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Seeing Answers Because of Prayer



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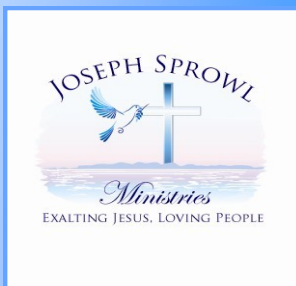
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One man said it like this. Every failure is a prayer failure. I suppose you could also conclude that every successful endeavor is a prayer success. No doubt all of us desire a successful prayer life. To have a successful prayer life we must pray according to the scripture. Biblical prayer means getting the will of God done in the earth. Remember: God works through His people. Jesus delegated authority to His church before He left the earth. We utilize that authority in the earth when we pray biblically. Jesus is pleased when we pray according to the scripture and when we refuse to give up and quit. (Luke 18:1) "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.

In this newsletter I would like to focus on the book of Acts. When great things happened; a group or someone was praying or had been praying. As recorded in Acts, chapter one, Jesus gave the apostles commandments and one of those commandments was to wait for the promise of the Father. Part of this waiting was to pray. They were obedient to do this (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 brothers. Just what

were they praying? Well what were they asking for?

Jesus told them to wait for the Promise of the Father so draw your own conclusions. I think they were praying Joel 2:28, 29, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maid servants I will pour out My spirit in those days." They were praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and they received.

Aren't you glad that they did not have to hurry away for a sandwich and the news? You know that more people should have and could have been in that season of waiting but they had other things going on. Many generations have enjoyed the fruit of the obedience of that 120. (What will people enjoy from your life of commitment to prayer?)

Also, perhaps they could have been praying Zechariah 10:1, "Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone." Well did they receive from heaven what they asked for?

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Acts 2:1-4, gives us the answer. “When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The Holy Spirit was finally able to come into the earth in His fullness for the age of grace and more than that, He was able to infill and empower born again believers. God always meets spiritually hungry people and He knew where to find them! And then He found another 3,000 hungry people. Acts 2:37, “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

It is quite obvious that these people needed the Word of God preached to them but I believe that the prayers of those in the upper room had already softened their hearts and caused them to be in the right place at the right time and made it easier for them to receive. When we pray for spiritually lost men and women, we also engage the ministry of the angelic host. That is just a nugget for teaching at another time.

Act 2:42, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:43, “then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. These things happen when the church of

Jesus Christ is praying like they should be. Acts. 2:47.....”praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

I was born again and Spirit filled in January of 1976 and began to learn how to pray according to the Word of God. I continue to learn and grow in this area as every believer should. I have seen such awesome answers to prayer based on the Word of God that it would take many hours to tell them all. After all of these years it is still thrilling to come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Our heavenly Father is delighted when we come.

Every generation must carry the torch of prayer for theirs and the next generation. Those that prayed in what we call the 20th century Pentecostal revival, charismatic and Word of Faith have mostly gone on to heaven, now we must continue to press in and finish in our generation.

Someone quoted John Wesley as saying, “It seems that God is limited by our prayer life, that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him.” Let me encourage you to get to asking. There is so much to be said concerning prayer from the book of Acts but it will have to wait as we are running out of space in this newsletter. Let’s end with Ephesians 6:18, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” NIV



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Continue to pray for our Nation



II Chronicles 7:14, “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

I Tim. 2:1-4 “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”



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