

# The Pursuit of Excellence

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## Praying For Revival

There is much talk today about revival. That should not surprise us as God has always commissioned His ministers to preach about revival and stirred His people to pray for revival before His presence is poured out in a new and powerful way.

It seems that Christians everywhere have a knowing in their spirits that God wants to do something big. However, history and the Bible have shown us that God needs people to pray here on earth so that He can accomplish what He wants to do.

John Wesley said, "It seems God can do nothing on this earth unless somebody asks Him to." Charles Finney said, "A revival can be expected when Christians have the spirit of prayer for revival."

### Revival Follows Prayer

Evan Roberts prayed continually for thirteen months for the wave of revival to come to Wales. Before the Azusa outpouring, people packed churches for prayer. In some places, stores, factories, and schools were closed so Christians could attend prayer services.

In the mid-eighteen hundreds prayer meetings broke out in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and many other cities. As a result, hundreds of thousands were saved.

This scenario of prayer followed by a great move of God has repeated itself over and over again throughout history.

The Word of God shows us that people were praying in expectation of the birth of Jesus. When Jesus walked on the earth He often prayed. After the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, the believers in the Book of Acts prayed.

Acts 2:42 says, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and breaking of bread, and in prayers."

The results were amazing as multitudes of men and women were saved, healed, and delivered from the bondage of the devil.

But that was then and this is now! We thank God for what those that have gone before us have

experienced. But now it is our time!

James 5:7 says, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

Zachariah 10:1 says, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain..."

The early and latter rain had natural significance to the Israelites. However, it also has spiritual meaning to us. This rain is a type of the outpouring of God's Spirit. This rain is needed to bring a harvest of souls into the kingdom of God.

### An Issue of Authority

But, why is it necessary to ask? Why doesn't God just do what He wants to do? Why is He limited to our prayers? Why even pray?

We need to understand that it is an issue of authority. God gave the dominion of this earth to mankind (Genesis 1:26-28). Adam was told by God to tend and guard the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:15). Something he failed to do.

Because of Adam's sin, Satan gained authority and became the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). When tempting Jesus, the devil told Him that the authority of the kingdoms of the world were delivered unto him (Luke 4:5-8). Who gave it to him? Did God? No, it was Adam. He was the only one that had the authority to do it.

Why do you suppose that God didn't intervene immediately and stop Adam from sinning and giving authority to the devil? He could have avoided all the problems that followed. The reality is that God could not legally step in and take control because He had given authority to mankind.

There are only two kinds of legal residents of this earth - humans and powers of darkness. God cannot legally do anything on this earth unless a legal resident of earth gives Him permission. Eventually mankind's lease will run out and God will intervene and set things right. But, for now, we must pray.

Prayer is essential for God to continue His plans



### Brad's Itinerary:

AFCM Overnighter  
Great Falls, MT - May 28-29

Xtreme Life Church  
Great Falls, MT - May 31  
Guest Minister - Jim Kaseman

Faith Hope Love Church  
Moorhead, MN - June 7 AM & PM

Victory Chapel  
Columbus, MT - June 14 AM

Xtreme Life Church  
Great Falls, MT - June 14 PM

Xtreme Life Church  
Great Falls, MT - June 17 & 21

AFCM Family Reunion  
Minneapolis, MN - June 29-July 2

Xtreme Passion Youth Camp  
Paynesville, MN - June 6-9

Xtreme Life Church  
Great Falls, MT - June 12, 15, 19

Xtreme Life Church  
Great Falls, MT - Aug. 2

Xtreme Life Church  
Great Falls, MT - Aug. 23, 26, 30

AFCM Meeting and Golf Event  
Billings, MT - Aug. 24-25

AFCM Meetings  
Savage, MN - Sept. 10  
Moorhead, MN - Sept. 11

Xtreme Life Training Center  
Willmar, MN - Sept. 14-18  
Orientation Week

Xtreme Life Training Center  
Willmar, MN - Sept. 22-25

and purposes on this earth as He desires. God wants to do things here on earth, but He must do them legally, so He waits for an invitation. If God forced His will on this earth without an invitation, the devil could accuse Him of cheating.

Anytime we pray, we are giving our Father a legal invitation to do what He already told us He wants to do. Prayer is not talking God into doing something. It is discovering what He wants to do and agreeing with Him.

## ***Doing Business with God***

When you pray, you are doing business with the Creator of the universe who wants to do great things on this earth, but must do it on a legal basis. God has the power to do anything He wants. He is just abiding by His own rules. He needs us to pray.

James 5:16b in the Amplified Bible says, "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."

There is no shortage of power on God's side. There is, however, often a shortage of prayer on the human side. Satan may have little cause to fear most preaching but past experiences sting him to rally all his powers of darkness to fight against God's people praying.

Make up your mind to come near to God in prayer. Have a confidence that God is ready to answer prayer.

Do not have a self-righteous attitude that thinks you are strong enough without prayer. We need the presence of God to reach the masses and overcome the power of the enemy.

Do not possess a mind so filled with thoughts of

a worldly nature that you cannot get into the spirit of prayer. Do not allow a previous lack of success in prayer discourage you from praying now. It is very likely that the real reason for any failure has been a lack of perseverance.

Learn to yield to the spirit of prayer. The Holy Spirit has been sent to help us to pray. In First Corinthians 14:15, Paul said, "What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding..."

Romans 8:26 says, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

These groanings cannot be uttered in articulate speech. It would include speaking in tongues according to First Corinthians 14:2 but also a soul travail that Paul spoke of in Galatians 4:19.

The biggest single factor contributing to delayed Holy Ghost revival is the lack of soul travail. We are responsible for this next revival. We need revival. Therefore, we need pray-ers! Prayer brings revival!

You may not understand every kind of prayer and may lack experience in the spiritual realm of prayer, but what is most important is that you just pray. God is waiting for an invitation to move!

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