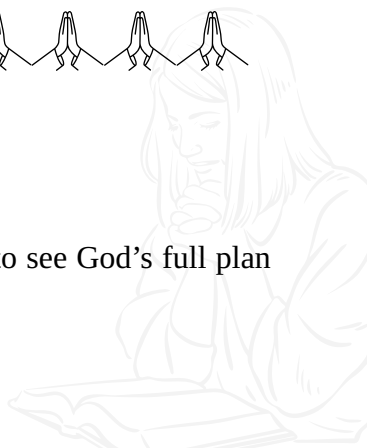
Heavenly Father, help me to understand the power of prayer. Impart to me a spirit of prayer. I realize that I cannot delegate my responsibility to pray to someone else. I must take responsibility to give You permission to operate in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

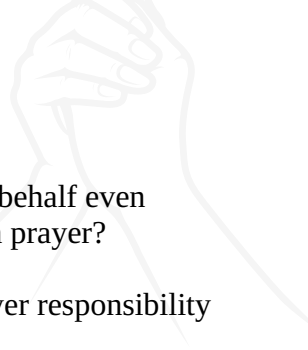
Stop and reflect.

Are you praying at the level required to see God's full plan for your life come to pass?



Are you hoping that He will move on your behalf even though you are not spending quality time in prayer?

Or are you attempting to delegate your prayer responsibility to someone else?



Day 2: Prayer is Giving God Earthly License to Transact Heavenly Business and Intervene on Earth

“The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lords’: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.”

~ *Psalms 115:16*

The heavens belong to God, but the earth has been entrusted to the children of men.

Heaven is magnificent beyond human description because God is fully in charge there. Earth, however, is a mixture of the good, the bad, the beautiful, and the evil—because man is in charge.

In heaven there are no accidents, rapes, thefts, murders, hunger, sickness, poverty, or stagnation, because God’s rule is absolute. Yet many people, because of spiritual illiteracy, ignorantly blame God for the bad, ugly, and evil things that happen in their lives and throughout the earth.

Spiritually speaking, this would be like blaming the landlord when your fiancé unexpectedly enters your house and catches you in bed with an old romantic flame.

Such an accusation would be preposterous. Even though the landlord owns the house, you cannot expect him to prevent every poor decision made inside it.

Your landlord, even if he is good, loving, and gracious, cannot interfere unless you invite him to act. If you want his help, you must give him permission to come in, remove the unwanted guest, speak wisdom into your situation, and help restore order.

The same principle applies spiritually.

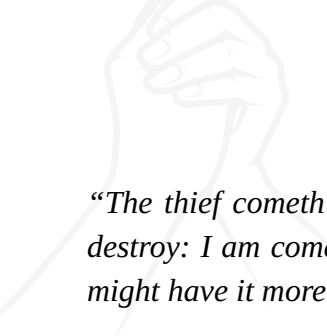
The evil that exists in life and on the earth cannot be stopped unless man prays.

Satan also works to carry out an agenda on the earth, often through practices the Bible refers to as witchcraft. God alludes to this reality in the following scripture:

“Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!” ~ Numbers 23:23

Witchcraft involves the use of divination and enchantment to give license to Satan and his demons to carry out their destructive agenda on the earth.

Jesus described Satan’s mission clearly in John 10:10:



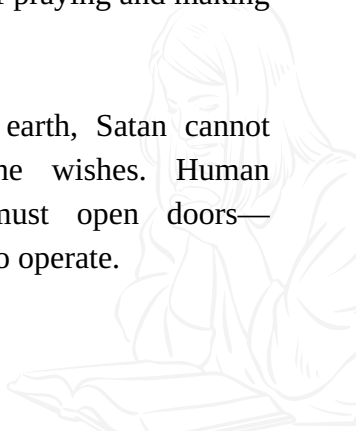
“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

Divination is the practice of communicating with evil spirits to obtain information about Satan’s plans, prophecies, and objectives in the lives of individuals, families, and nations. It also includes seeking information from demons about people and events.

Enchantment, on the other hand, involves the use of incantations, rituals, and spells intended to release demonic forces to carry out those plans. These acts are meant to influence, manipulate, or destroy the destinies of people, families, and nations.

In simple terms, witchcraft is the act of praying and making requests to the devil.

Because man has dominion on the earth, Satan cannot simply enter and do whatever he wishes. Human cooperation is required. People must open doors—knowingly or unknowingly—for him to operate.



However, a child of God who faithfully fulfills his or her prayer responsibilities will consistently defeat the forces of darkness. The light of divine intervention released through prayer will always expel the darkness that seeks to steal, kill, and destroy.

One of the words used to describe Satan is “*thief*.” A thief owns nothing. He enters by stealth in order to steal from others. But he will always be defeated through accurate and persistent prayer.

Across our nations there are covens, lodges, and gatherings devoted to dark spiritual practices that daily seek to release demonic influence. It is time for the people of God to turn on the light of prayer and declare, “*Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered.*”

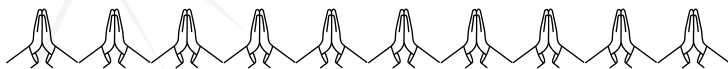
Darkness has never won a battle against God.

When the agents of Satan pray and the people of God pray, there is ultimately no contest. But if God’s people are spiritually asleep while satanic agents are active, defeat can occur—not because God is weak, but because the light of prayer has not been switched on.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, I register for training in the school of prayer. Teach me how to release the light of divine revelation and intervention into my life and affairs, so that the darkness of

evil will flee from me. Amen.



Today's Assignment

The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing, and now you understand why.

How often do you pray?



Day 3: God Only Controls on Earth What Man Gives Him License to Control Through Prayer, Faith, and Obedience

“The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lords’: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.”

~ *Psalm 115:16*

A very popular statement often repeated in many circles is, “God is in control.” However, in many situations this statement does not fully reflect the reality of how God has structured authority on the earth.

God has not given Himself dominion over the earth in the same way He has given it to mankind. Instead, He granted human beings free will. Because of this, God only exercises control over the areas of life that we willingly submit to Him through our obedience, prayers, and faith.

Throughout Scripture we see many examples where God did not control human decisions:

- ◆ Eve gave Adam the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

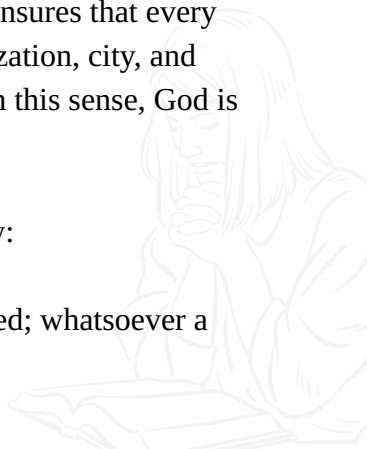
- ◆ Noah's generation rebelled against God, leading to the judgment of the flood.
- ◆ After the flood, the people of the earth began building the Tower of Babel under the leadership of Nimrod.
- ◆ The children of Israel, though delivered from Egypt, refused to obey God's voice and therefore did not enter the Promised Land.
- ◆ After inheriting the land of Canaan, Israel again rebelled against God and followed idols, which eventually resulted in their being scattered among the nations.
- ◆ Herod beheaded John the Baptist.

These events demonstrate that God does not force human actions.

However, while God does not control our actions, He does control the harvest of our actions. He ensures that every individual, relationship, family, organization, city, and nation ultimately reaps what it sows. In this sense, God is the Lord of the harvest.

Scripture explains this principle clearly:

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a



man sows, that will he also reap.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” ~ *Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV)*

If God were automatically controlling every circumstance on earth, Jesus would not have taught us to pray, “*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*”

This prayer reveals something important: God’s will must be invited into the earth.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, teach me how to give You the licence to make my life a reflection of the beauty and magnificence of heaven through my obedience, faith, and prayers. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Are you doing enough to give God control over your life through your obedience, faith, and prayer?

Day 4: Prayer is First a Benefit to God Before It Is a Benefit to Us

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

~ *Jeremiah 33:3*

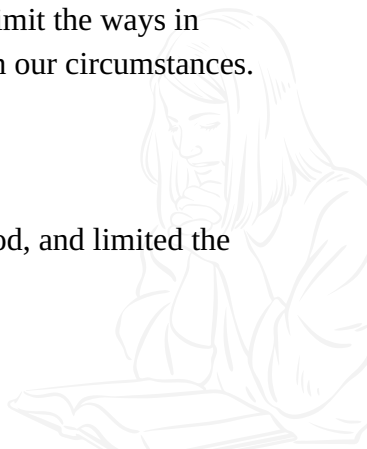
John Wesley, the great preacher and revivalist, once famously said that God does nothing on earth except in response to prayer.

The great, mighty, marvelous things—the exceedingly abundant works that God desires to do in our lives, families, organizations, towns, cities, and nations—are often waiting on one thing: our prayer life.

In many ways, the manifestation of God’s power in the earth is connected to the obedience, faith, and prayers of His people. When we fail to pray, we limit the ways in which God can move through us and in our circumstances.

Scripture illustrates this sobering truth:

“Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.” ~ *Psalms 78:41*



The children of Israel limited what God desired to do for them because of their unbelief and disobedience.

In the same way, prayerlessness can restrict what God intends to accomplish in our lives. When we neglect prayer, we close the door to the great, marvelous, and mighty works God desires to reveal.

For this reason, Scripture treats prayerlessness seriously. When we fail to pray, we are not simply neglecting a spiritual discipline—we are refusing the invitation to partner with God in the fulfillment of His purposes.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, deliver me from the sin of prayerlessness. Anoint me to pray as I should, and awaken within me a deep desire to seek You in prayer.
Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

What value do you truly place on prayer in your life?

Day 5: The Holy Spirit Helps Us by Giving Us a Prayer Agenda That Will Be Answered

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

~ *Romans 8:26-27*

One of the greatest challenges people face when they want to pray is that they simply do not know what God wants to do in their lives or how heaven intends to move in their circumstances with peace, joy, love, breakthrough, fulfillment, and prosperity.

Because of this uncertainty, many people pray very general prayers such as:

“God bless me,”

“God heal me,”

“God promote me,” or

“God provide for me.”



While these prayers express genuine desire, they are often too broad to engage the specific plans of God. What people are really praying for are the outcomes of God's plans, rather than praying for the plans themselves to be revealed and fulfilled.

Prayer is not simply asking God for results—it is partnering with Him to carry out His plans that ultimately produce those results.

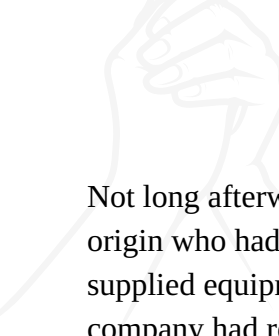
The revelation of God's plan for your life becomes the foundation of your prayer life. This is where the ministry of the Holy Spirit becomes essential.

The Holy Spirit helps us understand what to pray and how to pray according to the will of God.

I remember a season in my life when I was living in the United States and asking God repeatedly for financial provision. During that time, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and revealed something surprising. He told me that I did not have a financial provision problem. Instead, my problem was that I had not yet connected with the divine relationship He had prepared for me.

That revelation changed my prayers.

Instead of simply asking God for money, I began praying for God to position me in the right places at the right times.



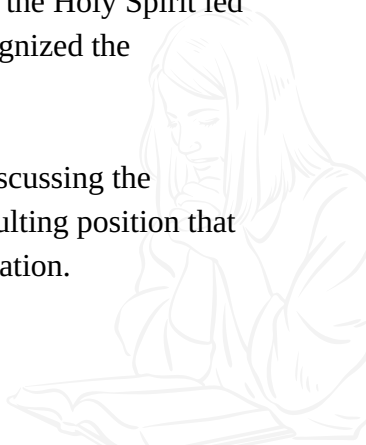
Not long afterward, I met a remarkable woman of Dutch origin who had co-founded a company that developed and supplied equipment to the United States military. The company had reached a point of stagnation and had already hired several consultants who had failed to produce meaningful change.

During a season of prayer—about a year before I met her and moved to the United States—the Lord had given her a dream. In the dream, she saw that God would send a Black strategy and organizational consultant who would help take the company to the next level.

She had been searching for that person for more than a year.

We eventually met at a conference that the Holy Spirit led me to attend, and we immediately recognized the connection.

After meeting with her husband and discussing the company's needs, I was offered a consulting position that dramatically changed my financial situation.



This experience confirmed something powerful: the Holy Spirit was right. I did not have a money problem—I had a connection problem. Once I began praying according to God’s strategy, heaven manifested in my finances.

Prayer

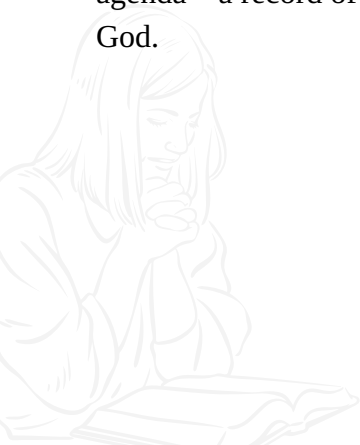
Holy Spirit, reveal to me the things I should be praying about for advancement and breakthrough in my life. Guide my prayers so that they align with the will and purposes of God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



Today’s Assignment

Purchase a journal and begin the habit of writing down the things you sense the Holy Spirit leading you to pray about.

Over time, this journal will become your personal prayer agenda—a record of the conversations between you and God.



Day 6: God's Word Is God's Part of Your Prayer Life

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

~ 1 John 5:14-15

God's Word comes to us in two forms: *Logos* and *Rhema*. These are two Greek words that are both translated as “the Word of God” in the Bible, yet they carry distinct meanings that are important for understanding effective prayer.

The word *Logos* appears in John 1:1:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

The passage continues by explaining that the Word was with God in the beginning, and that all things were created through Him; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

The term *Logos* refers to the totality of God's communication to mankind. It represents the entire counsel

of God—from Genesis to Revelation. In other words, the entire Bible is the Logos.

The Logos reveals God’s general will for humanity: that we live an abundant life and fulfill the divine destiny He has prepared for us.

Scripture reflects this promise:

“That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.”
~ Deuteronomy 11:21

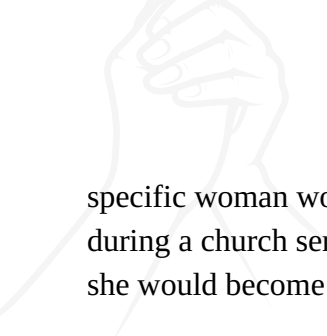
This means that we can pray with confidence against anything in our lives that resembles the “days of hell on earth,” and we can ask God to manifest the days of heaven in our circumstances.

The second expression of God’s Word is the Rhema.

This term appears in Romans 10:17, which teaches that faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

The word Rhema refers to a specific word spoken by God to a person concerning a particular situation. It is the personal voice of God guiding an individual.

For example, there was a time when I heard an audible instruction directing me to visit a particular store where a



specific woman worked so that I could meet her. Later, during a church service, I received a vision that revealed she would become my wife.

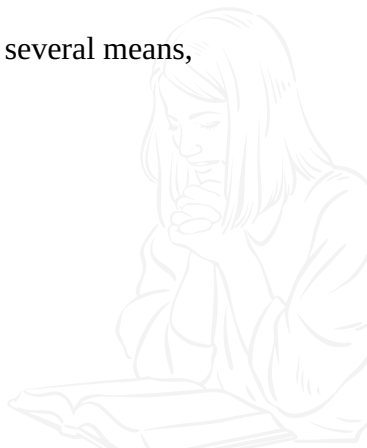
There is no specific scripture in the Bible that could have told me where to locate my future wife. That level of personal guidance does not come through the Logos; it comes through the Rhema—God’s personal communication by His Spirit.

The Rhema word paints a picture of the future God desires for you. It reveals the things He wants you to pray for and pursue.

Therefore, effective prayer draws its agenda from both the Logos and the Rhema.

The Rhema of God may come through several means, including:

- ◆ an inward impression in your spirit
- ◆ a vision or dream
- ◆ hearing the voice of God



- ◆ prophecy
- ◆ or a strong inward prompting by the Holy Spirit

While the Logos represents the written Word of God, the Rhema represents the specific application of that Word to your life.

However, there is an important principle to remember: Rhema will never contradict Logos.

For example, someone cannot claim to receive a Rhema saying that the solution to their financial problem is to rob a bank while expecting divine protection. The Logos clearly teaches that we must not steal or covet what belongs to another.

Because the Logos is the foundation of God's truth, every Rhema must align with it.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask that You send me a Rhema word for this season of my life. Help me to hear Your voice clearly and to pray according to Your will. Amen.





Today's Assignment

Create a journal where you record and reflect on the Rhema words God has given you throughout your life.

Review them often and allow them to guide your prayers and decisions.



Day 7: Inaccurate Prayers Are Not Answered

“You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires.”

~ *James 4:3 (AMP)*

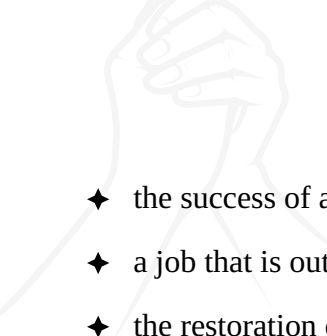
This scripture reveals an important principle of prayer that many people do not fully understand: it is possible to pray incorrectly.

The word “amiss” is an old English expression that means to miss the target. In the context of prayer, the target is God’s agenda for your life.

When we pray amiss, our prayers are not answered because prayer is fundamentally about asking God for what He already intends to do. Prayer is meant to align us with His will—not to persuade Him to support our own agendas.

For this reason, there are certain things we cannot successfully pray for. We cannot pray for:

- ◆ a romantic relationship that God has not ordained

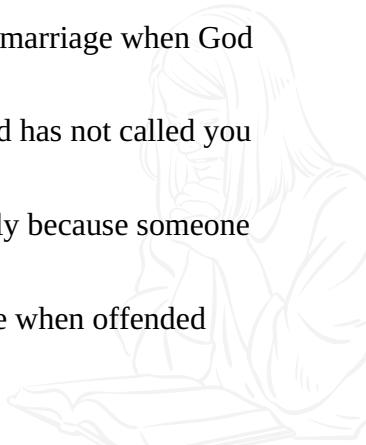
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- ◆ the success of a business God never called us to pursue
 - ◆ a job that is outside His plan for our lives
 - ◆ the restoration of a relationship that God intends to end

Understanding this principle is crucial.

God’s Word—in the form of Logos and Rhema—should be the true source of our prayer life. However, many times our lusts become the source of our prayers instead.

Many people misunderstand the word lust, assuming it refers only to sexual desire. In reality, lust simply means an intense craving or itch for something that does not belong to you, is not meant for you, or has been forbidden to you.

For example, this “itch” might appear as:

- ◆ a desire to force a relationship into marriage when God has not sanctioned it
 - ◆ a desire to relocate to a country God has not called you to live in
 - ◆ a desire to possess something simply because someone else has it
 - ◆ a desire to speak harshly or retaliate when offended
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If these desires are not resisted, they can eventually become the driving force behind our prayers.

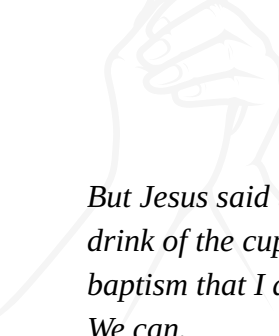
Every human being must confront the temptation to desire what is forbidden. It is part of the nature of the flesh. Sometimes this desire even appears in spiritual forms—such as craving a ministry, anointing, or position that God has not assigned to you.

Even the disciples of Jesus struggled with this.

James and John desired to hold the two highest positions of authority in Christ's eternal kingdom. Their mother even approached Jesus to ask if her sons could sit at His right and left hand in glory.

The account is recorded in Scripture:

“And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.”



But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can.

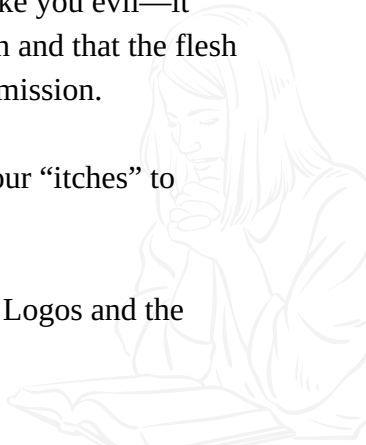
And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.” ~ Mark 10:35-40

John eventually became one of the most influential disciples of Jesus and later wrote the Book of Revelation. Yet even he struggled with the desire for a position that was not his to claim.

Having a forbidden desire does not make you evil—it simply reminds you that you are human and that the flesh must be continually brought under submission.

From this day forward, do not allow your “itches” to become the source of your prayer life.

Instead, let your prayers flow from the Logos and the Rhema Word of God.



Prayer

Heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, give me the grace to crucify every forbidden desire within me. I declare that I will not be controlled by cravings for what belongs to others, what is not meant for me, or what You have forbidden. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Mentally identify the desires within you that need to be crucified.

Remember: the crucifixion of these desires is a marathon, not a sprint. It requires patience, discipline, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.



Day 8: God's Word Is the Source of Your Prayers, But Your Fervency is the Power Behind Them

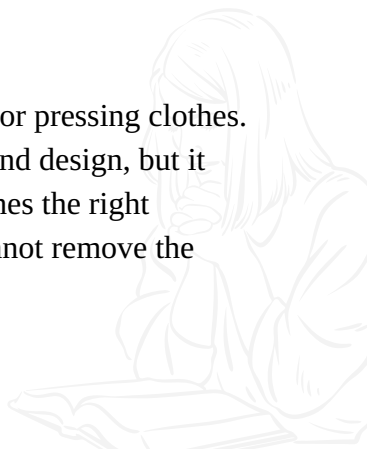
“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth for the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”

~ *James 5:16-18*

For prayer to be effective, it must first be rooted in God's Word—both the Logos and the Rhema. However, for prayer to carry power, it must also be accompanied by fervency.

The word fervent means red hot.

Consider the example of an iron used for pressing clothes. The iron may have the proper weight and design, but it cannot fulfill its purpose unless it reaches the right temperature. Without heat, the iron cannot remove the wrinkles and creases from the fabric.



In the same way, prayer must carry spiritual heat.

Prayer should be hot, not cold.

It should be passionate, not bland.

It should be enthusiastic, not lukewarm.

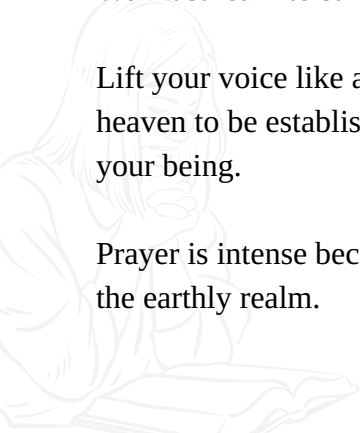
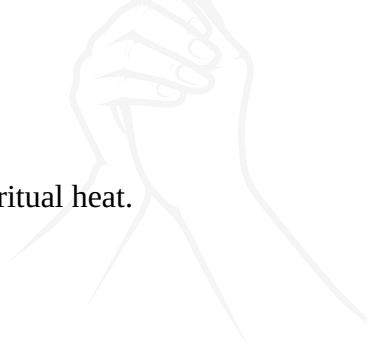
Fervent prayer is what dismantles the forces of darkness and releases the intervention of heaven.

Scripture tells us that Jesus Himself prayed with strong cries and deep intensity. If the Son of God prayed with such passion, how can we expect powerful results from prayers offered with indifference or spiritual laziness?

We must learn to stir the fire within us.

Lift your voice like a trumpet and pray for the will of heaven to be established in your life with every fiber of your being.

Prayer is intense because it is the birthing of God's will in the earthly realm.



Just as childbirth involves effort, passion, and intensity, effective prayer carries the same kind of spiritual fervor.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me the grace to pray fervently. Make my prayers passionate, enthusiastic, and spiritually alive. For the fervent and effective prayer of the righteous avails much. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Are your prayers cold, lukewarm, or spiritually hot?



Day 9: Iniquity Is The Enemy of Your Prayers

“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

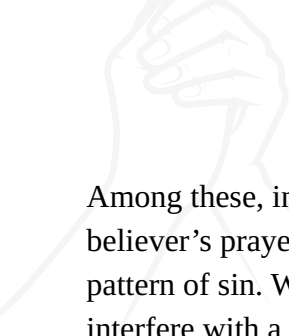
~ *Isaiah 59:1-2*

Sin appears in three forms in Scripture: transgressions, iniquities, and abominations.

A transgression is the violation of a divine boundary or law in a specific instance. It is a moment when someone knowingly or unknowingly crosses a line established by God.

An *iniquity*, however, is more serious. It refers to a habitual, ongoing violation of God’s laws and boundaries. It is not a single mistake but a pattern of sin that has become part of a person’s lifestyle.

An *abomination* refers to acts that are deeply offensive to God and completely contrary to His design and purposes.



Among these, iniquity is particularly dangerous to a believer's prayer life, because it represents a persistent pattern of sin. When sin becomes habitual, it begins to interfere with a person's relationship with God.

Scripture teaches that iniquity can create separation between a person and God, hindering the effectiveness of their prayers.

When someone continues in habitual sin, they open doors for destructive spiritual influence in their lives. Sin aligns with the nature of the enemy, and when it is tolerated or embraced, it gives the enemy an opportunity to interfere with what God desires to do.

One way to understand this is through an illustration.

Imagine allowing someone to live in your house whom you believe to be a friend. When you order something important—perhaps supplies or a valuable package—this person answers the door when the delivery arrives and tells the courier that the address is incorrect.

As a result, the delivery never reaches you.



In a similar way, when iniquity is present in a person's life, it can interfere with the answers to their prayers.

Iniquity also weakens spiritual authority. It can cause a person to lose sensitivity to God's presence and hinder the flow of His favor and power in their life. When sin becomes normalized, the authority behind prayer begins to diminish.

For this reason, it is important to examine our lives honestly and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where repentance and transformation are needed.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, search my heart and reveal to me any transgressions, iniquities, or abominable sins in my life.

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, cleanse me from these sins. Release Your grace upon me so that I can break every destructive habit and walk fully in Your plans and purposes. In Jesus name. Amen.





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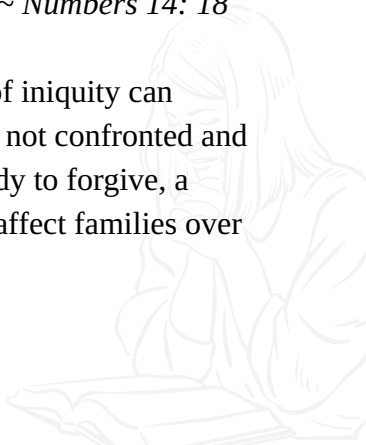
Examine your life carefully and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal whether there are any patterns of iniquity present in your life.

Consider whether these patterns may have developed through past tribulations or whether they may be influencing future generations.

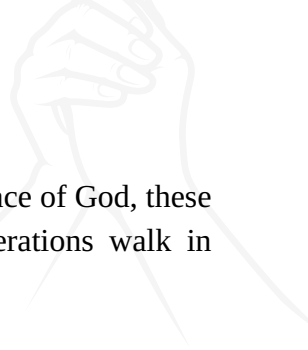
The reason this is important is that transgressions are not transferable, but iniquities can be. Scripture highlights this principle in the following passage:

“The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.” ~ Numbers 14: 18

This passage reminds us that patterns of iniquity can influence future generations if they are not confronted and broken. While God is merciful and ready to forgive, a lifestyle of sin can create patterns that affect families over time.



Through repentance, obedience, and the grace of God, these cycles can be broken so that future generations walk in righteousness instead of bondage.



Day 10: The Art of Discovering What to Pray About is Called “Watching”

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” ~ *Ephesians 6:18*

The word “watch” comes from the concept of a watchman, which in modern terms is similar to a security guard.

While growing up, our family always had a watchman at our home. Our property was about the size of a small football pitch and was surrounded by a seven-foot wall with hedges and a large twelve-foot iron gate.

My father would hire a watchman whose responsibility was to open the gate whenever members of the household were leaving or returning home, or whenever visitors arrived. He was also responsible for sounding the alarm and resisting any thieves who might attempt to enter the property.

One of the most important requirements of the job was that the watchman was not allowed to sleep at night. His duty was to patrol the property continuously and ensure that everyone inside the walls remained safe.

Unfortunately, many watchmen failed at this responsibility.

I remember several occasions when watchmen were fired for sleeping on the job. My father would sometimes return home around three o'clock in the morning. He would open the twelve-foot gate, park the car in the garage, and then look around for the watchman—only to find him fast asleep.

Instead of waking him immediately, my father would quietly take the watchman's flashlight, keys, and shoes, and carry them upstairs with him.

The next morning would bring great drama in the Thomas household. The security guard would wake up and begin frantically searching for his flashlight, keys, and shoes.

At that point my father would appear, holding the missing items.

The watchman would immediately begin begging to keep his job, but my father's response was usually a loud and decisive declaration:



“YOU ARE FIRED!”

A new watchman would then be hired, and my siblings and I would start placing bets on how long it would take before the next one was fired for sleeping on duty.

While this is a true and humorous story, it also reveals an important principle of prayer.

You are the watchman of your life.

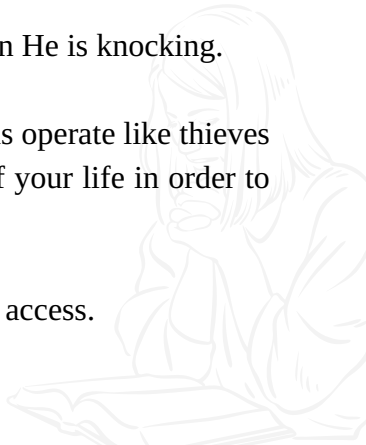
At the gate of your life, God desires to enter with breakthroughs, destiny, divine relationships, uncommon success, and the manifestation of heaven on earth.

But you must be awake to open the gate when He arrives.

You must not be spiritually asleep when He is knocking.

At the same time, Satan and his demons operate like thieves who attempt to climb over the walls of your life in order to steal, kill, and destroy.

If you are not watching, they may gain access.



Many people fail to experience what God desires to give them because they are asleep to what God wants to do in their lives. Others experience devastation because they are asleep to what Satan is attempting to steal from them.

Your ability to watch—to discern what God wants to do and what the enemy is attempting to destroy—should guide how you pray.

It is time to arise from spiritual slumber.

Watch, and then pray.

Prayer opens the gate for the divine to enter your life, and prayer closes the gate against demonic access.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, forgive me for the times when I have been spiritually asleep and failed to open the gate of prayer for You to do great things in my life.

Give me the grace to watch more carefully so that I may open the gate of prayer to Your plans and shut the gate against the agenda of Satan for my life and my family.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

On a scale from 1 to 10, how effectively are you watching over the gate of your destiny?



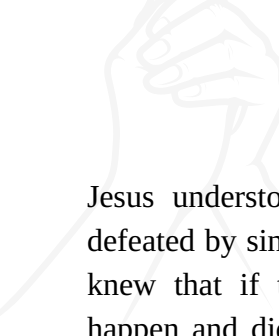
Day 11: Watching and Praying Is The Antidote to Being Blindsided and Defeated by Temptations, Tests, and Trials

“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ~ *Matthew 26:40-41*

There are certain battles in life that cannot be avoided. In those moments, we must rely on God’s wisdom, His grace, and the victory that Jesus secured for us on the cross in order to overcome.

However, there are many battles that people face which could have been avoided altogether.

In this passage, Jesus warned His disciples that they needed to watch and remain spiritually alert. They also needed to recognize that the events surrounding His crucifixion were about to unfold and that their own lives could soon be threatened by the same spirit of violence and hostility.



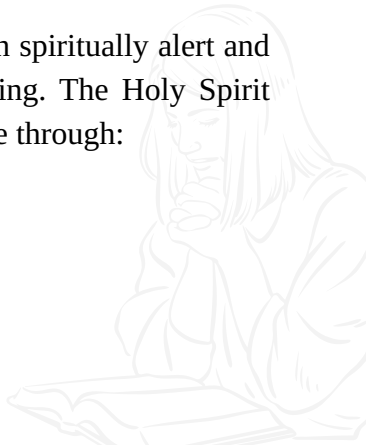
Jesus understood that the disciples did not want to be defeated by sin, fear, or the forces of darkness. Yet He also knew that if they failed to discern what was about to happen and did not pray for the grace to overcome, their weak flesh would leave them vulnerable.

This situation reflects the experience of many believers today.

Many are defeated by sin or spiritual opposition simply because they fail to discern the presence of evil during seasons of spiritual conflict.

One important truth about spiritual warfare is that opposition does not occur constantly. Instead, it often appears in specific seasons.

For this reason, it is essential to remain spiritually alert and sensitive to what God may be revealing. The Holy Spirit may communicate warning or guidance through:

- ◆ inward perception or discernment
 - ◆ the still, small voice
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- ◆ dreams and visions
- ◆ revelation from the Word of God

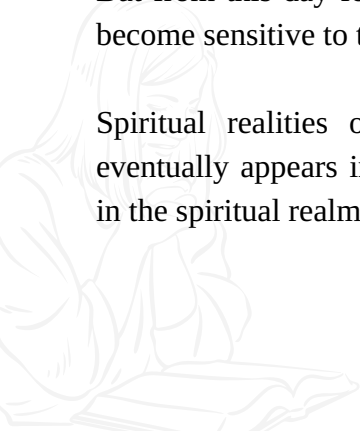
Unfortunately, many people remain spiritually asleep even when they are under attack. Because they fail to respond in prayer, they become vulnerable to defeat.

When you sense darkness, heaviness, resistance, or oppression in the spiritual atmosphere around you, that is often a signal that you must discern what is happening and respond through prayer.

Many believers have never been taught how to respond to these moments of spiritual awareness. As a result, they ignore what they perceive and fail to take action.

But from this day forward, in the name of Jesus, may you become sensitive to the spiritual environment around you.

Spiritual realities often precede physical events. What eventually appears in the physical realm frequently begins in the spiritual realm first.



Therefore, when something is confronted and overcome spiritually, it often prevents the problem from fully manifesting in the natural world.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I ask that You anoint me to perceive spiritual activity in my life—both the divine and the demonic—so that I may welcome what comes from You and resist what comes from the enemy.

Help me to respond in prayer so that Your purposes are manifested and the works of darkness are stopped before they take root.

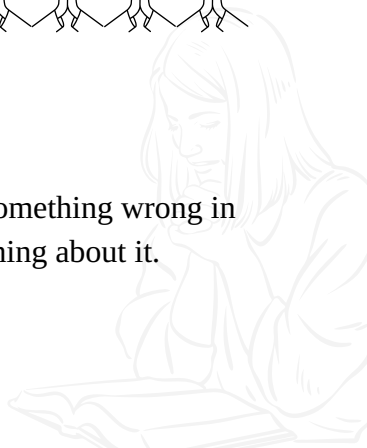
In Jesus' name. Amen.



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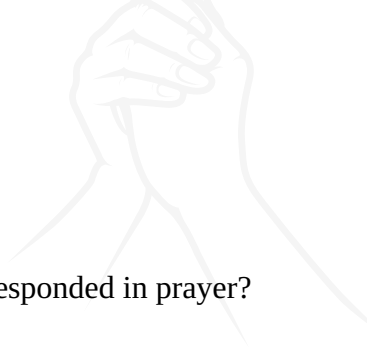
Stop and reflect.

Think about a time when you sensed something wrong in your spiritual environment but did nothing about it.



What was the outcome?

What might have changed if you had responded in prayer?



Day 12: Watching and Praying Is The Divine Method for Escaping the Evil of these Perilous Times

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

~ *Luke 21:25-28*

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

~ *Luke 21:34-36*

The closing period of the last days will be marked by a significant increase in wickedness throughout the earth.

This wickedness will manifest in many forms, including terrorism, cybercrime, theft, drug addiction, extreme sexual immorality, the widespread influence of pornography, economic instability, natural disasters, broken families, geopolitical conflict, and the increasing influence of evil individuals and systems.

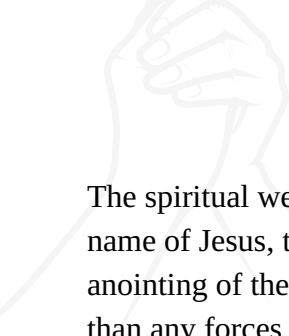
A simple look at the news reveals that many of these conditions are already part of our daily reality.

To avoid becoming casualties of these forces requires spiritual awareness and vigilance. Believers must learn to watch carefully over the spiritual environment of their lives.

The good news is that God's power is greater than the evil of the last days.

God's wisdom is greater than the evil of the last days.

The angels God assigns to protect His people are greater than the evil of the last days.



The spiritual weapons available to believers—such as the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, the Word of God, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit—are infinitely more powerful than any forces of darkness operating in these times.

However, there is an important condition.

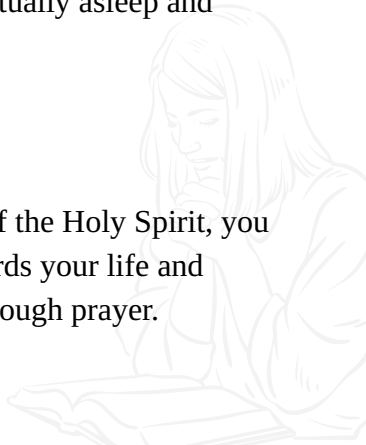
If the vigilance and alertness of believers do not match the level of spiritual opposition present in the environments where they live, they may still suffer unnecessary loss in spiritual battles.

In other words, believers are not defeated because they lack spiritual weapons. They are defeated when they fail to remain spiritually awake and prepared.

When the enemy attacks, they are spiritually asleep and unable to respond effectively.

But this does not have to be your story.

Through the revelation and guidance of the Holy Spirit, you can become a man or woman who guards your life and destiny with wisdom, and vigilance through prayer.



Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, give me an anointing that is greater than the evil present in my environment.

Grant me spiritual discernment through the Holy Spirit so that I can detect the movements of the enemy before they reach me.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

List three people from Scripture who were able to escape destruction or defeat because they remained spiritually alert.



Day 13: There Are Different Prayer Solutions for Different Situations

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” ~ *Ephesians 6:18*

“Pray in the Spirit at all times with every kind of prayer and request. Likewise, be alert with your most diligent efforts and pray for all the saints.” ~ *Ephesians 6:18 (ISV)*

Scripture reveals that there are different types of prayer, each designed for different situations.

In fact, there are twelve different kinds of prayer, and each one provides a specific avenue for divine intervention.

To understand this, consider the work of a carpenter. A carpenter does not rely on a single tool. Instead, he uses a variety of tools—such as a saw, chisel, hammer, sandpaper, nails, and a tape measure. Each tool serves a particular purpose, and all of them work together according to the carpenter’s wisdom to produce the finished product.

In the same way, believers have multiple forms of prayer available to them. Wisdom and spiritual understanding are

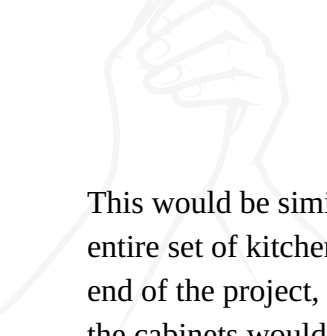
required to know which type of prayer to use in a particular situation in order to see God's will accomplished on earth as it is in heaven.

Unfortunately, many believers are unaware of this principle and assume that they can pray in any way they choose for every circumstance.

However, each form of prayer operates according to its own principles—just as different sports operate according to different rules. The rules that govern basketball are not the same as those that govern soccer.

Similarly, the principles that govern praying in the Spirit are not the same as those that govern decrees and declarations, or prayers of inquiry.

Many believers develop a favorite way of praying and attempt to use that single method for every situation in life. This often leads to frustration and limited results.



This would be similar to a carpenter attempting to build an entire set of kitchen cabinets using only a hammer. By the end of the project, the carpenter would be frustrated, and the cabinets would likely remain unfinished.

In the same way, some believers rely exclusively on one form of prayer—such as the prayer of supplication—and attempt to use it for every need in their lives. When this happens, they may struggle to receive divine revelation or intervention in certain areas.

In the chapters that follow, you will learn about the twelve types of prayer, the principles that govern them, and how to use them effectively.

It is important to remember that prayer is ultimately answered because of God's mercy and grace.

Both mercy and grace reflect God's kindness toward those who do not deserve it. However, they operate in different ways.

- ◆ *Mercy* is God withholding the punishment that we deserve
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◆ *Grace* is God giving us blessings we do not deserve

Because of this, our own attitudes toward others can influence the effectiveness of our prayers.

Those who refuse to show mercy to others who have wronged them may find that their own prayers are hindered. Scripture reminds us of this principle:

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” ~ Matthew 5:7.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me about the different types of prayer so that I can use them wisely to unlock divine grace and mercy in my life, my family, my church, and every situation I face. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



Today’s Assignment

Stop and reflect.

On a scale of 1 to 10—with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest—how would you rate your current

understanding of the principles that govern the twelve types of prayer?



Day 14: The Prayer of Faith Releases the Power of God to Remove the Mountains in Your Way

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.” ~ *Mark 11:23-26*

The *Prayer of Faith* is used for the things that Jesus died on the cross for you to receive immediately.

These include:

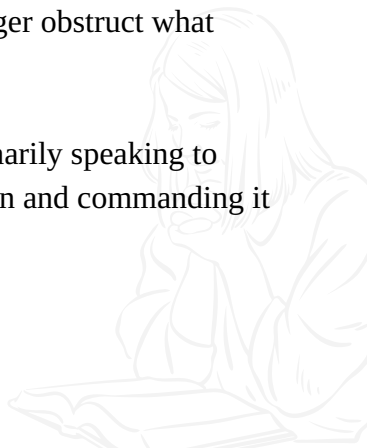
- ◆ **Forgiveness of sins** - because He died for our sins (Isaiah 53)

- ◆ **Healing of our bodies** - because by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53)
- ◆ **Deliverance from transgressions, iniquity, and abominations** - because He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities (Isaiah 53)
- ◆ **Peace** - because the chastisement for our peace was upon Him (Isaiah 53)
- ◆ **Provision for our needs** - because my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19)

The Prayer of Faith is designed to deal with every mountain of obstacles, challenges, demonic interference, calamities, and hostile systems that stand in the way of what Christ has already secured for you.

Through this prayer, believers can command those mountains to move so that they no longer obstruct what Jesus has already made available.

In the Prayer of Faith, you are not primarily speaking to God—you are speaking to the mountain and commanding it to move in the name of Jesus.



However, as the name suggests, this prayer requires the release of genuine faith in God's Word.

Because of this, before praying the Prayer of Faith, it is important to meditate on the scriptures related to your situation until fresh faith is awakened in your spirit.

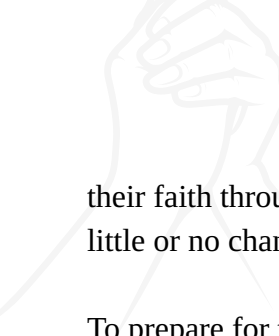
Faith cannot operate effectively if it becomes stale.

Even if someone knows many scriptures by memory, that knowledge alone does not automatically release faith for a present situation. Faith must be fresh and alive within the heart.

For example, if I needed healing, I would not simply quote scriptures I already know and immediately pray. Instead, I would return to the relevant scriptures, meditate on them deeply, and allow the Word of God to renew my faith until doubt disappears.

Only then would I rise and pray the Prayer of Faith.

Many people attempt to pray the Prayer of Faith for healing, provision, peace, or deliverance without renewing



their faith through the Word. As a result, they often see little or no change.

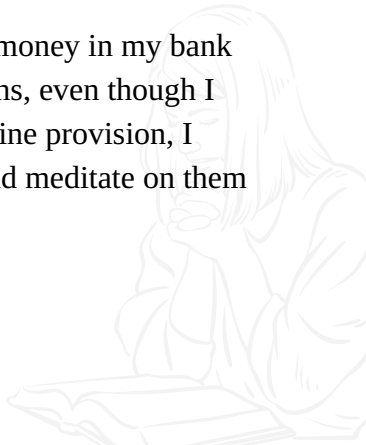
To prepare for the Prayer of Faith, you must study and meditate on the scriptures that relate to your situation. As you do this, faith is released from the Word of God into your spirit.

Scripture teaches this principle clearly:

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” ~ Romans 10:17

Faith is contained within the Word of God. It is a spiritual force that is transmitted into the human spirit when the Word becomes alive within us.

For example, if I did not have enough money in my bank account to meet my financial obligations, even though I may already know scriptures about divine provision, I would still return to those scriptures and meditate on them until faith arises within me.



One example is:

“Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.” ~ Psalm 112:1-4

I might spend several hours—or even several days—meditating on this scripture until faith rises in my spirit and doubt is removed.

Only then would I stand and declare that the mountains of financial limitation, the spirit of poverty, or economic resistance must move out of my path so that I may receive divine provision.

I would declare that wealth and provision are coming into my household and that every obstacle preventing that provision must dissolve in the name of Jesus.

Another important principle that governs the Prayer of Faith is forgiveness.

Scripture teaches that faith works through love. Therefore, faith cannot operate effectively within an unforgiving heart. In order to receive results when praying the Prayer of Faith, three conditions must be present:

- ◆ You must pray for something that Jesus has already secured for you through His sacrifice
- ◆ You must obtain fresh faith through meditation on the relevant scriptures
- ◆ You must maintain a forgiving heart toward others

Prayer

Holy Spirit, I ask that You teach me more deeply the principles and practice of the Prayer of Faith. Help me to pray with understanding and with living faith in the Word of God.

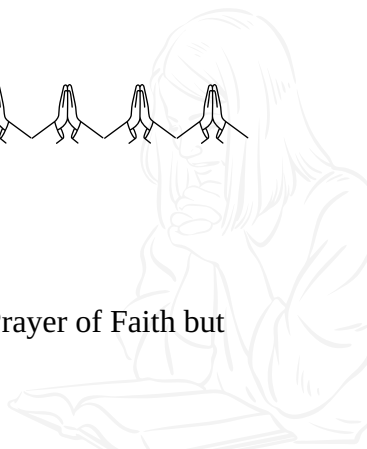
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Today's Assignment

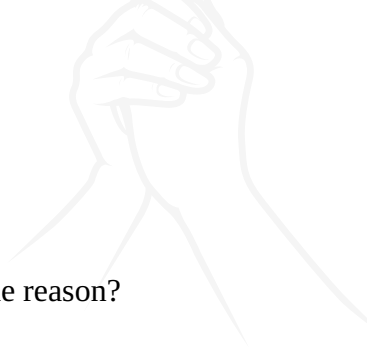
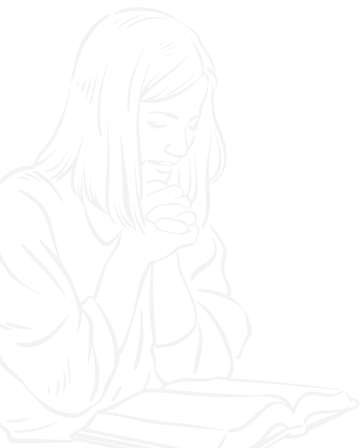
Stop and reflect.

Think of a time when you prayed the Prayer of Faith but



did not see the result you expected.

What do you believe may have been the reason?



Day 15: Praying in the Spirit Activates the “Exceedingly Abundantly Above All” Agenda of God

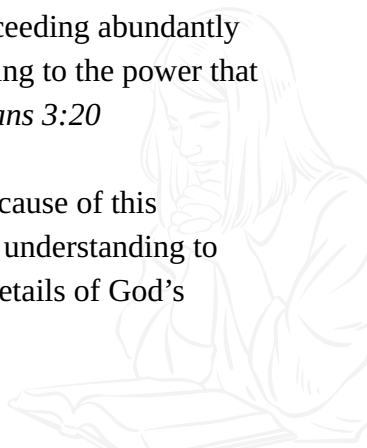
“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”

~ *1 Corinthians 14:2*

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” ~ *Acts 2:1-4*

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” ~ *Ephesians 3:20*

The natural human mind is limited. Because of this limitation, it is impossible for our own understanding to fully grasp—or accurately pray—the details of God’s



“exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think”
plan for our lives.

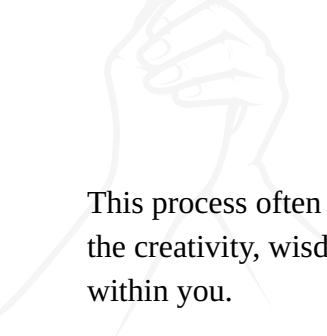
God’s plans for our lives, families, churches, cities, and nations often go far beyond what we can imagine or articulate in ordinary prayer.

This is why God provided a powerful gift to believers:
praying in the Spirit.

When we pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit helps us pray the mysteries of God. In doing so, we are praying according to God’s perfect plan—even when our natural understanding cannot fully comprehend it.

What an extraordinary provision from God: the ability to pray beyond the limits of our own knowledge.

When you pray in the Spirit, you are allowing the Holy Spirit to express the magnificent purposes of God through you. As you continue in this form of prayer, the Holy Spirit can also bring understanding, illumination, and insight into the plans that are being prayed.



This process often awakens spiritual insight and activates the creativity, wisdom, and divine ideas that God has placed within you.

The apostle Paul was a man who received extraordinary revelations from God and lived a life that reflected the “exceedingly abundantly above all” dimension of God’s work.

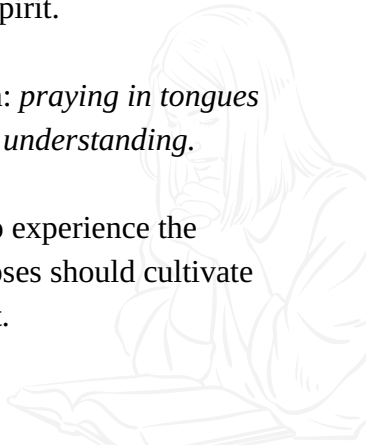
Paul said:

*“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.” ~
1 Corinthians 14:18*

However, when Paul taught publicly, he often communicated the revelations and insights that came to him through his time spent praying in the Spirit.

This demonstrates an important pattern: *praying in tongues often precedes spiritual revelation and understanding.*

For this reason, believers who desire to experience the supernatural dimension of God’s purposes should cultivate a consistent life of praying in the Spirit.



If you have not yet experienced the fullness of the Holy Spirit, seek God and ask Him to fill you. As you grow in your prayer life, set aside regular time to pray in the Spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers.

Developing this discipline will open the door for deeper revelation, greater spiritual sensitivity, and a clearer understanding of God's plans for your life.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me the principles and practice of praying in the Spirit. Help me to grow in sensitivity to Your voice and to align my prayers with the perfect will of God.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

How much time do you currently spend praying in the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to guide your prayers?

Consider whether increasing this time could deepen your spiritual life and understanding of God's plans.



Day 16: Praying in the Spirit Builds the Strength and Capacity of Your Spirit

“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.”

~ *1 Corinthians 14:4*

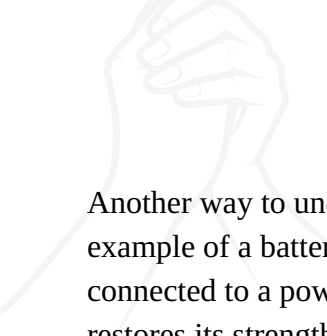
“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.” ~ *Jude 1:20*

Praying in the Spirit strengthens and builds up your spiritual-man.

Scripture teaches that when a person speaks in tongues, they edify themselves. The word edify means to build up, strengthen, or recharge.

A helpful way to understand this is to compare it to physical exercise. When someone goes to the gym and lifts weights, their muscles are placed under pressure, which causes them to grow stronger over time.

In a similar way, praying in the Spirit strengthens the spirit-man within you.



Another way to understand edification is through the example of a battery being charged. When a battery is connected to a power source, it receives energy that restores its strength and allows it to function properly.

Praying in the Spirit works in a similar way. It recharges the spirit, strengthening it with the life, fire, and power of God.

As believers regularly pray in the Spirit, their spiritual sensitivity increases, their faith grows stronger, and their inner capacity to walk with God expands.

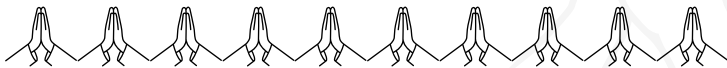
For this reason, it is wise to develop a consistent lifestyle of praying in the Spirit.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I ask that You give me the grace to develop a lifestyle of praying in the Spirit. Strengthen my inner life and help me grow in spiritual power and sensitivity.

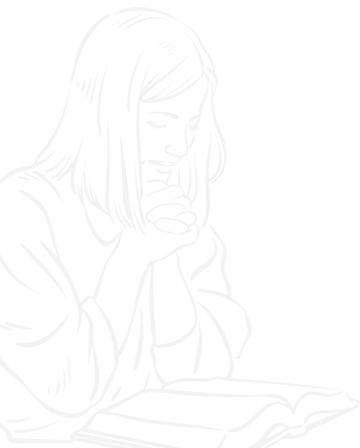
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Today's Assignment

What practical steps will you take each day to ensure that you set aside quality time to pray in the Spirit?



Day 17: Praying in the Spirit Is Different From the Gift of Diverse Kinds of Tongues

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” ~ *Mark 16: 15-18*

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Hesis the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal... To another the word of wisdom... to another prophecy... to another discerning of spirits... to another diverse kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues... But all these worketh that one

and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” ~ *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

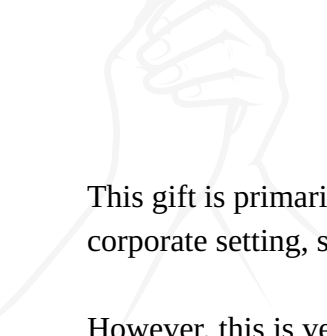
There is often confusion within the body of Christ concerning the difference between *praying in the Spirit and the gift of diverse kinds of tongues*.

Although both involve speaking in tongues, they operate under different purposes and principles.

The gift of diverse kinds of tongues is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit in which a person delivers a prophetic message from God in a supernatural language. This message is intended for another individual or for a group of people.

Because the message is delivered in tongues, it requires the presence of someone with the gift of interpretation of tongues so that the message can be understood by those who hear it.

The interpretation may come to the same person who delivered the message, or it may be given to another person present in the gathering who is able to interpret what was spoken.



This gift is primarily intended for edification within a corporate setting, such as a church gathering.

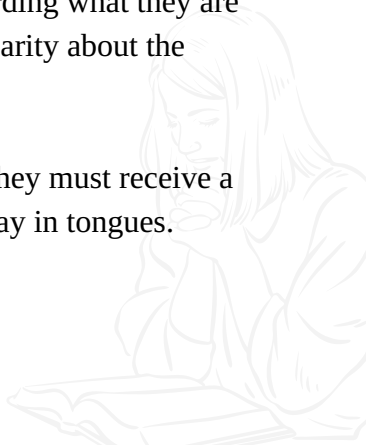
However, this is very different from the personal prayer language that believers receive through the Holy Spirit.

The prayer language given by the Holy Spirit allows an individual believer to communicate directly with God in prayer. Because this communication is directed toward God, it does not require interpretation for others to understand.

God, who is the recipient of the prayer, fully understands what is being spoken.

However, mature believers can sometimes ask the Holy Spirit for insight or interpretation regarding what they are praying in the Spirit. This may bring clarity about the matters being addressed in prayer.

Many believers mistakenly think that they must receive a special spiritual gift before they can pray in tongues.



In reality, the supernatural prayer language of the Spirit is available to every believer who receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the accompanying sign of speaking in tongues.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, empower me with the strength and endurance to pray in the Spirit for extended periods of time. As I do so, prepare the way for You to bring about the uncommon, unusual, and magnificent purposes You have planned for my life.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

What obstacles or challenges have prevented you from developing a strong and consistent prayer life?

Consider what practical steps you can take to overcome those obstacles.

Day 18: The Prayer of Repentance: Cleansing Your Sin and Realigning With the Will of God

“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

~ 1 John 1:6-10

During your life as a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven, there will be times when you make mistakes and violate spiritual laws and principles. In other words, there will be times when you sin.

The word sin means to miss the mark, to break a law, or to cross a boundary established by God.

When this happens, Scripture provides a clear and gracious path for restoration. The believer must humbly come before God in the name of Jesus and confess the sin.

Do not attempt to hide the sin, excuse it, or blame someone else. True repentance requires honesty and humility before God.

To confess means to acknowledge the specific wrongdoing—to openly state what was done and to recognize that it was contrary to God’s will.

After confessing the sin, you ask the Heavenly Father for forgiveness and for the grace to overcome the temptation in the future. This must be done in faith, trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Through repentance and confession, the believer receives both forgiveness and cleansing.

Once forgiveness has been received, you should rise from prayer with a renewed determination to walk in obedience and to avoid returning to the same path of disobedience.

Repentance literally means to change direction—to turn away from the path of sin and return to the path of righteousness.

Example of a Prayer of Repentance

Heavenly Father, my heart is broken because I have sinned against You. I have embraced thoughts, spoken words, and committed actions that are contrary to the laws of Your nature and the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven.

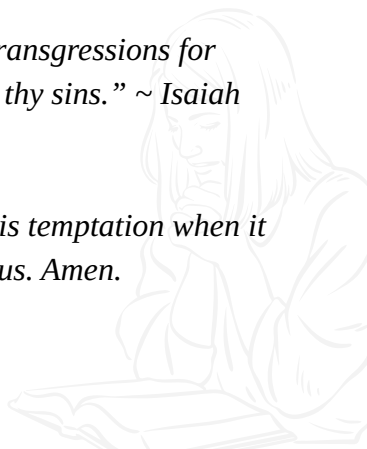
I ask that You forgive me because of the blood of Jesus that was shed for me. Through that sacrifice, my sins are forgiven and my record is cleansed. I thank You that I have been restored to right standing with You.

I humbly ask that You give me the grace not to fall into this same sin again. I receive Your forgiveness now, and I believe that my sin has been removed from the record of my life.

Your Word declares:

“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.” ~ Isaiah 43:25

I also receive the grace to overcome this temptation when it confronts me again. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me the principles and practice of the Prayer of Repentance so that I may walk in purity and remain aligned with the will of God.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

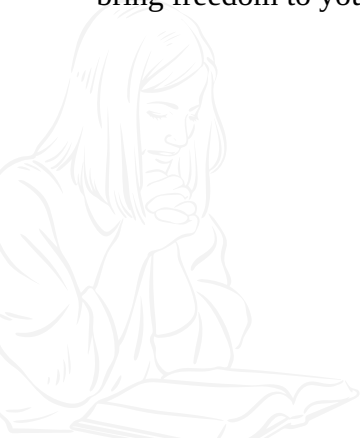


Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

When you pray the Prayer of Repentance, do you truly receive God's forgiveness—or do you continue to carry the burden of guilt from past sins, iniquities, or failures?

Consider how understanding God's mercy and grace can bring freedom to your spiritual life.



Day 19: The Prayer of Salvation: The Prayer That Transforms a Sinner into a Child of God

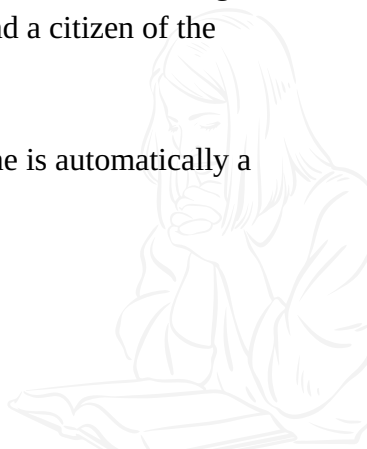
“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” ~ *Romans 10:8-9*

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” ~ *John 1:11-13*

The *Prayer of Salvation* is the greatest prayer a person can pray. It is the prayer that transforms someone from being a sinner into becoming a child of God and a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Contrary to popular belief, not everyone is automatically a child of God.

Let me explain.



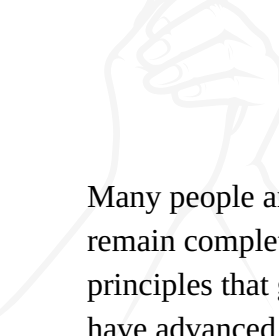
An omelette does not become my child simply because I created it. A shirt does not become my child simply because I sewed it. A latte does not become my child simply because I made it.

My child is something I have produced that shares my DNA and characteristics.

In the same way, while all people are creations of God, not all people carry the divine nature of God within them, and therefore are not children of God. Billions of people live without the spiritual DNA of God in their spirits and have chosen to adopt a devilish DNA instead.

Because of the fallen nature of humanity, people are born with a nature that is separated from God. Scripture teaches that until a person receives Christ, they do not yet possess the life of God within them.

Therefore, the statement that “we are all God’s children” is a misunderstanding of spiritual truth.



Many people are highly educated in natural knowledge but remain completely ignorant of the spiritual laws and principles that govern the Kingdom of God. A person may have advanced degrees in natural education yet still be spiritually illiterate.

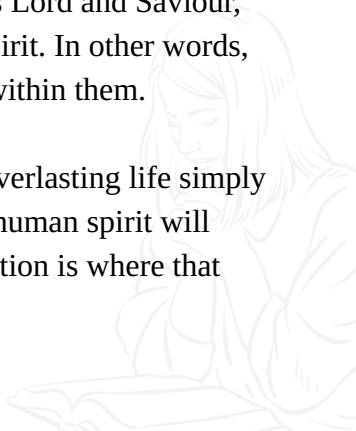
Jesus addressed this reality when He declared the greatest act of divine love ever given to humanity.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” ~ John 3:16

The phrase “everlasting life” comes from the Greek word *zōē*, which refers to the very life and nature of God.

When a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, the life of God is imparted into their spirit. In other words, they receive the *divine nature of God* within them.

Some people mistakenly believe that everlasting life simply means living forever. However, every human spirit will continue to exist forever. The real question is where that existence will take place.



Some will live eternally in the presence of God, in the heavenly Jerusalem. Others will exist eternally separated from God.

The prayer that transforms a person's spiritual nature—removing the fallen nature and imparting the life of God—is the Prayer of Salvation.

Scripture outlines this in Romans 10:9, and it can be prayed in this way:

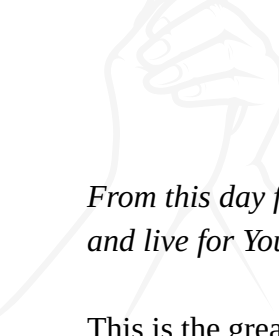
Example of the Prayer of Salvation

Heavenly Father, I come before You today and I make Jesus the Saviour and Lord of my life.

I repent of my sins and receive the righteousness that Jesus purchased for me through His death on the cross.

Cleanse me from my sins and place Your life within me.

I believe that You raised Jesus from the dead, and I receive Him as my Lord and Saviour.



From this day forward, I purpose in my heart to serve You and live for You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

This is the greatest prayer any person can pray.

What would it profit a person if God answered many of their earthly prayers, yet they spent eternity separated from Him?

Do not allow sin, temptation, or temporary desires to draw you away from the eternal life that God offers through Jesus Christ.

Choose life. Choose salvation. Choose Christ.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, empower me to remain steadfast in my salvation and give me the grace to lead others to Christ.

Grant me both spiritual wisdom and natural understanding so that I may walk in truth.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



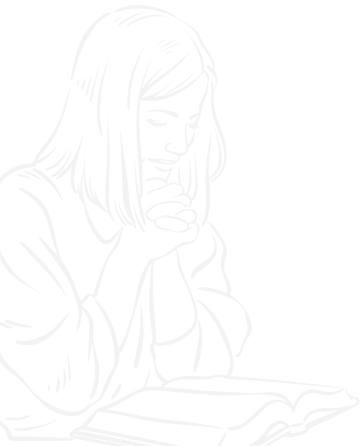


Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Have you truly made Jesus the Lord of your life, or are you treating salvation casually and assuming it will always be there without commitment?

Consider the eternal importance of your decision.



Day 20: The Prayer of Binding and Loosing: Stopping the Operation of Demons and Releasing the Ministry of Angels

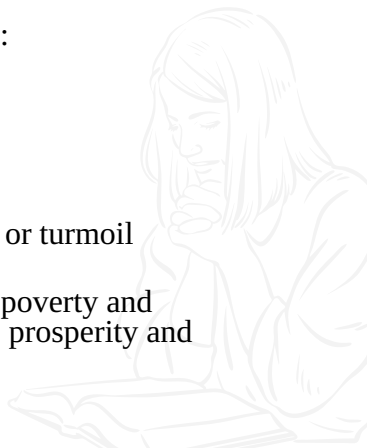
“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ~ *Matthew 18:18*

The Prayer of Binding and Loosing is a form of spiritual warfare prayer.

We live in a world where there is an ongoing spiritual battle between fallen angels, demons, the angels of God, and the saints of God. This invisible conflict is more intense than any war that has ever been fought on earth. It affects the lives of individuals, families, communities, and nations.

This spiritual warfare often determines:

- ◆ Whether people rise or fall
- ◆ Whether marriages succeed or fail
- ◆ Whether families experience peace or turmoil
- ◆ Whether nations remain trapped in poverty and economic oppression or experience prosperity and dignity



- ◆ Whether businesses thrive, expand, or merely struggle to survive

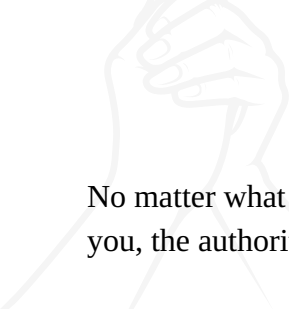
Every person is born into this spiritual conflict. No one can escape it or ignore it.

However, God has not left His people without weapons. Through Jesus Christ, believers have been given authority to bind, restrain, and stop the operations of evil spirits that attempt to work against their lives. At the same time, believers have authority to loose—release—the activity of heaven, inviting God’s power and the ministry of angels into their circumstances.

When believers exercise this authority in the name of Jesus, the kingdom of darkness is forced to retreat.

Even as you read these words, the powers of darkness tremble when they encounter a believer who understands how to use the authority God has given them.

In every area of life—spiritual, emotional, relational, financial, health, career, and destiny—there are specific spiritual attacks that may arise. However, the Prayer of Binding and Loosing has authority over every level of demonic opposition.



No matter what type of spiritual attack may come against you, the authority of the name of Jesus is greater.

This prayer allows believers to confront spiritual opposition directly and declare victory through the power of Christ. It is a Holy Ghost weapon of mass destruction.

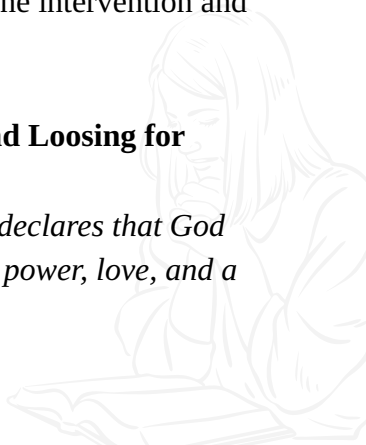
When possible, believers should ask the Holy Spirit for discernment to identify the specific spiritual forces operating in a situation.

If the specific source cannot be identified, believers can still pray a general binding prayer, commanding all demonic influence against their lives to cease.

At the same time, believers should loose the power of God and the ministry of angels to bring divine intervention and protection.

Example of the Prayer of Binding and Loosing for Emotional and Mental Oppression

In the name of Jesus, the Word of God declares that God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.



I refuse to yield to any spirit of torment, anxiety, worry, or oppression.

Right now, in the authority of the name of Jesus, I bind every spirit of depression, fear, anxiety, guilt, regret, torment, and self-sabotage that is working against my life.

I command these spirits to cease their operations against me in the name of Jesus.

I release the power of the Holy Spirit to destroy every work of darkness.

I also loose the angels of God to go forth and enforce the victory of Christ in my life.

Let God arise and let all His enemies be scattered. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Prayer of Binding and Loosing can also be prayed on behalf of loved ones who may be struggling or moving in a destructive direction.

Generally speaking, the stronger the relational and spiritual connection you have with someone, the greater the spiritual authority you may exercise when praying for them.

For example, a parent may have greater spiritual authority when praying for their child than when praying for someone they barely know.

Example of the Prayer of Binding and Loosing for a Child

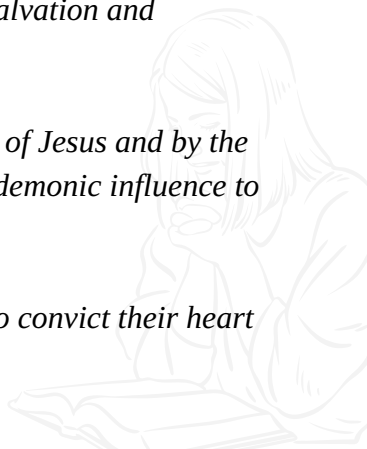
Heavenly Father, I bring my child before You today.

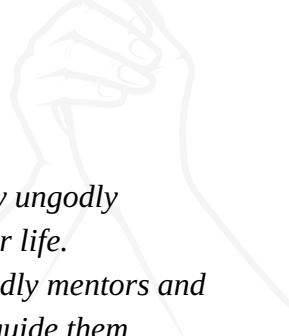
In the name of Jesus, I bind every spirit of rebellion, perversion, disobedience, lust, deception, addiction, and ungodly influence that seeks to control my child's life.

Jesus Christ shed His blood for their salvation and freedom.

Therefore, in the authority of the name of Jesus and by the power of His blood, I command every demonic influence to cease its operations against my child.

I release the power of the Holy Spirit to convict their heart and turn them back to You.





I loose the angels of God to dismantle every ungodly relationship and influence surrounding their life. I also release the angels of God to bring godly mentors and influences into their life—people who will guide them toward truth and destiny. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

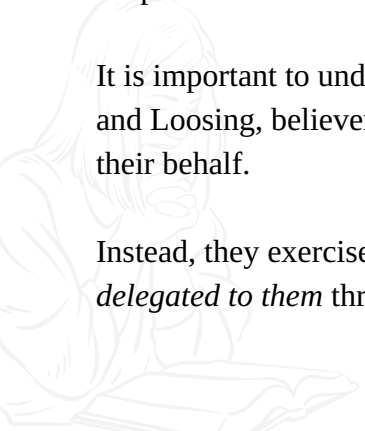
When praying the Prayer of Binding and Loosing, it is often helpful to spend time in *praise and worship* first, allowing your heart and mind to come into alignment with the presence of God.

Praying from a place of spiritual awareness and sensitivity can strengthen the effectiveness of your prayer.

After praying, many believers also continue in *fervent prayer or praying in the Spirit*, allowing the Holy Spirit to deepen the work that has begun.

It is important to understand that in the Prayer of Binding and Loosing, believers do not simply ask God to act on their behalf.

Instead, they exercise the authority that *God has already delegated to them* through Christ.



God has given believers dominion on the earth, and He expects them to use the spiritual authority they have received.

Therefore, do not live in fear or helplessness when facing spiritual opposition. Rise in faith, use the authority of the name of Jesus, and enforce the victory that Christ has already won.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me how to effectively pray the Prayer of Binding and Loosing in every area of my life, so that I may walk in victory over the forces of darkness.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Are there situations in your life where you have been asking God to intervene, when He has already given you the authority to stand in faith and exercise spiritual authority in the name of Jesus? Consider how you can begin applying this authority in your daily prayer life.

Day 21: The Prayer of Decree and Declaration: Releasing God's Rhema to Activate the Supernatural on Your Behalf

“Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.” ~ *Job 22:27-29*

The *Prayer of Decree and Declaration* operates as the sword of the Spirit described in Ephesians 6:17:

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

In this passage, the Greek word used for “word” is *rhema*, which we previously explained as the spoken word of God. A *rhema* word is a specific word from Scripture or a direct revelation from God concerning the outcome of a situation.

This word is given to be spoken, declared, and decreed in both the spiritual and natural realms. When it is declared with faith and intention, it releases the creative power of

God to bring His will into manifestation.

When the Rhema word of God enters the human heart, is conceived within the spirit, and is spoken through the mouth without doubt or fear, it releases the creative power of God.

A Biblical Example: Abraham and Sarah

The Prayer of Decree and Declaration can be seen clearly in the life of Abraham and Sarah.

When God spoke to Abram, He instructed him to change his name to Abraham, which means “father of many nations.” At that time, Abraham was still childless.

God also changed Sarai’s name to Sarah, meaning “mother of nations.”

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God... neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.” ~ Genesis 17:1-6

“And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her...”

~ Genesis 17:15-16

At the time this promise was given, Abraham and Sarah faced a major obstacle—they were both advanced in age and had no children.

Yet God, in His wisdom, required them to begin declaring the promise through their new names.

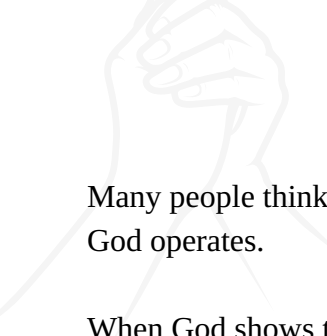
Every time they addressed one another, they were effectively declaring God’s promise:

◆ “Father of many nations”

◆ “Mother of nations”

Every time a servant or visitor called their names, the promise of God was being spoken again.

Through repeated declaration, the creative power of God was activated.



Many people think opposite to the way the Kingdom of God operates.

When God shows them a promise for their future, they hesitate to speak it because they fear it may not happen.

However, in many cases, the declaration of the promise is part of the process that brings it into manifestation.

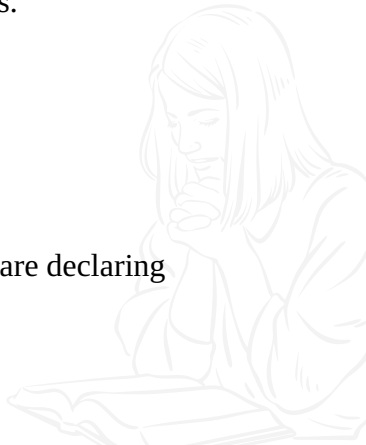
God revealed His plan to Abraham and Sarah, but their continued declarations of His promise helped activate the creative power that fulfilled it.

In the same way, God may have revealed promises or visions concerning your life. You may be waiting for Him to act, while He is waiting for you to declare His word in the presence of opposing circumstances.

But, how often should you declare?

The answer is simple.

You continue declaring until what you are declaring becomes visible in the natural realm.



The Prayer of Decree and Declaration is often repeated regularly—sometimes daily—until the promise of God is manifested.

Therefore, it is wise to write down the promises God has spoken to you through:

- ◆ Scripture
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Prophetic words
- ◆ Personal revelation

Then begin declaring them consistently over your life.

In Job 22, the scripture declares that *“thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee...”*

The “thing” that is decreed is not simply something you invent. It is something revealed through the rhema word of God, which then becomes the sword of the Spirit used to advance His purposes.

The Prayer of Decree and Declaration is an offensive weapon in spiritual warfare.



It works in harmony with:

- ◆ The Prayer of Thanksgiving
- ◆ Praise
- ◆ Worship

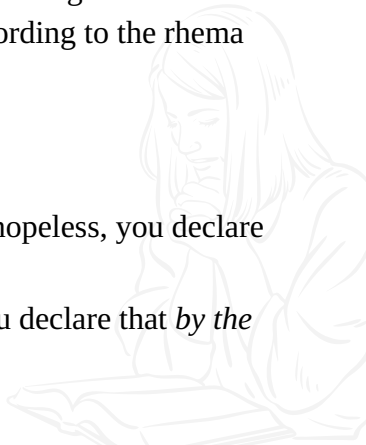
When a believer enters into thanksgiving and worship until the presence of God becomes tangible, and then begins declaring the rhema word, the creative power of God is released.

Job 22 also states:

“When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.”

This means that when others speak according to circumstances, the believer speaks according to the rhema word of God.

For example:

- ◆ When people say your situation is hopeless, you declare that God is lifting you up.
 - ◆ When a doctor reports sickness, you declare that *by the stripes of Jesus you are healed.*
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- ◆ When the economy is in recession, you declare God's provision and prosperity.

The believer speaks God's word over circumstances, rather than allowing circumstances to dictate their words.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, through the Holy Spirit bring to my remembrance every rhema word and promise You have spoken over my life that I may have forgotten.

Teach me to declare Your Word with faith and boldness. I will declare what You have said, trusting that You will bring it to pass.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Write in a journal all the promises God has spoken to you—through Scripture, prayer, or personal revelation—that you need to begin declaring regularly over your life.

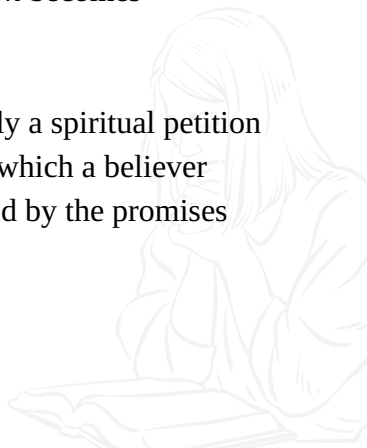
Day 22: The Prayer of Supplication: Presenting a Legal Case for Divine Intervention Before the Throne of God

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” ~ *Philippians 4:6-7*

There are times in life when believers face serious situations that require more than a brief prayer. In such moments, it becomes necessary to approach the throne of God with a carefully prepared request based on the Word of God.

This is where the *Prayer of Supplication* becomes important.

The Prayer of Supplication is essentially a spiritual petition presented before God. It is a prayer in which a believer brings a case before the Lord, supported by the promises and principles found in Scripture.



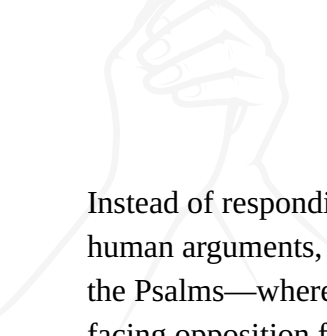
In this type of prayer, you appeal to God as the righteous Judge of heaven and earth, asking Him to intervene and bring justice or restoration according to His Word.

To pray this prayer effectively, you begin by finding Scriptures that apply to your situation. These Scriptures become the foundation for your petition. You then carefully write out your request, including the biblical promises that support your case.

After spending time in praise and worship, you bring this written petition before the Lord and present it to Him in prayer.

Unlike other forms of prayer that may be offered regularly, the Prayer of Supplication is usually reserved for serious circumstances that require decisive divine intervention.

On one occasion, I encountered a situation in which a small group of individuals attempted to spread false accusations and damaging rumours in order to undermine my influence and ministry.



Instead of responding in anger or defending myself through human arguments, I turned to the Scriptures—particularly the Psalms—where David prayed powerful prayers when facing opposition from his enemies.

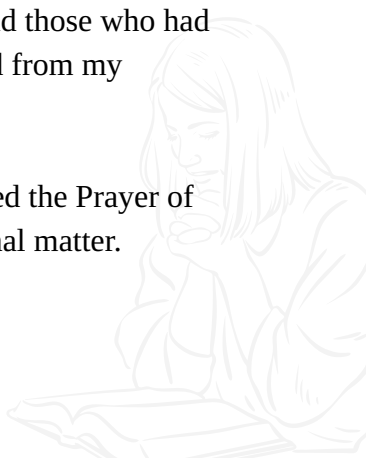
I gathered several Scriptures that addressed situations involving false accusations and unjust attacks. I then carefully wrote a petition to God, presenting my case based on those Scriptures.

After spending time in praise and worship, I presented that written petition before the Lord.

Once the prayer was offered, I left the matter entirely in God's hands and did not revisit the issue.

In time, the situation resolved itself, and those who had attempted to cause harm were removed from my environment.

There was another occasion when I used the Prayer of Supplication regarding a deeply personal matter.



One of my daughters had just entered secondary school, and I discerned troubling influences beginning to affect her life. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, I went before the Lord in prayer.

During this time, I remembered that the Lord had asked me to build a university that would train believers for ministry and the end-time harvest. I had already committed myself to obeying that calling.

In my prayer, I presented my request before the Lord, asking Him to deliver my daughter from the generational patterns of rebellion that had affected previous generations.

I told the Lord that whether or not He answered my request, I would still obey the assignment He had given me.

Through God's mercy and intervention, my daughter was delivered and later went on to lead many people to Christ.

The Prayer of Supplication is not a casual prayer. It is a prayer used when you are seeking divine intervention in serious matters.

It is a way of bringing a carefully prepared request before God, trusting Him to act according to His justice, mercy, and wisdom.

When offered sincerely and based on Scripture, this prayer invites God to move powerfully in situations that may otherwise seem impossible.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, guide me and give me wisdom to recognize when it is appropriate to use the Prayer of Supplication. Teach me how to present my requests before God in a way that honours His Word and aligns with His will.

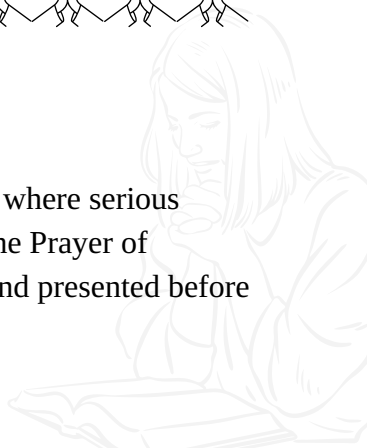
In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Think about a situation from your past where serious intervention was needed. How might the Prayer of Supplication—grounded in Scripture and presented before God—have changed the outcome?



Day 23: The Prayer of Agreement: Increasing Spiritual Power for Manifestation Through Unity

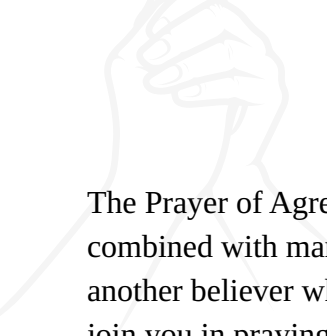
“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” ~ *Matthew 18:19-20*

There are times in life when the faith required to receive an answer from God quickly may feel beyond what you currently possess on your own.

In such moments, God has provided a powerful spiritual principle—*the Prayer of Agreement*.

The Prayer of Agreement allows you to join with another believer and combine your faith with theirs. When two people pray together in unity, their collective faith can release the prayer with greater fervency and spiritual power.

This shared faith can help bring about the divine intervention that is needed.



The Prayer of Agreement is unique because it can be combined with many other types of prayer. In other words, another believer who is spiritually aligned with you can join you in praying for a particular situation.

However, there are important conditions that must be met for the Prayer of Agreement to be effective.

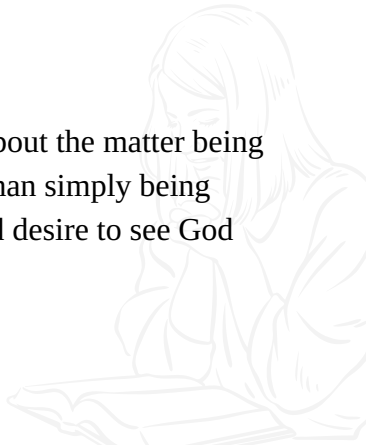
Conditions for an Effective Prayer of Agreement

1. Unity in the Spirit

There must be genuine unity between the people praying together. Unforgiveness, bitterness, or unresolved conflict between the parties can weaken the effectiveness of the prayer.

2. Shared Passion for the Request

Both individuals must sincerely care about the matter being prayed for. Agreement requires more than simply being present; it requires a shared burden and desire to see God move.



3. Faith from Both Participants

Each person must bring faith to the prayer. When believers combine their faith in agreement, the collective faith becomes stronger and more effective.

Scripture declares that when two or three people gather together in the name of Jesus, God is present among them.

When believers come together in genuine spiritual unity, the presence of God releases divine acceleration and intervention.

For this reason, the Prayer of Agreement can be especially powerful when practiced among:

- ◆ Married couples
- ◆ Families
- ◆ Close spiritual friends
- ◆ Ministry partners
- ◆ Trusted believers who share a common purpose

However, the enemy often attempts to sow division and conflict among believers in order to prevent this unity from taking place.

Division weakens agreement, while unity strengthens it.

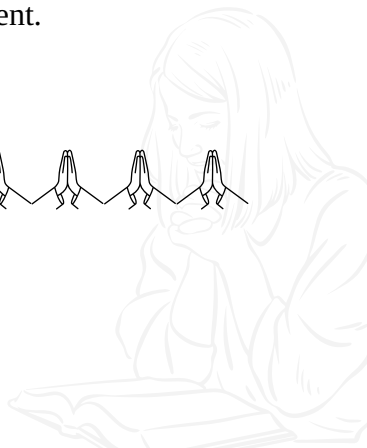
Therefore, it is important to guard and protect the spiritual unity you have with the people God has placed in your life.

When believers walk in unity and agreement, they create an atmosphere where God's power can move more freely.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me how to properly practice the Prayer of Agreement. Help me recognize the people You have placed in my life for spiritual partnership, and grant us unity, strength, and speed with every agreement.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Is there a situation in your life where joining with another believer in the Prayer of Agreement could help bring divine intervention more quickly?

Consider who God may be leading you to partner with in prayer.



Day 24: The Prayer of Consecration and Dedication: Voluntarily Submitting to the Will of God

“And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

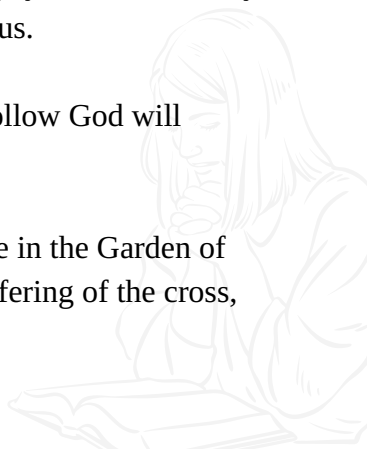
~ *Luke 22:41-44*

As we walk in our divine destiny, there will be seasons when the will of God conflicts with the desires of our flesh.

In those moments, obeying God may feel extremely difficult. Our emotions, thoughts, and physical desires may resist the direction that God is leading us.

Every person who sincerely seeks to follow God will eventually face such moments.

Jesus Himself experienced this struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane. As He anticipated the suffering of the cross,



His emotions, mind, and body reacted against the ordeal that awaited Him.

His spirit was willing, but His flesh begged for an escape.

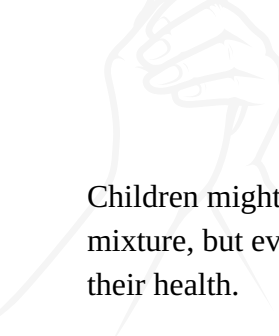
It was in that moment that Jesus prayed what we call the *Prayer of Consecration and Dedication*.

Through this prayer, a believer voluntarily submits their will to God, offering their life as a living sacrifice and choosing God's purpose over personal comfort.

When Jesus prayed, "*Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me,*" He used a metaphor that was well understood in the cultural context of the Bible.

The Bible is not a Western book; it emerged from cultures where strong herbal medicines were often prepared by parents or elders for the health of their children.

In many places, these mixtures of roots and herbs were bitter and unpleasant to drink, yet they were consumed because they were beneficial.



Children might hesitate or hope to avoid drinking the mixture, but eventually they had to accept it for the sake of their health.

In a similar way, the “cup” Jesus referred to represented the bitter suffering He would endure in order to redeem humanity from sin and the power of Satan.

Though painful, it was necessary for the salvation of mankind.

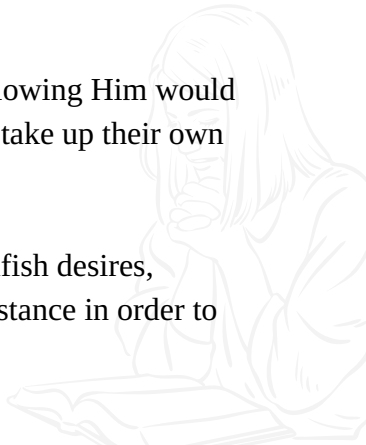
Jesus ultimately declared:

“Nevertheless, not my will, but Your will be done.”

Because He accepted that cup, humanity now has the opportunity to be redeemed.

Jesus later taught His disciples that following Him would also involve moments when they must take up their own cross.

This means being willing to crucify selfish desires, personal ambitions, and emotional resistance in order to follow the will of God.



Throughout my own life, there have been several moments when I had to pray the Prayer of Consecration.

One of the most significant occurred when God called me into ministry.

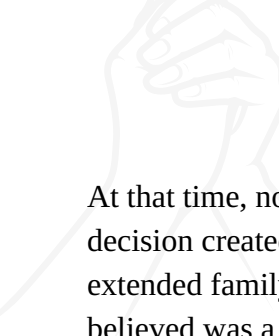
At the time, I was pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, a path strongly supported by my family. However, through a powerful spiritual encounter with the Lord, I became convinced that God was calling me into ministry instead.

Choosing to follow that calling came with serious consequences.

My decision displeased my father and led to me being removed from the family home. I lost my financial support and my inheritance.

Having grown up in a household of privilege, this sudden change was extremely difficult.

I moved in with my grandfather, while my mother secretly helped me when she could. It was a painful season of sacrifice.



At that time, no one in my family shared my faith, and my decision created significant tension within the family. My extended family even gathered to discuss what they believed was a drastic and misguided decision. They came from Sierra Leone and Gambia to discuss my decision. As the oldest child in the Thomas clan, much was expected of me. My decision rebelled against not only my education track, but against a heritage of Freemasonry.

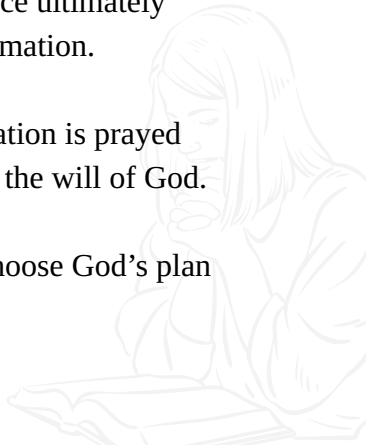
However, the Lord spoke to me and assured me that my obedience would become a seed that would eventually lead to the salvation of many members of my family.

Over time, that promise was fulfilled. Many members of my family came to faith in Christ and began serving God.

What began as a painful act of obedience ultimately produced a harvest of spiritual transformation.

The Prayer of Consecration and Dedication is prayed during moments when our flesh resists the will of God.

Through this prayer, we consciously choose God's plan over our personal desires.



When we surrender our will in this way, God provides the grace and strength necessary to walk through whatever challenges accompany that decision.

The suffering may be temporary, but the eternal impact of obedience can be profound.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, guide me, teach me, and strengthen me to pray the Prayer of Consecration and Dedication whenever my flesh resists Your will.

Empower me to choose Your plan above my own desires.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

Think about a moment in your life when obeying God was difficult. How might the Prayer of Consecration and Dedication have helped you choose God's will more confidently?

Day 25: The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Praise, and Worship: Inviting the Manifest Presence of God Into Your Situation

“O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.” ~ *Psalm 22:2-3*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Praise, and Worship, when offered from a sincere heart, brings the presence of God into manifestation.

However, it is important to understand that thanksgiving, praise, and worship are not the same thing. They are closely connected, but each has its own purpose and expression.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the joyful and sincere expression of gratitude to God for what He has done and what He continues to do in our lives.

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and

the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” ~ Psalm 100:1-5

This passage reveals a powerful principle about approaching God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

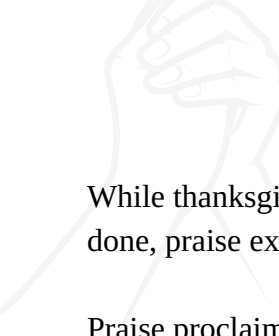
The psalmist instructs believers to come before His presence with singing. Joyful singing becomes a pathway that leads us toward the presence of God.

The Scripture also teaches that we enter God’s gates with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving becomes the spiritual “password” that opens the gates of God’s presence.

When believers sincerely thank God for His goodness, mercy, and faithfulness, they position themselves to draw closer to Him.

Praise

Praise is different from thanksgiving.



While thanksgiving expresses gratitude for what God has done, praise exalts God for who He is.

Praise proclaims the greatness, majesty, and supremacy of God above every circumstance and situation.

The Bible repeatedly encourages believers to praise God:

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

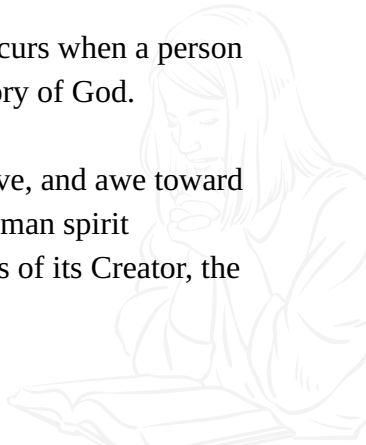
Praise lifts our attention away from our problems and directs our focus toward the greatness of God.

As thanksgiving begins to flow into praise, the atmosphere changes and the presence of God becomes more tangible.

Worship

Worship is the natural response that occurs when a person becomes aware of the presence and glory of God.

True worship flows from reverence, love, and awe toward God. It is the heartfelt response of a human spirit encountering the greatness and holiness of its Creator, the Almighty God.



Unlike thanksgiving and praise, which can be intentionally offered at any time, worship often emerges as a response when the presence of God becomes evident.

When God's presence fills a room, people may respond in different ways. Some may kneel, some may weep, some may whisper prayers, and others may simply stand in quiet reverence before Him.

There is no strict ritual for worship. It is simply love responding to love—the human heart responding to the presence of God.

The Power of Thanksgiving, Praise, and Worship

When believers cultivate a lifestyle of thanksgiving, praise, and worship, they invite the presence of God into their lives.

The presence of God brings transformation.

In His presence:

- ◆ Fear loses power
- ◆ Demonic oppression retreats

- ◆ Obstacles begin to crumble
- ◆ Hearts are strengthened and renewed

The more time a believer spends in God's presence, the more their character begins to reflect the nature of the One they worship.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, give me the grace to live a lifestyle of thanksgiving, praise, and worship. Let my life continually draw nearer to You, and may I live in Your presence.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

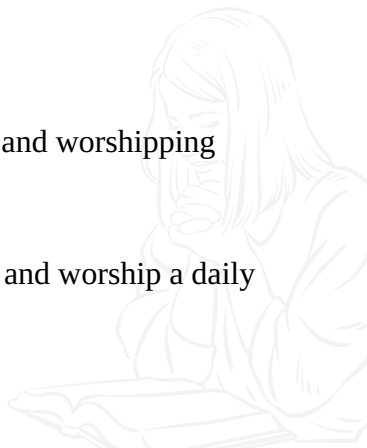


Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

How often do you spend time praising and worshipping God when you are alone?

Consider making thanksgiving, praise, and worship a daily part of your life.



Day 26: Corporate and Unified Prayer: Releasing a Greater Manifestation of the Supernatural Kingdom on Earth

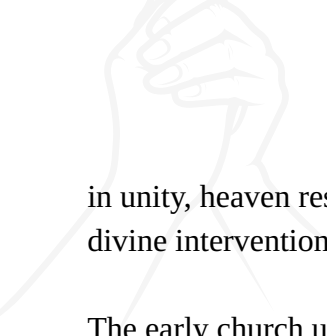
“And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord... And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” ~ Acts 4:23-31

Corporate and unified prayer releases one of the greatest manifestations of the power of God on the earth.

When believers gather together and pray with one heart, one purpose, and one voice, the level of spiritual power released is often greater than what is experienced in individual prayer.

This type of prayer releases what can be described as the *corporate anointing*.

In these moments, the faith, anointing, and spiritual authority of the entire congregation combine into one unified expression before God. As believers pray together



in unity, heaven responds with breakthroughs, revelation, divine intervention, and the glory of God.

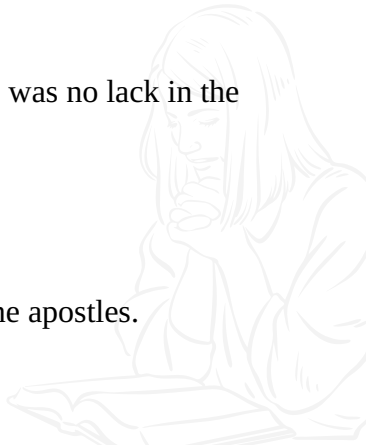
The early church understood the power of unified prayer and practiced it regularly.

The Example from the Early Church

In the book of Acts, the believers gathered together after facing opposition from religious authorities. Instead of responding with fear, they gathered in unity and prayed.

As they prayed together with one accord, several powerful things occurred.

Scripture records that there was a release of:

1. A major healing anointing.
 2. A prosperity anointing so great there was no lack in the church.
 3. An explosion of the spirit of giving.
 4. Greater power and anointing upon the apostles.
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5. An explosion of new believers.

These results demonstrate the tremendous spiritual impact that unified prayer can produce.

The Power of the Corporate Anointing


When believers pray together in unity, something unique happens. Individual faith merges together into a greater expression of spiritual authority.

The result is the corporate anointing, where the combined faith and devotion of the congregation invites the powerful movement of God's Spirit.

Through unified prayer, churches often experience:

- ◆ Greater spiritual power
- ◆ Increased boldness in ministry
- ◆ Healing and miracles
- ◆ Financial provision and generosity
- ◆ Growth and multiplication in the church

The early church understood that corporate prayer was essential to their spiritual strength.



In many places today, corporate prayer has become one of the least attended gatherings in church life.

Some modern churches, particularly those focused on making services comfortable or accessible to newcomers, have reduced or eliminated intense prayer meetings from their regular practice.

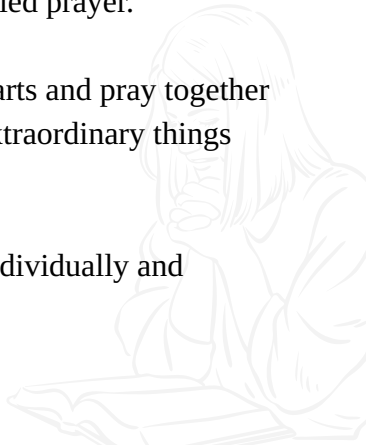
Yet the book of Acts shows that unified prayer was central to the spiritual vitality of the early church.

Ironically, the prayer meeting—the gathering that releases the spiritual power needed for all other ministry—often receives the least participation.

The church today would greatly benefit from returning to the practice of regular, passionate, unified prayer.

When believers gather with sincere hearts and pray together under the leading of the Holy Spirit, extraordinary things can happen.

Unified prayer strengthens believers individually and collectively.



When one believer's faith feels weak, the faith of others strengthens them. When many believers join their hearts together before God, the spiritual atmosphere changes.

Just as a single flame burns brightly, many flames burning together create a powerful fire.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, lead me to a community of believers that values and practices unified prayer, to receive of that power. Teach me to participate fully in gatherings where believers seek Your presence together.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Stop and reflect.

When was the last time you participated in a passionate, Spirit-led corporate prayer gathering?

Consider making unified prayer with other believers a regular part of your spiritual life. When your spiritual fire joins with the fire of others, the flame grows stronger.

Day 27: The Need for Corporate United Prayer in the Last Days

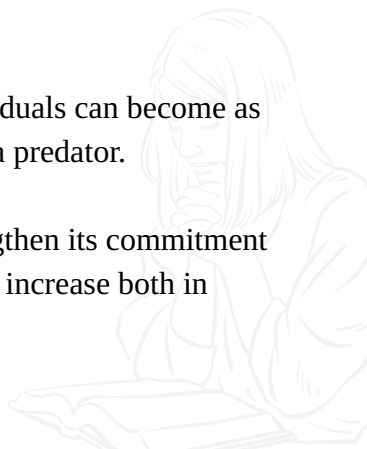
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The importance of corporate *united prayer* will become increasingly crucial as the world approaches the final days of this age.

Scripture indicates that the latter days will be marked by great turmoil—persecution, famine, distress among nations, and widespread spiritual darkness. In such times, ignorance about the realm of the spirit and the supernatural will leave many people spiritually vulnerable.

Without spiritual understanding, individuals can become as defenseless as a lamb standing before a predator.

Because of this, the church must strengthen its commitment to prayer. Prayer meetings will need to increase both in



frequency and intensity, as believers seek God's guidance, protection, and intervention in an increasingly complex world.

In the coming seasons, many ministries will be called to establish continuous prayer movements, where believers gather to pray around the clock.

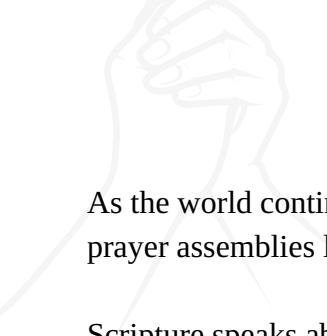
There have already been ministries that maintain 24-hour prayer schedules, praying every day of the year. In such environments, believers can gather at any hour—morning, afternoon, or even in the middle of the night—to seek God together.

These gatherings often include:

- ◆ Ongoing praise and worship
- ◆ Corporate prayer and intercession
- ◆ Short teachings or exhortations from Scripture

The spiritual atmosphere created in such settings can be deeply powerful.

Many believers testify that joining a prayer gathering late at night or early in the morning often becomes a deeply transformative experience.



As the world continues to change, it is likely that more prayer assemblies like these will arise globally.

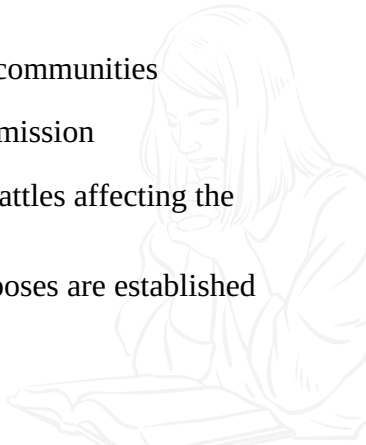
Scripture speaks about a special group of believers called watchmen.

Isaiah 62:6 declares:

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence."

These watchmen are individuals who feel a deep spiritual burden to pray persistently for the purposes of God to be fulfilled.

Their calling often involves:

- ◆ Interceding for cities, nations, and communities
 - ◆ Praying for the church to fulfill its mission
 - ◆ Discernment concerning spiritual battles affecting the body of Christ
 - ◆ Standing in prayer until God's purposes are established
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Watchmen often work quietly and unseen. Much of their ministry takes place in private moments of prayer rather than public recognition.

Yet their role is vital.

Through their faithfulness in prayer, they help open the door for God's intervention in the lives of individuals, communities, and even entire nations.

Every believer should pray for the matters of their own life and responsibilities.

However, some believers receive a special calling to intercessory prayer for the wider body of Christ and for the purposes of God in the earth.

If you sense that God has placed such a burden upon your heart, it is a calling to be treasured. And may fresh anointing come upon you as you read these words.

Much of your work takes place in hidden places where human recognition may never come. But faithfulness in prayer has eternal significance.

When believers stand before Christ, the unseen prayers offered in faith will not be forgotten.

Through those prayers, doors may have been opened for salvation, deliverance, healing, and restoration across the world.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, place within me a spirit of prayer and intercession. Teach me to seek You faithfully and to stand in prayer for Your purpose until it is fulfilled on the earth.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

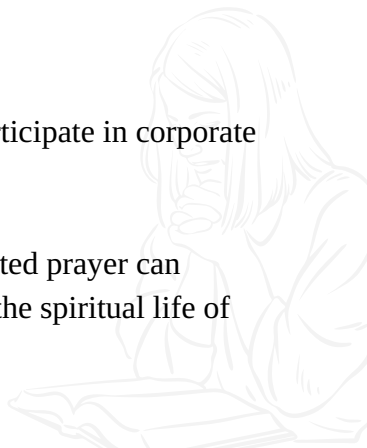


Today's Assignment

Take time to reflect.

What practical step can you take to participate in corporate prayer gatherings more regularly?

Consider how your participation in united prayer can strengthen both your spiritual life and the spiritual life of your community.



Day 28: The Prayer of Enquiry: Receiving Divine Direction, Revelation, and Supernatural Strategies

“But when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold...And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, the LORD has broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of the place Baalperazim...And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.”

~ 2 Samuel 5:17-25

There are moments in life when what you need most is not for God to do something for you, but rather for God to show you something.

In those moments, you need revelation.

You may need revelation:

- ◆ About the mystery behind a stubborn problem
- ◆ About the career path you should pursue

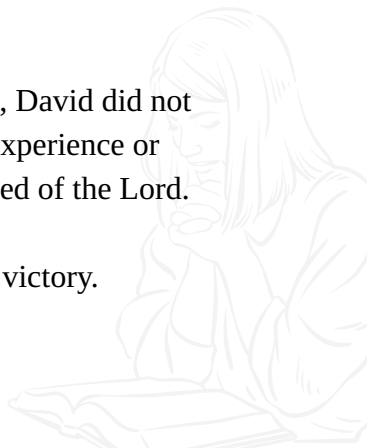
- ◆ About the purpose and gifts God has placed within you
- ◆ About which church you should attend or which city you should live in
- ◆ About covenant friendships and destiny relationships
- ◆ About where God has preserved an anointing or spiritual covering for you
- ◆ About where your provision and opportunities may be located
- ◆ About identity and timing of a future spouse
- ◆ About important life decisions such as marriage, family, and timing

Throughout life, there will be many situations where you need God to reveal, expose, interpret, decode, or uncover something that is hidden from your natural understanding.

King David frequently practiced what we call the *Prayer of Enquiry*.

When the Philistines came against him, David did not immediately rely on his own military experience or instincts. Instead, he paused and inquired of the Lord.

God gave him specific instructions for victory.



Later, when the same enemy returned, David again sought God's guidance. Interestingly, God gave him a completely different strategy the second time.

This teaches us an important spiritual principle:

Victory often comes not simply from effort, but from divine instruction.

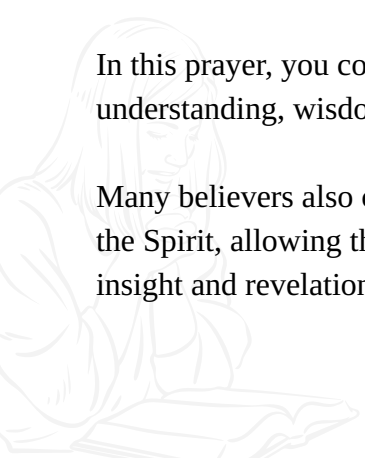
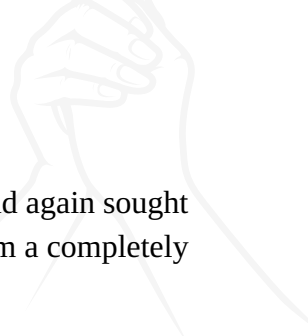
Jesus described this principle when He said:

"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened to you."

This process of asking, seeking, and knocking reflects the essence of the Prayer of Enquiry.

In this prayer, you come before God and ask Him for understanding, wisdom, and direction.

Many believers also combine this prayer with praying in the Spirit, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them into insight and revelation.



Often the answer comes through:

- ◆ Scripture illumination
- ◆ Inner conviction from the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Wise counsel
- ◆ Spiritual discernment
- ◆ Circumstances that confirm God's direction

When believers sincerely seek God for guidance, He is faithful to provide the direction they need.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me how to practice the Prayer of Enquiry whenever I need divine direction or revelation. Help me to seek Your wisdom rather than relying solely on my own understanding.

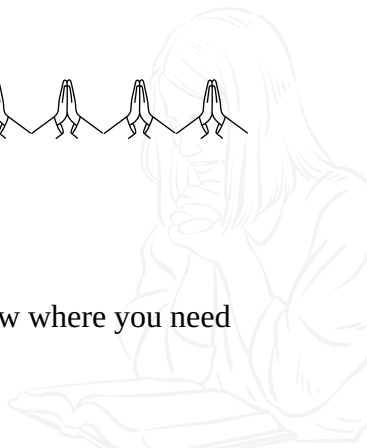
In Jesus' name. Amen.



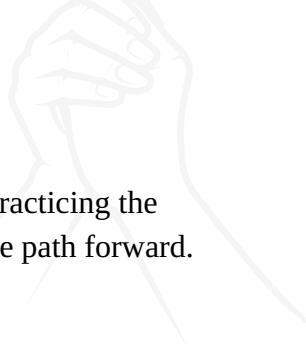
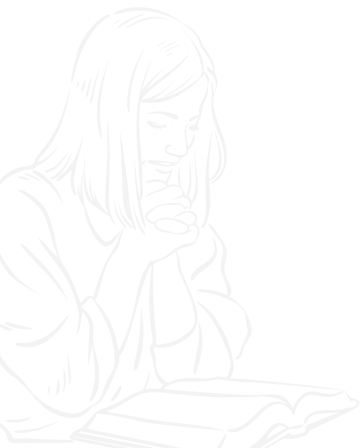
Today's Assignment

Take a moment to reflect.

Is there a situation in your life right now where you need clarity, revelation, or divine direction?



Bring that situation before God and begin practicing the Prayer of Enquiry, trusting Him to reveal the path forward.



Day 29: Fasting and Prayer: Releasing Breakthrough Power to Defeat Stubborn Problems

“And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water...Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief... Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.” ~ *Matthew 17:14-21*

This passage teaches an important lesson about the laws of divine intervention and the release of spiritual power.

In this story, nine of Jesus’ disciples—who had already been given authority to heal the sick and cast out demons—were unable to deliver a young boy who was suffering from a demonic affliction.

Despite their efforts, nothing happened.

They prayed, declared, repented, and attempted to minister deliverance, yet the situation remained unchanged.

Then Jesus arrived.

With authority, He rebuked the demon, and it immediately left the child.

Later, the disciples privately asked Jesus why they had been unable to cast the demon out.

Jesus' answer revealed a powerful spiritual principle. He said that some problems require a higher level of spiritual preparation, explaining:

"This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

The Power of Fasting

Jesus' statement reveals that certain spiritual battles and stubborn problems require fasting combined with prayer.

Fasting strengthens spiritual focus and deepens dependence upon God—it supercharges it.

It can intensify the effectiveness of prayer when dealing with difficult circumstances or persistent spiritual challenges.

But what exactly is fasting?

Fasting is the voluntary abstaining from food for a period of time in order to focus more deeply on prayer, seeking God's intervention and the manifestation of His power.

During fasting, believers intentionally quiet physical desires so they can become more spiritually attentive to God's presence and direction.

Some challenges in life seem persistent and resistant to change.

These may include:

- ◆ Spiritual oppression or persistent temptation
- ◆ Cycles of destructive behaviour
- ◆ Long-standing emotional struggles
- ◆ Recurring spiritual attacks
- ◆ Deep personal strongholds
- ◆ Promiscuity

While prayer should always be the first response to difficulty, there are times when fasting may be necessary to strengthen prayer and seek deeper breakthrough.

Throughout Scripture, fasting is often connected with moments of significant spiritual victory, guidance, and transformation.

Fasting is not a ritual or formula designed to manipulate God. Instead, it is a spiritual discipline that humbles the believer and aligns the heart more fully with God's will.

When combined with sincere prayer, fasting can help believers gain clarity, spiritual strength, and renewed faith in difficult circumstances.

For many people, seasons of fasting have become turning points where long-standing struggles finally begin to break.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, teach me when to combine fasting with my prayers so that I may be victorious. Give me wisdom to recognize situations that require deeper spiritual preparation and dependence upon You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Take time to reflect.

Are there any stubborn challenges or recurring struggles in your life that may require a deeper season of prayer and fasting?

Ask God for wisdom about how to approach those situations with faith and spiritual discipline.

Day 30: Fasting and Praying: Strengthening the Spirit to Receive Higher Levels of Revelation

“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward...Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.”

~ *Isaiah 58:6-14*

Fasting and prayer strengthen the spirit of a believer and position them to receive greater levels of spiritual revelation, breakthrough, and divine guidance.

When practiced correctly, fasting is not merely the abstinence from food—it is a spiritual discipline that aligns

the believer's heart with God and sharpens spiritual sensitivity.

Isaiah 58 reveals that fasting, when done with sincerity and righteousness, releases powerful spiritual results. It breaks oppression, removes burdens, and allows the light of God's guidance to shine into a person's life.

Different Types of Biblical Fasts

There are several types of fasts described in Scripture and practiced by believers.

1. The Jesus Model Extended Fast

This type of fast involves abstaining from food while drinking water and may last up to forty days.

Jesus practiced this type of fast in the wilderness. Because of its intensity, this fast should only be undertaken when a person feels led by the Holy Spirit and receives the grace to complete it.

Some individuals have also practiced extended fasts without water, but such fasts should be approached with great caution and spiritual guidance.

The purpose of fasting is not dieting or physical discipline alone. It is the intentional denial of food so the believer can focus on prayer and spiritual communion with God.

2. The Esther Fast

This fast is recorded in the Book of Esther.

It typically lasts **three days** and involves abstaining from food and ordinary activities in order to seek God for urgent intervention.

The Esther fast is often associated with moments of critical spiritual warfare or major decisions, when believers urgently seek divine help.

3. The Daniel Fast

The Daniel fast is based on the experience of the prophet Daniel, who fasted for twenty-one days.

During this fast, Daniel avoided rich foods such as meat and certain carbohydrates and instead ate simple foods like raw vegetables and fruit while dedicating himself to prayer.

The Daniel fast is commonly practiced by believers seeking spiritual clarity, understanding, revelation, and breakthrough.

4. The Fasted Life

Some believers adopt what may be called a lifestyle of fasting, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Instead of occasional long fasts, this approach involves regularly setting aside meals or days throughout the week to seek God more deeply.

For example, a person may feel led to fast through breakfast and lunch while spending additional time in prayer.

This type of fasting becomes a regular spiritual discipline that deepens intimacy with God.

The Lord will lead you according to your capacity, the urgency of the situation, or the grace available to you.

The Power of Fasting

Fasting is not optional for those who desire a deeper spiritual life.

When practiced with sincerity and prayer, fasting can:

1. Break spiritual strongholds.
2. Release fresh revelation and understanding.
3. Activate spiritual authority and power.
4. Remove spiritual toxins that hinder your growth.
5. Increase God's presence in your life.
6. Dismantle satanic barriers.
7. Release your unique value.

One of the greatest benefits of fasting is the development of *spiritual discipline*.

Eating is one of the strongest natural impulses in human life. When a person voluntarily submits that impulse to God through fasting, they learn to control other impulses as well.

This discipline strengthens the believer's ability to resist temptation and walk in greater spiritual maturity.

Those who practice fasting consistently often develop greater self-control, spiritual clarity, and deeper intimacy with God.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, empower me to overcome the desires of my flesh and to walk in spiritual discipline. Teach me how to fast and pray in a way that draws me closer to You and strengthens my spirit.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Take time to reflect.

Are there areas of your life where fasting could help you grow spiritually, gain clarity, or experience breakthrough?

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in developing a healthy and balanced practice of fasting.

Day 31: Wisdom in Prayer: Praying to Know How to Pray

“What leads to [the unending] quarrels and conflicts among you? Do they not come from your [hedonistic] desires that wage war in your [bodily] members [fighting for control over you]? You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your lust goes unfulfilled; so you murder. You are envious and cannot obtain [the object of your envy]; so you fight and battle. You do not have because you do not ask [it of God]. You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires.”

~ James 4:1-3 (AMP)

Wise people understand that prayer is not only about speaking to God—it is also about knowing how to pray correctly.

Many prayers go unanswered not because God is unwilling to respond, but because people may be praying in the wrong way or for the wrong things.

The apostle James explains this clearly. Sometimes people do not receive because they fail to ask. At other times they

ask but still do not receive because their requests are misaligned with God's purposes.

This is why wisdom in prayer is essential.

A Summary of What You Have Learned

Throughout this book you have explored many important principles about prayer.

You have learned about:

- ◆ Why prayer is important in the life of a believer
- ◆ Watching in the spirit
- ◆ The difference between the Logos and Rhema Word
- ◆ The different types of prayer
- ◆ The power of fasting and prayer

Understanding these principles equips believers to develop a stronger and more effective prayer life.

You may have noticed that Intercession was not listed as one of the separate types of prayer in this book.

This is because intercession is not a different type of prayer by itself.

Intercessory prayer simply means praying for someone else.

When you use any of the prayer types discussed in this book on behalf of another person—whether for individuals, families, churches, cities, or nations—you are engaging in intercession.

However, there are certain prayers that cannot be prayed on behalf of another person.

For example:

- ◆ You cannot pray the Prayer of Salvation for someone else
- ◆ You cannot confess another person's sins through the Prayer of Repentance
- ◆ You cannot dedicate another person's will to God through the Prayer of Consecration

Those decisions must come from the individual themselves.

When prayer is directed toward others, it becomes intercession. When it is directed toward your own needs and circumstances, it is petition.

The Secret to Effective Prayer

One of the greatest secrets to a powerful prayer life is knowing what type of prayer to use in each situation.

Different circumstances may require different approaches.

Therefore, wise believers first seek guidance from the Holy Spirit before they begin to pray.

They ask God:

- ◆ What should I pray about?
- ◆ How should I pray about this situation?
- ◆ What spiritual strategy is required here?

Prayer

Holy Spirit, today I invite You to be my prayer partner.
Guide me and teach me what type of prayer to use when I
bring my petitions and intercessions before God.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Today's Assignment

Take a moment to reflect.

Before you begin praying, do you take time to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in how and what to pray?

Begin developing the habit of seeking His direction so that your prayers become more focused, effective, and aligned with God's will.

The Sinner's Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Just as I called Moses to take a people from the land of bondage to Canaan, so have I called you to take a people from bondage to greatness.

Church Mandate

Build a network of Prophetic Assemblies called Divine Visitation Assemblies that take people from bondage to greatness through the miracle power of God and leadership wisdom.

Vision

To see a network of Prophetic Assemblies called Divine Visitation Assemblies take people from bondage to greatness.

Mission

To take a movement of people from bondage to greatness by the miracle power of God and leadership wisdom.

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