

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

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

From the desk of Elder Michael Scantlebury

When God Hears

2 Samuel 22:1-51

Here David records the incredible impact and result of prayer that has been heard by God. It is important that we determine to pray prayers that break through to the level of divine response, and not stay only on the religious level of prayer activity for activity sake. This record of David should excite us to remain at that place in prayer. Let us examine a few principles arising out of the preceding verses.

1. The Power of Divine Response

It was evidently clear that God heard David, the heavens shook and the voice of God was heard. God moved, He stirred and hidden things were uncovered (verses 7-16):

“In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears. "Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And He was seen upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness canopies around Him, Dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. From the brightness before Him Coals of fire were kindled. "The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice. He sent out arrows and scattered them; Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them. Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered, At the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

2. God Responds According To The King's Character

This is a very powerful truth here. “The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness”. Our prevailing constant attitude to the Lord, His work and His purpose will be a major factor in the quality of the response from God. **It is absolutely vital that we keep our motivations pure and our attitude righteous.** It is according to our “cleanness in His eyes” that He rewards us (verses 21 & 25). This is so AWESOME!

3. Expect A Strength Impartation

When God hears our corporate prayer He responds not only at on a corporate level but on a personal level as well – verses 30-37

“For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. “For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? God is my strength and power, And He makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip.

4. We Are Empowered To Destroy Spiritual Enemies

When God answers we win ultimate battles. We beat our spiritual enemies as fine dust of the earth (verses 38-43)

"I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. And I have destroyed them and wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me. They looked, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them. Then I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth; I trod them like dirt in the streets, And I spread them out.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Let us not relax our prayer for RESOURCES! Let us maintain our cry that the Lord, God provide all that is needed to do all that we are called to accomplish. PRAISE GOD!!!
- Pray for Elder Scantlebury as he prepares to minister at the Bay Area Christian Fellowship in Coos Bay Oregon. He would be ministering on June 6th and 7th. Let us pray for strong impartation and that the Will of the Lord be done through him.
- 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 the spirit and power of agreement to pervade every dimension or our church!
- For the spirit of **servanthood** to be strong among us!
- For greater breakthrough and penetration through our Praise and Worship

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