

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of February 1, 2009

“We do what He commands. We go where He wants us to go. We speak what He wants us to speak. His will is our law. His pleasure our joy. He is, today, seeking the lost and He would have us seek with Him. He is shepherding the lambs and He wants our cooperation. He is opening doors in heathen lands, and He wants our money and our prayers.”—Anonymous

## *The Life of Prayer*

### **Agreement**

David Williamson

“I now pronounce you husband and wife”. There are few words more filled with joy, happiness, hope, expectation, and anticipation. People celebrate and cry at weddings because this is such a special event. A wedding is a time when the glories of heaven come to earth. When a man and a woman are joined together and become one flesh. This is a moment when we get to see a type or a picture of heaven. These are the moments that thrill our spirit and should challenge our faith. The union of the man and woman as one should be the same as the union between man and God; we should be one.

***and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?*** Matthew 19:5 (NKJV)

One of the keys to power in prayer is agreement with God. When we are connected with God, functioning as a part of His team and plans, our prayers avail much. Marriage is a picture of this union with God or at least it should be. The union is described in the Bible, Jesus and His bride. The Bible also speaks of God the Father one with Jesus. This is the type of union we should have with God. Marriage is a union of two people; union with God is agreement with God. This is a union where there is great power and answers to prayers.

***For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.*** 1 John 5:7 (NKJV)

If we are going to have power in our prayers we need to be one with the Father. To do this we must come into agreement with Him. Jesus was able to state that the Father always heard His prayers. Why could He say this; because He and the Father were one. Jesus only did what He heard from His Father.

***I and My Father are one.*** John 10:30 (NKJV)

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

***Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." John 11:41-42 (NKJV)***

Agreement with God is the basis for a positive relationship with Him. Satan would not agree with God. He wanted things done his way and when they were not to his liking he rebelled against God. This same rebellion has come to mankind and has caused problems throughout history. The rebellion of Adam was not being in agreement with God. God told Adam to tend the garden and eat its fruit, but not to eat of this one tree. Adam would not agree to the terms set by God and rebelled. Thus began a separation from God that continued until Jesus made a way for us to come back to God and agree with Him. Now the path is open for us to walk in agreement with God.

Unfortunately most people do not agree with God. Too often we come with our agenda; we plan to tell God what He should do. Our old nature tries to take control and direct what God should do and how He should do what we want. We need to agree with God in all we do, say, and in prayer. Every area where we do not agree with God separates us from Him and from His power. This separation hinders every aspect of the Christian life and especially the effectiveness of our prayers.

For effective prayers we must search for areas where we are not in agreement with God. This searching must be lead by the Holy Spirit who can search fully and accurately. As He reveals areas that need to change we must deal with these areas removing all disagreement and strife.

We need to agree with God concerning His nature, promises, and power. Far too often we only give lip service to the nature of God. He is good, He is only good. He is love, His love never changes. However, there are times when people pray as though they have to reform God. They pray as though God is not who and what He says He is. There are times people pray as though God was cruel or mean. This is not being in agreement with God.

We need to agree with God concerning His purpose on earth. God is working His plan. He has not made changes or revisions to His plans. He is still seeking to save the lost. He works with men and women of prayer and action. He works through laborers called by the Lord of the harvest. He works in big ways and small ways reaching out to hopeless people; giving hope and life. His plan includes the prayers of men and women in agreement with God.

We need to agree with God concerning His will. His desire for us is for good. We would do well to seek what He wants and His will. This is the road to abundant life and the source of fervent, effective prayers that avail much. We agree with Him, not trying to get Him to agree with us.

We need to agree with God on His objectives for our prayers. He has placed in our heart a calling. When we walk out His calling we can have great success. In this passion of our heart is a call to

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

prayer. We can have a powerful prayer ministry if we will agree on God's objective and seek these with our whole heart.

*Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.* Matthew 18:19 (NKJV)

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.* 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

We agree with God!

*Let us Pray!*

## A Call for Prayer

Pray for the people in your fellowship or church. Pray for their health and safety. Pray that they would stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. .

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.* Colossians 4:12-13 (NKJV)

Pray for Israel. Be watchmen on the walls praying for Jerusalem, Israel, and for the return of these people to God.

## Basic Prayer Focus

**Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem**

**Pray for the reaching of Souls from Every Nation**

**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

# *Voice of Thanksgiving*

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

**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*

## *Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer*

*Voice of Thanksgiving* is published in a weekly version in English. *Voice of Thanksgiving* is also published monthly in German and Polish and is available in book form, *Prayer: A Force that Causes Change – A Call to Prayer*.

- ✓ For an archive of past articles, copies of the German and Polish editions, short notes and studies on prayer, and other information, or to order copies of *Prayer: A Force that Causes Change – A Call to Prayer* go to [www.voiceofthanksgiving.com](http://www.voiceofthanksgiving.com)
- ✓ If you have questions you may email me at: [dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com](mailto:dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com)