

## Breakthrough Prayers Conclusion: Watching and Praying

Luke 21:36 (NKJV) <sup>36</sup> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The night before His crucifixion, Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to prayer, as we His regular practice. Gethsemane, located on the Mount of Olives, means “oil press and refers to a place where olives were crushed in a mill to extract their oil. It was also the place where Jesus was pressed to the maximum, tempted to abandon his purpose and His anguish was so great that He even sweat drops of blood. Yet it was also the place where He surrendered His will to do the will of the Father.

Even though his physical death took place at Golgotha, It was at Gethsemane that Jesus defeated death, because knowing in the spirit all He would have to suffer, He made the firm decision to voluntarily surrender His life to redeem humanity from sin.

**Matthew 26:39–43 (NKJV)** <sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.” <sup>40</sup> Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup> **Watch and pray**, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” <sup>42</sup> Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

**Watch: to keep awake, to be vigilant. To pay close attention be very cautions, being ready, prepared and alert. Vigilant means to keep careful watch for possible dangers or difficulties.**

**Discern the season you are in. Discern** means to perceive or recognize. Everyone can discern. IN 1 Corinthians 12:10: **Discerning of spirits. Discerning here means judicial estimation.** Judicial of, by, or appropriate to a court or judge. Example: "a judicial inquiry into the allegations"

**What does it mean to Watch and Pray? When we watch nothing takes us by surprise, because our spiritual senses are vigilant.** Example turning your radio dial to the right frequency. When your off on decimal, you may get interference, but when you dial in to the right frequency, it is clear and precise.

When we pray we are like sentries posted in high towers, where they have a commanding view of their surroundings, enabling them to spot the approach of enemy invaders so their city can defend itself in time.

Habakkuk understood the purpose of the purpose of the prayer tower:

**Habakkuk 2:1 (NKJV)** I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.

**If a church doesn't have a prayer tower, it cannot intercept the enemy's plans to attack it.** One of the assignments of the prophets of our time is to be a watchmen o the wall.

- ✓ **Isaiah 62:6 (NKJV)** <sup>6</sup>I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,
  - Lord: *eh-ho-vaw'* From H1961; (the) *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord. Compare H3050, H3069.
  
- ✓ **Romans 10:9 (NKJV)** <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
  - **Lord: oo'-ree-os From κύριος kuros** (supremacy); supreme in authority, that is, (as noun) controller; by implication Mr. (as a respectful title): - God, Lord, master, Sir.
  - **The Word, supreme in authority was in the Beginning and was spoken in Genesis 1:1-26 that brought life, it was the Word that was manifested in the Flesh and Walks among us in John 1:14 Jesus Christ; it is the Word that upholds all things and is the expressed image of God that you see in Hebrews 1:3 and it is the Word of God that returns in Revelation 19:13 dipped in blood leading God's Children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ.**

**It is the Word of God, Jesus Christ, that establishes, maintains and empowers the Believers to overcome and destroy the works of the enemy!**

**Through submission, watching and praying, God gives strategies for spiritual battle because he exposes the enemy and shows His people how to counteract it.**

Watching also implies anticipating or expecting. WE watch for God to work because we have the confidence that we will see manifested what we are declaring in prayer.

Expectations leads to manifestations. When I watch in prayer, I am expecting a manifestation.

**We must be able to perceive and see in the Spirit.** The more you watch , the more spiritually sensitive you will become, and the more conscious you will be of what is happening around you in the spiritual realm.

**As we pray from what we perceive and see in the Spirit, we must remain watchful for what we will receive from God.** Jesus didn't say pray and watch, He said "watch and pray." Don't let you prayers become vain repetitions without enthusiasm or expectations.

**Spiritual perception is the ability to see inward and forward.** As you pray, you start seeing more and in consequence, you continue declaring and decreeing according to what you see.

**What does it mean to be asleep in the Spirit?** It means to be insensitive to what is happening around us. Even worse, it is to be cold or indifferent before the presence of God; it is to break the bond of communion with Him, showing an apathy toward or a lack of interest in the things of the Spirit resulting in disconnection, separation, and distance from Him.

Our assignment during prayer is to be a watchman for our family, our church, and the things of God. If we are not watching, and praying, we are not ready for Jesus's return.

- Luke 21:34 (NKJV) (Matt. 24:36–44; Mark 13:32–37) <sup>34</sup> "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.
- The enemy seeks to invade the territories of our health, marriage, children, finances and vocations, but we don't realize it because we are not watching. (I have been guilty of this)
- Matthew 25: 10 Virgins. 5 Foolish and 5 Wise. Spiritually speaking 5 foolish once had a relationship with God and their lamps were filled with oil of the Spirit. They stopped watching and without realizing it their oil was consumed and they did go back to resupply. They ended up disconnected and insensitive to the move of God.

**The devil can attack your life only when you don't watch, because when you anticipate, you can prevent.**

### **The purpose of Watching and Praying**

1. To see the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of the Lord.

a. Jesus teaches on the signs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and then gives an exhortation in Luke 21:36 (NKJV) <sup>36</sup> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ is related to the prayer life of His church. Jesus is restoring the prayer life back to the church.

2. To prevent entering into any temptation from the enemy.

a. What we see in advance we can prevent. In Matthew 26:41 when the disciples whom Jesus has asked to watch with Him finally work up, the enemy was already in the place and the soldiers and the officers of the chief priests and Pharisees were approaching the Master to apprehend him. Everything happened suddenly for the disciples.

b. The devil knows when we are not prepared, because we simply react. Those who watch are awake and prepared. They know what God is doing and also what the enemy is doing and they know the next step they are going to take. The only time the devil can come close to our life is when he sees we are unprotected because we are not watching. When we are vigilant, he discreetly moves back.

c. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

d. As we watch and pray, God will show us how to face or flee any temptation, and how to solve every problem.

e. James 1:14–15 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

f. This means that our will is involved in the process of temptation. If we see the plan that the enemy is plotting against us, we can prepare beforehand, but an act of our will, to stand strong in obedience and stay in a place of righteousness.

### **Guidelines for Watching and Praying**

1. Continually pray in the Spirit.

a. In order to pray in the Spirit you have to awaken! Jude 20

b. If you pray in the Spirit, you will see in the Spiritual Realm, but if you neglect to do this, your vision will be limited.

2. Constantly be filled with the Spirit.

a. Our spirit needs to be filled with the Spirit of God. Can Jesus come for a bride who is not filled with His Spirit? Will He come for a bride who is not anointed?

b. The Spirit cannot work in us unless we maintain a certain level of prayer. In these days, we must live continually filled with the Holy Spirit, having our lamps full of oil.