## FREEDOM NEWS

## WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION



**Message from Pastor Derek Heldreth** 

**NEWSLETTER** 

## PRAYERS THAT SHAKE HEAVEN AND EARTH

Luke 11:1 Then He was praying in a certain place, and when He stopped, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord teach us to pray.

The Disciples of Jesus had seen Jesus perform mighty miracles, multiply food and other miracles of provision such as obtaining their tax money from a fish, knowing everything about people He would meet, walking on water and being transfigured into a glorious body and talking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, casting out many demons out of people and raising the dead back to life.

His disciples had seen Him perform all these powerful works, but they didn't ask Him to teach them to heal or multiply food; they asked Him to teach them how to pray. They had observed His lifestyle of going up to the mountain and praying all night and then coming down and demonstrating the miraculous works of God. They had also heard His prayers and heard Him conversing with His Father in heaven.

John 17:25-26 O righteous Father, the world has not known You: but I have known you and these have known that You have sent Me. And I have declared unto them Your Name and will declare it: that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them and I in them.

This is significant because it tells us that those who were the very closest to Jesus saw that what Jesus did was connected to His prayer life which was not something mechanical but was born out of a deep relationship of love and trust with His Father. This is important because our spiritual life is born out of a place of relationship of love and intimacy with our Heavenly Father and the revelation that we are His sons and daughters.

**Put God first in your personal daily prayer life.** Before you pray about anything else, thank Him, praise and worship Him. Honor Him for Who He is and worship His Name. He reveals more of Himself through revelation of His many names.

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Psalms 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His Name.

He is a King and there are protocols that must be followed when coming before a king, especially the King above all kings. The Bible teaches us the protocols of heaven; if you are not getting results when you pray, when you give, when you worship, in your marriage and in your business, learn about the Biblical instruction in that area and change your way of doing things.

I Timothy 2:1-2 FIRST OF ALL, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men. For kings and for all that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

These verses mention four different kinds of prayer. A quiet life means a life "not troubled from without and ensures that citizens are not troubled by enemy forces outside or inside its borders. Our prayers give us competent government that maintain law and order. The Lord is limited by our prayer life. Christians are directly responsible for the mistakes our leaders make and for the political, economic, moral and spiritual conditions of our nation. Christians have direct authority to hold back evil spirits in the Name of Jesus from influencing people for evil. Indifference of Christians towards the Lord and prayer will bring problems and harm to the nation. Prayer will bring healing to the nation.

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.

We must pray for Demonstrations of the Holy Spirit. We must desire and pray for a move of the Holy Spirit or we will not have it. Without it, the church is just a social club. What were they doing on the day of Pentecost? Jesus told them to go to the Upper Room. They went there and prayed and the Holy Spirit invaded that place of 120 people praying and 3000 people were saved. Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brethren.

Pray for yourself, your family and the lost. When you pray, you will find many of your problems will simply disappear. Dedicate yourself to Him every day. You will have fewer problems and stress. When you fail to pray, things just don't go right and demonic spirits will try to hinder you. But when you pray, you receive divine ability, the wisdom of God and His Divine favor. Also pray for the harvest of souls and be a soul winner, a fisher of men. Then you will be fulfilling the great commission and His highest calling of all.

When you pray, you are devoting yourself to the Lord. You show Him that you honor Him and desire His help in your life. Your actions prove to our Lord that you believe His Word and He sees the time you take to seek Him and He is pleased with your actions.

John 14:21 He that has My commandments and keeps them, is he that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father and I will love him and will manifest Myself to Him.

You will sense His presence in a great way and He will reveal Himself to you. He will give you revelation from His Word and you will sense His help and guidance in all you do.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Elaine Croucher - August 16<sup>th</sup> @ Noon - Women's Lunch Meeting RSVP Sunday Services Aug 17th - 10:30 AM & 6PM

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