

# KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

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

*From the desk of Apostle Michael Scantlebury*

## Scaling The Walls

**“With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. Ps 18:29 NIV**

There are many times as we press the battle to the gate, that we can find ourselves as if we were “up against a wall” or feel that we have “hit the wall” and it seems as though there is no place to go. At such times we need to get wisdom from the Lord as to how to progress beyond the wall.

King David entered into this revelation as he fought against the Philistines and avenged the Gibeonites in 2 Samuel 21 – 22. Because of the unjust slaughter of the Gibeonites by Saul and his blood-thirsty regime, the Lord caused a famine to come upon the land, and when David saw that this famine continued for three years without end (as it were, the people of God found themselves up against a seemingly insurmountable wall), he decided to seek the face of the Lord. The result was that the Lord gave him significant and decisive victory against his enemies as David declared when he sang that song...

“Then David spoke to the Lord the words of this song, on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.”

I encourage you, if there is a wall in front of you, and it seems as if you are not making progress, this is the hour to receive wisdom and strength from the Lord to scale it. This wall may present itself in many different forms and I am once again reminded of Joseph!

Joseph was the one whom God used to save an entire tribe, nation and people. However, he had to go through a tremendous set of what might be considered “negative circumstances” (he was the one who was separated from his brothers) but he described it this way:

“And Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Please come near to me.’ So they came near. Then he said: ‘I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. **But now do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God did send me before you to preserve life.** ‘For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither be ploughing nor harvesting. **And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.** ‘So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.” **Genesis 45:4-8**

Joseph goes on to secure a place for his people in the land of Egypt. And after his father lived seventeen years in this secure land he is about to go the way of all men, he is about to die. He calls for Joseph and all his other sons and he begins to prophesy their destiny. I want us this day to look closely at the prophetic destiny of Joseph, as I believe that the Lord is declaring this to us today.

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; **His branches run over the wall.** The archers have bitterly grieved him, **Shot at him and hated him.** But his bow remained in strength, **And the arms of his hands were made strong** By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), By the God of your father **who will bless you With blessings** of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, And the crown of the head of **him who was separate from his brothers.**” **Genesis 49: 22-26**

### **His Branches run Over the Wall:**

Joseph was so planted in the things of God; he was established in the Word of the Lord, that he outgrew his enclosure. His branches ran over the wall. He scaled the wall through his growth. If you sense that there is a

wall before you, this is the season to meditate upon the Word of the Lord night and day and be like the tree planted by the river and like Joseph grow above the circumstance.

I am also reminded of Moses as they escaped from Egypt and were on their way to the Promised Land; they found themselves in a situation with the Red Sea before and the Egyptian army behind them and there was no place to go.

“And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." **And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."** **And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it.** And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. Exodus 14:10-16 (Emphasis added)

This is an incredible situation – a seemingly insurmountable obstacle in front of Moses in the form of the Red Sea; an angry and God-hardened enemy behind him in the form of the Egyptians; a disgruntled church and seemingly worst of all, the God in who Moses trusted in declared to him – “And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me?"

This is not the hour for you to come crying to me! What a clear disappointment, I mean Moses had just delivered one of his fiery sermons on seeing the Hand of God move as he declared to his church – "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

Saints of God! You have power and authority to speak to situations and circumstances and they will obey you. We are one with our Father. If you are faced with an insurmountable situation, this is the time to use your God given authority and deal with it. Do not think like Moses and try to cop out; instead learn how to scale the wall of the situation. A lot of times we think we cannot get out of it and we say “Lord we are waiting on You to come and save us...” While the Lord is saying I have already given you the power and authority to deal with the situation. God has done His part, now it is time for us to do ours. Rise UP and SCALE your WALL TODAY!!!

## AREAS OF PRAYER FOCUS

Maintain a strong shout over Dominion-Life International as we continue our press in advancing what the Lord has called us to do.

Continue to pray for the addition of both labourers and for salvations in our ministry. There is a great sense that we have to dig our “heels” in and fight for the souls of this city and region. May the Lord add to us such as should be saved!

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 and then on to New York June 17-21, where he would be ministering at two local churches.

Elder Michael has been asked to consider working with another pastor who travels to the following 6 African nations [Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda]. Let us keep this in prayer so that we can get the mind of the Lord on this. We only want to be where He wants us.

Let us pray for the continued building of relationships within our ministry.

Pray for our GEMS ministry that we will continue to see growth and increase among these young ones.

We need for the Lord to supply us with Kingdom investors and financiers to support what He has called us to do!