

BEFORE The THRONE

The Joy of Prayer Conference

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TEACHING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

Lord, teach us to pray – not just teach us how to pray, but "teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

(1 John 5: 14, 15)

We know it is God's will for us to pray –
(Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2, Romans 12:12, Matthew 6:5-9)

Discovering the joy of prayer – (Isaiah 56:7)

We are a house of prayer – corporately, and personally

If we are not a house of prayer we will soon become a den of thieves

"Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty." - E. M. BOUNDS

The power of prayer can never be overrated.... If a man can but pray he can do anything. He who knows how to overcome with God in prayer has heaven and earth at his disposal. 1
—CHARLES SPURGEON

Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees. —WILLIAM COWPER

WHY PRAY? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

1) It's about intimacy and encounter - our call to "FIRST LOVE"

If the first commandment is to have first place, then the secret place must become your favorite place

2) It's about discovery

3) It's about partnership-

God's original plan always been to exercise dominion on the earth in partnership who love him and or utterly dependent on him – God invites us to partner with him governing the affairs of man in this age and in the age to come

In prayer God invites us to reimagine our lives, the lives of others and the world around us with Him; ti dream with Him

TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN VINEYARD-(Song of Solomon 1:5-7; 8:12)

Life behind the veil – (S.S. 4:1)

In a large measure the degree to which you live your life in Him behind the veil, will determine the degree to which he lives his life through you beyond the veil

If you want to go farther, you have to go deeper.

Only through prayer can we fully receive the fullness of what God has promised us

The depth of your relationship with God in prayer, will determine the width of your ministry with people in public

GOD LONGS TO BLESS US

(Is. 30:18) (John 14:13-14; 15:7; 15:16; 16:23)

TAKE ME AWAY WITH YOU- RISE UP AND COME AWAY WITH ME

Transitioning into chamber (S.S. 1:4; 2:10-15) (S.S. 4:1-4)

Breakthroughs – (S.S. 1:4)

PRAYER HAPPENS IN HEAVEN (Rev. 4:1-2)

1) The Voice-

The sound of a trumpet (Rev.1:10-12; 4:1) His longing for us

The sound of many waters (Rev. 1:15; Ps. 42:7)

The depths of Him calling for the depths of us-

2) A Door standing open in Heaven

3) Come up here- This is where Prayer happens

This is our place of intimacy, discovery, and transformation (Col. 4:1)

4) I will show you what MUST take place in the midst of these things

5) One sitting on a Throne- We pray from Heaven those things that God says must take place in our lives; in the lives of others, and in the world

Petitioning from Heaven, not toward Heaven

We don't pray from the battlefield toward heaven, but from heaven into the battlefield

THE ENVIRONMENT OF HEAVEN – (Ps. 96:6) (Rev. 4:3-6)

- 1) One sitting like a jasper stone – Diamond
All prisms of His glory – His nature
The crystal sea simply reflects His glory

- 2) Sardius in Appearance
Sardius is fiery red – This is His wholeheartedness and vehement love
Daniel 7:9-10, Ez. 1:27-28, Rev. 15:2, Song 8:6

Sea of glass mixed with fire
(Ex. 24:10) Sapphire Sea
Sapphire – “revelation”
God reveals Himself to us in the Throne Room
* It’s the book of the unveiling of Jesus

- 3) Emerald Rainbow
Emerald = Everlasting – Circular
Rainbow = Mercy, Grace

Throne of Grace – Come Boldly
(Heb. 4) (Is. 43:25-26) (Zeph. 3:11) (Micah 7:18)

- 4) From the Throne
Flashes of Lightning, Peals of Thunder
- This is God’s aroused personality (Zech. 2:12-13)

The Holy Spirit is not on a throne. He is God on the earth.
Prayer is a wrecking time; not only are we wrecked, He is.
(S.S. 4:9, 6:5) (Rev. 8:1) (Zeph. 3:14-17) (S.S. 4:7, 10)

- The Flashes of Lightning could also be strikes from the Holy Spirit
Fresh encounters personally and fresh strikes in the affairs of man (Rev. 8:5)

- Thunder – His voice
(Job 37:2) Especially in releasing (Ps. 18:1-19)

- 5) 24 Elders
Sitting – Resting in Christ
Dressed in White – Righteousness (2 Cor. 5)
Golden Crowns – on their thrones (Rev. 11:16)
Reigning – His Authority

- 6) 7 Lamps of Fire Burning Before the Throne
The 7 fold nature – ministry of the Holy Spirit – In the Throne Room of Prayer
(Is. 11:1-2)

INTIMACY AND ENCOUNTER

Shut the world out, withdraw from all worldly thoughts and occupations, and shut yourself in alone with God, to pray to Him in secret. Let this be your chief object in prayer: to realize the presence of your heavenly Father. – ANDREW MURRAY

1A. Never forget that prayer is a conversation and mutual encounter – let Him talk

2A. Mary of Bethany – Choosing the good part (Luke 10)

1b. It will not be taken away from you

- once caught, no escape

3A. One Thing – (Ps 27)

1b. Sitting at His footstool (Ps. 132:7)

4A. Holy, Holy, Holy – Before His Glory - * (Rev. 4:6-11) (Is. 6:2)

1b. We Behold His beauty and encounter His personality

Beholding His glory cultivates fascination, wonder, childlikeness

You are either FACINATED with Christ or FRUSTRATED with Life

2b. You get to EAT the “most holy things” (Ez. 42:13)

- Open wide your mouth and I will fill it (Ps. 81:10)

- It’s like drinking from a fire hydrant (Ez. 43:2) (Rev. 1:12-15, 14:2, 19:6)

- Divine overflow (Ruth 3:17-18)

You can only give what you know, what you’ve received

3b. It cultivates a continual burning

- In union with the Holy Spirit we become burning ones before the throne
(S.S. 6:13-7:1)

- Abiding in love (John 15)

- We grow confident in love, becoming confident that we are his favored one, He becomes our favorite one

4b. In the throne room we become true worshippers – who worship in spirit and truth

- the 24 elders are always falling down in worship before the throne

5b. We Become what we Behold
(2 Cor. 3:18) (S.S. 1:16) (Ez. 16:14)

It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to men. —C. S. LEWIS

A glimpse of Jesus will save you. To gaze at Him will sanctify you. —MANLEY BEASLEY

6b. A place of upheaval – an unveiling
(Nahum 1:5) (Rev. 1:17) (Zeph. 1:12) (Joel 1:13) (Ps. 42) (Micah 1:4)

- The down and up life

7b. Cultivates an “In Spirit” Life
- Being in the Spirit becomes your form
(Rev. 1:10, 4:2) (Ez. 2:1-2)

- It stands you on your feet in the midst of the battle

8b. You sit under His healing wings
(Rev. 5:2-10) (Mal. 4:2)

The Lamb Slain – the one with proven tenderness reads the book of human history and destiny and is able to change my story

9b. Cultivates doves eyes

- We begin to see as the Holy Spirit sees. (S.S. 4:1, 5:12)

- This is the ascended mind of Christ (Col. 3:1-4) (Eph. 2)

- Seeing – and bearing witness of what we see and hear - Says “must take place in the midst of these things”

- Living by the faith of the Son of God is developed

PERSONAL PETITION

You can do more than pray after you have prayed; but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. A J Gordon

1A. His Part – Our Part

1b. His part – (2 Sam. 5:19-20)
He broke through before us

2b. Our Part – (1 Chron. 14:11)
He broke through by my hand

2A. Apprehended that for which we have been apprehended (Phil. 3)

1b. Our position in Christ
Our experience in Christ
(Eph. 1:3; 2 Cor. 1:20; 2 Pet. 1:2-4)

2b. If you can live without it, you will.

Receiving more from God is not about convincing Him to be willing to give us more.
Rather, it is about God's convincing His people to pray for More with confidence

3b. Be Audacious (Luke 11:5-13)

3A. Does the Lord have favorites?

1b. The Lord doesn't have favorites, but everyone doesn't experience the same level of favor.

There are three occasions in the gospel where Jesus takes three of the apostles, Peter, James and John, aside from the rest.

First, in Matthew 5, it is the raising of Jairus' daughter from death. Jesus had the three accompany Him into the room where her body lay and he restored her to life (vs. 37).

Second, in Matthew 17, He had the three accompany Him to a mountaintop where he was transfigured. As He shined forth brighter than the sun Moses and Elijah, long gone from this world, appeared and discussed matters with Him.

The Final time was on the night before His crucifixion. He asked Peter, James and John to accompany Him as He went to a secluded spot to pray for strength as He faced His hour of suffering (Matthew 26; see verse 37).

(John 11:1-5)

4A. The 3 Realms of Personal Petition

1b. For a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit and the fullness of Christ in our lives

2b. Daily Bread

- Practical issues – needs (Phil. 4:19)

3b. Justice Brought to Victory in our personal lives (Luke 18:1-8)

5A. Answered Prayer

He chooses us to bless us (John 15:16)

(1 John 5:14-15) (James 5:16-18)

1b. According to His will

Praying in agreement with His word (John 15:7) (2Peter 1:4)

It works this way because He wants us to seek out the promises, because He desires relationship. (Prov. 25:2)

(James 4:1-3) (Eph. 2:10) (2 Cor. 5:17)

2b. Earnestness

1) The effective prayer (James 5:14-18)

He “really prayed”

2) Persevered

* The Matter Of Faith – Receiving twice (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 14:23)

1) Faith is substance (Heb. 11:1)

* We have (1 John 5) (Mk. 11:24)

2) Receive it in the spirit realm - Receive it in your heart

3) Persevere in believing prayer until you receive it in the natural – in your hand

(1 Kings 18)

- God told him it was going to rain

- He heard the sound of the storm

- He had to pray until it was manifested in the natural

Reminding God – Perseverance (Luke 11) (Is. 62: 6-7)

It is not enough to begin to pray. . . but we must patiently, believingly continue in prayer until we obtain an answer. —GEORGE MÜLLER

We must refuse to be denied answers to prayers that are in agreement with God's will. We must not stop asking and thanking God for the answers until we see them with our eyes. We must not be casual about our prayer requests but persistent And tenacious

We remind God of His promises and thank Him for having already given them to us in the spirit and for the certainty of their being manifested in the natural in God's timing. As we continually remind God of His promises with thanksgiving, we position ourselves to receive them in the natural realm.

The idea is for us to ask for the request to be manifest in the natural realm. We do not ask God to give us the spiritual blessings that He has already given to us in the spirit realm (Eph. 1: 3); rather, we ask Him to release them to us in a greater measure in the natural realm. So we ask for the release in the natural of the things that we already have in the spirit.

We must persist until we receive the requests that are according to God's will. We should never stop asking, reminding, and thanking God until we see the answers with our eyes.

Prayers that are in God's will are always answered in God's timing and in God's way, so do not give up too quickly or become discouraged if the answer

Again, we must receive every request twice. First we receive it in the spirit, and then eventually we will receive it in the natural. Often what we receive in the earthly realm is given progressively in increasing measure. God does not always give His answer as one big downpour of blessing. Sometimes the answer comes in stages over months, years, or even decades. We can trust His amazing leadership in the timing and method in which He answers our prayers.

Our prayer requests move from the spiritual realm to the natural realm through holy, persevering, believing prayer

Persevering prayer is continually reminding God of what He has already given us and what He promises to yet give us and continually asking Him to manifest the full measure of each blessing in the natural.

(Col. 4:2)

6A. Circumstantial Prayer

Remember, many circumstantial prayer requests are not promised in Scripture, so sometimes we cannot be sure that the Lord has approved our request until He answers it.

WHY ARE SOME PRAYERS DELAYED?

1. Training to become an overcomer (Dan. 10:1-13)

The answer was sent as soon as he prayed but it was delayed, but none the less it was on the way.

God uses the enemy as our training/sparring partner to teach us to become overcomers

2. A Righteous Lifestyle -(1 John 3:21-22)

Prayers can be hindered (1 Peter 3:7)

It's not that we are earning answers to prayer, its that can we be trusted to steward them if we are in rebellion?

God won't enable our rebellion – He wants us to experience and manifest our inheritance

3. The Fullness of Time

We can trust God's leadership

4. Accumulation

Over time it becomes bigger than you thought it would be or believed for

THE NAME

- If you abide in Me

- Praying from our union with Christ
(John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23)

(Acts 3:11-16; 4:7-10; 9:33-35)

INTERCESSION

We wield the balance of power

- Salt
- Light

(Luke 10:19)

1A. Justice to Victory

(Matt. 12) (Is. 42) (Luke 18)

1b. The Fall – The Cross – Our Assignment

- created to bear His image – reveal His likeness
- created to exercise dominion

At the fall we surrendered authority in the world over to satan (Luke 4:5-6) (John 5:19)

- Satan has authority because of our sin
- at the cross that problem was taken care of (Col. 2:8-15)
- at the cross the enemies Right was taken back (Matt. 28:18-20)
- Jesus announced the kingdom of heaven invasion and demonstrated our assignment (1 John 3:18) (Nahum 3:18-19)

2A. Binding and Loosing

(Matt. 16) (Is. 22)

3A. Who will stand in the gap?

(Ez. 22:30)

He begs us to pray (Matt. 7:7)

4A. Remember, He invites us to re-imagine the world with Him

1b. We are called to co-labor with Him

2b. We Are called to partner with Him in managing the earth

- through prayer
- through acts of justice

5A. Old Testament saints prayed for the solution; we pray from the solution

Billheimer

1b. We pray Calvary's victory from heaven – using our authority

2b. Proclaiming victory in union with Christ

(Heb 1:3) (Col. 1:17) (Rom. 8:34) (Heb. 7:25)

“The will of God must be displayed by a praying people, unwilling to sit on the sidelines and see the devil continually steal, kill, and destroy, and watch the theologians give God the credit.”

Bill Johnson, God is Good: He's Better Than You Think

- 6A. Paul's example of his life being impacted by the prayers of other
(Phil. 1) (Eph. 6:18-20) (Col. 4:3) (II Cor. 1)
1b. Pray this over yourself

7A. Anna's service (Luke 2:37)

Releasing Of The Spirit

- 1A. Paul's example
(Eph. 3) (Eph. 1:15) (Col. 2:1) (Gal. 4:19)

Holy benefits

- 1A. You will grow in releasing authority
2A. Blessings returned (Luke 6:38)
3A. Falling in love with people

Intimacy, encounter and personal petition cause me to fall more in love with Him
Intercession causes me to fall more in love with people.

BREAKTHROUGH

1. A mindset that believes we are created in Christ for the miraculous – and our assignment is to bring heaven to earth
2. A Radical obedience that God obligates Himself to
3. Childlike Faith
4. Prayer from a righteous lifestyle

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

- 1A. There are 2 different gifts of tongues to be used for 2 different purposes
- 1b. Edification when the church assembles
- with interpretation it profits the corporate body
 - equivalent to prophecy
- 2A. Prayer Language
- Only gift you pray
 - 1) I wish you all
 - 2) I thank God I pray in...

1b. (1 Cor. 14:18-19) – The 2 gifts differentiated

2b. What is it?

- Heavenly language – tongues of angels

- Spiritual language

(14:2, 14, 15, 16) (Eph. 6:18) (Jude 20)

3b. What happens when you pray or sing in tongues

1c. It is praise

- It blesses God

2c. It is speaking or singing mysteries

3c. It edifies you

4c. It builds up your most holy faith (Jude 20)

You are communicating on a spiritual level which cultivates as sensitivity to the transrational. It is heavenly which nourishes the eyes of our hearts.

It is praise – the language of faith is giving thanks

Psalm 71:14 –“As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more

It is the most childlike thing I do _____ I believe it cultivates not just faith but childlike faith – it is heart level, not head level (Eph. 6:18)

Could it be the missing ingredient to realizing and releasing the miraculous?

* They spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance – you have to speak by faith

* Your head will be unfruitful – verse 19 he says when you use tongues your understanding is eliminated

You might say that it is up to God to sovereignly give – yet he says to earnestly desired the gifts of the spirit

– and if we believe the Holy Spirit spoke to the writers of the New Testament then we know that the Holy Spirit was speaking to Paul when he said that I wish you all spoke in tongues – God wishes that all of you would speak in tongues

– Mark 16