

Praying To Change History

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Seven Basic Conditions For Answered Prayer 4001

I. God's Willingness To Answer Prayer

- A. Prov. 15:8—The prayer of the upright is his delight.
- B. Song 2:14—Let me hear thy voice . . .
- C. Also: Matt. 7:7–8, 21:22; Mark 11:24; John 14:13–14, 15:7, 16:24

II. Basic Conditions

- A. In the name of Jesus
John 14:13–14; Rom. 8:32; Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 1:20
- B. With praise and thanks
Ps. 100:4; Is. 60:18; Phil. 4:6
- C. Without condemnation = *boldly*
Ps. 66:18; 1 Tim. 2:8; Heb. 4:16; 10:19
- D. Right motive: *God's glory*
James 4:2–3; John 14:13; 2 Cor. 1:20
- E. Right relationships
 - 1. Matt. 6:12—“Forgive us . . . as we forgive . . .”
 - 2. Also: Mark 11:25–26; 1 Pet. 3:7
- F. Directed by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14, 26–27; Eph. 3:20)
- G. According to God's Word
 - 1. 1 Chron. 17:23—“Do as thou hast said . . .”
 - 2. Luke 1:38—“Be it unto me according to thy word . . .”

III. Result

- A. Matt. 18:19–20—Prayer “symphony”
 - 1. Conductor: the Holy Spirit
 - 2. Score: God's *will* revealed in God's *Word*
- B. 1 Pet. 3:7—Primary “cell”: husband and wife

Intervening By Prayer In National Affairs
4002

I. Review Seven Basic Conditions Leading To Prayer “Symphony”

II. Score: 1 Tim. 2:1–4

- A. First of all: *prayer*
 - 1. For: all in authority
 - 2. That: we may lead a quiet and peaceable life (i.e., good government)
- B. Good government is God’s will because:
 - 1. God desires all to be saved
 - 2. Therefore all must hear the gospel
 - 3. Good government makes it easier to spread the gospel

III. Score: 1 John 5:14–15

- A. If we ask anything *according to God’s will*, we know that:
 - 1. God hears us
 - 2. We have our petition
- B. Good government is God’s will—if we pray for it we know:
 - 1. God hears us
 - 2. We have our petition
- C. If we do not have good government, it is because . . .

IV. Making History By Prayer—Personal experience

- A. 1943—North Africa: Battle of El Alamein
- B. 1948—State of Israel
- C. 1953—Stalin and the Jews in Russia
- D. 1960—Kenya and independence

V. Score: 2 Chron. 7:14

- A. *Four things* God requires from us:
 - 1. Humble ourselves
 - 2. Pray
 - 3. Seek His face
 - 4. Turn from our wicked ways
- B. *Three things* God will do for us:
 - 1. Hear
 - 2. Forgive
 - 3. Heal our land
- C. Has God failed? Or have we?

Fasting Precipitates God’s Latter Rain
4003

I. Score: Ezek. 36:24–30

- A. “*I will*” 17 times
 - 1. Ezek. 36:37—“I will yet for this *be inquired of*. . .”

2. God's predestined purpose provokes man's free response according to God's foreknowledge.

II. God's Purpose For Us

- A. *Restoration* through the *outpoured Spirit* (Acts 2:17; Joel 2:25)
- B. Our response to God's Spirit:
 1. Prayer and fasting (Joel 1:14; 2:12, 14)
 2. Sealed by God's "*Afterward . . .*" (Joel 2:28)

III. Fasting for Restoration

- A. Daniel: "I understood . . . I set my face . . . by prayer . . . with fasting . . ." (Dan. 9:2–3)
- B. Ezra: "I proclaimed a fast . . . Our God was entreated of us . . ." (Ezra 8:21–23)
- C. Nehemiah: "I wept . . . mourned . . . fasted . . . prayed . . ." (Neh. 1:4)
- D. Esther: "Gather together . . . fast . . . three days . . ." (Est. 4:16–17)

IV. Results Of Fasting

- A. Self-denial (Matt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 9:25–27)
- B. Self-humbling (Ps. 35:13; 69:10)
- C. Right priorities (Matt. 6:33)
- D. Dependence upon God (2 Chron. 20:3, 12). Leading to: divine intervention

V. Fasting In The New Testament

- A. Taught by Jesus (Matt. 6:16–18; Mark 2:18–20)
- B. Practiced by:
 1. Jesus (Matt. 4:1–2)
 2. Prophets and teachers (Acts 13:1–3)
 3. Apostles and churches (Acts 14:23)
 4. Paul (2 Cor. 6:4–5; 11:27)

Spiritual Weapons For Spiritual Warfare 4004

I. Diagram To Illustrate Spiritual Warfare

- A. Satan seeks to control earth's rulers and empires
- B. It is our responsibility to *restrain* and *cast down Satan's kingdom*

II. Spiritual Weapons (2 Cor. 10:3–5)

- A. Eph. 6:17—The Word of God
- B. Ps. 8:1–2—The name of Jesus (Matt. 21:16)
- C. Rev. 12:11—The blood of Jesus
- D. Through:
 1. Prayer
 2. Praise
 3. Preaching
 4. Testimony

III. Jehoshaphat's Weapons (2 Chron. 20)

- A. Proclaimed a fast (v. 3)
- B. Gathered God's people (v. 4)
- C. Prayer—based on God's Word (vv. 5–12)
- D. Prophecy (vv. 14–17)
- E. Praise (vv. 19–22)
- F. Result: total victory (vv. 23–25)

God's Atomic Weapon: The Blood Of Jesus **4005**

I. Introduction

- A. Rev. 12:7–13—These events are still in the future.
- B. They represent the climax of the spiritual warfare already revealed in Daniel 10.

Review *diagram* from previous study.

II. How To Overcome Satan

- A. Testify personally to what the Word says that the Blood does for you
- B. Ex. 12:1–28—Analogy of the Passover

III. Application Of The Blood

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| A. Eph. 1:7 | Redeemed (see also Ps. 107:2) |
| | Forgiven |
| B. 1 John 1:7 | Cleansed |
| C. Rom. 5:9 | Justified |
| | Made righteous |
| | “Just-as-if-I'd never sinned” |
| D. Heb. 13:12 | Sanctified |
| | Made holy |
| | Set apart to God |
| E. 1 Cor. 6:19–20 | The believer's <i>body</i> is the <i>temple</i> of the <i>Holy Spirit</i> |

**Therefore Satan has no power over me
and no place in me.**

- F. 1 John 5:6–8—The Spirit, the water (= the Word) and the blood must be brought together by our testimony. It is the Spirit that bears witness to the Word and the blood.

**Epilogue: The Glorious Church
4006**

I. *Seven Distinctive Marks Of The True Church As She Will Appear At The Close Of This Age (Eph. 5:25–27; 3:14–19)*

- A. Glorious
- B. Holy
- C. Without blemish
- D. Unity of faith
- E. Christ acknowledged
- F. Maturity
- G. Fullness (compare Eph. 3:14–19)

II. *Isaiah's Portrait Of This Church Emerging At The Close Of This Age (Isaiah 59:19–20; 60:1–5)*

- A. The enemy comes in . . . the Spirit uplifts Christ (59:19)
- B. God's people *turn back* to Him in repentance (59:20)
- C. The *Spirit* permanently restored (59:21)
- D. The earth: *Darkness* . . . the church: *Glory* (60:1–2) (compare Gen. 15:5; Song 6:10; Rev. 22:11)
- E. Nations and their rulers turn to the church (60:3)
- F. The young people come in (60:4) (compare Acts 2:17)
- D. The church's reaction (60:5):
 - 1. Thou shalt see . . . flow together . . .
 - 2. Thine heart shall *fear* and *be enlarged*
 - 3. Result: abundant wealth

IV. *Pattern From Solomon's Temple (1 Chron. 28–29)*

- A. Pattern and provision (28:11–18)
- B. *Gold* given by *David*: (29:1–5)
 $3,000 \text{ talents} \times 25,000 = \$ 75,000,000$
- C. *Gold* given by *fathers*: (29:6–7)
 $5,000 \text{ talents} \times 25,000 = \underline{\$125,000,000}$
 $\text{Total gold} = \$200,000,000$

V. *Promise of restoration of God's house (Hag. 2:6–9)*

- A. Heaven, earth, nations shaken (vv. 6–7)
- B. Nations' treasures brought to God's house (v. 7)
- C. Silver and gold belong to God (v. 8)
- D. To be used for the glory of God's house (v. 9)
- E. Matt. 24:14—The church's last great obligation: to bring this gospel of the kingdom to all nations.