

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of October 22, 2006

He who would make a success in life is the man who learns how to pray. Any person who wishes to fulfill the purpose for his coming into the world and who will make a covenant with God to bring before Him daily all the problems of life, involving his home, family, work, and every detail of life—will have a successful life. from *The Art of Successful Praying* by Gordon Lindsay

The Life of Prayer

Answer to Prayer, part 3

David Williamson

We long to pray, have our prayers heard by God, and to receive answers. This changes prayer from a ritual to a relationship with God, meeting our needs and the needs of the world around us. King David expressed this long with these words:

*I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.*

Psalm 34:4-7 (NKJV)

God has chosen to work with His children, using prayer as a part of His grand plan for mankind. In that plan He has chosen to allow us to move His hand by prayer. This is awesome and overwhelming, but provides a great opportunity for us all.

So once again we might pose a question, what do we know about hearing from God? We have looked at several characteristics of those who successfully pray, however there is more to this. Today let us explore one more.

Another characteristic of those who hear from God and have their prayers answered is having a proper relationship with God. Jesus opened the door for unlimited answer to prayer and at the same time set the requirements for walking through this door.

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

John 15:7 (NKJV)

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This is such a wonderful offer most people cannot or will not receive it. It is simply more than they can believe. However, Jesus did not say it just to make conversation. He was describing the opportunity that is available for all of us. He knew the power of answered prayer. He and His Father demonstrated the relationship in prayer that Jesus wants for each of us. God the Father answered Jesus' prayers. Jesus also set the characteristic of those who can step into this opportunity, those who abide in Jesus. Those who abide and have relationship like vine and branch can be assured that God will hear and answer their prayer.

The abiding then is a key. Those who will abide must fulfill His requirements for the relationship. One of these is the fear of the Lord. He commands us to fear God. Abiding in part comes from this understanding of God, the power and authority with which He reigns and the secret to abiding is the fear of the Lord.

*The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him,
And He will show them His covenant.*

Psalm 25:14 (NKJV)

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.
His praise endures forever.*

Psalm 111:10 (NKJV)

*He will bless those who fear the Lord,
Both small and great.*

Psalm 115:13 (NKJV)

*He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.*

Psalm 145:19 (NKJV)

There are other aspects to abiding. The man or woman who will pray effectively will keep God's commandments. They will do things pleasing to God. They will humble themselves before God. They will come to Him as the righteous, which they are by the work of Jesus on the cross. All these are aspects of abiding.

*And whatever we ask we receive from Him,
because we keep His commandments
and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*

1 John 3:22 (NKJV)

*if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,*

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*then I will hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*
2 Chron. 7:14 (NKJV)

*When He avenges blood, He remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the humble.*
Psalm 9:12 (NKJV)

*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.*
Psalm 34:15 (NKJV)

*Confess your trespasses to one another,
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*
James 5:16 (NKJV)

If we want to have God hear our prayers and answer them, we need to abide with Him. If we abide He has promised to hear us.

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*
John 15:7 (NKJV)

Let us pray!

A Call for Prayer

Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem –Pray for Israel pray for safety and protection for the people. Pray that many will see the Messiah and turn their hearts toward Him.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative and Mark Spencer – Mark is in Nepal, for a conference October 23-26 with Pastor Daniel. Pray for these conferences; ask for good turnout, for God's anointing on the meetings, and response to His anointing.

DK Limbu Daniel –Pray for:

23-26th Oct we have Word Explosion Conference, pray for the participants that they would be enriched by the word and go forth with power and boldness.

Pray for our financial need of 14000\$ to complete our new church building.

Pray for the peace in Nepal.

Thank you for praying for us. May God bless you, Pastor DK Daniel

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Marianne and David Dean – Pray for guidance from God as to where to go and who to talk to. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel.

Thanks so much to all of you for your prayers, your love and support! You really have no idea how much it means to us!! - Marianne

Marek Kaminski – Pray for God’s guidance and will for this ministry, for time (for travel), and for finances.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for the plans for outreaches to the community. Pray for plans for outreaches this summer.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the children at the school. There is much for them to learn both of school materials and about God.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for your church and the ministry of the Word. Pray for God to speak to those in your church and to direct ministry and outreach to your community.

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