

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of June 5, 2005

A Call to Prayer

Jesus closes His life with inimitable calmness, confidence and sublimity. "I have glorified Thee; I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." The annals of earth have nothing comparable to it in real security and sublimity. May we come to our end thus, in supreme loyalty to Christ.—E. M. BOUNDS

This Week in Prayer

- ***Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer*** this is the theme of the ICM e.V. conference, June 2005. The conference June 16-18 is close, pray for the Holy Spirit to come and guide the meetings. Pray for the fulfillment of God's plan for these meetings. Pray for receptive hearts, that we might hear from God and respond to His call.
- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference***. Pray for the pastors from East and West to hear from God and respond to His guidance and direction. This is a very powerful opportunity for growth and strengthening of the church. Pray for the details of travel and the conference. This conference is June 24-26.
- Pray for Israel, they long for redemption from their troubles.

Praise the Lord!
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
Who delights greatly in His commandments.
His descendants will be mighty on earth;
The generation of the upright will be blessed.
Psalm 112:1-2 (NKJV)

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

John Coon – John is traveling in **Poland, June 3 through 12**. He is meeting with Marek in Koszalin for a few days. He will then be ministering to and with many of the pastors throughout this region. Many of these men and women John has worked with for many years.

Marek Kaminski – Marek has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as a leader of his denomination in Poland, and as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Mark Spencer – Mark has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors, and as leader of the German Verein ICM e.V. which is the sponsor of the *Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer*. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Marianne and David Dean – Marianne and David Dean were married May 28, 2005.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Prayer is needed for, church building, training school, support for new pastors and missionary families in new areas of Nepal, adoption of a little girl, and travel into eastern Nepal to meet with the churches there.

Your Home Church – Pray for your home church, that it would have great fruit in the work of saving people in your city. Pray for your church to be active in the work of saving people.

Jacek Gromadzki – Jack and Agnes are a young couple who pastor a church plant in a town about 30 or 40 minutes from Koszalin, Poland. Pray for the outreach of this church in there town and area of Poland.

Joyce Abrahamson – Joyce is a missionary working in Brazil. She runs a school for children and a Bible school. Pray for protection, anointing, and provision.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Give Us a King
David Williamson

People do strange things at times. Everyone can relate to the strange things people do, because we have all been there and done that. We have made some strange choices in our lives just as others have done. An example of this is the Jews; they had a good thing going. They were God's chosen people. I think we would all agree that was a good thing. However, they did something strange, just like other people often do. The Jews told God they did not want to be special any more. They asked to be just like other nations.

***But the thing displeased Samuel when they said,
“Give us a king to judge us.” So Samuel prayed to the Lord.
And the Lord said to Samuel,
Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you;
for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me,
that I should not reign over them.***

1 Samuel 8:6-7 (NKJV)

This is understandable, they were required to do things God's way because they were His people and the people thought it would be good to be free from His requirements. This was kind of like the saying the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. "Gentile people are all rich and live well", was the view from the Jewish side of the fence. The reality was far different, but this was the view. The Jewish people pressed Samuel for a king; finally, God let them have a king.

***Now therefore, heed their voice.
However, you shall solemnly forewarn them,
and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.***

1 Samuel 8:9 (NKJV)

Samuel explained the burden they would have to pay, yet still the people cried for a King. If we have a king, he will lead us and we will be like other people; life will be good. God's leading was much better than anything an earthly king could do, but the people demanded a king, so God gave them King Saul.

People are people in all times and places, we are all very similar. Just as the Jews demanded a king, so people make demands today. Many Christians want to be just like other people. We have wonderful promises from God, such as...

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

Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)

Yet, even with His promises to help, defend, us, provide for us, deliver us, and so much more, we long to be like people of the world. We want to act like them, talk like them, and sin like them. We long to be just like the world so the world will not recognize us as different from the world. Now we are not totally foolish concerning this, we still want God to help defend, provide, deliver and so forth, but we want all He has for us without any of His rules and regulations, without any burden or demands.

When we choose to walk as the world, following its ways and means, we negate the power of God in our lives and churches. We make the power of God of limited or no effect. The demise of Christianity in many areas today is a direct result of the exclusion of God and His power in our lives and churches. The Christian church without God and His power is nothing more than a social club. Some of these do good things; one social club near me has provided children around the world with eye care and glasses. This is good, but the church without the power and presences of God is nothing more than another club, limited to the good will of people and the finances of their fund raising efforts.

Providing glasses and cares to children is wonderful, this article is not written to complain about this club or the work they do. However, the church can and should be so much more. The kids who get glasses still need much more. There are physical things they need, but far more importantly, they need salvation. Perhaps as they receive glasses they will see God, but most often, they need to hear the Gospel preached. The problem is man's provision is good, but very limited. God's provision is very good and unlimited. His provision, physical and spiritual, is according to His riches in glory. It is without sorrow. People come back from trips to help kids with one of these clubs, they have done very good work, bring vision to kids who had struggled to see for years, but they say things like I wish I could have done more. By contrast, God supplies all your needs.

Why would we want to limit ourselves and be like the world? There are many reasons, but the bottom line is we continue to rebel against God. We want to run our lives as we want. Our ultimate desire is to have God supply our every wish and need, but under our control. We want God to be our slave.

Examine yourself and see if you are in the faith. Your life, works, and words, what do they say about you? Do they declare your longing and efforts to live in the world? Do they shout, make me like the world? How much of the world's ways are your ways? Do you daily long for the things of the world or for the Kingdom of God?

***if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.***

2 Chron. 7:14 (NKJV)

Do you know a good thing when you see it? Those with eye to see and ears to hear, have only one king, He is King Jesus. They seek to follow Him and Him alone.

We Would Have No King but King Jesus

Joining This Company

All Christians who will pray are welcome. ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is available by e-mail to all who will commit to prayer as members of this company. ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is a guide to challenge us and direct our prayers. The fee for joining is your commitment to pray. Please join us in praying for the nations. Also, tell your friends and prayer partners about ***Voice of Thanksgiving***. We are gathering a company of believers who will pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.

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