

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of June 24, 2007

Oh for determined men and women, who will rise early and really burn out for God. Oh for a faith that will sweep into heaven with the early dawning of the morning and have ships from a shoreless sea loaded in the soul's harbor ere the ordinary laborer has knocked the dew from his scythe or the huckster has turned from his pallet of straw to spread nature's treasures of fruit before the early buyers

Rev. Homer W. Hodge

The Life of Prayer

God's Will and Prayer

David Williamson

When exploring a new city it is important to know where you are and where you are going. My first week in Europe, I found out how important it was to know where you are going. I decided to go for a walk through the streets of Wiesbaden, Germany. It is a beautiful city and filled with interesting things, especially for a young man who had never been out of the United States. The streets of the old part of town are filled with apartment buildings with shops at the street level. This did two things for me; first the area was filled with shops and with interesting things to look at. Second I quickly realized I could not see the military base where I lived or anything that I could remember going past. In other words, I was lost. It was at this time I would have loved to find one of those maps you see in shopping malls that states "You are here." I got back to the base, but I will never forget not knowing where I was and where I needed to go. Far too often we have this same problem in prayer; we do not know where we are or where we need to go.

The last few weeks we have been looking at Abraham and Moses. They are champions in prayer and a good example for us. We are amazed at their boldness before God. We are challenged by their desperation in prayer; they stood toe-to-toe with God for lost and dying people. And there is more, much more we should learn from their example. These men are champions in prayer who knew the will of God in their prayers.

The casual reading of these passages (Genesis 18:23-32 and Exodus 33:12-18) makes it seem these men were trying to change God. He planned to destroy the city and the generation of people and these great guys try to talk God out of it. The problem with that interpretation is that it does not fit the facts. Abraham and Moses were champions of prayer, but not great guys. They were men and just like you and me they sinned; but they cared for these people and prayed for them. God is not the God of destruction; it was not His will to destroy the city or people. God is love; that was, is, and will be His nature for all times. There are not two Gods, one of the Old Testament and another of the New. He does not change.

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Abraham and Moses knew God's nature and will. They knew He was the God of love; He had delivered each man several times, demonstrating His nature. When these men came to Him and prayed they were seeking His will be done. Justice demanded the destruction of the city of Sodom. Justice demanded the destruction of Israel in the desert. Mercy was the prayer of these men and God answered by taking out the righteous from Sodom and taking the second generation of people into the Promised Land instead of dying in the wilderness. God answered the Abraham and Moses' prayers.

Our champions in prayer, Abraham and Moses learned, knew, and prayed the will of God. They learned that He is the God of love. They knew He desired that none should perish. They prayed for the people to be saved. Once again they are a great example for us.

If our prayers are to be effective we must know the will of God. We must pray his will. Sometimes this will be easy to ascertain; we know God's will is for people to be saved. In other cases we may need to work to know His will. However, when we know His will we can pray like Abraham and Moses, with boldness, with desperation, and within His bidding.

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it,
do not cease to pray for you,
and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of
His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him,
being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power,
for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be
partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

Col. 1:9-12 (NKJV)

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 the Jewish people and for Israel.

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Pray for the Youth Team – Pray for the youth team going from Colorado to Poland, June 14 through June 26. They have outreaches in Kolobrzeg and Koszalin Poland. Pray for their travel, safety, meetings, ministry, and health. The meetings have been very good and team is doing well.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for revival.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the BBB Conference, June 22, 23, 24. Pray for the men and women coming to the conference, pray for safe return home.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for young Christians; as these people put their faith on the line before family and friends pray that they would be bold and courageous.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for God's blessings for Marek, both for him and for his church.

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. Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for Americans in Germany; there have been several reports of possible terrorist attacks on Americans working and visiting Germany.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the finances of the school and the meeting of the needs of students and staff.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the work of planting new churches across the region. “Would you pray for our needs as churches are growing we need place for worship. We are going to lease land for the two churches and build temporary facilities. That costs us 1000\$ each. May God bless you, In Him, Bro. DK Daniel”

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for the transition of their children to life in Germany that it would be smooth, but that they would continue to grow with favor with the Lord.

Mark Spencer – Pray for the finances and arrangement to walk through the doors that have opened for sharing the Gospel message.

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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