

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of April 15, 2007

The cause of God has no commercial age, no cultured age, no age of education, no age of money. But it has one golden age, and that is the age of prayer. When its leaders are men of prayer, when prayer is the prevailing element of worship, like the incense giving continual fragrance to its service, then the cause of God will be triumphant. E. M. Bounds from *Purpose in Prayer*

The Life of Prayer

Keeping the Power

David Williamson

It has been around for a long time. We have written about it, sung about it, and talked about it in all generations and in all cultures. Many people practice it daily; it is so much a part of life that many people do not even realize when they do it. It is so much a part of life that we have many names for it and give it many excuses. Men and societies have been known for their skill in using it, and have based their culture on it. In one of its modern forms it is an accepted part of advertising and politics. We have given it color codes and cute names; and justify its use by the ends it produces. What is it; it is the lie.

The lie has many names and forms, the fib, the little white lie, stretching the truth, bending the truth, be politically correct, and many others. We act as though there are many times when a lie is okay. However, it is easy to see what God thinks. The Bible makes clear that God is not swayed by a change in name or redefinition; He calls a lie a lie. He places the liar in very bad company.

***But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers,
sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters,
and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone,
which is the second death."***

Rev. 21:8 (NKJV)

A tool of Satan has been the lie. He comes to kill, steal, and destroy and the lie is a powerful agent of this. In the Garden of Eden, Satan got Adam and Eve in trouble with a lie. Throughout the Bible we read stories of people who have problems, often a lie is part of the problem. Lies kills trust in God, lies steal away the promised fullness of life, and lies destroy faith and every aspect of the Christian life, especially prayer

Believing a lie limits our prayers and their effectiveness. The promises of God are for us today; He has made His promises so we can have effective prayer. Look at a verse on prayer.

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***And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.***

John 14:13 (NKJV)

Jesus makes a bold and powerful statement on prayer; whatever you ask, that I will do. That is bold! That is what we need today; great power in prayer. However, if we let lies come into our use of this verse we take the power out of the verse. If we fib about this verse, saying thing like, it does not mean what it says. Then we take the power out of the verse. A lie like, this verse was only for Jesus' day, destroys the faith we need to stand on the promise. It destroys the power of our prayer. We must not let a lie take the power of a verse on prayer from us.

Let us pray!

A Call for Prayer

***Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.***

Psalm 2:8 (NKJV)

Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem –Pray for true peace to come to these people and this place. Pray that the Messiah would be seen and know by the Jewish people of this land and around the world.

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, and a long time member of this company. We have prayed for Bill and the teams he has lead to India for several years. On the night of March 28 the town of Holly, Colorado, where Bill is a pastor, was hit by a tornado. Please pray for Bill, his family, for the members of his church, and for the people of this community.

John Coon – Pray for all the arrangements for John's trip to Poland in May. Pray for the hearts of men and women to be warmed to the Gospel message and life in Christ Jesus.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for their ministry in Germany. Pray for opportunities to start and develop the ministry God has called them to. Pray for the provision of all they need.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for East Asian Christian students becoming passionately committed to praying—for their university, country, and the world.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for the spiritual climate of Kolobrzeg to warm to the message of Christ and His salvation.

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Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and for plans and provision for this spring and summer. Pray for great outreach to Koszalin and to the rest of Poland. Pray that this nation would have revival.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for Joyce and for those who help her in this ministry in Brazil. Pray for provision and protection for Joyce, workers, teachers, students, and families.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors under his care. Pray for new areas of opportunity for the Gospel message. Pray for willing workers to respond to God's call and go to these new areas.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for new opportunities to share the life of prayer, in our prayer seminars. Pray of our ministry across more of Germany.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the message of the fifth BBB Conference. God has a word for East and West and plans to speak, as He has many times, at this conference. Pray for the deliverance of this message and for the men and women who should be there to hear and receive from God.

Mark Spencer – Pray for clarity of message and vision for Mark and Patty as they minister in Colorado and around the world. Pray for open doors of opportunity, for willing obedience, and for God's provision for walking out all of His will.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for outreaches for your church. Pray that each member will do the work of the ministry as God gives them the means to do so.

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