

# KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

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

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## Enter The Threshing Floor

As we continue our journey in the plan and purpose of the Lord, there are times when the Lord will take us to the “Threshing Floor” so that He can do several things in our lives. In this writing I will like for us to explore some things that happen to us there.

In these apostolic days, the Lord has to take us this route if we are to truly “rule the nations”. The Lord has to ensure that we are ready and that there is nothing in us for the evil one as He sends us into nations to dismantle demonic structures and establish Kingdom mentalities and lifestyles.

The term “Threshing Floor” comes from the Hebrew word “*goren*”, and in its simplistic form it is translated “even”, however, as we explore this term we extract the following:

A Threshing Floor is a flat surface prepared for the threshing of grain. The threshing floor was usually located at the edge of a village, frequently on a large flat rock outcropping. When no flat rock was available, the threshing floor would be prepared by levelling the ground and pounding the earth to create a hard surface.

As the Lord places us on the Threshing Floor we need to comprehend some specifics about the Threshing Floor that are significant and would assist in the way we allow the Lord to deal with us there:

- The threshing floor was watched all night – there is Divine protection there. The Lord will ensure this as the work that is being done is very precious: (Ruth 3:3-6,14)
- The product on the Threshing Floor was considered to be of great value and as such they were secured to guard against theft.
- Grain, Wine and Oil were the important products on the Threshing Floor – Grain represents the Word of God; so on the Threshing Floor we can expect to get a greater revelation and supply of God’s Word. Wine represents the Holy Spirit, and as such we can expect a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. It also represents JOY, so look out for renewed joy and strength, as the JOY OF THE LORD is our strength. Oil represents the anointing and it is the anointing that breaks every yoke, GLORY, HALLELUJAH, yokes are broken on the Threshing Floors!

In the Word of God there are three major or significant Threshing Floors mentioned and we would do well to explore them and extract some truth principles from them. The first record is found in:

### **Atad’s Threshing Floor**

“Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very solemn lamentation. He observed seven days of mourning for his father.” Genesis 50:10

This was the place that Joseph mourned for his father Jacob. This was the place of separation. Death always brings separation and this is the place the Lord allows us to know that we can go on without the

one who has died. Our only dependence must be the Lord - People and things will eventually come to an end!

### **Nachon's [Or Sometimes Referred To As Chidon's 1 Chronicles 13:9] Threshing Floor:**

“And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.” 2 Samuel 6:6-7

This was the place that the Lord taught David the valuable lesson of doing things after His prescribed order. David had the GOD IDEA of bringing the Ark back to its rightful owner but he went about it the wrong way. There are times when we have heard from God and He has given us His Divine Mandate but we step out in the flesh to try and accomplish it and it is at that point the “Threshing Floor of Nacon” comes alive to crush and break us so that we follow His “due order” as David did afterwards.

### **Ornan's [Or Sometimes Referred To As Araunah's 2 Samuel 24:15-24] Threshing Floor**

“And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.” 1 Chronicles 21:15

This was an awesome event. David had committed a grave sin in numbering the people [putting the strength of his kingdom (or church/ministry) in the amount of people that were there]. Verse one of the chapter clearly states that satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number the people. It is the place where the Lord will require us to become personally responsible for our error and not shift the blame. Ornan's Threshing Floor is also the place of personal sacrifice and at the prescribed cost. David declared when Ornan offered him the Threshing Floor without cost – “No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.”

It begs the question: “What made David submit to such an idea in the first place”? I sense that it had to do with his personal success as he was winning battles and the sensing that it may just be his (and not the Lord God of the armies of Israel) military might and brilliance that was accomplishing that feat. We have to be so careful in the midst of our victories that we do not allow the enemy to sow seeds of pride in our hearts.

It was at this Threshing Floor that David erected an altar unto the Lord. The Threshing floor is not a place of destruction but a place of correction and growth. Remember that whom the Lord loves He chastises and if we are without chastisement then we are not sons/daughters, but bastards. As I close, let me leave you with the following passage of scripture:

”For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward

it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:3-11

**Blessings!**

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