

TEACH US TO PRAY PART ONE

The Effectiveness of Prayer

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(PART 1)

INTRODUCTION

Luke 18; 1.

We will be examining a bit about the prayer ministry of the saints and the spiritual dynamic that make for effective prayer; we are explaining by the spirit of God why the prayer life of many people continues to be full of activities but with little spiritual impact. One of the dominion systems allocated for the saints is the capacity to legislate through prayer, and you will think that many disciples and many who submit themselves to deferent platforms understand prayer but at the end of this series you will find out that very few people truly understand prayer.

May God grant us understanding?

CHAPTER 1

O THOU THAT HEAREST PRAYER

- Psalm 65;2

O thou that hearest prayer; unto thee shall all flesh come.

This is a very powerful revelation that means not is not everyone can hear prayer. This man got this scripture by a research because am sure he experimented praying to different deities and watched carefully for the feedback and he noted that there was one who seem always to have the power to answer; and he says **O thou that hearest prayer unto thee**, this is my recommendation all flesh come". That means that I have arrayed a sample of various people who has the capacity to hear prayers and this is my conclusion out of my research that all flesh be directed to this one deity because we have seen that he sustains the ability to answer prayer.

- LUKE 11;1-2

I love to study the gospels not just because it is the interface between the old and the new but because the gospel is primarily the earthy ministry of Jesus and the bible says look up to Jesus that means model your life and your conviction after that pattern. When Jesus walked upon the earth notice that Jesus had extensive time for mentoring and teaching of those who would later become the apostles. The disciples continued to observe Jesus and they saw the kind of result that he got and they noticed that every time before the result would come, he would communicate with the father in a certain way before performing whatever he wanted to do and they continued to notice that progression. So the disciples noted that. Remember that they were with Jesus and they really wanted to be like him so they were studying everything he was doing and in Luke chapter 11, which was after the lec-

ture that happened in the house of Mary and Martha, where Martha was running around while Mary was sitting and Jesus said Martha You are worried and upset about many things while one thing is needful which is sitting at the feet of the master. So after all of that, Jesus taught on prayer and pay attention to anything Jesus taught on because that means it has a major role to play on every believer's life and in birthing victory.

Luke chapter 11:1

And it came to pass that as he was praying in a certain place.

Question; what was he doing in a certain place?

Answer; say with me praying.

So we see that he was praying and there was a location, the Bible said that when he ceased which means brought it to an end, one of his disciples said to him. "**Lord teach us pray**". That means men can be taught to pray. ***Prayer as a ministry must be taught to become effective.*** Many believers don't know that it is the teaching on prayer that makes prayer effective not just the prayer. ***The understanding that sponsors your action determines where the victory is.*** Our world today is full of people who believe that the only way is to talk and begin to shout and you will soon learn that many people in this sense continue to shadow box. There is no accuracy because the disciples did not say we cannot pray no, the problem here is not prayerlessness i hope you understand what we are saying because the bible did not say the disciples later came NO! They there listening from a close range. He finished praying and one of his disciples said to him within range. So we are not discussing prayerlessness here, this is not a backsliding person saying lord restore my prayer life; this is not an issue of restoration, this is an issue of praying Amiss. There is no result and they are saying Lord we give up, we have been trying to copy you but it is very clear we are not getting something so teach us to pray. So

prayer should be taught not just conducted like “okay everybody oya open your mouth and pray, No!!!! It should be taught. If all we continue to do is to say Pray !!! Very soon we will be tired like many believers are.

Prayer meetings in many churches have the least attendance because it's a testament, a testimony is a track record and thank God because is not the case in this ministry because prayer works. When prayer works people will prove to you by their commitment. Many churches and many assemblies and prayer meetings respectively speaking is among the most boring and pointless meeting because people come and you know that they don't expect an answer because while they are praying, different people are just conjuring versions of ways that they came up with to communicate, yet some are not even serious some are even typing and chatting on their phone because they feel it's no more profitable because they are aware it will not be answered.

So the disciples say teach us to pray, can someone say teach us to pray?

I taught Jesus will say no we don't teach prayer, Pray my friend. But Jesus is about to answer that question now.

Please go back to Luke 11-1 lets finish it up.

As John taught his disciples. Are you seeing that John was a very good mentor? John taught his disciples. The disciples of John were not just great people for nothing; John did not just pray in the wilderness. ***You produce prayer warriors not just by praying but by the accurate teaching of the prayer ministry.*** In many churches they just say if you want to join prayer band which now means that if you have passion for prayer and please understand that am not trying to be sarcastic. If you want to join prayer band and then anybody who believes he has some kind of zeal for spiritual things, join the prayer band. Then they say we are now going

to pray and everybody is waiting for the prayer point; we are going to ask the lord to move in a way and a manner that we have not seen before just open your mouth and pray and everybody is just praying and honestly I don't mean to mock, I know people are dissipating energy and I don't mean to be sarcastic.

But standing from God's standpoint and watching people praying and you see someone praying and just tell everybody to stop where you are then ask the guy, What are you doing? And he says "what do you mean, they asked us to pray" replies the guy and I know but what do you really expect, what were you really doing. You will be amazed to know how many people who don't have any idea of what they are doing; it was just an honor to a ritual, an energetic ritual; are we together?

Luke 11 verse 2

And he said unto them, Jesus speaking with confidence, of course you don't know how to pray sit down let me teach you. **When we pray**, so they were already praying, so he is not restoring their prayer life but he is rearranging the pattern to make sure it works. So he did not say you guys don't even pray, No! I know what you are asking for, you have been praying and this thing is not working and now you are saying teach us to pray as John also taught his people. So Jesus is now saying, when ye pray, this should be the content of your prayer. If you want to understand this

properly, go to Matthew's account. I just brought you here to show you the **teach us to pray**.

CHAPTER 2

WHEN THOU PRAYEST

Matthew 6-5

And when thou prayest, thou shall not be as the hypocrite. Wait but what is the relationship between prayer and hypocrisy because Jesus is talking about prayer and he is now talking about hypocrisy and he said, when you pray you can pray like the hypocrites do **for they love to pray standing in the synagogue that they may be seen** not that the prayer will be answered. So the hypocrisy there is the motive behind. It is possible a man can be praying and what you are doing in the spirit is hypocrisy. You are more concerned about the testimony of those seeing you than you care about the contact you make and the result it produces. The bible now says that whosoever assumes that state is a hypocrite because they love to do it.

So hypocrites love to pray? But the Bible says that the motive behind their prayer is to receive some kind of self-respect from men, they are not interested in the prayer been answered. They are more concerned about having testimony before men that my prayer life is not down and believe me, there are so many people who are victims of this.

They are more concerned about your hearing them pray, also more concerned about the respect and honor that you give them by reason of your witnessing their prayer life. They are not concerned about the efficiency of the prayer. Their real reward and their real attraction is not answer nor fellowship but the fact that they want men to know and to attest to the fact that they are prayerful. Alleluia.

“Verily I say to unto you, they have their reward”.

What is their reward, the applause that they get from men? So when you see me praying all the time and someone asks, do I pray and you say hmmm the other day, do you know that voice you were hearing as if it was a tractor that was cutting the grass that was him oh. This is my reward which is the respect that I receive from men whether perceived or real, you have gotten your reward.

Matthew 6-6

“But thou, when thou prayest, that means since you want to use my own formula now, when you pray, **enter into your closet** and the idea is not secrecy understand what Jesus is saying here as I explain to you.

‘It looks like he is just talking secrecy because he says your father who sees in secret. But he says enter into thy closet. The idea is the purity of your motive that your focus should not be centered on just the visualization of men in prayer but that your father who sees in secret because the idea of the secrecy there is to purify the sincerity of that activity. So it’s not so much about hiding away from people than it is the purity of the motive or intent backing up your prayer, I hope you understand now.

So that you don’t think that Jesus is just saying go and hide, because how to you now pray as prayer band and how do you now pray the church. The idea is not just secrecy, the Spirit and the intent of what Jesus was saying here was that the secret place helps you because in the secret place, there is no point to prove, there is no human there now to be able to corrupt the purity of your desire. ***So the secret place is not just a place, it is a mindset, an understanding.*** You can carry the secret place to a public place of prayer and while you are praying; your concern is not really the accreditation of men but the purity of that fellowship.

Matthew 6-6;

“And when thou have shut the door, pray to the father who is in secret: and thy father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

CHAPTER 3

USE NOT VAIN REPETITIONS

Matthew 6-7

But when you pray use not vain repetitions as the heathen do.

Jesus is not saying do not repeat prayer; you have to study how the heathen do pray contentiously.

In the ancient times, there was a way that the heathen pray, they pray, doing a lot of enchantments to idols. Jesus is not saying repetition in prayer is wrong; he is qualifying what he is saying that is in the similitude of how the heathen operate. Because in those days, those who prayed to idols and the rest use all kinds of books that has some activities of sorcery and all of that and they don't understand what they were saying because the miracle was not in the understanding but in the ritual of the enchantment. There are many cultures that still do it today; there are many occultic groups today that still do it.

I watched a video where a place in Asia, I will not mention the name were someone had cancer, the visuals will show you the swellings clearly and these guys who are doctors and also healers, they have a way of using energy to heal. The person to go through the surgery was lying down there and they did not perform any surgery in terms of any opening of the body but they were chanting something and started chanting it very fast and repeating it for a very long time until they themselves were almost possessed by it and right there the cancer started melting and just went down and they were happy and started clapping for themselves.

Jesus is saying there is a way the heathen who is praying to an idol who doesn't need your understanding but your motion and compliance or allegiance to a ritual. Are you getting the point now? The heathen does not expect

there god to speak so they chant a lot of things. So Jesus is saying when you pray, I have noticed that you have borrowed a prayer life from other heathenistic nations and when you pray, you don't pray to someone above and you are victims of enchantments with a kind of magic books. In the book of acts, one of the exploits of the Apostles, there were books that was brought out and burnt and some of these books were used for prayer till today they still used it. There are many sideo-christian sect and many ocultic groups that make use of certain books with enchantments. They can tell you to chant this 90 times or 5 times.

Many people have said that Jesus is saying don't repeat prayer like if you say Lord I bless and repeat it again, it's wrong but if that is the thought, Jesus himself broke the rule because in Gethsemane he prayed three times using the same words. So he certainly is not teaching here about vain repetition remember God is teaching us how to pray so he is giving us the rules of engagement to understand the boundaries of effective prayer.

Do not use vain repetition in the similitude of the heathen and there is a reason why he said that.

“When thou prayest, use not vain repetition”.

Notice what Jesus is saying, he has spoken about three things.

- 1. Do not be like the hypocrites;**

The first problem in your prayer life is not attack because a demon has not been mentioned yet. When you pray under this condition, you were not praying. So as we approach effective prayer, the first revelation is toward the propensity of hypocrisy by ensuring that whether or not people are looking at me or not, I trust that by the help of the Holy Spirit to look past the deception from the applause and commendation of men because a time will come when you will remove

yourself from the real contact of his presence to your satisfaction of the received applause from men e.g. scribes and Pharisees. The desire to be seen and accredited as prayerful person for the sake of personal applause of men and the Bible as saying you have your reward there.

Then the second thing,

2. Your entry into your closet.

Which the idea is not just to be enclosed in a place although to be honest with you, if all your prayers are in the public, you don't know much about prayer because the real encounters that will happen to you will literally happen in the secret when you are alone with God.

When it has to do with the prayer ministry there is a dimension of prayer when it is not husband and wife or pastor and members, or colleagues or prayer group member, or church member or department members. There are dimension of prayer like Jacob where you have to be alone, there are certain things God can not reveal or communicate when you are in public, and you have to be alone. But whether you are alone enclosed or outside, you have to carry the mentality of the secret place with an assumption that you are alone with God not just a corporate thing because there is a level of self-consciousness that will rob you from receiving from God. Your focus is that I am communicating to the God of all flesh to him that answers prayer.

This simple reason is why many people have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit because they tag their beauty into the experience and also their masculinity into the experience saying how do i now start praying in tongues Ba Ba Raku Badash. I schooled in UK will I look fine? Will I not look fine? Am I going to disgrace my countenance?

Jesus is saying that if you don't carry that mindset of secrecy, you will be too conscious to make spiritual contact.

3. Vain repetition in the similitude of the heathen:

The Bible is not a magic book; the name of Jesus is not a Ginny. There is power in the name because of the owner of name Himself. There is an owner to that name and that owner is alive. BMW is not a car; it's a company that produces cars. So that signature can be traced to a real person that owns that company. So the name of Jesus is not an enchanted magic ritual because if you just focus on the name without the person backing it up, you are behaving like the heathen. That is why you can call the name and nothing happens because the revelation behind the name was not understood ask the sons of sciva. Let me tell you if it happened in these days to the sons of sciva, it can still happen today because those demons have not yet left Earth. Who knows if these demons are the ones oppressing your family? Use not vain repetition as the heathen do for they think. So it's a mindset issue for they think that they can be heard not for the power or the potency but for their multitude of speaking. Their mindset is pegged at the volume of their speech and not at the power of what they are saying nor the truthfulness of the communication but the volume. So the power in prayer is not in the enchantments or repetition but the power behind the words spoken.

CHAPTER 4

YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWETH

Matthew 6-8

Be not ye therefore like unto them why? For your Heavenly father knoweth what things ye have need of, before you ask him.

This is a very dangerous scripture that means that your heavenly father is aware why then will he allow you to still pray. Let's not just jump this talk. If my heavenly Father knows that I need rent O' God why still frustrate me to pray before you send rent why?

But this can mean many things;

1. This can mean that prayer then is not limited to petitions alone because your heavenly father is aware of what you need so he is more interested in fellowship so he will still allow you to come. He can grant you the answer without you coming but that will rob you the opportunity for fellowship so he will allow you to come in prayer, prayer can do many things. This automatically tells you that prayer is not just a system for needs to be met because your heavenly father already knows that you have these needs before you come.

2. It also validates the patterns of God which means he gave man dominion and a will and the moment God gave man a will, it became scripturally incorrect for God to neglect and Vito the will of the man and supply him anything NO!! Even in important matters of your eternal salvation, he still allows you to choose him even at the expense of your eternal doom; he will still not force salvation on you.

Matthew 6-9

After this manner

Which is pattern, not coping the recitation but in those things we call the Lord's prayer, like a ladder, you need to discern like the Holy Spirit the pattern and use It in your prayer as effective as my own. He did not say copy the words **Our Father who art in Heaven** NO!! That's not what Jesus is saying. The idea is not for you to recite, If not you will become like the hypocrites again, he is saying after this manner that is in these description is a hidden code, a code of operation that reveals the sequence of an effective prayer.

Prayer is part of the priestly ministry of all saints. So when the bible says we have been made unto our God in Revelation 5-10 Kings and priests, which means there is a priestly ministry of the believer which is to offer the incense of prayer. So all believers are called to pray. There might be individual people who by reason of their call are given the grace to function in certain dimension of the prayer ministry nevertheless all believers are called and mandated to pray as a priestly ministry.

CHAPTER 5

WHY DO WE PRAY

Matthew 21-13

Jesus after flogging people in the temple and turning their table and scattering the businesses of the exchangers said **My house shall be called the house of prayer** where there is access to communicate with heaven and with the Father but ye have made it a den of thieves or robber. So God himself want his house to be called the house of prayer.

So why pray;

IN THIS KINGDOM WE PRAY FIRST BECAUSE IT'S A COMMAND. BELIEVERS ARE COMMANDED TO PRAY.

Luke 18-1

And he spoke a parable unto them that men; Once you are a man, you are mandated to pray and not to faint.

1 Thessalonians 5-17

Pray without ceasing, that does not mean pray from morning to night, you will live an ineffective life, it means don't stop praying maybe going on break and resuming after 5 minutes but be consistent in your prayer life.

IT IS ONE OF THE STRATEGIES FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER, ALTHOUGH NOT THE ONLY WAY BUT ONE OF THE MAJOR WAYS.

I Corinthians 1:2

Paul is teaching and said that He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God for no man understands, but howbeit, in the Spirit, he speaketh mysteries.

Therefore, it's one of the strategies for fellowship and communion which means the sharing together, intimacy, intercourse participation of

the Spirit. The oneness that comes through this pattern should remain because it is only with God that all things are possible. Anything that rubs you of your communication and intimacy has also destroyed you of your destiny.

IT'S A PLATFORM FOR GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION.

The growth process of a believer is so designed that prayer will play a major part in your growth. That means that believers that don't pray cannot grow effectively.

Luke 9-28:29

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took peter and john and James and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening.

That glory and that transformation came as a result of prayer, so it is a system allocated for your growth and transformation

1 Corinthians 14:4

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifyeth himself.

You are building up yourself like an exercise by praying.

Jude 20

But ye beloved, building up yourself!!! On your most holy faith by praying that means that you are growing and increasing in discernment that your organ and faculties of interacting with the realm of the spirit are been heightened and fine-tuned in the place of prayer.

One of the classic signs of prayerlessness is lack of discernment. You know immediately that a man's prayer life is dead when his discernment is dead. What is discernment; the faculty of spiritual perception, the ability to perceive impulses of

the spirit. To perceive danger, to perceive joy, and to perceive the activity of the angels.

Remember that a man is a spirit living in a body. That means that his sphere of reality is the realm of the spirit. But this spirit cannot interact with the earth realm because based on the law of territory; it must have a material body that is consistent with that ecosystem to be able to work. So if this spirit finds its way to the earth, it will move the same way demons are moving and so God made this spirit a legal occupant by giving it a material body but there was a challenge and God needed to solve it because the earth realm and the spirit realm are all part of God's systems but the dimension of arrangements does not allow for spirits to dwell on earth without a body nor bodies to go to the spirit realm, you cannot switch it so ***God decided to create a bride using a faculty that connects the spirit and the body and called it a mind***, which consists of will, emotion and intellect. This faculty was put as a bridge for the spirit to interact with the body and body will use it to execute the impulses of the spirit.

When you call man a soul what you mean is that the spirit in partnership with the faculty of consciousness. If a man dies you don't see three people coming out or two people going to either heaven or hell no. There is no record of that in the scripture. Jesus gave up a ghost not many ghosts, only one spirit left that body and only one spirit returned. ***The realm of the spirit controls the physical realm.*** The bible said that the things that appear are made from things that does not appear that means that man being spirit and dwelling in the body has an advantage of the duality of realms which is what makes the body to receive impulses that it cannot explain so when you stand and suddenly there is a heaviness in your heart you don't even know why there is no joy again. The spirit man perceives something from the realm of the spirit and then

because it is connected from the mind to the body and it's trying to transmit that but because your prayer life is down and the fortitude to receive that perception so that the body can execute what the spirit is saying is not there.

So the spirit of death can be roaming around a family and because in the realm of the spirit, there are not secrets, nothing is hidden, your spirit knows because when you begins to pray, there is a rearrangement which helps the spirit to gain ascendancy over the body but when the spirit of death is roaming and your organs of perception are dead, imagine in the physical that you cannot see or smell, or sense that means you are not alive because your senses are dead. The same way there is physical sense; there are also spiritual senses just like your eyes, nose, e.t.c.

The more you pray, you are giving the Holy Spirit the versatility

Of options to be able to communicate the will of God to through maybe visions or words or knowings in your heart.

When you understand this prayer is no longer about give me tea or bread, but you are saying Holy Spirit you are at the mercy of my faculties of interactions. Your possibilities are limited by the space I give you, could it be that if you have been prayerful and danger is around you, you would have known. The Holy Spirit can use multiple of channels to strengthen your connection when you become very sensitive, prayer is a platform for growth and it's not enough to perceive because you can perceive and yet don't know what to do about it so it becomes unfruitful.

I pray for you sincerely, may God have many options on how to communicate his intent to you.

This is very important that you understand because if you are blind spiritually Satan can give you an aberration of vision to destroy you and

remember *a faculty that God is not used to using to communicate to you, he will not use it on sensitive matters of your life.*

Every believer, based on your personalized dealings with God, God has studied you and put aside a primary channel for communication but when you change seasons and re-adjust, and he will re-adjust too. So there are people who God have found out based on his work with them that dreams are his primary way of communication based on his work with them. Because it's one thing for God to release an impulse and your reception of the communication so as not to corrupt the purposes of God.

It is hard work what the Holy Ghost does in men, that's why many times it's like you heard something but it's not clear, God is testing these faculties and seeing your response.

Many believers have not been used to God speaking in a certain way and when it's time to make the major decisions in their lives, the devil will now use a method to deceive them. NO!!!

The way you killed the bear and the lion in the wilderness, it's also the way you kill the lion outside. *How you were trained is how you will fight the battle.* God will access you and see that due to the environment you grew up in, to speak to you directly cannot work so he will limit himself to your dreams alone till you grow and change seasons or location.

There are people that their ears are like magnets but if a vision is shown, they will not see. There are seers in the bible; a prophet who was made to many a harlot called Goma just to act the harlotry of Israel and there is no way you can doubt that one now. The way God will tell you to wear this shirt today cannot be the same way to tell you to relocate to the US because of the gravity of the decision so he needs to use the channel that send the strongest signal so that you can receive.

One of the hardest things for the saints is to know when season end. The proof of real stamina is your ability to discern when season ends. It's a very difficult thing because to know when to shift, relocate or turnaround is not easy.

Your spiritual maturity is not tested with your word of knowledge and prophecies that's why you see someone today saying I am a prophet and then tomorrow he is confused. This duality of realms is where the confusion is because the way the physical works and the way the spiritual works is not in the same frequency. Because if you are healthy in your spirit man, there are times the devil who is a master of the flesh realm can create an emergency in the physical and if you check in the spirit realm, your spirit is at peace saying forget that fool, nothing is really going on and if you don't know this, you will panic over everything even when there is no reason.

This is why many people are stable Satan knows that this faculty that connect you has a serious issue there. So he will play with the water and when everything is shaking then the spirit of fear will confuse you but if your spirit man is strong, you can be able to cross check because sometimes there can be absolute peace in the earth realm but an emergency in the spirit realm telling you run and suddenly the cloud of darkness will start covering people.

See I can tell why many people do not pray, it is not your fault it is the pattern because many believers pray and do not receive anything because they don't understand anything about the boundaries of effective prayer nor the importance.

There are people today who have gone to the grave simply because they did not strengthen the capacity to relate in these dual dimensions. **That which is of the spirit is spirit and that which is of the earth is earthy.** Way before your

boss starts to threaten you, your spirit man has picked the signal because it's already a manifestation of the pattern that kept your father down and the Holy Ghost is already sending you the signal in your dream but you don't understand because your faculty of interaction is not fine-tuned and you don't know.

One of the hardest assignments of the Holy Ghost is to transfer the heart of the Father to the minds of the saints that is why it is difficult when God sees a man who is aligned you better stay out of the line else God will clear you for no reason because he knows how hard it is.

Jesus is looking at the disciples and seeing Satan looking for a particular disciple to enter and Satan just came quietly and hi-jacked Peters faculty and Jesus is just watching and rebuked him and Peter was not even aware what has happened in the realm of the spirit. He said it is my prayer that saved you because I have prayed for you and when you have been converted, strengthen your brethren.

There are many believers that pray but are not transformed because they don't know what happened, you have ears in the spirit, eyes in the spirit and other faculties of interactions. There are many spiritual senses that cannot be easily interpreted so all of them will be grouped as the same thing because the body is limited and cannot express every impulse of the spirit.

This is a very serious series especially in these days that we live in.

That's why the Bible says let him that have an ear let him hear, that means you can have an ear but not hear. Also in the Bible, son of man what seeth thou, and he said on Almond tree and he said you have seen correctly, that means you can see wrongly.

PRAYER IS A PLATFORM FOR WARFARE AND INTERCESSION.

Warfare means many things to different people, especially in Africa, some people think it's some kind of canal confrontation of spirit in the flesh that is an ever continuous process without victory and it's wrong.

Others also believe that the concept of warfare is some of kind of Christian talk that does not exist. But there is a balance concerning this subject that needs to be communicated.

Acts 12:1

1. Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. We are talking about a man with some wicked confrontation to the church. Under the influence of some wicked spirits.

2. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. So James is dead now.

3. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews he proceeded further to take Peter also, look at this wicked man.

4. And when he had apprehended him he put him in prison and delivered him to four quaternion's of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. So he is about to kill Peter also.

5. Therefore he was kept in prison but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6. And when Herod would have brought him forth, that same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers bound with two chains and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7. And behold the angel of the Lord came upon him and the light shined in the prison and he smote Peter on the side and raised him up saying arise up quickly and the chains fell Off from his hands.

8. And he said, gird thyself and bind on thy sandals, and so he did.

And he said unto him, cast thy garment about thee and follow me.

9. And he went out and followed him and didn't know it was true which was done by the angels and thought it was a dream. He was already so used to vision he didn't know whether it was real or not.

10. When they have passed the first and second gate, they came unto the Iron Gate which leaded to the city which opened on its own accord and they went out and passed through the street before the angels departed and said he can go.

Now my brothers and sisters just look at this because those are not parables, can those things happen again?

Why are they not happening because this is true that men can pray and physical angels intervenes in that situation. Listen let me tell you that warfare is real and is important to be able to gain victory.

WARFARE AND INTERSESSION

What is warfare?

Establishing the will of God in spite of the contentions of darkness, engaging the scriptures and the mysteries of the kingdom in prayer to establish the kingdom of God in your territory.

Satan will not let your destiny go not without a battle. Just because the bible says that all things are yours does not mean all things will come to

you. Just because God said you are a great does not mean he will not attack you and your children and everything that can be attacked.

I believe in warfare when it is biblically engaged ***I believe that any believer who allows his destiny to move just be default will never win in life.***

What is intercession?

It means standing in the gap for someone else, making petitions to heaven on behalf of a territory. This is why God love intercessors because assuming that the spirit of death is attempting to take my life this night and I don't have the faculty to discern, I can become a victim of it and that means that my destiny and everything connected to me will be in trouble. So by the revelation of God's mercy, the mercy of God will start moving round that territory to find who has the discernment and the will to obey God.

So it's like the cloud that will come upon somebody in his room and the person will tell him just live me I want to sleep and the Holy ghost will just leave quietly and searches for someone who just gets up and he now say pray, pray in the spirit and while he was praying, he doesn't even know why but sensing a burden. ***Sometimes you don't really know how many destinies that your prayers have helped.*** If Anna the prophetess did not intercede for Jesus, they would have killed him believe me. Assuming Jesus died the only thing that will happen is that the body will not decay because he was God in the flesh but Anna was praying scarifying her life since her husband died imagine this kind of intercession you don't know that the way things happen in the realm of the spirit, the real people who make the impact may not so much be know.

It you really find an intercessor somewhere not just a lazy person who say am an intercessor, respect him because the prayer was just directed to

God alone in the secret and not public so there reward is only from God who hears all prayers. Some of them don't even believe that they are in ministry; they just think they have the grace for intercession.

Intercession is powerful. Don't sit down and allow the evil destroy your family and love one. Some of you are not just lazy spiritually but also are the cause of the pain of some people because you carelessly thought that it's not your business to pray for others. There are selfish believers who until God forces them to pray by using the face of the people they love to ginger them to pray because that was the only skill to force them to pray.

HALLELUYA.

James 5-13

Is any man afflicted, Let him pray.

The biblical approach to affliction before you start using your brain to calculate wrongly, suddenly money is disappearing, suddenly my wife and my children is as if there is no change, suddenly my grandmother is hating me, I came out in the morning and had an accident before returning home. The bible says if you are sensitive don't sit down and start calculating scientifically Start to Pray. You are allowing your spirit man in partnership with the Holy Spirit to draw out the real problem causing these reactions.

You know powerful believers by this single thing. You see them this week and they want to do all those things and after prayer, they said kai just live it.

A brother can just look at a sister and say yes this is the woman for me until he goes to pray; while he is praying, the flesh and the feelings are giving way for destiny, which would have made him to make a nonsense mistake over his life then he returns and says thank you Jesus.

Someone can come to you and say am a real-estate mogul, and this and that and that and you want to carry all your landed properties and give the person all of a sudden you say sir let me just sleep over it. And while sleeping and wakes up you will find out that your entire destiny would have gone done because of lack of discernment. *When a believer don't pray you will know by the repetition of troubles that come again and again in his life.*

Prayer is a strategy to keep your faith alive.

Luke 22:31-32

And the Lord said Simeon behold Satan has desired to have you just like a possession, that may sift you as wheat. What does he sift, your **Believes**, your **Convictions** remember the bible says that a double minded man will not receive anything from the Lord. So when Satan wants you not to receive anything he will manipulate your convictions and make sure that what you believed is corrupted. And when you pray you stop your faith from falling. There are many things you think it's difficult for you but when you start praying you see them begin to alter and melt down because your faith is strengthened and suddenly you begin to believe that I know God, you can be able to do this and when God steps in everything adjusts. *So prayer is a strategy to strengthen our faith to see our desired results coming to us.*

IT IS A PLATFORM TO MAKE REQUESTS AND PETITION.

Prayer is the authorized biblical platform to table your requests. You don't make your requests in

this kingdom by complaining. The bible says do everything without complaining or argument. Most believers think that what they do is prayer; some are just making carnal, blind fleshly arguments. Like God are you watching how life is treating me? This person did not just pray but lamenting unto God.

Lamentation does not have the harvest of answered prayer. Unto him that hears prayer not complains and grumblings.

Mark 11-24

Therefore I say unto you, all things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.

Three things in this scripture

1. **Desire**
2. **Reception**
3. **Manifestation**

You first receive before you have. You cannot have what you have not received. You don't receive things physically first but from the realm of the spirit and you then have them physically.

Prayer is the channel that makes you desire to be received and then to manifest. So you can have desire and leave them there only to find out that nothing ever changes in your life.

Philippians 4-6

Be careful for nothing,

The word careful here is not trying to say you should live a careless life, but the word there is anxiety, or be anxious for nothing but in everything that means there is no matter you should not pray for. The bible does not isolate certain things and say do not pray for them, there is no issue that cannot be prayed for. This is the connection we need to make on our teaching on finance because people say prayer has nothing to

do with finance but they are keys and any time prayer is not the key, prayer is the hand that holds the key. In any ways you will still need prayer either as the key or as the hand itself, because the key cannot hold itself so prayer is important. The bible says **in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.**

This is a very interesting scripture because in one of the scriptures we read earlier the bible made us to understand that our father already knows our need and now he is saying make your request made know unto God.

God wants the saints to make their request known because he answers prayers. You have many requests oh God my house rent, oh God the issue of my stubborn child, oh God the issue of my destiny because I am tired of escorting people in life not knowing my stand, oh God my fiancés, oh God the issue of my fruitfulness, oh God my job.

The bible says don't be ashamed to make your requests made known unto God. Bring before him your requests because he answers.

James 4-2:3

Requests are very important in as much as prayer as prayer is not just for only asking things, the bible said **you lust and have not that means you desire and have not, ye kill and desire to have and cannot obtain, ye fight also**, the inability to pray have made you do a lot of things simply because you ask not. That means if you can ask, a lot of difference would have emerged because the same lord is rich unto all. **You also ask and have not because you ask amiss because you consume it upon your lust** that means the ultimate goal of your desire is just to satisfy yourself because there is nothing kingdom in it.

You can now understand the prayer of Jesus “**thy kingdom come**” because it is under the scope of this prayer that you ask for your daily bread so that you help in making his kingdom come. If you detach from the kingdom, you also detach yourself from the possibilities of the kingdom. ***In this kingdom God is not obliged to stand and work with you on a matter that you don't have a provision to give him glory.***

Our selfish world has mastered how to use realities to draw their personal desire. Example why do you want prosperity? And this kind of prayer would not be answered if there is no provision for the kingdom in it. Oh God I want all my children to excel why, because I want all my children to know that I can provide for them and God is saying that is a joke if there is no provision for the spirituality of those children and the purposes of his kingdom to be birthed and shown through those children.

I want to buy a new wrapper oh God and God says why and you answer because you want all the women in your church to know that I don't take last also; just imagine this from God standpoint. He just want you to direct your heart towards his kingdom, father give me twins so that I can hurry up and still have time to serve you and immediately twins are already on their way coming and no devil can stop it. ***If you want to see the speed of God on your life just die to yourself*** and say Lord all these things are just about you Jesus. He will see the hand of God in fearful ways when everything about you is to see him glorified.

There are many people who pray oh Lord give me more? why because they mock at me and lord this shame must leave my life and God says this is not how I live my life. Everything in my world is consistent with my purposes and if everything you want is not around please just forget about it.

Most of our prayers in church are lust driven prayers. It is either a prayer sponsored by a competitive spirit, Lord, I want to have this level of the anointing or I go look for a job. How will God answer?

Ye ask and receive not because you ask amiss and what does it mean to ask Amis, it means that all us you desire is to satisfy your lusts and your cravings.

Listen, there is Excellency in stepping out of the way and letting God have the way and you will not be in the dark because there is no way that God is in a place and his light will not shine on you. These modern pursuit for fame and recognition is why many people pray Amis.

I just wish you can go home today with this purified motive that *everything about me is for Him*. Just get to this point in your life and watch God arise for you. This is the point where anybody who touches you touches the apple of His eyes. He will shake kings for our sake. These kinds of prayer produce power. The prayer ministry is an advantage because it's one of the dominion system of the saints.

Prayer Points;

1. Father purify my motive in prayer that I be not like the hypocrites, may I desire more on the contact and intent to be answers than the accolades of men.
2. Be honest with yourself if you know that you have not been praying well, Ask God for the Grace for a genuine, effectual and consistent prayer life.
3. If you have been on a level of prayer for so long, ask for an increase in your prayer life, shake off laziness and come up hither.
4. Oh God, whatever is blocking my interaction with the realm of the

spirit making me not to perceive effectively, let it be burnt by fire.

Please share this book to many people around you because it's obvious many people don't understand prayer and in the part too, we will be dealing with the **DYNAMICS OF PRAYER** to have the understanding of what really happens when we pray.

Father we thank you for teaching us **HOW TO PRAY**. We want to stop shadow boxing and stop assumptions and pray the kind of prayer that reduces requests and lord our hearts are open, shift us our next dimensions in our prayer life and other areas of our life in the name of the Jesus we pray. Amen.