

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of November 23, 2008

Does God give commandments which men cannot obey? Is He so arbitrary, so severe, so unloving, as to issue commandments which cannot be obeyed? The answer is that in all the annals of Holy Scripture, not a single instance is recorded of God having commanded any man to do a thing, which was beyond his power. Is God so unjust and so inconsiderate as to require of man that which he is unable to render? Surely not. To infer it, is to slander the character of God. E. M. Bounds

The Life of Prayer

Doors and Windows

David Williamson

It seems as though every week I am telling you about something that happened in my past. And it is true. I had a good childhood; my parents loved and cared for me and the “bad” incidents were not all that bad. So it is easy and pleasant for me to remember when... In the summer time we would leave the front door open to let the cool air come in and just hook the screen door.

Let me explain. In the place where I grew up the weather changes a great deal from summer to winter. Days in the summer can be very hot and days (and especially night) in the winter can be very cold. In the summer we would open the doors and windows to let any breeze there was, come in and cool the house. In the winter time we would close all the windows and doors to keep the heat in the house. We would even cover cracks in the frame of the doors and windows to try to keep the cold out. With that background information we can get back to the screen door in the summer time.

Where I grew up we felt safe enough to just hook the screen door and not worry about locking the main door at night. We did not have to worry about break-ins and other threats. So we could enjoy the cool air. We did not have to have steel doors, multiple locks and alarm systems. This was very good. In the winter even with the doors and windows closed there was a draft on bitter cold days and nights. When it got very cold we would shove a blanket up against the base of the door to keep more of the cold air out. We did not have double pane windows with special gas in between the panes to increase the “R” value of the windows. In the winter it was cold, if you were near the windows.

As you can see from my little remembrance, doors and windows have several functions. They depend on how we use them; we can use them poorly and they are bad or we can use them well and they are good. The spiritual doors and windows of our heart and life are similar; they have several functions as well and when they are used well they are good, when not used well they are bad.

The doors and windows of our heart are the access point of contact with the spiritual world. We can use them to contact The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit or these doors and windows can be used

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for contact with the world of death and evil. Giving access to the blessings of the Father is the way we were designed and it is the proper function for our spiritual doors and windows. It is good to open our heart to God. Salvation is letting Jesus into our heart. We need to let the Holy Spirit come and reside with us and He comes in through this access into our heart. This is our avenue of receiving the Father's guidance and direction. Access to our heart used this way is very good and important for a successful Christian life and an effective prayer life. By contrast access via these doors and windows by the Devil and his forces is a source of great trouble and hardship. Far too often we have been open to problems because we have not closed our spiritual access to darkness and evil.

We can control spiritual access. It is within our power to open access or close it, we make the choice. We make a choice to receive salvation. We make a choice to allow the Holy Spirit to come and reside within us. We make a choice to commune with the Father and abide with Jesus. We have the good results of this type of choice.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. John 15:4 (NKJV)

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. John 15:7-10 (NKJV)

The access point is maintained by abiding in Jesus. If we abide, there are great blessings promised. The blessings of abiding are many and great, for example, 'You will ask what you desire.' That is a great blessing. The key to abiding is maintaining the access of Jesus to my heart and my heart to Him, like a vine and branch. Abiding is maintained by keeping the Father's commandments and abiding in His love. Keeping His commandments is a choice; just like opening a door or window.

Control of the access to your heart begins with a close walk with God. You cannot abide from far away. Jesus came to purchase for us access to the Father, so we can draw near to Him. Nearness to the Father, nearness to His Word, and nearness to His Holy Spirit keep us from opening access to our heart from spiritual darkness. Daily we need to review our acceptance of the Father's invitation to abide with Him. We need to examine our self and see if there are hindrances to abiding and deal with them. Let us draw near to Him

We also need to check our choices. Choice is the most important tool in controlling access to your heart. God has given us the ability to make choices. Our most important choice is choosing to believe Jesus is Lord, the basis of our salvation. It is a free choice we must make to be saved. Beyond this choice we daily and nearly moment by moment we can make good choices concerning access to our heart.

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No one would ask the Devil to come into their heart and wreak havoc. That would be foolish. However, too often we make poor choices and the cumulative effect is like having an open door policy for our heart. It is the little choices we make that get us in trouble. Success in life and effective prayer depends on control of the access to our heart. Control comes from consistent good choices, especial choices concerning little things.

If we are going to have success in prayer, we must walk close with God and make wise choices. We must keep hindrances from keeping us from God. We must make those little choices in a way that we can guard against opening the way for the Devil. He is looking for opportunities and opportune times to attack, do not give him opening.

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

Praise Report from Pastor Daniel in and around Nepal:

- October 19-23st, International Limbu Christian Fellowship, we had participants from Nepal, Bhutan and different parts of India. There were over 200 delegates.
- October 27-30th, New Life Youth Convention, there were over 100 youths from all New Life Gospel Churches and other denominational Churches.
- I have been ministering different churches the word of God, in 29th in the Church of Nazarine, many have received the touch of the Holy Spirit and healing. This church is opened to the work of the Holy Spirit in their midst.
- November 2-4th, we had Fasting and Prayer Conference in Dharan, there were 25 participants all in complete fasting and spent three days in prayer and fasting.
- In four places church buildings constructions in progress, which begun from last month, and we are beginning in other places from last of this month.
- On November 3rd we have started Word to World School (Our theme is to raise evangelists and missionaries for the great end harvest) with 17 students and 2 are joining this week.
- Our children (Hope for Children) are doing great, we have added one 3 years girl.
- Under our Foster Program; we have 11 foster children outside of Kathmandu, they are also doing very good in health and study, some of them are outstanding students in their classes. One is even story writer.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for protection for Israel and the Jewish people. Pray also that Jews would have the veil removed from their eyes so they could see the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Basic Prayer Focus

Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem

Pray for the reaching of Souls from Every Nation

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Pray for the government of your country (so we can live peaceably and the Gospel can be preached)

Pray for your home Church

Continuing Faithful in Prayer

Pray for these ministers and ministries. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct your prayers.

Joyce Abrahamson – Head of school in Brazil

John Coon – Ministry in Europe and the USA

Churches in Belarus – Growing number of churches in Belarus

Churches in Lithuania – Growing number of churches in Lithuania

DK Limbu Daniel – Pastor of a church in Nepal and church planting among Nepalese people

Marianne and David Dean – Missionaries on college campuses in East Asia

Lori Farquhar – Children’s Ministry Director

Jacek Gromadzki – Pastor of a church in Kolobrzeg, Poland

Marek Kaminski – Pastor of church in Kaszalin, Poland, leader in Polish churches, and co-founder and leader of BBB Conference

Bernd and Heike Pastor – Ministry in Germany

Mark Spencer – Pastor of church in Longmont, Colorado, worldwide ministry, and co-founder and leader of BBB Conference

Patty Spencer – Pastor in Longmont, Colorado, worship leader, and artist with a great new CD

William Williamson – Pastor of church in Cedaredge, Colorado

Charles and Janice Wilson – Pastors in Wyola, Montana

David Williamson – Editor of *Voice of Thanksgiving*

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