

# KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

*Mark: 1:35 & Matt: 11: 11-12*

*From the desk of Elder Michael Scantlebury*

## Divine Connections

### Read Acts 10

This is a tremendous scripture giving us the reality and power of “divine connections.” Here we see the Lord setting a course of action for His Spirit to move strong among the Gentiles and launch the Gentile church.

Cornelius is a strong pray-er and giver who is suddenly visited by an angel who gives him instructions from the Lord. There are several things that Cornelius’ praying opens up.

- 1. His prayer creates divine connections on an apostolic level.**
- 2. His praying opens up accurate speaking and instructions from heaven.**
- 3. His prayer knits together the purpose of the Lord over a territory and a people.**
- 4. The result is the opening up of a new dimension of the Lord’s purpose and an apostolic movement to the Gentiles.**

Cornelius’ house is the starting place of tremendous moves of God, in which Paul later walked strongly in as the apostle to the Gentiles. Cornelius is a powerful catalyst ministry for connections, which change the direction of God’s apostolic purpose.

Over the past three months the Lord has been divinely connecting us with either saints from the African continent or those who have connections in that continent. On my recent trip into Alabama there were only three persons who were outside of the United States that attended the conference; I being one of the speakers was from Canada and a couple who flew in from South Africa and they were very excited with the connection that the Lord established between us. As I returned from the conference there was a hand written letter from a pastor in Zambia making contact with us as he was tremendously blessed and encouraged after visiting our website, which he found doing a search on “Five-Fold Ministry”. Three days later another brother contacted me who I vaguely remembered; who sat in some mid-day meetings I conducted in Trinidad about 17 years ago and he is a missionary to the African continent and we have begun renewing acquaintances. Let me say here that I firmly believe what we are experiencing here in our midst is the very same thing that happened to Cornelius. In essence we are a Cornelius people and as we pray all kinds of movements are taking place in the Spirit realm to facilitate God’s eternal purpose for this region and the nations of the earth.

Another major point to note in understanding the relevance of Cornelius; is that it took human receptivity, human obedience and the breaking of ungodly, traditional mindsets to release the sovereign dimension of the move of God that was to come.

Peter at this time is a Jew who up until now had not broken away from traditional Jewish values; he did not eat anything common or unclean. That mindset had to be broken in order for the move of God to come. They had to be a change of the value system that operated in Peter's life. The spirit of doubt had to be completely **shattered in Peter's mind so that the will of God could find free course. (Acts 10: 19-20)**

“While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”

As these traditional mindsets and doubts are destroyed, Peter begins to speak from a liberated position and as he does, he declares...

“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him... While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word...”

A tremendous move of God began and the Gentiles were filled with the Holy Ghost and were baptized... **GLORY TO GOD WHAT A POWERFULL RELEASE!!!**

As a matter of fact this is the only account in the New Testament Church where it is recorded that people received the baptism in the Holy Ghost before being baptized in water.

As we continue pressing deeper into the plan and purpose of the Lord for this region let us continue believing the Lord for more divine connections. We must recognize that God is releasing this Cornelius dimension in our Kingdom Advancing Prayer. We must continue praying for divine connections with God's present day apostles and prophets and with the moving of God's Spirit in the nations of the earth. We must also continue believing for accuracy in human actions and the breaking of unclean mindsets that the sovereign releases of God may occur in our midst.

**TESTIMONY** - Last week we prayed for a brother in Australia that was facing an uphill battle in a court case. He called me before going to court last Wednesday and said that his lawyer was not well prepared and that he feared for the worst. I prayed with him over the phone and later at our prayer meeting. The next day I received e-mails from him and his mother rejoicing that the judge had thrown out the case. Hallelujah, Glory to God!

# PRAYER FOCUS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I cannot over state our need of resources in this hour. We need to continuing pressing into heaven for the release of resources. The Lord has confirmed through the mouth of His prophets that this is the season for a release of resources into our ministry, let us press in for it!</li><br/><li>• We would be launching “<b>Reaching Out</b>” a time of ministry for residents of our community and beyond on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing every Wednesday from 11:00 am –</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Let us lift up strong prayer for Pastor Daniel Farina and his wife Sharon of New York. We have a very good relationship with him and he is facing a battle at this time and has asked for prayer. If you sense anything from the Lord concerning them please submit it for them.</li><br/><li>• For the African continent and what the Lord wants to do through us there. We want the accurate timing and entry into that continent. Elder Michael has received three invitations to minister there over the last four months but</li></ul> |
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1:00 pm let us pray strong into this, that the Lord would have His way in this and souls would be saved and touched by His Power.

did not sense the timing was right. We need to press into that at this time.

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