

APPENDIX

A

INTRODUCTION

Luke 11: 1-2

One of the most important rights God gave His Church is prayer. It is the breath of the regenerated Spirit. Except we pray in God's given way, we cannot receive from Him. Knowing how to pray is as vital as the need to pray.

Prayer is communicating or communion with God. The Bible teaches about different types of prayer. Basically prayer is asking God to intervene in a given situation based on His Word. My desire is that this booklet will stir you up to commit yourself to prayer so that the purposes of God can be done on earth.

CHAPTER 1

WHY DO WE NEED TO PRAY?

The reason why God made man in His own image is stated clearly in **Genesis 1: 26-27** for Him to exercise dominion and rule over all of God's creation. The disobedience of man cost him every blessing and privilege God had given him. Adam lost the dominion to Satan. And in **2 Corinthians 4:4** the Bible states that Satan now becomes the god of this world. The devil now has legal rights to exercise dominion on earth. Jesus Christ through His death, burial and resurrection destroyed the devil and restores back to man what Adam lost **Hebrews 2:14; Matthew 28: 18-20; Revelation 1:18**. Therefore, we now have received back from Christ what Adam lost. This dominion we received back from Christ must be exercised and one of the channels through which we exercise dominion is prayer.

Psalm 115:16 states clearly that the earth is for man. Therefore, through prayer we invite God to come and rule on earth. We form a partnership with God through prayer to work on earth.

Matthew 6:10, we ask for the will of God to be done on earth and we become the channels through which God's mercy flows unto the earth.
Isaiah 59:16; Isaiah 64:7

CHAPTER 2

Importance Of Prayer

- A. Prayer is the Act of communicating with God. It is the soul of worship and we converse with God during our prayer time. Through prayer we declare our impotence, helplessness and need for God and dependence on Him. **2 Chronicles 20: 1-13**
- B. Through prayers, we invoke God's power to effect changes on earth and to do things we could not have done with our human strength.
Acts 1:8 we are empowered through prayers to withstand oppositions to the will of God.
Acts 4: 23-33 Elijah confronted the 450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel through prayer. He invoked the power and presence of God to deliver Israel from the bondage of witchcraft.
- C. Prayer is the main key to heaven's resources.
Jeremiah 33:3 God promises answers and a showing forth of things we do not know about.
Matthew 7:7 encourage us to **Ask, Seek, and Knock.**
Luke 11:3 give us this day our daily bread.
John 14:13-14; James 4:2
1 Chronicles 4:9 the life and destiny of Jabez was changed after he accessed heaven's resources. He asked God to bless him, enlarge him, touch him and protect him and God answered him.
- D. Through prayer, we partner with God to effect changes on earth.
Luke 11:1-2 through prayer, we enforce the written will of God to be done on earth.
Jeremiah 51:20-23 we become God's instruments to destroy Satan's works on earth.
- E. We destroy Satan's works and plans on earth and release God's blessing on earth.
Matthew 18:18-20 we have the right to bind and loose. God used Jehoshaphat's prayer and the prayer of Judah to thwart the plans of their enemies.
Daniel 2:17 God responded to Daniel's prayer and changed the season of death into a period of life.

CHAPTER 3

Responsibilities In Prayer

- A. We take our place and exercise authority given to us by Jesus. Matthew 28**
 - I. We exercise divine dominion by ruling from heavenly places.
 - II. We take charge and pray with confidence. **Hebrew 4:16**
 - III. We subdue. **Genesis 1:28**
 - IV. We overthrow, destroy, and pull down. **Jeremiah 1:10**
 - V. We plant and build. **Jeremiah 1:10**
 - VI. We resist the devil. **James 4:7**

- B. Possess the gate of our Enemy.**
 - I. Promise to Abraham and his seed.
Genesis 22:17' 24:60; Matthew 16:18-19
 - II. Resist and destroy the gates of Hell.
- Demonic devices and decrees.
Psalms 36:4; 37:7; Ezekiel 11:2; Isaiah 32:7
 - III. Bringing freedom to those in bondage.
Acts 12:1-5; Acts 16:16-24

CHAPTER 4

Type Of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18 Mentions all types of prayer.

These are different types of sports e.g. soccer, volleyball, netball, baseball etc. All these are sports but unique and different from one another. The rules that govern them are different. So it is in the realms of the spirit. These are the different types of prayer.

1. Prayer of Faith **Matthew 21:22; Mk 11:24**
2. Prayer of Consecration **Luke 22:42**
3. Prayer of Commitment **I Peter 5:7**
4. Prayer of Worship **Luke 24:52-53; Acts 13:1-4**
5. Prayer in the Spirit (speaking in tongue) **I Corinthian 14:14**
6. Prayer of Supplication
7. Prayer of Repentance
8. Prayer of Thanksgiving
9. Warfare Prayers

Bonding and Loosing **Matthew 18:18**

- I. Travailing Prayer
- II. Intercessory Prayer (standing in the gap) **Eze 22:30-31;**
Num 14:11-19; Psa 106:23; Job 9:32-33; Isa 59:16; I Tim 2:5
- III. Agreement and Corporate Prayer **Matt 18:18; Acts 4:23-31**

CHAPTER 5

Elements Of Effective Prayer

1. **Fervency James 5:16-18; Romans 12:11.**
Fervent means to be hot till a boiling point, earnest, striving in what you are doing Colossians 4:12
2. **Having a desire Mark 11:22-24.**
A strong desire when it consumes and overwhelms you, becomes a burden.
3. **Perseverance and Persistency Luke 18; Ephesians 6:18.**
We must not get tired, weary, bored or lose heart. Persistent prayer is a continual action and the ability to wait.
4. **Faith is a needed element and ingredient Hebrew 11:6.**
Faith in Him and based on His word.
5. **The word of God. This gives us focus and direction in prayer.**
Jesus in Gethsemany focused on the Father's will
2 Corinthian 1:20; 1 John 5:14-15
6. **Recognize and reverence God's presence.**
7. **Confession of Sin (words, thoughts, deeds)**
8. **Specific in our prayer**
Matthew 26:41; Proverbs 38:6; Psalm 34:10
9. **Re-examine yourself 2 Corinthian 13:5**

CHAPTER 6

Weapons Of Prayer

No army goes to war without weapons. And scripture explicitly defines that we have weapons of warfare 2 Corinthians 10:4.

PRIMARY WEAPONS

1. The name of Jesus Christ.
2. The blood of Jesus Christ **Rev 12:11; Colossian 1:14; Rom 3:25**
3. The sword of Jehovah **Jeremiah 47:6-7**
4. The fire of Jehovah: To bring judgement to our enemies
Leviticus 10:1-2; Hebrew 12:28; Deut 4:24; Isaiah 66:16
5. The Word of God **Rev 19:11-14 ; Rev 12:12**
 - it has creative power **Genesis 1:3**
 - it has life
 - it breaks **Jeremiah 23:29**
 - it is like a Sword **Hebrew 4:12**

Supplementary Weapons

1. Broom of destruction to clean every filth and pollution **Isaiah 14:23**
2. Craftsmen of God to destroy horns of opposition **Zac 1:18-20**

Darkness to blind our enemies **Exodus 10:21.**

Earthquake to release prisoners and terrify devils
Isaiah 29:6; Acts 16:26

Fishermen to catch rebels **Jeremiah 16:16**

The launching pad for all the weapons is our tongue
Proverbs 18:20-21; Proverbs 6:2 ; 12:14 ; 16:23

CHAPTER 7

JESUS LEFT US AN EXAMPLE

Mark 14:38 Watch and Pray.

Prayer was a priority in Jesus Life.

1. He prayed in the evenings **Matthew 14:23**
2. He prayed all night **Luke 6:12**
3. He prayed in the morning **Mark 1:35**
4. He prayed during the day **Luke 9:28**
5. He prayed everywhere **Luke 11:1**

CHAPTER 8

Effects of Corporate Prayer

The need for agreement **Matthew 18:18-20**

- It stopped the plans of Satan to abolish the early Church.
Acts 4:23, 24, 29-30
- Absence of corporate prayer allowed for the execution of James.
Acts 12
- It arrests the assassination of Church leadership. **Acts 12:1-5, 6-10**
- It saved the Jews from total extermination. **Esther 4:15-17; 9:1**
- Corporate Prayer delivered Judah from enemies. **2 Chro. 20:1-4, 22**
- Corporate Prayer brings blessing and revival. **Joel 2:15-17 ; 18-32**

CHAPTER 9

Keys For Effective Prayer

A. Prepare For Battle

1. Take heavenly position **Ephesians 1:3, 2:6**
2. Take authority **Luke 10:19**
3. Take cover in the blood **Exodus 12:12-13**
4. Put on the armour of God **Ephesians 6:10-18**
5. Apply the weapons in prayer **2 Corinthians 10:4**

B. Ways of God in Intercession

Pray out loud **Hebrew 5:7**

Pray with fasting **Daniel 9 :2-3 ; 10:2-3**

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CHAPTER 10

PRAYERS KILLERS/OBSTACLES

1. Unconfessed Sin (thoughts, deeds)
Psalm 66:18 /Jeremiah 31:34

Dulls Spiritual Senses
Withdraws you from God
Keeps you away from His word
2. Unbelief **James 1: 5-8, Mark 6: 1 ; John 16:9**
Deactivates God's Word
3. Disobedience **1 John 3:21-23**
Abraham
4. Unforgiveness **Matthew 6:14-15**
blocks the flow of the spirit
5. Pride and Selfishness **James 4: 3-6**
6. Unsurrendered Will
 - What God wants
 - John 17:7
7. Idols in our hearts **Ezekiel 14:3**

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Developing Prayer Skills

1. Meeting with God.

You must make time for God and have a place to meet HIM.
Take along Bible /Pen/ Cassettes for worship.
Prepare mentally, emotionally in getting your heart and mind to be set. Avoid distractions, put off your phones
2. Learn to wait **Isaiah 40:3** and have an expectation
3. Confess your sins and remove all roadblocks to your prayer . Be honest and prompt when the Holy Spirit reminds you of something
4. Have a Bible reading time and expect God to speak to you.
2 Timothy 3:16-17
5. Meditate on the Word. **Psalm 1:1-6**
Read the Word and evaluate your life in the light of what you are reading.
2 Corinthians 13:5
7. Time of Intercession **2 Timothy 2:1-4**
 - Intercede according to Scripture
 - Pray for people (mention names)
 - Family etc.
8. Thank Him.