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If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2Chronicles 7:14

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Jesus Prayed for Me The Power of Redemptive Prayer

By Eunice A. Christian March 18, 2019

Luke 23:33-37 King James Version* (KJV): ³³ And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*

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Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving

Lent (Ash Wednesday: March 6, 2019 through the eve of Resurrection Sunday, April 20, 2019), is a solemn period for the Universal Catholic Church according to the Liturgical Catholic Calendar. For those who acknowledge and revere this holy period, it is a time of self-reflection. It is a period to examine one's spiritual and humanitarian walk. Lent is 40 days leading up to the symbolic day of Jesus' crucifixion. Many Christians who do not identify themselves as Catholics also are in obeisance to what Lent represents. There is a heightened level of praying, fasting, and almsgiving as a demonstration of our love for the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit).

It is not surprising how the world has parallels to the ways of the Kingdom of God. For the world, regardless as to whether one is a Believer or not, when a new year is on the horizon, many seek to think about how time has gone by; whether desired accomplishments have been gained—whether all, most, some, or none of what was desired in the passing year had been achieved. We tend to reflect upon past relationships—unfortunately, loved ones, friends, acquaintances that are no longer with us. We tend to focus upon heartaches and pains, loves and pleasures. We might tend to reflect upon how we have let ourselves down, and how we have let others down. *If we can do all of that during the period leading up to and the passing of a new year, should we not do or consider far more than that for the God of all creation?*

As we study the Word of God, we should grow with humility, knowing that we cannot ever repay God for all that He has done for us. As we seek the face of God with sincere repentance, a spirit of humility should grow. Especially when we focus upon how Jesus the Christ lived and died for us, given what we are:

Genesis 3:19 KJV: ¹⁹*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

It is also about knowing one day we will face our day of reckoning, but being comforted in knowing that with a right relationship with the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit), when we are judged, having withstood the wiles of the adversary, we shall see our Lord and our God face-to-face; with a confidence that our names will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life:

Revelation 20:12 (KJV): ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Our faith should support our continued Love for God by doing what He wants us to do. *How do we learn what God wants us to do?* With a contrite spirit, by praying and fasting, we can ask our Lord and Savior, Jesus, under the power and unction of the Holy Spirit, for direction. We can also seek spiritual support from someone strong in the Lord for guidance. The Spirit will bear witness to Itself, and will not go against the Word of God.

The One and Only God

We are to have no other god before Him (Leviticus 19:18), and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We are to die daily to our flesh, forsaking anything that would keep us from His love and from doing the works He purposed us to do in His Name. If we are at fault in any manner, pray to The Father for forgiveness in the name of Jesus. It may have to take on the form of seeking forgiveness of others, as the Holy Spirit will direct and allow, in order to provide greater clarity. It may not always be easy, but as Believers empowered by the Holy Spirit, we should be mindful to seek peace at all times so that we may not have a life of strife and discord with one another—or with those outside our faith. *Prayer is key in all these things—it is communicating to God.* The alternative would be having ill-fated characteristics will prove a hindrance to a faith based life.

Luke 6:32-36 (KJV): ³² For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. ³³ And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. ³⁴ And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil. ³⁶ Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Galatians 5:17-23 (KJV): ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Repent for the Kingdom at Hand

Repentance is the act of being sorry for wrongdoing, supported and grounded with the mindset to make a change for the better. It is about working on oneself to not only regret past wrongdoings, but to also work on not committing those wrongdoings again. It is about striving to live a productive and humane life. Having the spirit of repentance is about having a stronger, more dedicated walk with our God, Lord and Holy Spirit than ever before by focusing on the Word of God, and by being led by the Holy Spirit.

During the days before the crucifixion of Jesus, one of His disciples made a request:

Luke 11:1-3 (KJV): 'And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. 'And He said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 'Give us day by day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

With a contrite heart, we draw closer to God; however, forbid that we sin because we are saved by the umbrella of grace. Knowing to pray for forgiveness day by day does not mean taking our walk in Christ for granted. This prayer tells us to ask for forgiveness as we forgive others, To add, we sin

daily, whether on purpose or by omission. *How many of us can truthfully share that we have forgiven others as God has forgiven us?* This prayer teaches us to be humble by acknowledging our sins. Just as important, if we want our Heavenly Father to forgive us, we need to forgive others likewise.

Pray for Me; I Pray for You

Apostle Paul instructed the Galatians on this matter, and then some. We are not to pray solely for fellow Believers or those we favor. We are to pray for the just and unjust; those who support us and those who may not support us. We are to pray even for those who rise up against us.

Matthew 5:44 (KJV): ⁵ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Matthew 6:5 (KJV): ⁵ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

Luke 18:1 (KJV): ¹ And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Be Strengthened by the Power of Prayer

It is clear that when Jesus prayed, He did so discreetly and alone. Perhaps our greatest battles can be won on our knees, praying in a quiet place:

Luke 5:15-16 (KJV): ¹⁵ But so much the more went there a fame abroad of Him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Luke 6:12 (KJV): ¹² And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

During one of His greatest expressions of anxiety recorded in the Holy Bible, Jesus went down on His knees and prayed. *If Jesus prayed before God the Father, being Himself the Son of the Living God, who are we not to kneel and pray out of reverence and respect? If Jesus prayed to The Father, how could we proclaim Him as Lord and Savior without a prayer based life?*

Jesus Prayed

Matthew 26:39 (KJV): ³⁹And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Jesus spoke Truth, as He was part God and part flesh. Before the cross, He was afflicted for us, desiring relief from what He was about to endure. Yet, He continued onward. Jesus, having experienced tremendous amount of anxiety as He faced His journey to the cross, was able to give His disciples a sobering statement:

Matthew 26:41 (KJV): ⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Jesus prayed again:

Matthew 26:42 (KJV): ⁴² He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

After praying twice to God, Jesus continued onward to complete His Father's business.

Matthew 26:53 (KJV): ⁵³ Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:53 was in response to someone in the midst of Jesus who sliced off one of the soldier's ear who sought to capture Him. Jesus rebuked the action; He did not allow anyone to hinder God's divine plan for man's salvation, even if the intention was meant to be good. With this in mind, we should pray not only for guidance in our walk, but also, in part, for a circle of support that will respect our purpose in God.

During His walk on earth, Jesus demonstrated the epitome of humility. Jesus, the Son of the Living God who became flesh, born in a Palestinian town called Bethlehem, was placed in a lowly manger from birth, and walked the earth purposed for man's redemption—*and during His walk on earth, He prayed for me, for you, for His chosen.*

John 17:1 (KJV): ¹These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee....

He humbled Himself before His Father and God. Jesus the Christ honored God by acknowledging His completion of God's plan for man's redemption:

John 17:7-12 (KJV): ⁷ Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. ⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. ¹⁰ And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. ¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Jesus prayed for me...for you...for those God the Father had given to Him. The humility of Jesus is matched by no other! He lifted His eyes and spoke with reverence to His Father in heaven on our behalf! Jesus did not pray for everyone during this prayer; He prayed for those that were given to Him by God the Father. To know that Jesus prayed acknowledging that He has glorified God the Father so that the scriptures may come to pass is Love exemplified.

I Am Redeemed

Galatians 2:20 (KJV): ²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit...*do you*? I believe in the power of prayer and fasting...*do you*? *First, if you have not answered 'yes' to both questions, say 'YES' to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Seek Jesus—seek the face of God.* Every day we should be striving to do better than the day before; both in our spiritual and natural walk. I challenge you to do so, too, by following Jesus our Savior at His Word.

As Believers, we are all marvelously and wonderfully made (Psalms 139:14). However, we must continue to seek the Lord and our God in the spirit of humility and reverence, praise, and worship; knowing that as Believers, we represent The Holy Trinity through the fulfilling of the Great Commission (Acts 1:8) for Kingdom building.

So, during this period—and forevermore—seek the face of God. Call on our Lord and Savior Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He will guide and bless you beyond understanding—*if you only believe.*

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV): ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

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There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption. So If you've have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus. Receive redemption, look to Jesus.

Be blessed and be a blessing.♥

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One of the things man has been blessed with is the ability to communicate our thoughts and desires to one another. In our relationship with God, we have been given the golden key of access to him. Yet we have failed at times to not just understand, but effectively use this key for the benefit of others and ourselves.

When I reflect back on some scriptures and really start to grasp the significant meaning of the written word of God, gaining an understanding of its power in totality. I start to understand why I have gone lacking in some many areas and periods in my life. That is simply because of the lack of initiative to activate what we have had access to all along. Rather it was because we were naïve to the power we possess due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of our inheritance in Christ. We have delayed the ability to obtain our true birthright in him.

Here's the good news once we get educated in the knowledge we must activate the blessing. Prayer is one of the best resources that came with promises. By turning this key to communicate within the throne room of God we activate angels to do battle on our behalf. Prayer allows us to request forgiveness for our shortcomings that we may find ourselves back in line with the things of God. On the path to redemption and greater grace.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Go away from our prideful ways of not admitting our shortcomings, but rather come to God in humility and low state of mind, submitting ourselves to his sovereignty and yielding our will unto him. Then we can approach the Throne of Grace and make our request know.

Praying in the name of Jesus ignites power from on high to defeat the adversary who wars against our flesh to entice us to go against the will of God. Pray is the key that unlocks the door and launches fiery on the enemy to defeat his plan of destruction, stumbling blocks and blockades that are thrown in our path. Once we truly understand and have the knowledge concerning the passage of scripture in James 5:16 *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Then the power of the key call prayer will bless you in unmeasurable ways.*

Prayer breaks the strongholds, reconnects yourself with the Almighty, recharges your spiritual man to depths beyond your imagination because you are plugged in and have that ability to recharge. To fortify this strength even more 2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. This will continue to provide the light to your pathway. If you haven't tried it I invite you to learn and experience that intimate time with God. When you come to understand the significance that is associated with one true connection and the impact that it can provide in each step of your life.*

You will start to receive the true revelation regarding the transformed mind. You will gain the understanding of the latter part of the scripture in Romans 12:2 "that ye may prove what is that good acceptable and perfect will of God." We provide the proof that is needed for the world to see and understand that we serve a True and a Living God. Demonstrating that the relationship we have with God is relevant throughout every aspect of our life because of his presence in our everyday living.

Providing opportunity after opportunity to share with others the testimonies of how we were able to transform not only our mindset from our inferior lifestyle. Because of the grace that we have found in Almighty God understanding that our open communication with him eliminates the oppressions of failure and sense of abandonment, that we place ourselves in. Prayer should be our first line of defense, but not in just the time we find ourselves faced with turmoil. But always because we have come to love him as much as he loves us.

Intimacy (Into me he see) is the established oneness with God recognizing all of the significant gifts that he has placed in me. Now I operate in the intended level that I can encourage and inspire others to understand the blessings and desire their intimate relationship with God also. For in having this there is no greater place or greater peace. You rest in the knowledge, wisdom, and faith, for there is no greater love than the love God has for you!

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Prayer & Repentance

Evangelist Ella Alexander

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Prayer - 1a(1): an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought

(2): a set order of words used in praying

b: an earnest request or wish

2: the act or practice of praying to God

Repentance: :the action or process of <u>repenting</u> especially for misdeeds or moral shortcomings

Repent:

1: to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life

2a: to feel regret or contrition

b: to change one's mind

transitive verb

1: to cause to feel regret or contrition

2: to feel sorrow, regret, or contrition for

(Merriam-Webster)

Prayer and repentance is like a married couple that became one. You can't have one without the other. When we look at the scripture it says, "*He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour Him* (Psalm 1:15). Also, when it comes to calling on the Lord Psalm 86:5 states, "*For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.*" God is a forgiving God. There are many scriptures that proves God's forgiveness, such as 1 John 1:9 which says, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" Also, Isaiah 43:25 says, "*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*" God is a God that is ready to forgive us our sins way before we repent, but

forgiveness. We must realize that we can't receive forgiveness for something we did wrong if we don't go to God first and ask for forgiveness. There is no getting around asking God to forgive you and there is no getting around going to God in prayer.

Prayer is not difficult. Many have made it difficult for people to do by putting all of these crazy demands and superstitions in their mind regarding prayer and God. The God that says he loves us is the same God that doesn't want to lose us. He does everything in his heart, mind, and strength to save us. He doesn't like to be disconnected from us and that is why God is calling us to repentance. He is calling us to turn away from the thing that is drawing us away from Him. We want to blame the enemy for everything, but the truth of the matter is that *It is not all the enemy's fault. Most of that mess is ours* and we have to own up to it.

What God is asking of us to do it really not hard. Look at what he is asking:

Humble ourselves

Pray to Him

Seek His face

Turn from our wicked ways.

...once we do those four things, then and only then will he hear from Heaven, forgive us for the sins we have committed, and then heal our land.

It is during our prayer time that we ask for God's forgiveness. Just don't ask to spew out words, but ask with a heart that desire change. A heart that doesn't want to live in the mess that we desire for God to take us out of.

So remember that in order to get an answered prayer, we must pray. In order for us to receive forgiveness we must pray first in order to share what God has done in the lives of his people.

If you don't remember anything else, remember this, Prayer and Repentance is a couple. Don't try to separate them. If you do them both, you will see the hand of God move in your life.

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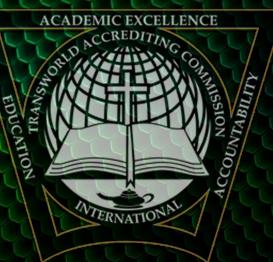
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If My People

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicle 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, this is referring to those of us who have confessed that we are Christians. Ones who have aligned themselves with Christ and his teaching and believe him to be the savior and the Son of God, and that he died for our sins and rose again that we might be redeemed back to God.

There is a responsibility that we who confess to be Christians have and that is to live a life that is set aside for Christ. What does that truly mean well, we live on this earth as other do, but we have chosen not to be caught up in the lifestyles of this world, the lust of the eyes and the flesh as well as the pride of life. Having the understanding that we are set apart from such a lifestyle. We choose to demonstrate that the essence of man is not the earthly things we can process. But it is the essence of the spiritual man that demonstrate our true identity as long as it is aligned with that of Jesus Christ and his teachings.

We are to be living epistle of Christ in the earth demonstrating the characteristic of him in whom we believe in. We are to be the light that sits on a hill that cannot be hidden. We provide also the hope for the lost that there is another way that one can live and because of one with Jesus. We also demonstrate that we can walk by faith and not by sight, even in some adverse situations. We show how to be steadfast, while fasting, praying and trusting God through faith having the endurance and expectation that our prayers will manifest for all to see so that they too can believe.

We must walk upright before him that man may see our God works and glorify the Father that is in heaven. Our life's give others hope when they are down and out. They come to understand that the God whom we serve never fails. They also come to understand that the Bible that we study holds the keys to so many blessing.

We are the ambassadors throughout this world that can lead the lost straight to Jesus when they have had enough. We are the lighthouse when life is so cloudy that they can't find their way, my people represent that light to the shore where Jesus has open arms to receive. We are the people who know how to get a prayer through on others behave that a miracle can happen to turn a life around.

We are the guide that will lead you to the bridge over troubled waters (Jesus) that will help you to cross safely over to the other side which is salvation, redemption and a new beginning so that one may also have the advantage to the tree of life.

Think it not strange that you are sitting here right now reading these words with anticipation for something different. Well, the good to this yearning is that you are at the stage of fresh fruit on the vine that is ripe ready for the harvest. Your acceptance of Jesus Christ is the notion that you are ripe enough to pick and placed in the master's care. But wait a minute there just one

a simple step to that reality. Father, I am a sinner and I repent of my sins and I ask for forgiveness and that you come into my life and become my Lord and Savior. Welcome to the family. This is the beginning of your new life, now is time to study the Bible (Basic instruction before leaving earth.) This is the place that God will begin to reveal himself to you and you will begin to grow in wisdom and understanding. Pray and ask God to lead you to a Bible-based church so that you can fellowship and continue to strive in the Word of God and meet your purpose in life You may always reach out to us here at the magazine you will find our emails on the Table of Contents page. May the grace of God and his favor rest upon you.

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II Chronicles 7 14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

By Elder Diane Harvell

One has to first understand what had occurred at this point in scripture for God to have said one of the most quoted scriptures in Christendom today, *"If my people....."*

Solomon had just finished building the temple of God. He made it beautiful inside and out, something that he yearned to do sincerely from his heart. He wanted a place where God could dwell with His people. Not only did he yearn to complete the outside of the temple but he yearned to complete the inside of it as well! To me, this is indicative of how our natural temple (our body) is to be.

Solomon had prayed so effectively for God to dwell among His people from his dwelling place in Heaven to this dwelling place Solomon had built on earth which was called Solomon's Temple, that God said Solomon I heard your prayers!

So Solomon prays, He said if the people sin against you God because of the enemy, yet if they return and humbly ask for forgiveness in this house, Lord hear from heaven and forgive their sins!

So at the time of II Chronicles v.14, God is telling Solomon, and I'm paraphrasing, 'It doesn't matter if I shut up the heavens and all the rain stops on the earth, or if I command locusts to come and eat up all the crops, or if I send sickness among my people', Solomon, this is the place where "mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attentive unto the prayers that is made in this place."

The Lord validated the Temple as a place of worship because Solomon prayed for the people and God sanctified it. God loves His people and he is waiting to hear our prayers! He said His eyes and His heart shall be there perpetually, which means this will never end and this will never change. God will always be waiting to hear from His people!

If I can be transparent, there was a time in my life (in God), I did not pray. I did not humble myself, I did not pray, and I did not seek God's face. This is a very dangerous place to be. In order for God to Hear, Forgive and heal me, I had omitted the three prerequisites to be healed! I John 1:9 says-"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Without confessing my sins, as long as I didn't pray, I stood in danger of not being forgiven and dying without being forgiven. There's an indignation within our flesh that is demonstrated against God when we do not pray. At this point, our flesh is in total control and in total disobedience against God. But the reality is that we are only hurting ourselves and missing the intimacy with God that will give us direction, purpose and answers to fulfill a purpose driven life when we do not pray!

I have learned the real reason I wasn't praying was because it takes humility to talk to God, to tell Him you need Him, and to ask for forgiveness. One of the hardest things for flesh to do is to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. I couldn't see that I was in need of forgiveness because I couldn't see that I had not forgiven. But we are God's "namesake," He calls us "my people" and because of Solomon's prayers, and because God wants a personal relationship with Him, God says, He will validate our requests to Him and all we have to do is; Humble ourselves, Pray, Seek His face, and Repent, then, He will forgive our sins and heal our sore land. But He's got to HEAR FROM US! Like Solomon, we must cry out and pray sincerely for a redeemed soul and a redeemed nation!

Upon looking up the definition of "pray" or "to pray," I was disappointed at what I found. One definition said, "a forceful way of saying, "please." Another definition said, "to ask earnestly, to beg." God doesn't want or need us to "forcefully beg" him for anything.

But He does want us to talk to him about everything. Prayer is simply talking to God, confessing the good, the bad, the ugly about yourself and your life to Him because He has chosen to communicate with us this way through prayer beginning at Solomon's Temple with the people of God.

So let us not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together" Hebrews 10:25 because God said, "*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Imagine how different this world would be if we prayed according to God's desire and with Solomon's diligence! I believe we would be a more powerful people and God would be even more glorified because He basically said if He stopped the world from spinning on its axis, that wouldn't matter because all we, His Namesake, would have to do is pray!

His eyes and His heart will always be attentive to our prayers and He is listening.

God wants to hear from us. All we have to do is Repent, Pray and Seek Him, then He will Hear, Forgive and Heal us!

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Challenges and Opportunity

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

God purpose always comes with challenges and opportunities. These challenges can be seen as potter's wheels experiences where we are being molded and shaped. The opportunities come when we meet certain levels of maturity in him that it will not set us back. It is all for our awareness and testimony to others so they too can have hope. Hope that is realized is an awesome place to be because we are walking out our faith.

We all have come through life with a great many challenges, family, environment, financial, and the list goes on and on. Some are just annoying and others can be very overwhelming, to say the least. But God understands our potential as well as our destiny. Because he is aware of this he is able to show us just what strengths we possess even if we do not ourselves see or understand them. Just as he spoke to Jerimiah and stated for I knew you even before you enter into your mother's womb. There was an already established relationship before entering into this atmosphere to fulfill our purpose.

At times it feels as though when you get to that place of understanding within yourself. You come to a point of confidence as well as comfort in spite of your circumstances because there is a sense of overcoming and victory on the horizon. You start gravitating towards that directional pull which is actually the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is utterly amazing to you when you truly understand what has happened to you and that you are now in a new dimension.

Even as I sit here reflecting back on the songs that we learned in the church they are coming to my remembrance because the words are playing out in real time. "Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus is to trust and obey!" Bible verse then comes to mind

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. When we do the outcome is always in our favor.

The opportunity seems to always avail themselves but to me, they are usually associated with a measure of faith on our part to trust God for the desired outcome if we opt to forge ahead. All opportunities don't allows come in the form that we would like to see. Packaged up neatly and tied with a bow, sometimes they can appear where they cause you to question motive rather than fully trusting in God.

But here is what I have learned, with everything that God does for me there is a lesson in it for more. So I have come to understands that I will receive some sort of growth with each step that I take towards his plan for my life. So my prayer is not what is the blessing but, rather what is the lesson in this for me. For I know it's for me now and for someone whose path I may cross by the testimony that I will be able to share with another which in fact creates a bigger blessing.

Challenges and Opportunities do in fact impact us in such a way that will become life changing once we are able to understand the impacts that they have made on us good or bad. We benefit greatly when we see how fulfilling the event or circumstances enrich. The older you get the wiser you do become where you can help someone to avoid pitfalls.

Look for the lesson in the Challenge and Opportunity, learn to hear the voice of God when he is speaking directly to you. Trust his leading when you have established this relationship with God that will take you further then you will ever get by yourself. The Apostle Paul stated in Philippians 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" also in Hebrews 13:5" Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

God knows best it would be good for us if we were obedient and followed his lead.

So Much Potential There is so much potential within so many, but there is so little faith.

We live in a society that is always seeking acceptance from people who may not understand the purpose and they stifle potential, due to their fear of your elevation. Consider these passages of scripture from Proverbs 3:4-6 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Your gift will make room for you, especially when it is aligned with God's purpose for your life!

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

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