



Church in Regina Newsletter

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TRUE PRAYER BEING MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S INITIATION

Since **prayer is an expression of the union of God and man**, no true prayer can be uttered without God's initiation. If a prayer is not initiated by God, it is not genuine prayer. All those who truly know the meaning of prayer know that prayer is not merely a matter of God being mingled with man but a matter of God initiating something within man. Hence, **when we pray, we must learn to be calm and not follow our thoughts**. Instead, **we should turn from our mind to our spirit and follow the sense within our spirit**. In genuine prayer a person has a certain sense in his spirit even before he prays. This sense in the spirit is initiated by God's Spirit within our spirit. When the Spirit of God mingles with our spirit, He initiates or suggests something in our spirit, which is not necessarily in the form of intelligible words. Many times it is merely a sense or a feeling in our spirit.

Therefore, when we pray, we must not only turn to our spirit, but **we must also wait on God's initiation**. We should be calm and turn to our spirit. At the same time we should not be too quick to utter something. Rather, we should wait for God's initiation and the sense in our spirit. Please remember that everyone who opens his mouth quickly speaks invariably from himself and from his own initiation. Whenever we pray, we must learn to turn to our spirit. Then we must learn to wait for God's initiation. We should be calm and touch the sense in our spirit in order to pray according to that sense.

This Week's Pursuit: SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH (Msg 7)

Serving God by Prayer according to His Heart and Will

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:18; Ezek. 36:37; Isa. 62:6-7; 1 John 5:14-16a; Matt. 6:5-6, 9-15; 26:39

I. In the universe there are three wills: the divine will, the satanic will, and the human will; God wants man's will to be joined to Him and to be one with Him so that man may express and echo His will back to Him in prayer for His good pleasure—Isa. 14:12-15; Matt. 6:10; 7:21; 26:39; Phil. 2:13:

The **tree of life** represents God with His divine will, the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** represents Satan with his satanic will, and **Adam** represents man with his human will; we have lost many spiritual blessings because we have not expressed God's will, according to the principle of the tree of life, through our prayers. **A genuine man of prayer is one whose desires are fully blended into God's desires and whose thoughts are fully one with God's thoughts; he is a man in whom God's desires are imprinted, a man of revelation whose heart is a duplication of God's heart.** Prayers that originate from our needs to satisfy our own lust may be answered by God, but they have no spiritual value, and we will become weak before His eyes and displeasing to Him. Only the prayers that are initiated by God and echo what He has initiated have any spiritual value; we must learn to pray this kind of prayer.

When we come to the Lord in prayer, we need to allow the Spirit to mingle our desires with His desires, lead our thoughts into His thoughts, and imprint His desires and thoughts into us; then the prayers that we utter to God with His inward desires will be precious, weighty, and valuable to Him and will cause Satan to suffer loss.

The **real meaning of prayer** and of all spiritual work is that they consist of four steps:

1. God **intends** to do something according to His will.
2. He **reveals** His will to us through the Spirit for us to know His will.
3. We **return** and echo His will back to Him **through prayer**.
4. God **accomplishes** His work according to His will.

God needs man to exercise his spirit with his **resurrected will** to pray according to God's divine will for Christ to be manifested and enjoyed by us, for the Body life to be practiced by us, and for the Body of Christ to be built up through us. We have to pray according to God's desire and His will for the fulfillment of His economy then we have the assurance that we have received what we have prayed for.

II. Hannah's prayer was an echo, a speaking out, of the heart's desire of God; it was a human cooperation with the divine move for the carrying out of God's eternal economy—1 Sam. 1:10-20:

God could motivate Hannah as a person who was one with Him on the line of life; the **line of life** is a line that brings forth Christ for the enjoyment of God's people, that on earth God may have His kingdom, which is the church as the Body of Christ, the very organism of the Triune God. As long as God can gain a person who is one with Him on the line of life, He has a way on earth; Hannah's prayer indicates that God's move with His answer to Hannah's prayer was to produce a Nazarite, an overcomer, who was absolute for the fulfilling of God's desire.

III. Elijah, "a man of like feeling with us,...prayed in prayer"—James 5:17 (lit.):

A prayer from the Lord was given to Elijah, in which he prayed; he prayed in the prayer given to him by the Lord for the accomplishing of His will. Elijah did not pray in his feeling, thought, intention, or mood, or in any kind of motivation, arising from circumstances or situations, to fulfill his own purpose.

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Meeting Schedule:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Saints Homes
8:00PM to 9:00PM

YP Meeting

Fridays
7:00PM to 9:00PM
Brother Hedrick's Place

Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening
Saint's Home

Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA February 12-14, 2016
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring) Anaheim, CA - April 8-10, 2016
3. Memorial Day Conference Washington, DC May 27-30, 2016
4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA - July 4-9, 2016
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall) Gold Coast, Australia - October 6-8, 2016
6. Thanksgiving Conference San Jose, CA - November 24-27, 2016
7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA - December 26-31, 2016

Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ October 09, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ October 10, 2016 - Church Pursuit - Experience of Life (Msg 6); venue - Ballao residence
- ▶ Oct. 21-23, 2016 - Conference (Winnipeg)
- ▶ October 30, 2016 - Brother's Meeting

PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, show us Your will and touch us with Your desires and thoughts, reveal Your **divine will** in our heart so we can speak forth Your will through our **prayers**.
2. Lord, we want to **live continually in Your presences** and allow Your desire to mingle with our desires and lead our thoughts until Your desire becomes our **breath** and **groaning**.
3. Lord, we **wait** upon You and we **remain** in the **line of life** which You ordained for Your eternal purpose, for Your move on earth to gain a Body that will express You in a corporate way.
4. Lord, we give You our highest **cooperation**, and **coordination** to live before You in prayer to **depend on prayer** to do what we could not do and to understand what we could not understand.
5. Lord, we want to **linger** in Your presence to **enjoy sweet fellowship** with You so we can receive revelation for Your economy's sake - **"Your name be sanctified," "Your kingdom come,"** and **"Your will be done"**.
6. Please pray for the Conference in **Winnipeg**.
7. Please pray for the brothers and sisters in **Lloydminster** for their desire to have Lord's Table Meeting.
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:
 - Young people's meeting and campus work
 - Small group meetings
 - The recipients of the Bible
 - Brother Eliezer Marigsa's relatives here in Regina - Elemelie Medina, Orlando & Lerio Carreon.

"For this reason I say to you, All things that you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and you will have them."

IV. Daniel was a man of prayer who was joined to God's desire through God's word; only those who join themselves to God's word to pray prayers of God's economy can be of real use to God.

The highest expression of a man who cooperates with God is in prayer; such a man is a man of preciousness to God, even preciousness itself. Daniel depended on prayer to do what man could not do, and he depended on prayer to understand what man could not understand.

V. Abraham lived in intimate fellowship with God and became God's friend; even before the incarnation, Jehovah as Christ appeared to Abraham in human form, with a human body, and communed with him on a human level.

The glorious intercession that Abraham made before God was a human, intimate conversation between two friends, an intimate talk according to the unveiling of God's heart's desire. As Abraham was enjoying sweet fellowship with God, he received a revelation from Him regarding the birth of Isaac and the destruction of Sodom. This shows that God's intention is to work Christ into us, to bring Christ forth through us, and to destroy the "Sodom" in our home life, our work life, and our Christian and church life. In our intimate fellowship with God, we receive the revelation that all the impossibilities become possibilities with Christ. God revealed to Abraham His intention to destroy Sodom, because He was seeking an intercessor.

Genesis 18 presents a clear revelation of the basic principles of intercession: The proper intercession is not initiated by man but by God's revelation; thus, it expresses God's desire and carries out God's will. Apparently, Abraham was interceding for Sodom; actually, he was interceding for Lot by implication (Gen 14:12; 18:23; 19:1, 27-29), showing that we should intercede for God's people who have drifted into the world. Intercession is an intimate conversation with God according to the inward intention of His heart; for this **we must learn to linger in the presence of God**. **Intercession** is according to God's righteous way; in Abraham's intercession for Lot, he did not beg God according to His love and grace; he challenged God according to His righteous way. Abraham's intercession did not terminate with his speaking but with God's, showing that genuine intercession is God's speaking in our speaking.

VI. The pattern of prayer that the Lord taught the disciples in Matthew 6 is the prayer that expresses God's will - vv.9-15.

The principle of prayer is to pray in secret to be seen by our Father who sees in secret; we need to pray to the Lord, worship the Lord, contact the Lord, and fellowship with the Lord in a secret way.

The thing that frustrates us the most from growing in life is the self, and the self enjoys doing things in public display for the glory of men. If we live by the Father's hidden life, we may pray much, but others will not know how much we have prayed.

Matthew 6:9-13 is the Lord's instruction to us to "pray in this way" to "our Father who is in the heavens" (v. 9a); this pattern of prayer can be divided into three sections: The three basic prayers concerning God are related to the Divine Trinity: "Your name be sanctified" is related mainly to **the Father**; "Your kingdom come," **to the Son**; and "Your will be done," **to the Spirit**. This is being fulfilled in this age, and it will be ultimately fulfilled in the kingdom age, when the name of God will be excellent in all the earth, the kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of Christ, and the will of God will be accomplished.

After the rebellion of Satan and the fall of man, Christ came to bring the heavenly rule to earth so that the earth could be recovered for God's interest, so that the will of God could be done on earth as in heaven (Matt. 6:10b); the kingdom people must pray for this until the earth is fully recovered for God's will in the coming kingdom age.

The three requests concerning our need are **protective prayers**: "Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one". Daily bread indicates a living that is by faith; we should live by faith, on the Father's daily supply. The kingdom people should ask the Father to forgive their debts, their failures, their trespasses, as they forgive their debtors to maintain peace (by the arbitrating peace of Christ); we have to clear up any separating factors between us and God and between us and others. Because we know our weakness, we should ask the Father not to bring us into temptation but to deliver us from the evil one, the devil, and from the evil that is out of him (by our being filled with the Spirit).

The prayer to the Father concludes with **three reverent praises** as extolling prayers: "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen"; the **kingdom** is of the Son, which is the realm in which God exercises His power, and the **power** is of the Spirit, which carries out God's intention so that the Father may have His corporate expression in **glory**. Thus, the pattern of the Lord's prayer begins with the Divine Trinity and ends with the Divine Trinity. It also begins with God the Father and ends with God the Father; God the Father is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. Such a critical prayer increases our seeking of the kingdom of the heavens as the Father's heart's desire and affords us our need of the divine supply of grace to fulfill all the supreme and strict requirements of the kingdom of the heavens for God's good pleasure.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Sept. 25 - Oct. 01, 2016	22	11	YP in Calgary		\$380.00
Oct. 02 - Oct. 08, 2016	22	11	12	8	\$80.00