



HOUSE OF PRAYER

GOD'S POWER UNLEASHED

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Part 1: A People of Prayer (Matthew 21:12-17)

He is worthy. We are needy!

Prayer is the distinctive mark of God's people.
Our life together should have the aroma of prayer.

Prayer is the single greatest act of faith (Luke 18:8).

"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1

"Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him." Psalm 4:3

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

"...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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

"Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear." Isaiah 59:1-2

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father in heaven, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9-10

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:7-8

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just like us – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him." 1 John 5:14-15

"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." James 4:3

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

"It is interesting to note the large portion of God's sacred Word dedicated to the subject of prayer, either delivering examples to follow, demanding obedience to its truth, or declaring promises regarding it...

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What do these teach us, except the sacred importance of prayer? We can be certain that whatever God has made so prominent in His Word, He intends to be conspicuously evident in our lives. If He says so much about prayer, it is because He knows how much we need it. Our needs are so deep that we must not cease to pray until we are in heaven.

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Prayer is the struggling speech of the believing infant, the war cry of the fighting believer, and the requiem of the dying saint falling asleep in the arms of Jesus. It is the breath, the password, the comfort, the strength, and the privilege of a Christian. So if you are a child of God, you will seek your Father's face and live in your Father's love." Charles H. Spurgeon, Look Unto Me – The Devotions of Charles Spurgeon (January 2).

"Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. And prayer is the turning away from ourselves to God in the confidence that he will provide the help we need. Prayer humbles us as needy, and exalts God as wealthy." John Piper, "Desiring God"

"God has chosen prayer as the one conductor, the one channel for all God's blessings. The channel is prayer." Jim Cymbala, House of Prayer video

"Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not." Augustine

Resources:

- "21 Days to Breakthrough Prayer" Jim Maxim (www.acts413.net/21days)
- "My House Shall be Called a House of Prayer" Jim Cymbala (YouTube)
- "When God's People Pray" (Equipping Class at Greenwood beginning January 19)