

Tried Stone Ministries

Isaiah 28:16

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.”

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Monthly Newsletter!*

*Tried Stone Ministries is intended to
bring light to current events, expose
darkness, and to encourage those
journeying to follow in the footsteps of
the Tried Stone - **Jesus** the Rock of our
Salvation.*



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BEHOLD

-Brian Nichols

Job 38:1-7

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?...

When I was young, I desired to soar through the heavens, viewing the innumerable stars, galaxies and nebulae. I devoured all things “sci-fi” as I vicariously explored the uncharted reaches of the universe. As an adult the thought still thrills me. I suppose that the unimaginable vastness of space houses delights and wonders that will occupy all of eternity. The best part? Access to the infinite without leaving home!

That’s right! We have access to the Creator of the universe without having to make expensive launches or precarious voyages that would take a lifetime to reach our destination. Not only that but the history of the Creator’s involvement in the lives of men is also within reach as found in the inspired writings of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Our faith and trust grow as we spend time reading and appreciating what we read. The Lord desires that we should spend time learning and beholding Him. This is His chosen method to bring man back into harmony with Heaven, thus making the distance between Him and us much closer.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

What does our prayer life look like now? Are we able to spend meaningful time in study, prayer and contemplation?

Psalms 55:16,17

As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice.

With a constant and firm connection with God, we are able to be fortified for the day and the “evil thereof”. Martin Luther, God’s champion of the Reformation is quoted as saying:

“I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in Prayer”

How meaningful and precious did our brother Daniel find this time in communion with the Creator of infinity? He was unmoved as the decree of death forbade him from spending reverent time in connection with his Heavenly Father.

Daniel 6:10

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.



Divine Power Awaits Those Who Want It

“You may have a deep and abiding sense of eternal things and that love for humanity which Christ has shown in His life. A close connection with heaven will give the right tone to your fidelity and will be the ground of your success. Your feeling of dependence will drive you to prayer, and your sense of duty summon you to effort. Prayer and effort, effort and prayer, will be the business of your life. You must pray as though the efficiency and praise were all due to God, and labor as though duty were all your own. If you want power you may have it; it is waiting your draft upon it. Only believe in God, take Him at His word, act by faith, and blessings will come.”

—([Testimonies for the Church 4:538, 539.](#))

1 Thessalonians 5:17,18

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Mark 4:19

“And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”

There is a time so near, that will require a connection with God that many of us lack today. Our lives are dependent on the shaping and molding of character that comes from a meaningful study of scripture and prayer. Our Heavenly Father seeks for us as lost sheep. He desires that we should be brought into a loving, tender relationship based on our own experience with Him.

Prayer Moves God's Arm

“Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, whose word controls the waves of the great deep—the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people, if they will call upon Him in faith. He will restrain all the forces of darkness, until the warning is given to the world, and all who will heed it are prepared for His coming.”—The Review and Herald, December 14, 1905.

Our connection through prayer, gives us access to the Infinite Power of the universe. A power that can heal the broken hearted, give sight to the blind, give life to our faith, and fashion us for eternity with God.

Prayer Was the Breath of His Soul

“Communing thus with God, Enoch came more and more to reflect the divine image. His face was radiant with a holy light, even the light that shineth in the face of Jesus. As he came forth from these divine communings, even the ungodly beheld with awe the impress of heaven upon his countenance. His faith waxed stronger, his love became more ardent, with the lapse of centuries. To him prayer was as the breath of the soul. He lived in the atmosphere of heaven.”—Gospel Workers, 52.

It is by this unending dialog with Heaven that we are changed into the likeness of our Saviour. The disciples asked Jesus how to pray after seeing the closeness Jesus shared with the Father.

Luke 11:1

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.

We too can share in this deep relationship with our Heavenly Father. Heaven is within the reach of even the smallest whisper of a prayer.

Even a Brief Prayer Can Bring Spiritual Power

“I prayed,” he [Nehemiah] said, “to the God of heaven.” In that brief prayer Nehemiah pressed into the presence of the King of kings and won to his side a power that can turn hearts as the rivers of waters are turned. To pray as Nehemiah prayed in his hour of need is a resource at the command of the Christian under circumstances when other forms of prayer may be impossible.”—Prophets and Kings, 631.

The neglect of a living meaningful prayer life gives advantage to the enemy of God. Satan knows that man is easily overcome when we have loosened our grip on God by not spending the time to behold and reflect on the character of God.

Danger in Neglecting Bible Study and Prayer

“Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind.” —Darkness Before Dawn, 6.2



Brothers and sisters, we are to reflect the image of God as when we were created. Up to now the world and the church have slept and slumbered as time is rapidly coming to it's climax. We should be holding up the banner as never before, and our connection with God should be as never before. The powers of Heaven and Earth will be shaken. Everything will be in agitation, and we should not be at ease as these things come upon the earth. We must pray for divine guidance, power, discernment and boldness.

“There is necessity for diligence in prayer; let nothing hinder you. Make every effort to keep open the communion between Jesus and your own soul. Seek every opportunity to go where prayer is wont to be made. Those who are really seeking for communion with God, will be seen in the prayer-meeting, faithfully to do their duty, and earnest and anxious to reap all the benefits they can gain. They will improve every opportunity of placing themselves where they can receive the rays of light from heaven.”—Steps to Christ, 98.

It is by beholding that we become changed, this change must be entire and complete. The Lord will do the work in us but not without our participation. May we be found seeking and finding as we near the final moments of time.

Hebrews 10:7

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. ■



Isaiah 56:7

...for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Joshua 1:8

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our Heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy Spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the word; but when the Spirit's power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect. Guided by the teachings of God's word, with the manifestation of His Spirit, in the exercise of sound discretion, those who attend our meetings will gain a precious experience, and returning home, will be prepared to exert a healthful influence.

The old standard bearers knew what it was to wrestle with God in prayer, and to enjoy the outpouring of His Spirit. But these are passing off from the stage of action; and who are coming up to fill their places? How is it with the rising generation? Are they converted to God? Are we awake to the work that is going on in the heavenly sanctuary, or are we waiting for some compelling power to come upon the church before we shall arouse? Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.

There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. We must enter upon the work individually. We must pray more, and talk less.”

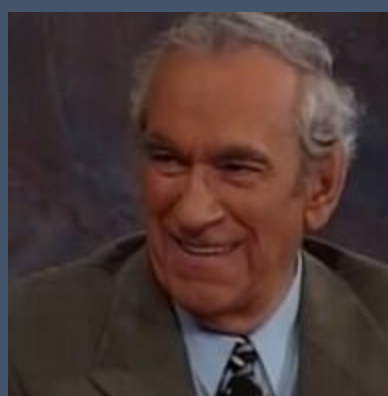
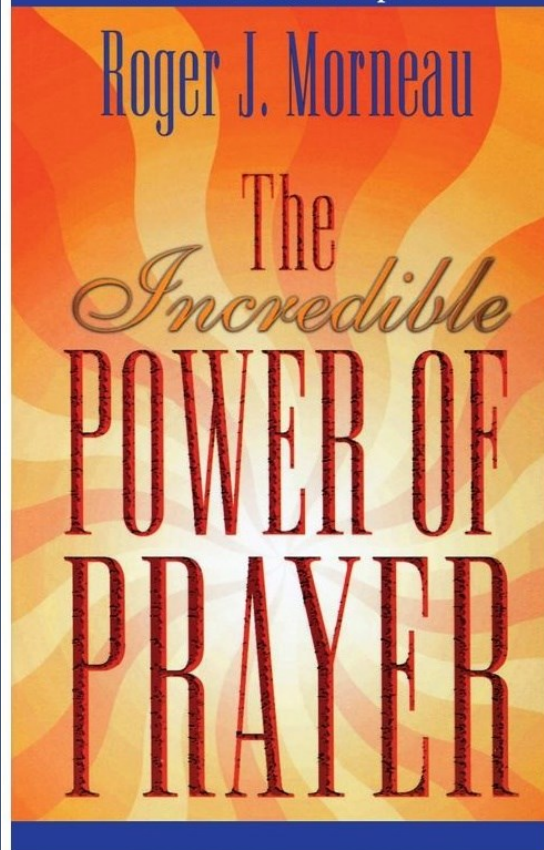
—Selected Messages, book 1, 121-123



A Note from the Editor

Prayer! What a wonderful gift. My wife and I have enjoyed reading the fantastic book by Roger Morneau, “The Incredible Power of Prayer”. This brother for Christ came out of deep occult practices to become an inspiring agent for the Lord. We highly recommend this “quick read”, as it is packed with gems to increase your prayer life! May the Lord continue to guide and direct you as you strengthen your hold on Eternity!

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