

All Kinds of Prayers – Lesson 3

The Prayer of Agreement

- Multiplied power through the prayer of agreement- **Please Read: Matthew 18:18-20**

P.C. Nelson, a Greek scholar said the literal Greek rendering of Jesus' statement is, "If you shall ask anything in my name and I don't have it, I will make it for you."

- What it really means here is that Jesus is here with us to make our prayer good
 - o We have authority to bind whatever is already bound in heaven
 - o We have authority to loose(permit) what is already permitted in heaven
 - o Is sickness allowed in heaven? We have authority to bind it on earth in our lives
 - o Is peace allowed in heaven? We have authority to release peace on the earth

Remember the Disciples prayer- Matthew 6:9-11- His will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Question: "Can you think of the last time you had prayed this prayer with other believers?"

The Prayer of Intercession

Romans 8:26, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

The Greek translation of the last phrase of this verse reads, "with groanings which cannot be uttered in articulate speech." Therefore, this verse includes groanings and praying in tongues.

- Groanings or travail as in the pains of childbirth
- **Please Read: 1 Timothy 2:1-4**- Intercession- for the lost and for the saints
- Isaiah 66:8, "*Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.*"
- Galatians 4:19, "*My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*"
- We cannot push a button and enter into travail in the Spirit- unlike devotional tongues
 - o Any more than a pregnant woman can make herself go into labor

- 1 Corinthians 14:14 in the amplified, “...my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays...”
- In this prayer, the Holy Spirit comes along side and intercedes through us- as our helper

He is looking for willing vessels to pray through- an intercessor takes the place of another. This prayer carries a heavier anointing; a burden of prayer that lifts when done = joy/peace

Question: “How do you think the world would be affected if the Church flowed in this prayer?”

The Prayer of Forgiveness

Please Read: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

- First of all who is the audience that the apostle John speaking to- saints or sinners?
- Also notice that John used the word “Fellowship” six times in 10 verses of chapter one
- Sin breaks our fellowship with God & each other; confession restores broken fellowship
- When we are born again all our past sins are remitted- blotted out- Accounting term
 - o Our debt has been paid in full

Acts 10:43, “To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

- Once we are saved, we still sin and make mistakes; provision has already been made
- It’s called the forgiveness of sins as we had just read in 1 John 1:9
- When we sin, our own heart will condemn us, let us know we had missed it

1 John 3:19-23, “This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.”

- The Holy Spirit is not convicting us- Read John 16:8, He convicts the world of one “Sin”
 - o The “Sin” of rejecting Jesus as their Lord and Savior according to John 3:36
- If our heart isn’t condemning us & we “feel” condemnation than it’s false- from the devil
- Keeping things green and clean- quick to forgive and quick to repent- essential to prayer

James 5:16, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Question: “Why do you think forgiveness is so important to prayer? Hint- Mark 11:25”

This is a prayer that changes things. We are not talking to God or asking Him for anything. Rather exercising the authority in Jesus' Name that releases the power of God when we speak to circumstances & mountains in life, commanding them to move- this is our birth right in Him.

Please Read: Mark 11:12-14, 20-26; Luke 17:1-6; Matthew 17:14-21

Speaking to the Problem: Does not change God, but changes us and the circumstances

- Mark 11:23- *"Have the God kind of faith; if anyone says to this mountain Go..."*
- Luke 17:1- *"Have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to this mulberry tree..."*
- Matthew 17:20- *"Have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain"*

When we study the ministry of Jesus, He was always speaking to things:

- Rebuked the fig tree, the storm, wind and waves on more than one occasion
- Rebuked to demons and drove them out with a word numerous times- Luke 10:17-20
- Rebuked the fever that Peter's mother in law had and she was instantly healed
 - o Rebuke: Greek- to censure(to make quiet) or forbid (binding)

Faith in the Name of Jesus

- Mark 11:23- *"Does not doubt in his heart, believes what he says will happen..."*
- Mark 16:17-18, *"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name..."*

Acts 3:16, "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."

John 14:12-14, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask (Demand) in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

The Greek definition for "ask" here is actually rendered as "strictly a demand for something due." Are we demanding from Jesus? No! We are demanding the devil to cease and desist!

Finally, do not use "If it by thy will" which belongs to the prayer of consecration when praying the prayer of authority. It would be like saying to a demon, "Come out of this person in Jesus' Name if it by thy will oh Lord!" We already know the will of God concerning deliverance!