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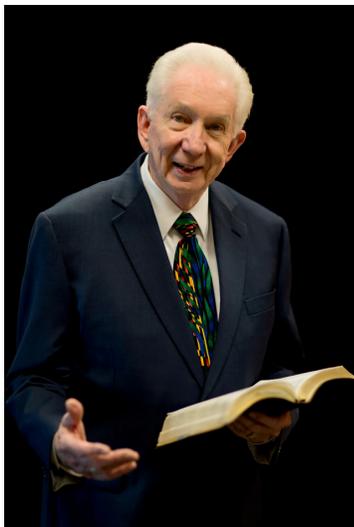
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Session One

“Lord Teach Us To Pray”

Luke 11:1,2 Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be honored. May your Kingdom come soon.

WHAT IS PRAYER

“Say”

None of us can be busier than Jesus. Jesus took time to pray and so must we. The disciples recognized that to be like Jesus they must also pray. Why did they ask Jesus to teach them to pray? There must have been something distinctive about Jesus' manner of prayer and the results. There was something about His prayer that was very unlike their manner of prayer. Changing my manner of prayer required concentrated effort on my part.

When you pray, you are not to beg God. You are to speak God's will, not the problem, and have faith in God. Believe that what you say will come to pass.

Mark 11:22, 23 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says."

I used to pray a long list of problems, telling God about all my needs, concerns, doubts and fears. My list got longer and longer, because I received so few answers. The only way to get off my prayer list was to die.

Take Dominion

We take dominion and advance God's Kingdom on earth by what we say when we pray.

Genesis 1:26,27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The first thing God said after creating mankind was, "Be fruitful and multiply." These two God like creatures were to

multiple, to fill the earth and subdue it, to have dominion over the earth and everything it. That included Satan ...”

Psalm 8:4-8 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen -Even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

We are all sons of God, both male and female. We were made a little lower than Eloheim, God himself. (Note: the word translated “angels” here is “Eloheim” or God Himself.) God gave dominion over the earth to these “new creations” who were made in His image, who looked like Him and had His very life within themselves. God is the King of kings. We are therefore “kings” on this earth to rule, reign and take dominion here on this planet.

Dominion Restored

Adam and Eve lost this dominion when they sinned and surrendered that dominion to Satan. Jesus restored that authority to us as His Church today. He took the keys from Satan when He overcame death, hell and the grave. Then Jesus restored those keys of dominion to the church.

Matthew 16:18, 19 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Jesus gave His church those very keys. Authority and dominion is released by what we say when we pray. Whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven. Whatever we loose on earth is loosed in Heaven. He has restored redeemed man to authority over Satan and all his demons and power.

WHAT ARE WE “SAYING” WHEN WE PRAY?

Prayer Is Not:

- Telling God our problems
- Expressing our doubt and unbelief
- . Begging
- Worrying

Examples:

- Oh God, Why are you letting the devil do this to me?

- Oh God, What are you going to do about this?
- God's answer is, "Nothing. What are you going to do about it? My work is complete, finished."

Prayer Is:

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Isaiah 57:19 "I create the fruit of the lips: peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

It is important what we say when we pray. We are to take dominion by what we say. God has restored that dominion to us, His church. What are we speaking in our prayers? Have we been speaking death in our prayers? We must stop praying according to our traditions. We need to speak health, prosperity, God is a Creator. God has made us in His image. What have we been creating by our so-called prayers?

Our Father in Heaven.....

We need an Intimate relationship with our Father:

Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:6, 7 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

God created male and female and called them both sons of God, not a slave, but an heir of God.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Are these blessings only for when we have arrived in Heaven? By prayer these blessings become ours today.

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you in His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

_ We deal with a lack of self-

God is rejoicing over us. Why do we live below our position in Christ?

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Our needs are here and now. There will be no needs in Heaven.

John 14:13,14 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

HOW DO WE COME TO OUR FATHER?

Enter Into Gates with Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

With Worship

"Hallowed be Your name"

I magnify your Name, Hallowed be your name. Magnify the Lord with me. To magnify God is not to make God bigger, but in our own eyes to comprehend how big He actually is. God has restored the keys of dominion to His church here on earth.

Your Kingdom Come!

Revelation 19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2 Timothy 2:12a If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.

Revelation 5:10 and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Come!

Greek word: *ercomehe* is a command.

Peter walked on water:

Matthew 14:28,29 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

When Jesus said "Come" he used the same word "ercomehe." It was a command, "Come from over there to over here!"

The Centurion:

Matthew 8:5-10 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word and my servant will be healed." "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one,

'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it He marveled and said to those who followed, "Assuredly I say to you I have not found such great faith not even in Israel!"

Again the word "ercomehe" was used when the centurion, as a Roman military commander said, "I say to this one, 'Go' and he goes; and to another 'Come,' and he comes ..."

The word "come" is therefore a command, spoken with authority.

Jesus was very impressed by the centurion's understanding of authority.

This is the same word, we are to use when we pray, saying, "Your Kingdom Come!"

We are to call those things which do not exist as though they do exist.

Your Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven!

God's will is being done in heaven. But it is not going to be done in our realm of authority until we say it because He has given us as believers all authority on this earth.

Prayer begins in worship in the Father's presence. It is listening to the Father's heart, learning His Kingdom initiatives and then bringing His will from heaven to earth in our realm of authority by what we say when we pray. By praying authoritative, Kingdom advancing dominion prayers, we are reigning as kings on this earth. We each have realms of authority, and in that realm, we are to forcibly advance the Kingdom of God by what we say when we pray.

Matthew 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Righteousness

Matthew 6:33a But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness ...

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Peace

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Philippians 4:6, 7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Joy

Joy is another fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22)

Psalms 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

1 Peter 1:8b Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Receiving and Possessing the Kingdom

Daniel 7:13,14,18,27 "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

'But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

Advancing the Kingdom

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Luke 10:8 "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

Luke 17:20,21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

Your Kingdom Come! Your Will be Done!

His will is ...

- No Unrighteousness
- No Strife
- No Unhappiness
- No Sickness
- No Death
- No Poverty or Lack

CONCLUSION

- ❖ Is God's will being done in our realm of authority?
- ❖ We need to learn to pray like Jesus prayed.
- ❖ Lord Jesus, teach us to pray.
- ❖ Prayer is bringing God's will to come into our realm of authority on earth – to come into our lives, our homes, our neighborhood, towns, nations or to those places where God sends us. It is important what we "say" when we pray. "Father, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth (in our realm of authority) as it is in Heaven."

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When you pray, why shouldn't you beg God?
2. If God is rejoicing over us, why do some Christians live below their positions in Christ?
3. After learning that the word 'come' is a command in Romans 4:17, how should we change the way we pray?

SELF-STUDY

1. Re-read and think about the following statement from this session: "He has restored redeemed man to authority over Satan and all his demons and power:"

What does this mean? Re-write the statement in your own words.

How should this truth affect your life from this point forward?

2. Think about how you pray. Have you been speaking any death in your prayers? How can you stop praying according to traditions and start speaking health and prosperity instead?
3. How can you make your relationship with your Heavenly Father more intimate?

Session Two

Essentials of Successful Prayer

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.

BOLDLY ENTERING HIS PRESENCE

Many have experienced difficulty in coming boldly to God in prayer because of feelings of unworthiness, guilt and condemnation. Many have felt that God would not answer their prayers because they have had a sin consciousness instead of a righteous consciousness. If our prayers are to be effective, we must see ourselves as God sees us. We must know what it means to be born again.

Revelation of Righteousness

We must know that we are new creations and have been made righteous. God does not condemn us. We are born of the Spirit. Christ paid the penalty for our sin. The righteousness of Christ has been imputed to us. Many feel they are condemned.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

The old person does not exist anymore. We've been born again of the Spirit. We're talking about the spirit man.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

In that great exchange, Jesus our substitute Redeemer took all of our sin upon Himself. Our sin is removed; the righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed to us. We can never be more righteous than we became at the moment of salvation.

Forgiven and Cleansed

Many believers also have felt alienated from God because of sins they have committed since they were born again. Confess them to God and you are forgiven and cleansed of ALL unrighteousness. Our righteous status in Him is restored.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

With a revelation of righteousness, we can come boldly to our Heavenly Father in prayer without feelings of guilt and condemnation that have hindered our prayers in the past. We can know that God loves us and is smiling. Our sins are now under the blood of Jesus, forgiven, cleansed and righteous. Agree with God. We are without guilt or condemnation.

Hebrews 10:17- 22 "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

With a revelation of righteousness we can come boldly to our Heavenly Father in prayer.

Chosen

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you in His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Ephesians 3:12 In whom (Christ) we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Yes, the Father hears the prayers of the righteous. He has chosen us as His own special people as a royal priesthood. God has chosen us as kings and priests. As a royal priesthood, we can boldly pray Kingdom advancing prayers, knowing the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. We do not have to grovel or plead. We are exhorted to come boldly before God's throne of grace.

ESSENTIALS OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER

Abiding in Him

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ.

Psalm 91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

As we “abide” in an intimate relationship with Him, our heartfelt desires become one with the passion and character of our Father. His desires become our desires. God is not distant from us. We commune with Him. We become one with Him. We become friends of God. His words must abide in us. As we meditate in His word day and night, His desires become our desires.

John 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

That is what prayer is all about. Our desires become His desires. Our will becomes His will. We become one in Him. Our prayers become increasingly effective. We meditate on His Word until His Word becomes completely integrated within us.

Psalm 37:4,5 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Asking According to His Will

1 John 5:14,15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

I used to tell God what I wanted and what I thought I needed. I asked that my will be done. Do you have confidence in God? God’s promises are based upon his character and his ability to answer. If we ask according to His will He hears us. Do you know His will? Do you ask accordingly? We know He hears us then we know that he will answer our prayer.

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Do you ask and do not receive? Am I asking only for me and my pleasure? Everything is about His Kingdom, His will being accomplished.

Worshipping

Matthew 6:33a But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness ...

First we must worship Him and seek His face. Communication requires the speaking and listening of two or more people. Don’t do all the talking. Stop and take time to listen to God’s response to you and hear Him. Is God

smarter than I am? Listen to Him and learn His will. Then we say, “Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

Knowing God’s Will?

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Note: Prayer is to be a conversation with God. We ask for the knowledge of His will, listen for and receive knowledge from Him and then pray; that is to “say” for His will to be done on earth as it has been revealed to you from heaven. If God is smarter than I am, why am I doing all the talking? We need a revelation from God; therefore we must listen for His direction.

Luke 11:2b So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES

David’s Prayer

David received a revelation of God’s will and then prayed for it to be done on earth as God revealed it from heaven.

22 Samuel 7:26-29 “So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel.’ And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore Your servant found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

“And now, O LORD God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You; for You, O LORD God, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever.”

Immediately after this, the passage continues to report how David defeated all of his enemies. David heard from God. That is listening prayer. David prayed what he heard God speak. When David spoke it in prayer, it became a reality.

Elisha’s Prayer

When faced with the death of a child, Elisha prayed for a revelation of God’s will from heaven. With the revelation of God’s will, Elisha moved into action and brought life into the child’s body.

2 Kings 4:32 - 35 And when Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD.

And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.

He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

We need to spend time with the Lord and worship Him until we receive God's direction, and pray accordingly. To pray effective prayers, we must spend time with Our Father and listen for His revelation. Then we say what God has shown us to say.

ELEMENTS OF PRAYER

Praying in Truth

Psalm 145:18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

When we pray, we must be open and honest with God. The Hebrew word for truth also carries the meaning of stability and trustworthiness. Pray God's words, not the problem.

Instead of praying our concerns, our doubts or our fears or even the natural "facts," we are to pray the "truth" of God's Word. As we commune with the Holy Spirit in prayer, He will reveal the "truth" to us as He hears it from the Father.

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

As the truth is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, we are to "say" it in prayer, bringing God's will to be done on earth as it has been revealed from heaven. When we hear the truth from God, say it in prayer, bringing God's will to pass on earth as it is in Heaven.

Praying Fervently

James 5:16b The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Our prayers are to be prayed with fervency, intensity and passion ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Revelation 3:14 - 16 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth.' "

When God reveals His will to us, we are to go after it with "effective, fervent prayers." As when God gave the Children of Israel a promised land, they found that the enemy was "camping" on their possession. When God reveals His will for the things he wants us to "possess" in prayer, we often find the "enemy" is camping on it. We have to go in and possess our possessions with effective fervent prayers of authority and dominion. We have to forcibly advance the Kingdom of God by what we "say" when we pray. The enemy is camping on our land. We need to forcibly advance the Kingdom of God.

Striving

Romans 15:30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.

To "strive" means to exert much effort, energy, or endeavor; to struggle or fight forcefully; to contend. Paul was in a battle and he asked the believers to strive with him in prayer for the victory. Expect the enemy to resist, but persist until victory is given.

Asking, Knocking, Seeking

Matthew 7:7,8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

God has spoken it. God has revealed it to us. Now we must act, seek and find it.

Deuteronomy 4:29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. "

God wants us to seek Him with our entire being and total commitment.

Jeremiah 29:12,13 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

We need to seek God with our entire being. No more half-hearted praying for me. Take time to listen and respond accordingly.

Travailing

Galatians 4:19 [KJV] My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.

The Word “travailing” used in the KJV simply means “to labor” as a mother giving birth to a child. Paul was the spiritual father of many and considered them his children in the Lord. This is not casual praying, but focused and continuing to accomplish a given purpose.

While we are to pray fervently and with a bold intensity, we must be careful not to let prayer become a “system of works.” Some have made a doctrine out of “travailing” until it has become out of balance with human effort. We must remember that everything that we are to receive by prayer is based on the completed work of Christ.

Isaiah prophesied of the coming work of Christ as our substitute sacrifice. Read Isaiah 53:8 – 54:1.

The Father has seen the travail made by Jesus, our substitute Redeemer, and is satisfied. Jesus made intercession for us (the transgressors). Because of the completed work of Christ on our behalf, those of us who have not “travailed” are to break out into singing, His work is complete.

Yes, we are to labor or “push through” with intensity and fervency in prayer, but at the same time remember all that we are to receive is based on the completed work of Christ, not on our own efforts. We are not convincing God, but the enemy is camped on our possessions, so there is an intensity of possessing our possessions in prayer.

Praying Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

We are to develop a lifestyle of prayer with daily and constant communication with our Heavenly Father. As we pray in the spirit, even while we are sleeping or busy with the details of life, our spirits will continue to pray without ceasing. We, like those in the Book of Acts must be “constant” in our prayers.

Acts 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Listening Prayer

When we understand the “essentials” of effective prayer, we will find ourselves spending more time in “listening prayer,” tuning into the heavenly realm of the spirit, listening to the still small voice of God, knowing what His will is, and then begin to boldly “say” what we have heard the Father say. Jesus said:

John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ”

John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

Following the example of Jesus, we only speak in prayer what we have first heard from our Father in heaven. By the things that we say when we pray God’s will, we are creating with the fruit of our lips. Through our continual, earnest and fervent prayers we are forcibly advancing God’s Kingdom on the earth. Alive with the fire and passion of Christ, we bring God’s Kingdom and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Discuss what It means to be a new creation.
2. How do we agree with God in prayer?
3. Share some possible reasons why asking does not result in receiving from James :3.

SELF-STUDY

1. Are there any sins from your past that have let you feeling alienated from God?

If so, what are they? Confess them to God right now, and realize that you are forgivei and cleansed of ALL unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

If not, praise the Lord for how His forgiveness has changed your life.

1. Write down some ways that you can make sure you are coming boldly to your Heavenly Father’s throne of grace during prayer, instead of groveling and/or pleading.
3. Make a point to practice 'listenina”during your prayer times each day. Keep a journal where you write down what God has spoken to you.

Session Three

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYERS

AUTHORITY – THE FOUNDATION OF PRAYER

To better understand how to pray Kingdom advancing prayers, we will begin by giving a short review of our teaching on “The Authority of the Believer.”

Origin of the Devil

When Lucifer and those angels who were under his command rebelled against God, they were cast out of heaven to a planet called earth. In his rebellion Lucifer had wanted to make himself “like the Most High” and to be ruler over heaven and the whole universe. Instead he is now known as that old serpent, the Devil. He and his demons were trapped on a planet that was dark and “without form, void”

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Restoration of the Earth

But suddenly he heard the voice of God saying “Let there be light!” To the horror of the devil, during a five day period this earth was being restored to its original created purpose by Creator God. And God said, ‘It is good.’

Creation of Man

God had a plan when He said: “Let us make man in our image.” On the sixth day, Satan who had wanted to make himself “like the Most High” watched in horror as the Creator, the Son of God got down in the dust of the earth and made man in His image, to be an exact likeness of Himself here on this earth. He breathed His very life into Adam. Soon He made Eve and brought her to Adam telling them to be fruitful and multiply and to replenish this earth with these God like beings. And the first thing that God said about His new creation is stated in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

That included Satan and all of his demons. God retained dominion over all of heaven and the entire universe except

on one planet. Here he had given dominion to man who now looked like God, walked like God and talked like God. The earth still belonged to God, but kingship had been given to man to rule and take dominion here.

That is why the devil hates mankind so much. That is what this warfare on earth is all about. Through deception, Satan tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God. When they sinned against God, the life of God went out of them and Adam and Eve surrendered their God given keys of authority and dominion on earth to Satan.

God's Plan to Restore Mankind

Mankind was in a desperate situation with little evidence of their glorious beginning. The earth was full of sickness and disease, poverty and in captivity to the powers of Satan.

However, God could not come and fix the problem on earth as God because He had given dominion on this earth to man. In God's infinite wisdom and as a result of His great love plan for mankind as His new creation, He sent His Son, Jesus to come to earth in the "form and fashion of a man." He came as "the Last Adam."

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Jesus came as the Son of Man, because man had originally been given dominion on this earth.

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

He came to destroy the works of the Devil. Everywhere He went, He took dominion over this earth and everything in it. He stilled the storm tossed sea. He cast out the legion of demons. He died as our substitute Redeemer. He bore our sins to the depths of the earth. When He rose from the grave, He spoiled principalities and powers and put them to an open shame. He took the keys of dominion back from Satan and has given them back to redeemed mankind as His new creation, His Church today.

Dominion Restored to Redeemed Mankind

Jesus said,

Matthew 16:18, 19 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound

Authority and dominion over this earth and everything in it had been restored to redeemed mankind, His Body, the Church. His purpose for mankind had been restored. Once again He is saying: “Let them have dominion over this earth and everything in it.” The keys of the Kingdom on earth had been restored to mankind, His new creation. As believers today, we have the keys of dominion to bind and to loose. To bind means to limit one’s realm of authority. God has given to each one of us a realm of authority, of dominion, of kingship. Jesus is the “King of kings.” We are the kings on this earth today. Kings take dominion, subdue and rule over a certain territory that is their realm of authority.

Authority Restored

Today, we as new creations have a realm of authority in our lives, our marriages, homes and family, in our neighborhoods, our cities, our nations and in those places where God sends us. The only thing that Satan and his demons can do in our realm of authority is what we as the Church of the Living God have been letting him do. We need to use the authority God has given us.

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

Waking In Obedience

James 4:7,8 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

When we pray, we are drawing “near to God and He will draw near to you.” As He draws near, we listen to hear His voice, and receive a revelation of the will of God “as it is in heaven.” Then we begin to speak faith filled words out of our mouths as Kingdom advancing prayers. We, like Jesus, only say what we hear our Father saying:

John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

JESUS' PRAYERS

As Jesus heard from His Father, he boldly took dominion over this earth and everything in it. When Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, the power of the Holy Spirit came upon Him. He walked in authority as a man over Satan who seeks to kill and destroy.

Jesus Took Dominion

Over the Elements

Mark 4:37-39 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Over the Fig Tree

Matthew 21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." And immediately the fig tree withered away.

Over Sickness and Disease

Mark 1:40,41 Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Spoke Creative Miracles

Mark 3:3, 5b Then He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." ... "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Over Death

John 11:43b,44 He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Over Demons

Matthew 8:31,32 So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the

whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Jesus and the Centurion

The Centurion understood authority and recognized the authority that was in Jesus.

Matthew 8:8-10 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

The Centurion spoke with authority to the soldiers under his command in short commanding expressions: "Go!," "Come!," "Do this!"

Jesus' Commands

Jesus too prayed and ministered in authority using short commanding expressions: "Go." "Be Cleansed." "Stretch out your hand." "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." "Peace be still!" "Lazarus, come forth!" Even so, as we say "Your Kingdom Come!" and pray other Kingdom advancing prayers, we will find ourselves, once we have heard from God, speaking, praying and ministering in short commanding expressions. Jesus did all of His miracles as He used the dominion He had as the Son of Man and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

AUTHORITY FOR EVERY BELIEVER

Jesus and the early disciples prayed Kingdom advancing prayers using their God given dominion. We too can do the same miracles as we like Jesus operate in our restored dominion and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Jesus commanded His disciples to do His works:

Matthew 10:8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Early Believers' Authority

Peter

In the book of Acts we find the early believers ministering in the same way. They spoke with authority using a short command. Speak like Jesus spoke and do the works of Jesus.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Peter prayed and spoke to the dead body of Tabitha after removing those who did not believe. Then he sought God's direction.

Acts 9:40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Paul

Paul spoke blindness on Elymas the sorcerer: Paul did not speak in anger, but spoke what God was saying.

Acts 13:10,11 "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

Paul spoke with authority in ministering to the crippled man at Lystra: Paul was seeing into the spiritual world with the eyes of the Spirit.

Acts 14:9,10 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

Those were Kingdom Advancing prayers spoken with boldness and authority.

Early Believers Prayed for Boldness:

Acts 4:29-31 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

The Devil wants to intimidate us. We need boldness to pray like Jesus and the early believers prayed. God answered their prayers immediately.

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Our Authority Today

Jesus' authority has been restored to us today:

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Kingdom advancing prayers are usually spoken with short commanding expressions. There is no need for long or repetitious prayers.

Matthew 6:7, 8 "But when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

The key is to hear from God and then speak it with short commanding expressions. Use the authority God has given you.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few.

Elijah Had Authority

Elijah when raising the child from the dead:

1 Kings 17:21, 22 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."

Elijah before the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel who had been leaping, shouting, crying and cutting themselves for a whole day without seeing anything happening. Finally, Elijah prepared the altar and the sacrifice and had it completely drenched with water and then prayed a short authoritative prayer:

11 Kings 18:36-38 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

When God's people begin to pray like these believers, we will say Kingdom Advancing Prayers. We will see results like they saw results. God's will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After the Fall, when the Earth was full of sickness and disease, poverty, and was in the captivity of Satan, why could God not come and fix the problem?
2. Regarding dominion over the Earth:
Why did God give dominion over Earth to man?
After the Fall, who had dominion over Earth?
After the Resurrection, who had dominion over Earth?
3. Once we have heard from God, why should we find ourselves speaking, praying, and ministering in short, commanding expressions?

SELF-STUDY

1. In this session, we learn that God has given each or of us a realm of authority. Write out some ways that you can use your God-given authority/dominion in everyday life.
2. In what areas of your life are you called to have authority/dominion?
3. What is Satan allowed to do in your realm of authority?

Session Four

Prayer, the Voice of Faith

GOD-PLEASING PRAYERS

*** How do we pray God-pleasing prayers? They should be based on our relationship with Him. They should be expressions of our faith in Him, in His love for us. They should be based on his Word.

Prayer of Faith

James 5:15a And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

When we pray in faith, we believe that we receive what we asked for. The question is; do we really have faith to believe that we will receive what we ask for in prayer?

Matthew 21:22 "And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

It is, therefore, important that prayers are expressions of faith.

Sweet Smelling Incense

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The question is, do our prayers please God?

In the book of Revelation, we find that the prayers of the saints are to be like incense before the throne of God.

Revelation 8:3,4 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. And he was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

When I think about the faithless prayers I prayed for many years, instead of smelling like sweet incense to God, He must have been holding His nose and saying, "That really stinks!" If without faith, it is impossible to please God, then prayers prayed in faith believing that we receive what we ask for; they must bring God great pleasure.

A Walk of Faith

Faith is unquestioning belief in God. It is complete trust and confidence in God and in His Word. Faith is believing and acting on God's Word without questioning or trying to reason it out.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

As "new creations" we are born of the Spirit. but we still live in our fleshly bodies.

John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

We are new creations in Christ Jesus. Our natural body perceives the world around us with our five natural senses. To the natural body, reality is determined by what we can see, hear, smell, touch and taste.

However, having been born of the Spirit, we also live in the realm of the spirit. The spirit world is eternal. It is more real than the natural world. In the spirit realm we also have five senses. The reality of the spirit realm is revealed in the Word of God. By the Holy Spirit, we can now "see" into the eternal world of the spirit through visions, dreams and the revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit. We can "hear" the voice of God. We can smell the aroma of the Holy Spirit. We can also smell the presence of demons. We can "touch" the reality of the world of the spirit. We can "taste" of the good things of God.

Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

We live in two worlds, but the things of the spirit are more real than that which we can perceive with our natural senses.

Truth Sets Us Free

Our natural senses perceive facts. But our spiritual senses perceive truth. It is only the truth that can make us free.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Facts do not set us free. The truth will set us free. The things of the Spirit are foolish to the natural mind that has not been renewed by the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Romans 12:1,2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

We Have A Choice

Are we going to believe the facts as we perceive them with our natural senses? Or, are we going to believe the truth as it is revealed to us through the Word of God and by our spiritual senses?

UNDERSTANDING FAITH

Faith versus Hope

Faith is not the same as hope. Hope looks forward to the future. Faith is always now.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

When faith comes it moves the things we have been hoping for in the future into the realm of the “now.” There is no other kind of faith but “now faith.” Hope is looking forward to the “substance” that we desire. Faith is the “substance.” Hope says, “I will get it someday.” Faith says, “I have it now!” Jesus did not say to the woman who was healed by touching Him: “Daughter, your hope has made you well.” Instead, He said: “Daughter, your faith has made you well.”

It has been said: “Hope sets the stage, faith brings the results.”

What is Faith?

However, faith does not require seeing an immediate manifestation to our natural senses. Instead we see it through the eyes of faith. Faith is ...the evidence of things not seen (with the natural eyes). Seeing with the natural eye is sense evidence.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

The worlds were made of things not seen with the natural eye. Faith exists in the spirit realm. Faith has spiritual substance. Now faith is the substance...the evidence of things not seen with the natural eye. Spiritual substance is more real to the spirit of man as material substance is to the natural man.

The more time we spend in the presence of God, the more our spiritual senses are developed. The more we meditate in the Word, the more the things of the spirit will become a reality in our hearts. Our spiritual eyes and ears become more tuned into the realm of the spirit. It becomes easier to see the things of the spirit and hear the voice of God.

How Faith Comes

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word (rhema) of God.

Faith does not come by focusing on the problem, circumstances, doubts and fears. To better understand this we must understand the original Greek word used here when it speaks of the “word” of God. The word used here is not “Logos” which is the general written Word of God. Instead the word used here is the “Rhema” of God.

Logos

“Logos” is the will of God as it is written in the Bible.

Rhema

“Rhema” is more specific. “Rhema” is in the singular. It is the singular and personal spoken word that comes by revelation into our spirits. It is the “Rhema” that we hear with our spiritual ears and are to take with us when we pray.

Ephesians 6:17-20 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints - and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Changing Our Prayer Life

Word Becomes Personal

We are to take the “Rhema” or the personal spoken word that has been revealed to us when we pray. When we receive the revelation “Rhema” of God, suddenly the “light” goes on. The truth of the Logos suddenly leaps off the pages of our Bible and faith comes into our spirits. We go “WOW,” that is my answer! That is what I have been looking for! At that instant faith leaps into our spirit. Utterance has been given to us. We open our mouth and begin speaking bold, Kingdom advancing prayers.

When we receive the Rhema by revelation, the Logos has moved from our Bibles and our minds into our hearts. Suddenly, faith has leaped into our spirits and we begin to speak that word and “live” by that faith.

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

We also begin to speak that word that has come into our hearts, boldly out of our mouths. Rhema denotes that which is spoken.

Luke 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

Radical Change

Our prayer life has radically changed. We are tuned into the realities of heaven. We are hearing from God. Faith has leaped into our spirits. It is a faith that pleases God. We boldly open our mouths in prayer. We begin to create with the fruit of our lips.

Isaiah 57:19a "I create the fruit of the lips: ...

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

God is a creator. We were made in His image. God created by the words that came out of His mouth. We too can create by the words that come out of our mouths in prayer. We create the fruit of our lips.

Questions for Change

What have we been “creating” by our previous prayer life? Have we been speaking our doubts, fears and problems? Have we been speaking “death” when we should have been speaking “life”? What have we been creating by the “fruit of our lips” as we have prayed? Have our tongues been releasing the “power of death” or the “power of life?”

Proverbs 6:2 you are snared by the words of your own mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth.

Proverbs 18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

For too many years, I prayed my problems and fears. I pleaded with God. I can't pay my bills. I always get sick this time of year. My children are so rebellious. Sure enough, that is what happened. I prayed my problems. I thought I had to beg God for help.

The rebellious children of Israel received exactly what they had spoken with their unbelieving lips.

Numbers 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

Numbers 14:28, 29 "Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: The carcasses of you who have murmured against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

I was murmuring and complaining constantly. I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired. And so it happened to me.

Praying God's Way

Proverbs 13:3a He who guards his mouth preserves his life,

Proverbs 16:23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

In faith-filled prayers, our heart and our mouth work in agreement with God's Word. We must study to know the Word of God. Then the abundance of our heart can be revealed. Our words are the result of our meditation on the Word of God. Then we will bear good fruit.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The words from our mouth are the result of the meditations of our heart.

Romans 10:9 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.

The words of our mouth bring our salvation.

The word "salvation" here is the Greek word "sozo." It means to save, to heal and deliver, or to set free. When we listen to the Father and receive the Rhema word, faith leaps into our hearts and we begin to confess or declare it out of our mouth in prayer.

Now, our prayer life takes on a whole new meaning. We are now listening with our spiritual ears. God's will, "as it is in heaven," is being revealed to us. We are now "saying" what

we hear the Father saying. Now when we pray we no longer speak the problem. We speak the "Rhema" word that God has spoken to our spirits. We see with our spiritual eyes, hear with our spiritual ears and speak in agreement with that which we are seeing and hearing in the Spirit. Prayer needs to be listening prayer in response to God's will. We need to say what we hear God saying.

2 Corinthians 4:13 But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

As we speak God's Word which is alive and powerful, it will always produce results. As we speak God's Word, we are sending it to accomplish God's will. It will fill every void and bring prosperity to every situation. We believe and therefore speak God's word. We have heard from God and speak that which we have heard, that Rhema word. We believe and therefore we speak. Prayer changes things and situations. We can pray bold, kingdom advancing prayers. The fruit of my lips creates, calls things that be not as though they were. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Angels hearken to the voice of the Lord and accomplish His commands. Such prayers please God. Meditate in His Word day and night. Faith comes by hearing the word of God. Jesus said, My sheep hear my voice. God has given us dominion here on earth. This revelation has revolutionized my life.

Isaiah 55:11 But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean that our prayers are to be like incense before the throne of God?
2. Discuss how the following is true: "Hope sets the stage; faith brings the results."
3. Have two people in the group share a brief testimony about how a rherna word changed their situations.

SELF-STUDY

1. Think about some specific things you have prayed about lately.

What have you been creating by the fruit of your lips?

Have your tongues been releasing the "power of life or the "power of death"?"

2. What are a few areas in your life into which you need to speak God Word?
Purpose to pray ONLY God's will over those areas to a spedfic date you decide on.
Find Scripture to back you prayers.
3. In this session, we learn that God has given each one of us a realm of authority.
Write out some ways that you can use your God-given dominion and kingship in everyday life.

Session Five
Faith Filled Prayers

PRAYING IN CONFIDENCE

1 John 5:14,15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Have “confidence” in God. The value of a promise is only as good as the integrity of the person who gave the promise. God can never fail. His word stands forever. Therefore we can have confidence in Him. It is important to take time to listen. When we receive a “rhema” revelation from Him, then we know His will in that specific situation. Then we ask according to His will and He will hear and grant the petition. “We can know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

Ask

Many prayers are not answered because they are not prayed.

James 4:2b Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Have you sought His will? Have you received a revelation of His will? Then, have you asked according to His will?

Matthew 21:22 "And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Believe

“In all things” includes everything. The question is do you believe we will receive what we are asking? God makes the promise. God cannot lie. Belief is faith. Do you believe? Have you received a ‘rhema’? I know all things are possible with God, but the same word says all things are possible to them who believe.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Faith Based on Word

You can believe if you take time to hear the ‘rhema’ word. Faith comes by hearing the Word.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Prayer, is “saying” or “speaking” the faith that has come into our spirits.

God-Kind of Faith

Mark 11:22-24 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Have faith in God, or have the God kind of faith. This is a faith that speaks to the mountains of circumstances. This is a faith that leaves no room for doubt in our hearts. This is a faith that believes that those things we say when we pray will come to pass.

This is a faith that believes that we receive them when we pray – not that we will receive them sometime in the future. It is a faith that believes we have already received them in the spirit realm the moment we prayed.

This is a faith that believes that what is accomplished in the spirit realm will be manifested in the natural realm.

This is a faith that believes we will receive what we have asked for in prayer – that believes it will come to pass.

Doubt originates in our natural mind, our natural thinking. Reject that thinking and believe in the realm of the spirit which then pleases God and becomes substance and reality.

Remain focused in the realm of the spirit. God does not lie. The battle is won in the spirit. God’s word cannot fail.

GOD RESPONDS TO FAITH

All that we receive from God is through faith. We are saved, justified, sanctified and purified by faith. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by faith. We receive our healing by faith. We experience miracles in our lives by faith. We overcome by faith.

Faith is believing and acting on God’s Word without questioning or trying to figure it out.

Faith Is Substance.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith believes that we have already received (substance). It is the evidence of things not yet seen with our natural eyes.

Remember, hope says "I will get it sometime." Faith says, "I have it now."

Abraham believed God when in the natural it was impossible.

Romans 4:16-22 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Abraham called those things which did not exist as though they did. That is the prayer of faith. It is a faith that believes that we have received when we pray according to God's revealed will. We must exercise our faith muscle. Abraham was strong in faith.

Unlike Abraham, Thomas, one of the twelve Disciples, said if I can see and experience it, then I can believe it.

Seeing in the Spirit

John 20:24-29 But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Thomas relying only on his natural senses said if I don't see it, I won't believe. To pray the prayers of faith we can not be unbelieving. Faith is spiritual sight.

Just as material substance is reality to the natural man, even so spiritual substance is reality to the spiritual man.

1 Corinthians 2:13,14 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Faith Is Now

Prayers that are prayed in faith do not require an immediate manifestation in the natural realm. "Now faith" is the evidence of things not yet seen with our natural eyes.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

How can we see things that are not seen? We look through spiritual eyes and see eternal things.

Based on God's Will

Faith filled prayers are focused on God's will as it is being done in heaven.

Luke 11:2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Colossians 3:1, 2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Prayers of faith are prayers that have tuned into the things of heaven with our spiritual senses, and having received a revelation of God's will being done "as it is in heaven" will boldly bring God's will to be done on earth by what we say when we pray.

WAYS TO PRAY

Praying in Jesus' Authority

When we pray in the name of Jesus, we are praying by His authority, using His "power of attorney." Therefore when we pray in the name of Jesus, we can only pray what He would pray in that situation.

John 16:23b "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

When I was 33 years old, the doctor said I was going to die. However, I had to discover that God Word reveals that it is God's will above all things that I would both prosper and be in health.

3 John vs. 2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

With that revelation of God's will as it is established in heaven, my Dad prayed for my healing and I was instantly healed by the power of God. To pray in faith, we need to hear from God and be specific in our prayers. If we know God's will, we can bring God's will into every situation. The key is to pray God's will in every circumstance when we pray.

Praying in the Spirit

Is It Possible to Know and Pray God's Will in Every Situation?

Romans 8:26,27 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Spirit Himself intercedes for us according to the perfect will of God as we pray in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:14,15 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the result then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

So if I pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit is praying through my spirit according to the Father's will. Then Paul said he would begin to pray with his understanding. But Paul said his understanding was unfruitful, so how did he pray with the understanding? When we pray in the Spirit, revelation is given by the Holy Spirit. Suddenly we will hear ourselves praying things in our natural language that we did not know

before. These things came into our “understanding” by supernatural revelation.

Jesus Said Speaking in Tongues Would Follow Those Who

Believe

Mark 16:17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

1 Corinthians 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

When people speak in tongues, they are praying in the spirit according to the will of God and God reveals His will as we are praying in the spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

Paul walked around speaking in tongues all the time and received so much revelation that he wrote two-thirds of the New Testament.

1 Corinthians 14:5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

If we want to pray faith filled prayers, we need to be built up in faith by praying in the spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:14,15a For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the result then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I

When I begin to pray in the spirit, I begin to see and hear through my spiritual senses, and then I can pray with the understanding.

IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING IN TONGUES

Word Given by Holy Spirit

Utterance, or the exact words we are to speak are given by the Holy Spirit as we pray in tongues.

Praying with Prayer and Supplication

Ephesians 6:17–20 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints - and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for

which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit. I can go to sleep at night while I am praying in the spirit and my spirit continues to pray according to the will of my Father. My spirit does not stop praying, but continues praying in the spirit. These are Kingdom advancing prayers, bringing God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Work of Holy Spirit in Prayer

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The natural mind cannot pray the will of God. We are taught those things to pray that are spiritual by the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13,14 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

We learn the truth when we are taught by the Holy Spirit and pray accordingly. He guides us into all truth and tells us things to come. In this way we will always be praying the truth.

Zechariah 12:10a "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication;

Oh Holy Spirit come right now as the Spirit of grace and supplication. Reveal the will of the Father that we may pray Kingdom advancing prayers as you have taught us how to pray.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is the value of a promise only as good as the integrity of the person who gave it?
2. Discuss which attribute of the God-kind of faith most impacts your thinking. Why?
3. How can you practice looking through spiritual eyes and seeing eternal things?

SELF-STUDY

1. Practice praying in the spirit first before you pray with your understanding. Write down:

If and how your understanding changed by praying in that order

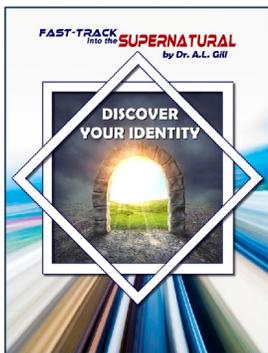
If and how you were better able to see and hear with your spiritual senses.

2. If you are praying in the name of Jesus, why do you have to pray what He would pray in that situation?
3. Why does faith mean believing and acting on God's will without questioning?

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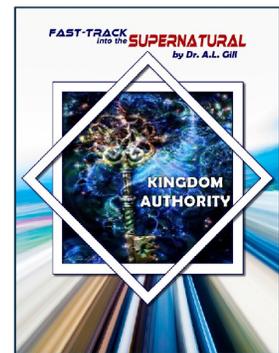
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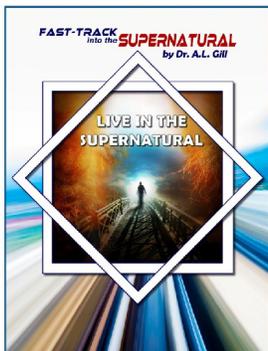
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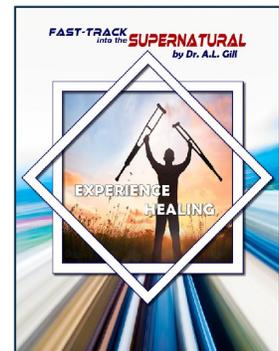
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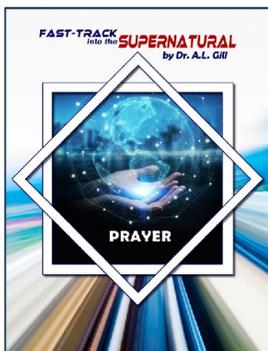
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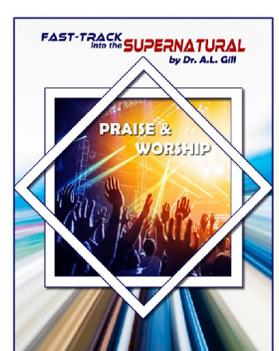
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