

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of August 19, 2007

The cup! the cup! the cup! Our Lord did not use many words: but He used His few words again and again, till this cup! and Thy will!—Thy will be done, and this cup—was all His prayer. “The cup! The cup! The cup!” cried Christ: first on His feet: and then on His knees: and then on His face. . . . “Lord, teach us to pray!”—ALEXANDER WHYTE, D.D.

The Life of Prayer

First and Last

David Williamson

*Now the acts of King David, first and last,
indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer,
in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,
with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him,
to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.*

1 Chron. 29:29-30 (NKJV)

Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book. This is an interesting statement. Think of it, the acts of David were recorded; the good, the bad, the well known, the secret, everything. We know some of this from the Bible. The Bible is a very revealing book and it is very unusual in that it tells the negative with the positive. King David is one of the key characters of the Bible; Jesus sits on David's throne. Any other book would paint a picture of this hero by telling the great and glorious events of this Shepard who became a king. This difference of the Bible from most books is that it tells the negative as well.

The Bible tells of the great and glorious doings of this man, however, it also gives his smudges and sins. For example, one year when the time when kings go out to war came, King David did not go with the Army. He stayed home and one day while lounging around, David saw a beautiful woman. Before this episode was over he had committed adultery, murder, and had been central to a cover-up operation, hardly the stuff of heroes. David's claim to fame was not his negative actions, he is not an anti-hero the type so popular today, he was a real man and a hero. What made David so special, and made him a guide for emulating today, is his repentance. He knew true repentance, turning in heart and action from sin. The Bible presents the reality of the man and he is a guide book on repentance and living with God. He is not just some theories, but how to live in real life. He faced challenges and problems, some of his own creation, but always he kept his heart set on God. Look at how David corrects his mistakes. He decides to move the Ark to Jerusalem. His first effort is a disaster. He did things his own way and it was so bad they abandoned the Ark and two of his friends got killed. However, when David decided to do things God's way, things went well.

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This is the type of information record about this man. Everything from first to last was recorded. Good and bad are recorded. There is also a record of the changes David made in his heart and actions to change from bad to good. This leads to a question, what is being recorded about you? What good and bad is on your ledger? How do you respond to the good and how do you respond to the bad? Is your record, the book of smudges (sin) or the book of exploits with God?

God has called you to Himself; He called you from the foundation of the world. He called you to be His child; to enjoy the blessings of His glorious salvation. He has also called you to serve. One area of service is prayer. Just as David's life and actions, were recorded, so is our prayer life. We should be men and women of exploits in prayer. We should be walking with God as King David did, not that we must have his sins and problems, but that we would serve God with our whole heart. And as David grew and matured as King of Israel, he was king for a long time before he perceived he was king, so we should be growing and maturing in prayer.

What is written in the book about you?

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

*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.
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.*

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for Israel to be planted in the ground by the Lord, never to be pulled up again.

*I will bring back the captives of My people Israel;
They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them;
They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them;
They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.
I will plant them in their land,
And no longer shall they be pulled up
From the land I have given them,"
Says the Lord your God.*

Amos 9:14-15 (NKJV)

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Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for the church in these countries that it would serve this generation and fulfill all of the call of Christ Jesus.

*Husbands, love your wives,
just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
that He might present her to Himself a glorious church,
not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

Ephes. 5:25-27 (NKJV)

Mark Spencer – Pray for the Holy Spirit's preparation for ministry that is coming soon in a new and exciting part of the world. The invitation is in hand, now God must make a way and prepare His servant. Pray also for meetings in Nepal in October and November.

*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me,
because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,*

1 Tim. 1:12 (NKJV)

Patty Spencer – Pray for completion of a new worship CD. Pray for the details of mastering the final product and the finances to get it produced.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Col. 3:16 (NKJV)

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack that the fire of the Holy Spirit will fall within his life and church.

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

Marek Kaminski – Pray for the Kaminski's time in Mexico and then in Colorado, USA.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health,
just as your soul prospers.*

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

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Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for provision for safety for the ministry, students, and staff.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the new churches they have planted. Pray for the new leaders of these churches.

Bernd and Heike Pastor – Pray for Heike's time of therapy this month.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for continued success in making arrangement for the family and opportunities to minister.

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.

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you,
that you, always having all sufficiency in all things,
may have an abundance for every good work.*

2 Cor. 9:8 (NKJV)

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