



REVIVAL PRAYER PODCAST

“Prayers for Revelation”

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In the College of Prayer, we encourage everyone to start their time by praying three prayers (Protection, Direction, and Revelation). Each of these prayers is significant. Today, I would like us to focus on why it is important to pray prayers of revelation.

Prayer that welcomes the revelation of God and the manifest presence of God is what separates Christian prayers from every other religion. When Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists pray, the omnipresence of God is there. It is only when Christians pray that God reveals Himself in a tangible, transformational way.

The omnipresence of God does not bring anyone to repentance. It is only the manifest presence of Christ that will lead someone to repentance and transformation. As followers of Jesus, we are not just called to pray to God; we are called to pray for God to reveal Himself.

Throughout the Bible, we are called to pray for God to reveal Himself.

Exodus 33:18 - *“Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”*

Psalms 27:4 - *“One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.”*

Jeremiah 29:13 - *“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”*

Isaiah 55:6 - *“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.”*

Matthew 18:20–21 - *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” 21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”*

Matthew 7:7–8 - *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”*

James 4:8 - *“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”*

Guidelines for Praying Prayers of Revelation

- 1) **Ask for God's presence.** Welcome God's presence. He loves to reveal Himself to those who ask. (Matthew 18:20-21). Jesus said, *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."* (Revelation 3:20).
- 2) **Receive His love.** When God reveals Himself, He will always reveal His love. *"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."* (1 John 4:16). We begin to encounter God as a child and receive His love, saying, *"Our Father"* (Matthew 6:9).
- 3) **Praise His name.** *"God inhabits the praises of His people"* (Psalm 22:3). As we hallow His name, God's presence is revealed. Every name of God is a revelation of who God is. Jehovah Rapha reveals God as Healer. Emmanuel reveals God is with us. Jehovah Jirah reveals God as provider. Every time we declare God's name, we receive a revelation of who He is!
- 4) **Wait.** We must learn to wait on God for His presence. David said, *"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"* (Psalm 27:14). Often, the greatest revelations have come after a period of waiting. God loves to manifest His presence as we wait on Him. Isaiah said, *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint"* (Isaiah 40:31).
- 5) **Seek God's face more than his hands.** David said, *"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple."* (Psalm 27:4)
- 6) **Start in the room before going outside the room.** While it is easy (and appropriate at times) to pray prayers for people outside the room or gathering, it is important to start prayers for those at the prayer gathering. Start personal. What God does in you, he will do through you.
- 7) **Listen to God.** It is easy to speak to God and share our desires. However, we want to learn how to listen for God and His instructions. (John 16:13; Acts 13:2) Lead the people in the room to listen to God. What God has to say is far more important than anything we have to say.
- 8) **Prophecy.** Go where God directs. Call people into certain prayers. When you sense God leading in a certain direction, clearly lead others to pray into that. You may want to call people in the middle or ask for a response. You may want to lead people to raise a hand or repeat after you. You may want to call people to break into groups. God is speaking to you. Lead others to encounter His presence.
- 9) **Welcome repentance.** Whenever God manifests His presence and reveals His Glory and His Holiness, people repent. Moses repented (Ex. 3:6); Isaiah repented (Is. 6:5); Paul repented (Acts 9). When God's presence falls, welcome His love and kindness, which leads to repentance (Rom. 2:4).
- 10) **Give priority to the presence.** When God's presence comes, our agendas are put to the side. We must give priority to the revelation of Jesus.

May God lead you to pray prayers of revelation. May you lead others to pray prayers of revelation. May every prayer meeting you have lead people to meet with Jesus. May you have the courage to welcome and sustain the presence of Jesus in every prayer gathering.