

# PRAYING WITH POWER

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Today I felt led of the Spirit to share a particularly powerful prayer that my wife and I learned from the Holy Spirit back in the '90s that we've found always gets results. Now I am certainly not an expert on prayer—far from it! My main areas of expertise are in the structure/plans of the Dark Kingdom and spiritual warfare. However, I devoted an entire chapter in *Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom* to prayer because prayer is the greatest weapon of warfare that the Christian possesses. Unfortunately, there is still a great gap in the area of prayer that needs to be taught to the Church today if we are to wage effective spiritual warfare and accomplish God's purposes and plans for our lives. The Lord spoke very strongly to me back in 1980 and said: "Son, the power of the devil will become so strong in the last days that only those who are strong in faith, the word and prayer will survive." That means you'd better develop your faith and your prayer life! It also means you'd better watch your words and what you speak out of your mouth because the devil will use your own words against you as a weapon if he can.

If you're genuinely interested in fulfilling God's will for your life and doing something for the Kingdom of God then you'd better find some "like-minded" people of faith to help you because most of what we call the Christian church continues to decline into apostasy and idolatry. The Lord spoke very strongly about this to me back in 1999 throughout the whole year. One of the main areas of idolatry is materialism—worshiping the god of mammon just like the world does. Why even today I saw a new twist on fund raising—they're now soliciting funds from beyond the grave! I saw Jerry Falwell asking for financial support for a certain ministry on one of the Balaam networks of "christian" television. Earlier in

the week we'd seen someone calling themselves a "Master Prophet" on there and the whole thing looked like an infomercial. What is a person who is genuinely seeking God for direction and help do today with so many false prophets—more than at any time in history—in churches and on these phony christian networks?

Well you need to find some people who are not goofy to help you and you need to develop an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit and let Him teach you. He's more than willing to do so because that's one of His main functions in the Church today for those who call themselves disciples of Jesus—He is supposed to "guide us into all truth." But you have to *demonstrate* faith to Him that you are interested in knowing the truth and that means you have to spend time—a lot of time—more time than most Christians are willing to devote—to the Word and prayer.

Remember these important words from the Book of Acts: "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Why do you think the Apostles said this? Why do you think the Bible tells us in Acts 1:14, "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer ...?" Why do you think Jesus often prayed all night! And this is the first key in understanding how to pray with power—you must understand the importance of prayer in your life and once you understand this fact then your prayer life will change.

You see it's not natural for man to know and understand either the importance of prayer or its impact in the spirit realm. We see this throughout the Bible. One of the reasons we have difficulty with prayer, especially here in Western culture, is because it does not usually bring instant gratification and we want everything right away. Well, that's not the nature of God and you're not going to change God so just forget it—you need to find out the importance of prayer and how to pray effectively—how to pray with power.

I've believed for many years that the answer to why the Bible says that one of the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray," (Lk. 11:1) is because they noticed a marked difference in the prayer life of Jesus vis a vis their own prayer lives. It's also interesting to note in this text the words, "As John also taught his disciples." Why did John have to teach his disciples to pray? What did he teach them?

This particular occasion with Jesus prompted Him to speak to them about praying and what we call The Lord's Prayer. However, it's not really the Lord's prayer. Actually, it's a type of prayer model and I want to share something we learned about praying with power from studying this prayer model along with what the Holy Spirit taught us from the Book of Acts. It's also interesting to note that Jesus spoke about this prayer model in His famous Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6 and it is obvious from both texts that these were not the same occasion so there is something here we can learn from the lips of Jesus if we are inquisitive, see the power of prayer and want to improve our prayer lives. Jesus Himself affirmed a principle of the Scriptures from Deuteronomy 19:15—that it requires “two or three witnesses to establish a matter.” He gives us two for this model prayer so we should take heed to what the Scriptures are teaching us.

In this particular teaching I don't plan to spend half a dozen pages writing about the whole prayer but you should study and meditate upon it and let the Spirit speak to your heart. This prayer is only for those who are in the family of God because it is addressed to “Our Father” and so it deals with relationship and you must first understand this. However, in the context of learning to pray with power—which can only occur through or by the Spirit of God that only those in the Family possess—there are two very important points that must be addressed that Jesus lays out in this Model Prayer—forgiveness and the will of God.

First of all, and Jesus goes on to elaborate on this after He gives this model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, we *must* ask God to forgive us of our sins and we *must* forgive others who have sinned or “trespassed against us.” Jesus spoke much about this in many of His teachings—we must be people willing to forgive others just as the Father in Heaven has forgiven our sins. We've also found that this very fact—unforgiveness toward others—can also lead to physical illness, especially arthritis. There is a very large ministry in Colorado Springs that actually teaches once you become a Christian you no longer have to ask God for forgiveness of your sins; however, this Model Prayer and other supporting scriptures such as I John 1:8-9 teach otherwise—Jesus paid the price for our sins but to “walk in the light” and be

holy people we must be quick to repent of sin. And as Jesus said, we must also be willing and I'll add quick to forgive others who sin against us.

The second aspect and the main thesis of my teaching today has to do with Matthew 6:10 and Luke 11:2 and the words of Jesus: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Do you think the will of God is being done completely in Heaven? Do you think it's being done on earth? We've done a lot of teaching in these areas about the will of God because most Christians erroneously believe—because they've been erroneously taught—that because God is sovereign the will of God is always done in their lives. What nonsense! You don't even have to know anything about the Dark Kingdom to know this is not true; just read the Bible!

So, because the will of God is always done in Heaven but rarely done on earth Jesus taught us to pray—if we want to pray with power—that God's will "be done on earth as it is in heaven." In other words, I like to think of it this way, we are praying with power when we are able to pray Heaven down upon the earth. Praise God! That's praying with power! When you learn to pray this way then everybody in wheel chairs will get up and walk away. In case you've not been there (my wife and I have been to Heaven many times) there aren't *any* people in wheel chairs in Heaven—not one! There aren't any people there on crutches either and there aren't any sick babies. And if the Church would act like the Bride of Christ and learn to pray with power the will of God down from Heaven upon the earth then we'd get a reputation like Jesus had when He walked the earth.

Jesus said we are to place a priority in our praying in the area of praying the Kingdom of God (Heaven) into existence on earth because this is the will of God. The world is in rebellion to the Kingdom of God; it's been corrupted and polluted by the "god of this world," Satan, to such an extent that planet Earth has largely become the antithesis of God's will. And it's up to the Church to correct that through the power of prayer by praying, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Now, with that in mind I want to share a verse of Scripture that the Spirit has taught us to be very powerful in our prayers and it's Acts 21:14—we pray it all the time because it's exactly in line with what Jesus taught and I believe that's why it's such a powerful way to pray and why we always see it come to pass *if* we will pray this way: it's a very simple addition to any prayer of petition that you pray and then add, “Lord, I pray Acts 21:14—‘the will of the Lord be done’—over this situation in the Name of Jesus.”

I know this may not sound like much but I can guarantee you results if you will pray the Word this way over situations and circumstances in your life. Of course, you must understand that you must be genuinely interested in the will of God coming to pass—it may be contrary to what you want to happen and, more importantly, as long as your motives are pure you'll find that God will answer this prayer favorably though normally not the way you might anticipate.

Remember, we are children of God. The Bible says, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God.” Now, right now if you're a born-again believer. You won't be anymore a son of God when you get to Heaven than you are right now! It's important to understand this fact because it will help you exercise your Family duties now while still on the earth and pray “the will of the Lord be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

This particular prayer, Acts 21:14, will also help you in spiritual warfare. Is there an abortion clinic, pornographic video store, etc., in your town? Do you believe it's the will of the Lord for them to be there? Well, then why aren't you doing something about it? Why aren't you praying with power against the Dark Kingdom and the forces of darkness? Don't you believe you're in the Army of the Lord?

I want to encourage you to begin praying with power this week the Model Prayer and also Acts 21:14 over your own life, your family & community, our country and the world. This is a particularly powerful time of the year to pray—the season when we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel—the Living Word of God—to begin

the final process of bringing the Kingdom of God upon this rebellious earth. Jesus taught us—His disciples—to pray this way because we are in the Family and we want to see our Papa’s will come to pass for the earth. When you pray this way you can pray with power because you are praying the Word and thus the perfect will of God and you are exercising your *priestly anointing* by praying this way—your words will always be anointed by the Holy Spirit and it’s His anointing that is the difference. I promise you that if you pray this way for even a few weeks you will see that your prayer life is more anointed and powerful. Praise the Lord!