

Review:

So far we have covered the main themes that:

Gods call His Church, His House a “House of Prayer.”

- God’s eternal purpose for His church in every place on this earth is to be a “praying church”.
- His desire is for Each body to fulfill their calling to be a “house of prayer”
- This reality is the fulfillment of the promise of Isa. 56:7 “My House shall be a house of Prayer”

The Prayer Movement

To fulfill all that God wants us to be as a House of Prayer, we seek to understand the systemic work of the Holy Spirit in His church across the globe. This is the prayer movement.

God is igniting/activating the “prayer gene” in his body

This prayer movement is directly related to His heart to reach the nations with the Gospel.

- We are being led into a work led by God’s hands that has end of days implications.

Mal. 1:11

11For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down,

My name shall be great among the Gentiles;

In every place incense shall be offered to My name,

And a pure offering;

For My name shall be great among the nations,”

Says the Lord of hosts.

- The goal of world missions is to see believers in all places of the world offering up the incense of worship and prayer, making the name of the Lord known.

The Missions Movement

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest

- By Jesus’ own command, we are meant to hold these two expressions together
 - Matt. 9:37-38 “**37** Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. **38** Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

The Father’s Heart and Zeal for the building up and restoration of His House of Prayer.

This is continual and long lasting in impact

Tonight:Our Response

The Whys Behind the What-The Values Behind the Structure

Testimony of Laying Down the Model

When we tell our story we give people permission

Validating heart positions

Reaching the “Me too”

Faith

We have a prophetic story to tell

“Call it the Lord-Don’t apologize”

- Laying down the model was tied to laying down a call
- Learning the model was facilitating and end goal of Enjoyable Prayer
- Continual Sustaining Prayer infiltrating the life our the Body

The Promise of Enjoyable Prayer

Is. 56:7

Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,

And make them joyful in My house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

Will be accepted on My altar;

For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

God is Asking for a wholesale change of identity

Promises Pleasure

The Joy is God Himself

The other Joys are secondary-answered prayer, breakthrough, etc

Only God Himself will sustain us in Prayer

The other side of prayer is God

Enjoyable prayer is not frivolity and novelty

Fringy and artsy boutique

Worship Has a Cost

Bringing an understanding that

Consecrating Priests - Exodus

In the sacrifice-God only wants the inner parts-deepest parts

Every act of worship is sacrificial

Time

Money

Relationships

Worthiness of God-God not having a sense of pity

Its how the bowls are filled

The blood was insufficient-but it cost life

The Cost usually in Western

Time and Money

the loss and cost is worth it

- As we go after an expression to illustrate our response to the call of being a “praying people” or what God calls “His House of Prayer,” we must first understand the whys behind the what.
- Our prayer room is the expression of our response. What we do in the prayer room is an expression of our response.
- Our Prayer Room is being built up with “the Harp and Bowl” model.

Revelation 5:8

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

- The **Harp** speaks of worshipping God with Musical Instruments
- The **Bowls** speak of the intercessory prayers of the church
- The combination of worship and intercession and antiphonal singing of the scripture is the basic idea behind the Harp and bowl model.

Why the Harp and Bowl Structure?

- Understanding the values behind the mechanics will make it easier to embrace restraints of a structure or model.

- Loyalty to a certain way of doing things without understanding the underlying heart values leads us into “frustrating formalism.” We must understand the values behind the principles.
- Harp and bowl designed to support prayer room dedication

Confidence

The primary issue is to equip the heart to be empowered with confidence that overcomes fear.

Agreement

The right structure will enhance the creative expression of the Spirit in the context of a corporate team even more than individualistic spontaneous expression.

Structure guides us towards the deepest level of agreement across the broadest number of people. Effective prayer is the target.

Fullness in the Context of Unified Prayer

The context of fullness that we are pursuing is only released to the unified Church

Eph 3:18-19 “...may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Psalm 133:1-3

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
 For brethren to dwell together in unity!
 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
 Running down on the beard,
 The beard of Aaron,
 Running down on the edge of his garments.
 It is like the dew of Hermon,
 Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
 For there the Lord commanded the blessing—
 Life forevermore.

Commanded Blessing

The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in a way that neither man nor the devil can stop.

The greatest realm of power that is available to the church

The Release of the Holy Spirit

The release of the Holy Spirit was connected to the unity of Prayer on Pentecost

Acts 1:14

14 These all continued with one **[a]**accord in prayer **[b]**and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:1-3

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all **[a]**with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them **[b]**divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.

Acts 4:31-35

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Sharing in All Things

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

Acts 5:12

12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

- We need to continually connected to the Divine Possibilities that are available through unified prayer.
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- Not only does God command a blessing towards unity, His power creates and provides it.

The Values that facilitate Unity in Prayer

1. We go farther together.-Prayer is a corporate experience
 - a. Prayer is a team ministry
 - i. Between the worship team, intercessors, and all in the room
 - b. The Symphony
 - i. Fullness comes as we operate like a symphony
 - ii. Our limitations as individuals guide us to each other
 - iii. We can have more when we operate together in unity
 - iv. Members are committed to practicing, training the mind with music, and practicing emotional restraint for the good of flowing together.

- v. Egos are checked at the door. A championship team is not built through one star player.
- 2. Everyone can participate
 - a. A structure that values inclusiveness will facilitate the ungifted, untrained, and emotionally weak/bad days to function on a regular basis.
 - b. The weak need to truly sense a place to belong, desired.
- 3. Centrality of the Word
 - a. Unifies our hearts with His and others
 - b. We are pursuing to possess a spiritual depth in the word
 - c. The word is the language of Gods heart-
 - d. biblical language is like a football team running the same play
 - e. The word guards from the use of error and weirdness and spiritual elitism

Context of How the Holy Spirit Moves

- 1. The Lord makes Himself easy to find...Rather than boasting in those who claim to be finely tuned into God.
 - a. **JEREMIAH 29:12-13** 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
- 2. Demystifying the Process
 - a. The structure of corporate prayer is to include by de-mystifying the spiritual dynamics of a meeting. The process itself keeps spiritual pride in check.
 - b. Gnosticism-teaches that our humanity is evil and must be escaped, resisted, and overcome.
 - c. The incarnation of Jesus is the exact opposite. Jesus is our example of the divine operating with the human context. Humanity is operating in the fullness of the anointing without contradicting righteousness.
 - d. The elitism teaches that God give elite knowledge to the few.
 - e. We must continue to embrace the inclusive nature of the Lord. Prayer is for the weak.
 - f. Bad moods, tired, spiritually dull are welcome
 - g. Unity become the fruit of a heart posture to engage in unified worship

Flowing in the Spirit

Assurance and Confidence and boldness in God is our path to His anointing

We are seeking the way to empower the heart with confidence in God alone that overcomes Fear and Pride.

Fear and timidity has many forms and expressions. The result is the shutting down of the hearts of God's people

As our fears are subdued, we can operate more fully as a team and flow in creativity with God. Stepping out of our comfort zone is one way to face the fear of flowing at an intimate heart level with others we don't know.

The model will give permission-permission empowers and gives boldness.

The human dynamics are unavoidable and necessary in a prayer meeting. The model will assist with those so they can become second nature so all of our attention can be placed on flowing with the Spirit.

The pain of Branching out to do something new and uncomfortable can be blamed on the rails and not on a person.

Facing our Fears

Fear of the Unfamiliar

Learning something new is awkward

Feels like swimming against the current

Practicing Perfect form is unnatural so we can excel later

Fear of Rejection

Serving with people with different personalities, histories, doctrines, understandings,

Fear of not being wanted-

Not being good enough

Fear of being hurt

Criticized and judged by leadership

Fear of inadequacy

Not knowing scripture well enough, or not knowing the "model" well enough

Fear of being replace

Competition

Fear of Missing God

Quenching the Spirit, failing God spiritually

Next Week:

Behind the scenes look at the Intercessory Prayer Format