

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of October 14, 2007

God's Word is a record of prayer—of praying men and their achievements, of the Divine warrant of prayer and of the encouragement given to those who pray. No one can read the instances, commands, examples, multiform statements which concern themselves with prayer, without realizing that the cause of God, and the success of His work in this world is committed to prayer; that praying men have been God's vicegerents on earth; that prayerless men have never been used of Him.

*The Necessity of Prayer*, E. M. Bounds

## *The Life of Prayer*

### **Big Claims and Promises**

David Williamson

One of the difficulties that men and women face when dealing with God is the enormity of His claims and promises. He is just too big for us to understand. It is a little like the first white explorers when they came to Colorado. This region was known for years as the Pike's Peak region, the name coming from the mountain with this name. It was named for the leader of one of the early expeditions. This group of men coming from the east saw the mountain far in the distances as they traveled across the plains. Not knowing how big the mountain was, they planned to camp at its base that night. It took three days to get to the base of the mountain and then they realized how big this mountain was. They made plans to climb the mountain the next day, but only climbed about two thirds of the way to the top.

People have struggled with this same problem in their relationship to God; His claims and promises are enormous. For Israel He promised to take them safely from Egypt to the Promised Land. They faced the wrath of Pharaoh, the desert, lack of food and water, other nations, and the people that were in the land, yet God claimed He could and would bring them safely in. David faced the giant Goliath, but he was confident that God's claims and promises (the covenant) was bigger than this giant and his army. Paul found on the road to Damascus that Jesus' claims and promises were enormous. They were so big they changed the heart of the man that persecuted the church so he became the leading missionary/apostle of the age. God is a big God with enormous claims and promises.

Far away Pike's Peak was not that impressive, but when you realize how big it is, it is very impressive, it is enormous. As we draw closer to God we find that His claims and promises are bigger than we could ever imagine. We begin Christian life with an enormous claim from God.

*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus*

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***and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead,  
you will be saved.***

***For with the heart one believes unto righteousness,  
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

It is far too simple and yet too big; to say that a man or a woman can be saved is a big claim and promise. It is more than what some people are willing to take in. They have added requirements, and made modifications, and limited God's claim and promise. As we learn more about this concept of salvation, we find that the claim and promise is enormous, covering every aspect of life, both now and for eternity. That is big!

This dealing with the enormity of God is a problem we all face in our Christian and prayer life. Just as the explorers were more and more impressed with Pike's Peak as they got closer, so we are more impressed with God's claims and promises as we draw nearer to Him. The Bible, that great book, is filled with God's claims and promises. The more we read and study, the more we see. More important than the number of claims and promises found, is the magnitude of the claims and promises. He does not claim to give you a band-aid to cover your cut or wound, He promises healing. He does not claim He can give you "get by" life, He claims that you can have life and it more abundant. He is the God of the fantastic claims and the enormous promise. Take a look at just one verse to illustrate God and His enormous claims and promises. Look at Mark 11:24.

***Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray,  
believe that you receive them, and you will have them.***

Mark 11:24 (NKJV)

Read that verse again. There are some words we should deal with and make sure we are clear what the Bible is saying here. Perhaps this will help us to see how big this is and how big the claim and promise is. For instance, the word translated here as ask. This is the Hebrew word that means, to ask, as in ask, beg, call for, crave, desire, or require. Another key word comes from the word *proseuchomai*, which means, to pray to God. We also have the word *pisteno*, which means, to have faith, this word here translated as, to believe. There is the phrase, "will have them", which comes from the word *lambano*, to take or to get hold of.

Important as it is for us to grasp the import of these words, big as they are there is one other that should be noted. It is the word *hosos*. This word means, as much as, as great as, or as long as. This word makes this claim and promise of God overwhelming to most people, they simply dismiss it. They make counterclaims. "That is not what God meant." "Jesus did not say that", (even though it is in red). They make many claims all designed to minimize or limit the meaning of this verse. The Bible says Jesus said; whatever things, (*hosos*) and just because this is too enormous for most people to accept, they try to throw it out.

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The man or woman of prayer who longs for answers to prayer, who longs for a full and effective prayer life, will seek to climb this mountain. He or she will work to accept and embrace this claim and promise. The great men and women of prayer, our examples and mentors in faith and prayer, climbed part way up this mountain. Notice that I said they climbed part way up this mountain, which is true; they did not take in all of this claim and promise. If the greatest of Christians of faith and prayer never embraced all of what God is claiming and promising. There is much more for us to comprehend and utilize.

Would you join with me in seeking to appropriate all of God's claims and promises, in this verse and others? Even this is an enormous thought, but it is one that is needed for the world today. In these the last days before the return of Christ, the people of the world need to hear the Gospel. The business of taking the Gospel to souls from every nation in this generation is far too enormous for any and all mission organizations and churches to complete. We must have men and women of prayer, those who will pray in faith, believing the enormous claims and promises of God are true and for meeting this end time need. We need you (and me)!

Father, please bring our hearts to the place where we long for all your claims and promises. Change our hearts so we do not limit what you have said, nor limit what you want to do. Do not let us be satisfied with normal everyday life, but draw us up the mountain of acceptance of Your claims and promises as true and for us today. Cause us to seek after the high calling of God; that is, that we would pray expecting whatever we ask in prayer that we will receive.

***Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray,  
believe that you receive them, and you will have them.***

Mark 11:24 (NKJV)

*Let us Pray!*

## **A Call for Prayer**

***So Jesus answered and said to them, Have faith in God.  
For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,  
'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart,  
but believes that those things he says will be done,  
he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you,  
whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them,  
and you will have them.***

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for Israel...**

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*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.  
Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered;  
Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.*

Psalm 68:1 (NKJV)

**Marianne and David Dean** – Pray for David and Marianne to receive God’s provision for the needs of the work of the ministry.

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray that God would continue to speak to Marek directing his every step, plan, and decision.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and his church and the completion of their building project. Pray for the supply of the needs for the building and the workers to help with construction.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal. *Editor note: I would normally include a few of these requests over the course of several weeks, but we need to be in prayer for these now!*

1. Our *Word To World School* is begun from 2nd September with 10 students and now 2 more are coming. It is difficult to come to Kathmandu, but they made it. *Word To World School* is a one year practical training school with vision and purpose to produce missionaries, evangelists and ministers of the gospel.
2. We have *Christian Limbu People’s Convention* in October 9-11, where I am going to minister the word of God. We need anointing of the Holy Spirit to minister to people.
3. We have *New Life Gospel Church Ministries Youth Convention* in October 22-25th and revival meetings Oct 27-29th in Kathmandu. Pray for a meeting of the financial need for the convention and for power of God to minister to the youth under the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the youth will be filled with the vision to reach fellow young people.
4. *Word Explosion Conferences* in Kathmandu and east Nepal in November 4-10th. Pray for peace and safety for all traveling pastors. Participants will come from Nepal, India and Bhutan. May the power of the Holy Spirit be in manifestation and pastors and leaders be exulted and empowered to take the gospel to unreached people’s group.
5. *Pastors and Leaders Conference and Healing Rallies* from 9-21st December. This will be held in different parts of east Nepal and mid central Nepal. Pray for the peace and security and for a mighty manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. We need God’s favor for this great work to take salvation, deliverance and healing to the people.
6. At the last but not least; our goal is plant 100 churches by 2010 and so far we are coming up with 42 churches and fellowships. Please pray that things in the world may not distract us from our goal and that the needs and areas of lack may not derail us from our trek to our goal.
7. We are in need of lots of gospel literatures, bibles and New Testaments to distribute; we need large number of it. Please pray for the provision for it.
8. We need your partnership to go beyond our capacity, evangelize the world, planting churches among Nepalese world. Now, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hongkong and Thailand in east and Qatar, UAE,

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Israel and KSA in the Middle East, are becoming a mission field for us to reach expatriate Nepalese working there.

9. One of the big city in east Nepal, where we are praying to send a missionary, we need a partnership to send a missionary there. We need your partnership and prayer support.

10. Pray for my family, Hope, for Children, and me. We are expecting grandson in December.

**Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania** – Pray for the strengthening and empowering of these churches.

**Mark Spencer** – Pray for continued faithful obedience to God’s call and command.

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for safety for the students of the school.

**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.

**John Coon** – Pray for his health and safety.

**Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative** – Pray for a new understanding of God’s plan for the Inntal Prayer Initiative in Germany and throughout Europe.

**Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach** – Pray for opportunities to minister the Gospel.

**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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