

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

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

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The Battle For Our Sight

“And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the *blind* and lame will repel you," thinking, "David cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David). Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by the way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the *blind*, who are hated by David's soul), he shall be chief and captain." Therefore they say, "The *blind* and the lame shall not come into the house." Then David dwelt in the stronghold and called it the city of David." 2 Samuel 5: 6 - 9

Blindness and lameness are significant hindrances to being established in the things of God. The enemy would prefer to blind our eyes, but if that cannot be totally accomplished, then he seeks to hinder our walk before the Lord so that we may not possess our high places in Christ Jesus here in the earth. Like David, we must learn to despise in our souls and pursue driving out blindness (which is the focus here). David was a man of vision and valued sight and would stop at nothing to remove blindness and possess his high place.

We must battle for vision by resisting the blindness that confronts us as we actively pursue the full expression of the will of God, the Father, in our lives. It is no coincidence that the establishment of the kingdom of God in the earth is a forceful violent activity and that it takes an aggressive opposing force against the kingdom of darkness to establish it.

If we are in doubt that we are in a constant battle for our sight and that blindness is a weapon of the evil one, we must be reminded by 2 Corinthians 4: 4, which clearly states that “the god of this age [continues to blind the eyes of the world] lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ shine on them.” It is therefore understandable that where there is no vision, a clear accurate perceiving of truth, we perish.

We know from Hebrews 11: 6 that “without faith it is impossible to please God.” Sight and faith are inseparable in that we have to see in the eyes of our minds what we are exercising faith in God to perform. The enemy seeks to sow seeds of doubt and unbelief through presenting a counterfeit reality so as to redirect our sight to the counterfeit and therefore causes us to lose faith in the original thing that we saw and were believing God to perform. Hence the purpose of the counterfeit is to blind our eyes from the truth of God's Word, by exalting the contrary circumstances that we find ourselves in.

In order to exercise faith we must target something that is real in the eyes of our minds. For example, if we are believing God for a financial breakthrough, we cannot see ourselves as poverty stricken. It may be that at the moment we have tremendous financial needs, but in our minds we cannot take our present situation and place the future in that exact mould - this is food for unbelief! In the midst of our needs we need to break free of what our present situation looks like and begin to envision what we want God to do for us and aggressively lay hold of that picture or vision. Until we can confidently see what it is that we want God to do for us, we do not have the substance or material on which authentic faith is built.

Hebrews says that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The scripture speaks of things "not yet seen," referring to the actual thing not yet being manifested in our natural situation or circumstance. Nevertheless, we are required to "see" in our minds by our spirit that which has not yet been manifested in the natural.

Elisha had to pray for God to open the eyes of his servant so that he could see *the truth* about the situation and not just the appearance of the situation:

"And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha." 2 Kings 6:15 - 18

The appearance of the situation was a Syrian army up against them, but the truth of the situation was that the army of the Lord of Hosts in all consuming fire was around Elisha.

We constantly face two conflicting scenarios: the appearance of our situation and the truth about our situation. May God open up the eyes of our understanding in all wisdom, revelation and discernment to accurately perceive the truth about our situation and to reject the blindness fuelled by deceptive appearances from the evil one so that we may possess all our high-places.

PRAYER

- Strong prayer over Elder Scantlebury and his family as they continue in the purpose of God. After a very strong prayer meeting last Wednesday, Elder Scantlebury was involved in a minor car crash, which was a direct attack on him. The next day a brother from Alabama, USA who did not know anything about the accident, wrote Elder Scantlebury to say that the Lord had him praying for him against attacks since the Monday of last week. Praise God he is alright and continues to establish Dominion-Life International, which continues to experience quality and quantity growth.
- Pray for Pastor Daniel Kumar of India as he continues seeking the Lord for greater understanding of the present "Apostolic Reformation". We are also in the process of sending him some material that would assist him as he establishes a school of ministry in India. The first such shipment of books and tapes would be sent within the next fortnight.
- Pray for the accurate timing for us to enter into India.
- Pray for continued momentum for us here at Dominion-Life International.
- Pray for the release of an anointed, prophetic psalmist to play our keyboard. We have decided to seek and wait upon the Lord to send us someone. We will not go looking or hire someone to play. Stand in agreement with us for the Lord to supply us with one soon.