

# FREEDOM NEWS

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION



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**Message from Pastor Derek Heldreth**

**Part 1 of 3**

## *3 keys to be Free in 23.*

As we approach a new year, many feel prompted to make changes in their life to make this year better than last year. A new year brings a sense of new hope and new promise for fulfillment and happiness perhaps not achieved in the past.

The answers to this are found in God's Word. His guidance gives us light on our path and wisdom and surety instead of mediocrity and uncertainty. Did you know this urge to make changes is actually Biblical? There are principles to follow that we find in God's Word that will not only make 2023 a better year but will make you a better you.

God is a God of firsts, in fact He tells us all firsts belongs to Him. The firstborn, the first of the week, the first of our day, the first of our substance, the tithe. And this is why the first of the year is so important as we are bringing our lives into line with the principles that God has established, that if we follow them, we will live a blessed life.

We cannot go into all of the firsts in this brief teaching but we will discuss those that are most important at this time of the beginning of the year. We call this the threefold cord which consists of prayer, giving and fasting.

## Principle 1: Prayer

Prayer is vital as this is how we actually get to know our Heavenly Father. Not merely presenting petitions before Him but actually telling Him our deepest thoughts, concerns and desires. Listening to Him and what He wants to tell us.

**Matthew 9:6** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

We are to worship and give honor to Him and honor His Name which means to give the highest respect; great esteem above all. Worship is acknowledging Him for who He is. V10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. It was the mission of Jesus and ours as well to expand and demonstrate to Kingdom of God on this earth.

The word will means= the determination, the choice, the purpose, that is the intention of God. He wants you to find out His purpose and will for your life. Each of us has a divine purpose.

**Matthew 6:11 -15** We are to forgive our debtors and those that have offended us, if we want our Father to forgive us.

As we follow the instructions of Jesus in these verses, it allows us to manifest the Father's will on earth.

**Matthew 6:3** But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

**V 6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

**V 17** But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

The word **reward** here means-= to deliver, to restore, to pay back. So when you pray, when you fast, when you give, God brings supernatural deliverance to us.

**Verse 6** says when you pray. So you are expected to pray. It is the means in which the Father's will is brought into this earth and the Kingdom can be experienced in your life. We pray by faith knowing that the Father's hears our prayers.

**John 16:23** ...ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. We ask in His name.

**Isaiah 55:11** for successful prayer life we pray the WORD OF GOD. His word is His will. **I John 5:14**

**Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:14-18; Matthew 16:19** you have been given authority. It's time for all believers to take a position of authority in prayer. To destroy strongholds and cast down the strongman over their lives and over the cities, so we can have an open heaven over cities, where God's GLORY can manifest setting people free. It's the church's responsibility. We have been given the equipment to accomplish the Father's will.

See Principal 2 next month

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
Speaker Billy Miller  
February 25<sup>th</sup> 6 PM  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM & 6 PM

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