



We Need to Pray *Series*  
*(Phil. 4:4-7)*  
Travailing In Prayer *(Part 4)*  
*(Isa. 66:7-9)*

- I. The context of the message text.
  - A. God judges those that will not to reverence Him. *(1-4)*
    - a. God loathes the sacrifice of the wicked.
      1. *(Pro. 15:8 - The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.)*
      2. *(Pro. 28:9 - He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.)*
  - B. God encourages those that will reverence Him. *(5-6)*
  - C. God prophesies of Israel's future. *(7-9)*
    - a. No birth takes place without travail (labor).
    - b. Birth is assured to follow, after travail starts.
- II. What is meant by travail?
  - A. Travail is a form of intense intercession, created by something that has captured the heart of God; which the Holy Spirit, seizes the heart of an individual or group, to intercede.
    - a. The individual or group, labors with God, to create an opening, so that new life can come forth.
  - B. Hard work; the pains of childbirth; intense pain; agony; to toil; to suffer the pains of childbirth.<sup>1</sup>
  - C. *Note: Travail may be accompanied by intense emotions such as tears, groaning, or sorrow; but is not necessary for travailing.*

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<sup>1</sup> Webster's New World Dictionary



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- III. Where does travail comes from?
- A. From God desiring to create an opening or a passage, to bring forth new life, growth, or a new level.
  - B. A burden that an individual or group has, to see some situation, people, or individual change.
  - C. Something that an individual has carried for long time in their heart, but can no longer tolerate the status quo.
- IV. Sometimes the Holy Spirit wants to send forth rivers of living water creating new life. *(John 7:38)*
- A. Belly (*koilia*) - a *cavity*, i.e. (special) the **abdomen**; by implication the **matrix**; figurative the *heart*: - belly, **womb**.<sup>2</sup>
    - a. *Note: The boldness and underlining above are mines.*
  - B. The Holy Spirit moves upon situations or people, causing supernatural power to be released. *(Gen. 1:2; Luke 1:34-35)*
- V. Sometimes, God will show up where bareness has prevailed, to supernaturally open the womb and bring about a paradigm shift among a people.
- A. Sarah with Isaac, Rebekah with Esau and Jacob, Rachael with Joseph and Benjamin, Manoah's wife with Samson, Hannah with Samuel, Elizabeth with John the Baptist.

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<sup>2</sup> Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.



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- VI. Travailing requires perseverance. *(Luke 18:1)*
- A. *(1 King 18:41-46)* - Elijah for rain.
  - B. *(Gal. 4:19)* - Paul for the Galatians.
  - C. There is a prayer that gives birth.
  - D. We can't produce the new life, but our prayers can initiate it.
- VII. The church is Zion.
- A. *(Heb. 12:22 - But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels)*
  - B. *(1 Pet. 2:6 - Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.)*
  - C. For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. *(Isa. 66:9)*