

Overview of Prayer Meeting – November 16th, 2025

We'd like to start today with a few scriptures that the Bible says regarding persistent, unceasing, and continual prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Amplified Bible *“be unceasing and persistent in prayer,”*

We know that the history of the Israelites was that of prayer and seeking God. Even so, they often fell into times of being backslidden, engaged in idolatry and all things that went against the Ten Commandments. So it's not unusual that Isaiah would rebuke them sternly in **Isaiah 56:10**; *“Israel's watchmen are blind, They are all without knowledge. They are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; Panting, lying down, they love to slumber.”*

What does that mean? Israel's watchmen, the prophets and leaders had been so lulled to sleep, become so spiritually blind and mute, that they weren't warning their people of the danger they were in. Isaiah called them mute (dumb) dogs, they didn't bark (speak) to send an alarm and loved just sleeping away their time. They were in a terrible state.

We can learn lessons from that as we want to be sharp, unceasing in prayer, warning those that God's judgment is coming, or that the thief is coming to rob, kill and destroy either their home, church or their nation. We can't be dumb or mute dogs, that don't warn the people that something is wrong as they're being invaded. Dumb here in this context does not mean stupid, rather unable to speak, mute. That's how the devil wants us to be; dumb and mute towards God. The devil does not want Christians to be persistent and consistent with God in prayer.

A good example would be the parable that Jesus told of the widow and ungodly judge in **Luke 18:1-8** where it says; *“Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up and lose heart, 2 saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and had no respect for man. 3 There was a [desperate] widow in that city and she kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice and legal protection from my adversary.’ 4 For a time he would not; but later he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will give her justice and legal protection; otherwise [a]by continually coming she [will be an intolerable annoyance and she] will wear me out.” 6 Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says! 7 And will not [our just] God defend and avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf? 8 I tell you that He will defend and avenge them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?”*

We see how this ungodly judge took care and answered the request of the widow, likewise, God our Father will hear us when we pray and will avenge us. The catch though is that we be unceasing in prayer, persistent, not stopping or letting go. The widow didn't take no for an answer. She persisted until she got an answer.

Ephesians 6:18 says; *“With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all [a]God's people.”*

Again, the same word appears, persistence, in **Colossians 4:2**; *“Be persistent and devoted to prayer, being alert and focused in your prayer life with an attitude of thanksgiving.”*

In **Matthew 26:41**, Jesus says; “ *Keep actively watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the [a]body is weak.*”

In other words, we don't 'dummy down' in our fellowship with God, especially in our prayer life. We don't want to be like the saying, 'has the cat got your tongue?' We don't want to be mute and dumb towards God.

The devil wants Christians to 'dummy down' in their prayer life, to not talk to God about their needs, regardless of how long they have been praying about a situation or for a need. Don't believe that lie, keep praying with clarity, faith, being articulate and not vague or dumb, mute or silent. Whether you've seen the answer or not, be persistent. Remember we just read from Luke 18 where it said; “*However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?*”

Philippians 4:6-7 says; “*Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. 7 And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].*”

If you want peace today, pray with specific requests. Do we pray only when we see answered prayer, no. Pray until you see answers. It may not be the answer you want, but pray. The devil would want you to have the attitude of the world and scorn God's mercy, to become scornful that God isn't answering your prayers. But that's not true. God will answer your prayers whenever He wants to answer them in the way He wants. Our job is just to be persistent in prayer. When He does answer, be grateful and thankful.

Habakkuk 2:3 says; “*For the vision is yet for the appointed [future] time, It hurries toward the goal [of fulfillment]; it will not fail. Even though it delays, wait [patiently] for it, Because it will certainly come; it will not delay.*”

Even though your answer to prayer looks delayed in your own mind, wait for the answer with patience. The devil wants us, as pastors, prophets, watchmen, teachers etc., to not speak to God's people, he wants us to be as dumb dogs that don't bark to warn fellow Christians of the danger ahead. Any Christian can slip into this and it all starts by being dumb towards God, not talking, praying and fellowshiping with Him, by becoming complacent and lazy and mute. As Christians we live by faith, walk by faith and pray by faith.

Daniel is a good example from the Old Testament of being persistent in prayer as **Daniel 10:12-21** says; “*Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 But the [e]prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in opposition to me for twenty-one days. Then, behold, Michael, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia....*”

Daniel persisted in prayer, he didn't know there was a great angelic spiritual battle taking place in the heavenly's that was delaying the answer – angels engaging in warfare! Likewise we don't know exactly what may be delaying the answer, but we pray without ceasing. Jesus says in **Matthew 7:7**;

“Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you.”

So as we spent time in prayer during the day and at church, we prayed for those Christians who disobeyed the Lord by not being in church, who have hardened their hearts to church fellowship and are not praying. We prayed for spirit-filled Christians who once prayed in tongues but no longer do, that they would not be silent, dumb or mute but would open their mouths once again to pray in their heavenly prayer language. We prayed for those who scorn the baptism in the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues, that they would be convicted and humble themselves and receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit and pray in tongues, that their tongues would be filled with new tongues of fire. We prayed for those who have become angry to God as a result of their unanswered prayer, and that they would repent and humble themselves again before the Lord.

We prayed for the watchmen across Canada, those who God has called to preach, teach and speak to warn the body of Christ, yet have become like dumb dogs as Isaiah 56:10 says and are not speaking the word of the Lord to warn the church and that the dumb spirit that has caused them to compromise in any way would be repented of, that their tongues would be loosed to speak the word of the Lord. We prayed specifically for Christians who used to prophecy years ago but have been silent, they've become discouraged and they've fallen into the snares of the devil to not speak and prophecy, we prayed their tongues would be loosed, that the dumb spirit that has silenced them would be broken and that they'd prophecy again and not only to prophecy but to interpret tongues.

Choose to be bolder, louder, more persistent in prayer today brothers and sisters in the Lord.