

WEEK 4 – PRAYER WARRIORS BOOTCAMP

PRESENTING CASES IN THE COURTS OF HEAVEN

Summary

INTRODUCTION

Psalm 89:14 ¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne (Psalm 89:14), so we need to have a revelation of those two principles to understand how God's Kingdom works and to get the answers that we and God want.

Prayer, at its very core, is where we insert ourselves into a spiritual conflict. Prayer is not just an asking or petitioning of God for some things. When we pray, we engage the Lord Himself, but we are also engaging powers of darkness that want to resist us in our prayer activity. We see this in the book of Daniel. Daniel is interceding, asking God for understanding regarding the Scriptures. Satan does not want this knowledge released to Daniel and high powers of darkness seek to stop him receiving the answer to his prayers.

1. Get Off the Battlefield

- The first thing we must do to step into the courts of Heaven is to get off the battlefield.

- Remember that Jesus never pictures prayer in a battlefield context. He did put prayer however in a courtroom or judicial setting in Luke 18:1-8.
- This woman, in her efforts to deal with her adversary, never spoke to her adversary, but only to the judge.
- judge. She understood that when a rendering could be obtained from the judge, then her adversary became of no consequence. The adversary's legal footing for hurting, harming, stealing or otherwise tormenting her would be removed.
- Through our maneuvering in the courts we actually put into place the legalities necessary for God's Kingdom will to be done.

2. Presenting Our Case

- We can only present our case once we have read from the books in Heaven. Daniel 7:10 sets the scene.
- The books reveal our Kingdom purpose and destiny. This is not a once-off revelation, but rather an ongoing journey of discovery.
- When a prophet prophesies, they are simply reading out of the books of Heaven. They are unveiling the secrets contained in the books.
- motion. Just as in a natural court, the proceedings start with the prosecution presenting its case. It is a powerful thought that we as mortal people have the authority to set in motion the courts of Heaven, but it is true.

3. Agreeing with our accuser

- Once we have presented the case for what has been written in the books, we will almost always encounter the accuser seeking to deny us what is in the books. (Revelation 12:10) Any and all accusations that he brings to seek to disqualify us from getting what is in the books must be answered. This will require us to repent and humble ourselves before the Lord for nations and ourselves.
- One of the things Jesus is teaching in connection to operating in the courts of Heaven, is that God responds to humility and surrender. I have found that humility and surrender carry great weight in the courts of Heaven. If we want to have an audience in the courts, we must appear there with a humble spirit and a broken and contrite heart. These sacrifices, God will not despise. (Psalm 51:17)
- One of the primary ways we can agree is through our repentance. When we sense accusations being used against us, we should simply agree with them. Matthew 5:25 says we are to agree with our adversary quickly.
- **Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison (Matthew 5:25).**
- To agree with our adversary simply means that we are quick to repent of anything being used against us in the courts.

- Through repentance we set in place the voice of the blood of Jesus and every other voice releasing testimony.

4. Confessing Our Sins

- Our words before the throne of God are very powerful. In Hosea 14:1-2 the prophet is urging the people to use ‘words’ to return to the Lord.

O Israel, return to the Lord your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; Take words with you, And return to the Lord. Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips (Hosea 14:1-2).

- Right words before the courts of the Lord are very powerful. Because of our words, God will forgive us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

- Our words set legal things in motion. Our words become testimony and agreements with the courts of Heaven. Our words grant the Lord the legal right to fulfill His passion toward us, which is always mercy and goodness.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and

by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death (Revelation 12:10-11).

- Part of the word of our testimony is to ‘confess’ and use words to grant God the legal right to be merciful to us.
- Another thing that allows us to come into concert and agreement with the voices of Heaven and silence the accuser is our offerings.
- When we bring finances with a clean heart and full of passion toward the Lord, these finances add a voice of agreement with Heaven.

5. Resisting the Devil

- Once the accuser has been silenced and the wrestling match in the courts is finished, we are now set to rebuke any and all demonic forces. This may include the rebuking and renouncing of any and every demonic activity.
- When we have put in place through our repentance the legalities of Heaven, the devil will have to stop and desist any and all operations. The legal right has been removed and the rights of his operation are broken.
- If we have rebuked the devil and it hasn’t moved, it is because he still has a legal right to be there. Colossians 2:13-14 shows us that Jesus set in place every legal thing necessary to break satanic holds.

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together

with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14).

- Every accusation that the accuser can use to resist us in the courts of Heaven Every bit of 'paperwork' against us in Heaven, positionally Jesus dealt with. The words handwriting of requirements actually means a legal document and/or a law, ordinance or decree. In other words, it has been removed. Jesus nailed it to His cross and took it out of the way.
- We verbally and with faith accept and forcibly put into place the work of Jesus on the cross in our behalf. When we do, we have taken away any legal footing the devil tries to use.

6. Making Decrees

- The last thing we do as legal things have now been ordered is make decrees that carry the authority of the court of Heaven.
- Our decrees are based on what is written in the books.
- Every objection has been removed and the Judge is now free to fulfill His fatherly passion and release His kingdom will in our lives.

As we utter the words of governmental decrees, the Heavenly realm is reordered and things come into place for Heaven to invade Earth. There is now a contract and verdict in place from the courts that allows

Heaven to manifest on Earth. What a powerful thing! The Holy Spirit will help us in our weakness to maneuver in the courts of Heaven. As we do, we become a part of God's agenda in the planet.