



Apostolic Birthing Prayer

Preamble 1 - Understand the time

men of Issachar, who **understood the times and knew what Israel should do**—1 Chronicles 12:32

- We need to be like the men of Issachar ‘understanding the times and knowing what we should do.’
 - Understand the time
 - Know what is required of us at this time

The Church and its leaders must **PREPARE**, get ready
Move from survival and maintenance into advancement

1. Usher in the Move of God

- First commandment in First place
- Prayer and Fasting

2. Steward it well

- I. Humility - Touch not the glory, he gets it all
- II. Simple Life - If you want to get ready for revival you must live a restricted life - boundaries
- III. Living with eternity in view
- IV. Preparation - Establish Community
- V. Preparation in the Word

3. Build reproducing Structures - To handle the harvest

- Disciple making Disciples - Reproduce
- Church planting Churches - Reproduce
- Movements that start Movements - Reproduce
- Apostolic Families Rising

Preamble 2 - Carry His Presence

At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today.

Deuteronomy 10:8

- Set Apart - Priestly Privilege, consecration, holy
- Carry His presence - Wow - We know carry Holy Spirit
- Minister to the Lord - Our highest calling and Privilege
- Bless the world around us - Salt, light, Kingdom bringers



Contend For the Fullness

- Of Gods purposes in and through our lives
 - Contending for New Testament Theology
 - Contending for New Testament Lifestyle
 - Contending for New Testament Power
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- There is more than we can see
 - There is more available
 - We are in a transition moment in the World

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--- [10] but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children. **Isaiah 66:8**

Apostolic Birthing Prayer - Prayer precedes Transition

Open Gates, Lift your heads

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [7] Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [8] Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. [9] Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [10] Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty---he is the King of glory.

Psalms 24:6-10

Prayer is Gods way of birthing -

- A deliverance,
- A transition,
- Moving to the next level
- Prayer precedes breakthrough
- An Apostolic House
- An Apostolic People



Examples

Enoch

At that time men began to call on the name of the Lord. **Genesis 4:26**

- In Chapter 5 Enoch was born - Great promise and the first prophetic sign of the end time army that will come
- He personified them - 'Enoch walked steadfastly with the Lord'
- He prophesied the coming of burning ones - Jude 20

Moses - Deliverance and a new transition took place. A new season

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. [8] So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey---the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. [9] And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. **Exodus 3:7-9**

Moses - gives himself too prayer and meeting with God ' Tent of meeting'

- And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. [9] As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. [10] Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent. [11] The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. **Exodus 33:8-11**

Anna - prayed in a new season

- There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, [37] and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. [38] Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. **Luke 2:36-38**

Jesus Prayed: New Covenant



- Luke 10 - You have hidden things from the wise and prudent
- John 11 - Thank you that you always here me - Lazarus come forth
- Luke 3 - He prayed before his baptism
- Luke 6 - He prayed all night before naming his Apostles
- He prayed before he was transfigured
- He prayed when he was grieving John the Baptist death and before he walked on the water Matthew 14
- Matthew 14 he prayed before he fed the 5,000
- John 17 - Prayer for Gethsemane
- Matthew 26 he prayed in Gethsemane
- Luke 22 - That Peters faith wouldn't fail but would make it through strong
- On the cross - Father forgive them for they do not know what they do
- Prayed so his will was inline with Fathers will.
- Jesus prayed
- But Jesus also taught us to pray from his first sermon to his last teaching.

'I have a fire and people come on a Sunday and put their stick in my fire.'
Charles Spurgeon

'I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach.'
Charles Spurgeon

Disciples - Prayer birthed the NT Church

- They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. **Acts 1:14**

Cornelius - The way opened for Gentiles

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. **Acts 10:4**

'Prayer unites us with the purposes of God and secures those purposes.'
EM Bounds

'Prayer Influences God greatly.'

- Azusa street revival - Preceded by prayer - William Seymour A few years of 4-5 hrs a day
- Welsh Revival - Preceded by prayer



- Healing wave in the late 1940's, 1950's - Preceded by prayer and fasting. Franklin Hall Atomic Power through prayer and fasting
- TL Osborn's ministry launched through 40 days of prayer and fasting

Prayer Brings

- Clarity - Spirit of wisdom and revelation - To know what to do and how to pray
- Divine Assistance - God's help - he comes near
- Unshakeable confidence in God and in his calling upon you
- Pushes back the darkness - Shifts spiritual atmospheres
- Brings a spiritual ease - The Oil of the Spirit flowing through all
- Strength to your Inner Man - Mind, Will & Emotions
- God's purposes into manifestation upon the earth
- It's the only way to build Spiritually what the Lord is asking from us
- Births the purposes of God in our lives and upon the earth

The more prayer in a Church, the more there will be of God

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1. Make a commitment to prayer

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. [18] Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. **James 5:17-18**

- James points to Elijah as a man that made a commitment to prayer

Jesus Said his house would be called a house of prayer.



"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.' ". **Matthew 21:13**

- We need to recover his identity for our lives.
- We need to make a commitment to prayer.

'Our culture is obsessed with playing and resting and yet they are not satisfied or rested' **Mike Bickle**

2. Pray with Boldness

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- Elijah - Told Ahab he would pray and rain would come
- We need to recover bold and confident prayer, declaring prayer

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. [25] You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? [26] The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' **Acts 4:24-26**

- They prayed boldly
- They prayed first
- They made a demand upon God

3. Pray with Perseverance/ Tenacity

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1 Kings 18:41-45

- Went up to Carmel
- Went on his knees
- Seven times



Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
Colossians 4:2 NKJV

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints- **Ephesians 6:18 NKJV**

4. Pray with Faith

- Elijah 'Tell Ahab get ready and ride because the rains are coming' but he had only seen a small cloud.
- He hadn't see rain or heard thunder or seen a cloudy sky
- He knew God.
- Faith in God and in His Word

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. [23] “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. [24] Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. **Mark 11:22-24**

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **James 5:15**

- Prayer carries the promise to its fulfilment
- Prayer is the engine that drives and empowers our lives and ministry

Conclusion

- A renewed commitment to prayer as individuals and for our churches
- Live it - It has to be a personal lifestyle of prayer
- Preach it - We have to encourage and teach our people to pray both by example and also
- The people will follow our example and teaching
- WE MUST HAVE A CULTURE OF PRAYER WITHIN OUR CHURCH