

# KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

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

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## How Desperate Are You For God

Without a doubt, it is now completely evident that God's Spirit is moving in the earth. However, there are some that are still looking for the move of God within their circles, while others are stirred up and motivated to climb higher in God.

Some may ask, why? The answer is very simple and can be best summed up in this question, **how desperate are you for God?**

The word spoken by the prophet Jeremiah still holds true, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with **all your heart**" (Jer: 29:13).

As we continue in our Kingdom Advancing Prayer in this region and in the nations of the earth we must recognize what the Lord is doing and how He does it. The scripture declares in Jeremiah 48:10

"Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood."

Deceitfully: - This comes from the Hebrew word remiyah (rem-ee-yaw'); from which we derive the following meanings: - Treachery, falsely, full of guile, idly, slack, slothfully.

The Lord was very strong in His choice of words when He described the resulting outcome to anyone who did His word deceitfully – He declared that, that person would be **cursed**. Cursed is the Hebrew word 'arar (aw-rar'); which means to execrate – accurse, cast out, to denounce as evil or detestable, etc.

So let us now paraphrase Jeremiah 48:10

Anyone who does the work of the Lord falsely, full of guile, idly or slothfully is denounced as evil or detestable, as is anyone who keeps back his or her sword from blood.

The Lord also goes on to say that cursed is anyone who keeps back his sword from blood. This gives us a tremendous key that the Lord expects us to be a strong, aggressive people. Of course we know that He is not speaking to us today about natural blood, but He is alluding to demonic powers and the aggressive stance we are to take. We are here in the earth as blood washed, Spirit filled, saints of God for one reason and one reason only and that is to advance God's Kingdom among the nations. In order for this to be done there

must be sincerity of heart/motive and warfare against the usurpers of God's authority, Satan and his fallen angels. Jesus said it this way as recorded by Matthew:

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” Matthew 11:11-12

Let us continue giving our all to the King and His Kingdom. Let us use our time, energy, resources, and our very lives in the service of our King. I am reminded of Abraham as he went the very distance with God. He was willing to obey the Lord even to the point of giving up his son Isaac at the command of God. That was awesome, we read the account from hindsight and at times we give God hoping that He will respond as He did with Abraham. However, Abraham did not have the benefit of hindsight and at times this is the kind of faith the Lord requires us to walk in if we are to accomplish His will in earth as it is in heaven.

The word of God also encourages in Ecclesiastes 9:10

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”

Our hands have found something to do – His Kingdom work – so be reminded of the admonishment in **Luke 9:59-62**.

Also, as we maintain our passionate hunger for the Lord; remember, that hunger without appetite will only lead to hurt and destruction. Hunger must be produce appetite or when the Lord turns up you cannot partake.

# PRAYER FOCUS

- Let us not relax our prayer for RESOURCES! Let us maintain our cry that the Lord, God would provide all that is needed to do all that we are called to accomplish. PRAISE GOD!!!
- Pray for Elder Scantlebury as he prepares to enter Coos Bay Oregon June 5-8 2002 and then Alabama June 14-16, where he would be ministering at an Apostolic/Prophetic Conference.
- For Dominion-Life International that the Lord will continue adding such as should be saved and for labourers to run with the vision the Lord has given us.
- For Vancouver as the Lord continues to stir the hearts of His people. Pray for strong leadership to emerge that will take the Church forward into the next phase. There are several prayer initiatives throughout the region and there is a strong desire for unity as several ministries are represented. However, there must be a clear sense of God ordained leadership for any true sustainable advance to be accomplished!

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