

Habitation Conference Session #2

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Our church for half a year has been talking about two things: contending and prayer. My portion and my assignment is to elevate the way we see prayer. We'll see it maybe a little more, and a little deeper. After 1 hour prayer with Pastor Hannah, some of you are saying, "I wish I could go that long."

A lack of prayer (prayerlessness) is not a discipline issue, it's a faith issue.

I recognize that this may be offensive to your sensibility, but **You will not ask God for what you don't believe God can do.** For many of us when we don't pray, it reveals the areas of our life where we lack faith. But our God lives in a realm just beyond what you can reach or ask. God works in exceeding, abundantly..

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Ephesians 3:20

He wants to you to live and see him in a realm that is so big that you would ask for the impossible...because if you could do it, it's not God.

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10 - NKJV

Take Your Position

I'm literally talking to people from around the world and across the nation and you are representatives of your region. My desire is that seats will be filled. I want us to have our seats filled. One thing I hate about our political climate is that it's never ending. People are constantly pandering to their base, refuse to work together on representative governing because they're constantly in campaign mode, and it's nauseating. I find one thing that's bothersome. When one of the opposing party members says someone doesn't show up for votes or is not there. **Someone that is supposed to represent you has left the seat empty and doesn't vote on your behalf.** Every time that happens and they say they miss their seat 50/60/70% of the time. Which causes us to ask, should we really send this person to represent us? This begs the question:

How many seats in heavenly palaces are unoccupied?

There is a promise from the LORD that scares the enemy to death

7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! John 15:7 (NLT)

I understand this terminology has been hijacked by people who want you to ask for lesser things. **Don't use your seat in heavenly places for lesser gain.** When we send someone to represent us - and they use their authority for earthly gain, we call it corrupt politics. Jesus said don't be like pagans when they pray they ask for things: what they will eat, drink, wear - your Heaven Father knows what you have need of before you ask. You can be free to seek the Kingdom of God. You don't need to seek stuff when you know who your Father is.

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This promise that Jesus makes in John 15:7 is about the truth of abiding **Anyone who abides in Christ or Christ abides in Him - will not ask amiss or ask for things the LORD doesn't want to release.**

There's a promise that is made- for those who're connected to Me who make an intentional decision to turn down the allure of the world and seek Me. It's this, **you can ask for ANYTHING AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU.**

This promise causes the enemy to shake in his boots. He knows there is a people who can ask for anything and God will do it. **Everything that the enemy tries to do in your life is to pull you out of the place of abiding.** He's trying to do everything he can to pull us out of the place of abiding. **The key to answered prayer is the place from which you ask.** He wants to distract us so that we will not live in a place where we acknowledge that everything we ask will be granted.

Many of us we continue to treat God like he's Santa Claus. You sit there like a child on Christmas Eve hoping that He might have heard you and that He might answer. The promise God gave His disciples was **if you continually live in a place of abiding, you can ask for anything.** The reason I made the statement, that the Key to answered prayer is the place from which you ask is because too many of us consider our place here, but...

We are residents of earth. We are CITIZENS of Heaven.

Paul writes to the Philippians Phil 3:20-21

We are a colony of heaven on earth as we cling tightly to our life-giver, the LORD Jesus Christ ²¹ who will transform our humble bodies^[k] and transfigure us into the identical likeness of his glorified body. And using his matchless power, he continually subdues everything to himself. (TPT)

Philippi was a Roman colony. Its citizens were citizens of Rome. They understood what it means to live in one place and be a citizen of another place. They knew how to walk in two places. **We have to learn that we live in two realms and learn how to live on earth, but engage the laws, the pleasures, the worship the God of Heaven.** You and I are on the earth and live simultaneously as citizens of Heaven.

We are not only citizens of Heaven, but we are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, we've been given unhindered access to God. In 2018, a lot of people don't like to talk about **the Blood of Jesus, but it gives us unhindered access to God-Because of sin.** What would have been required of us is our life but because of the Blood of Jesus; we got up with Him. Our conscience is now clean and we are seated in heavenly places with Him. We are not not only *with* Him according to Colossians we are **IN Him.**

What's the big deal? Why am I saying all of this? Residents of earth and citizens of heaven? **Because when we pray, it's taking place in two places.** I need us to grab ahold of this. You think it's only *heard* in two places. I want suggest to you to that **it's SPOKEN and IT'S HAPPENING in 2 places.** We think we're praying up and hoping that we get a prayer through. **We're not praying from an underneath place, we're praying from a Heavenly place!**

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The enemy can't stop a prayer, he can only delay an answer! We are seated in Heavenly places, so the moment we pray, the answer is released. The enemy can't block that prayer, he can only delay an answer. It's not just heard there; it's spoken there in Heaven.

We Pray Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it already is in heaven. **God is not trying to create an answer when you pray.** He's not working with busy worker elves behind the scenes trying to get your prayer answered, wondering, "How are we going to do that?" Pastor Caleb preached that **Heaven is the storehouse of earth's answers.**

22 "Have you visited the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of hail? 23 (I have reserved them as weapons for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war.) Job 38:22-23 (NLT)

When you hear someone under prophetic unction... they're saying there's more! There's something there's more of what you've already seen. At Deeper Fellowship Church, we've seen over 300 miracles over the last 20 months or so...but there are more wheel chairs to be emptied, more tumors to dry up, more walkers to throw away. **Heaven is the storehouse of earth's answers.** This is important for us, because many of us we are praying up and hoping that something comes down. We use erroneous phrases like, "*When praises go up, blessings come down.*" But our God can't be manipulated. We say these things all the time. Praise Him for this or that. As if He's saying if you praise me good enough I might be moved enough to answer your prayer. No! **God is good because God is good!** You didn't sing good enough, shout well enough. He said no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly before Him. (Psalm 84:11) Our God is good because He is good! He's just good!

Your Kingdom Come Your will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.

We're praying, **let earth reflect what's already going on in Heaven.** God, we put a mirror down, so let earth reflect what's already in Heaven. When Jesus Christ incarnate walked the earth he would go into a situation and say, "***This doesn't look like Heaven. Sickness doesn't exist there...***" and he started to demonstrate what Heaven was like. **We call it a miracle but Jesus called it Heaven.** We have no frame of reference on the earth. On earth it is impossible, but when Jesus is looking at it He said to us, I want you to pray this everywhere you go - Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Some translations say your Kingdom **come quickly.** Pray that things reflect what's happening there in Heaven, here on earth now, quickly, suddenly and soon.

The position that we have that is bigger than most of us realize. I want you to say this out loud to yourself:

***I have way more authority than I've been walking in.
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*19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. **This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.** 21 **Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else— not only in this world but also in the world to come.** 22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the*

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church. 23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. Ephesians 1: 19 - 23 (NLT)

Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Not only is He at the right hand, now He is far above any ruler, authority, or power or leader or anything else - not only in this world but also in the world to come. (vs. 21) He's above it! when will we understand that we're seated in Heavenly places with Him. We are above all authority, rule and power!

Ephesians 2 is our collective testimony:

Growing up in the church, I didn't have the testimony that I was drinking and smoking, etc. I was church all my life. Until you understand the Gospel - all of us have the same testimony - we just have different stories.

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:1-10

God placed Christ at his right hand and He seated us with Him.

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:1 - 3

Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **You and I are seated with Him and we're hidden with Christ in God.** He is Supreme over all. We are seated with Him and we are hidden in Him **So the enemy fights to keep us prayer-less because he knows our position. If we were to ever take our position, his stranglehold over regions would be over.**

One of the things we have done to our own detriment is outsource prayer to intercessors. We send them to a side room. We want to send them a text and say the've got it. **In so doing, you're not showing up to sit in your seat.** I love the prophetic move of God happening in the earth. And there are some genuine prophets in this room and in the earth. But because of our lack of prayer time. Every time we don't understand something, instead of going to God we would go to them. **We want to stand in front of a man and get what God wants us to get ourselves!**

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Here's where the paradigm begins to shift. I was like God do you want me to say this? I'm not sure we're fully understanding our position. I hope they've been getting it. **There is a Divine council in Heaven where Christ is seated and we are seated with Him.**

Prayer is a supernatural transaction that takes place in the spirit that affects things in the natural. God never intends on Divine orchestration without human participation.

We've been preaching to help people understand why the enemy wants to keep us prayer-less. He knows we are residents of earth and citizens of heaven, and given dominion in the earth. As a result of giving dominion on earth, **whenever the Divine council meets, God wants to talk to people about the affairs of the earth.** This Divine council is not ethereal or metaphorical in it's nature. One the descriptors of God is the LORD of Hosts (NLT the God of angel armies). The reason He's the LORD of HOSTS is that he created, and has authority over all things, they're subject to Him. When you see the Hosts of Heaven is a gathering of the council.

Daniel 7:8-10 NLT is One of the most famous visions of the Heavenly Court

*8 As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. 9 I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, 10 and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. **Then the court began its session, and the books were opened.***

In Isaiah 6:1-4 (NKJV) God was allowing Isaiah to see a gathering of the council.

*It was in the year King Uzziah died that **I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple.** 2 Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" 4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.*

Psalms 89:7 (TPT)

You are a God who is greatly to be heard as you preside over the council of the holy ones

Psalms 82:1 (ESV, NLT)

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

God presides over heaven's court; he pronounces judgment on the heavenly beings:

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The council is also known as the courts of heaven. He pronounces judgment on the heavenly beings. In times past what God would do was that **He would show prophets the council.** One of the reasons people would be called false prophets was because they would prophesy without standing before and listening to the council.

"But who (of the prophets) has stood in the council of the LORD, That he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened?" Jeremiah 23:18 NASB

One of the most famous examples Job 1: 6-7 (NLT) you get a picture of this:

6 One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. 7 "Where have you come from?" the Lord asked Satan. Satan answered the Lord, "I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that's going on."

The accuser is not the only one who's watching. The bible says *"the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."* (2 Chronicles 16:9 a) His eyes are in every place beholding both evil and good (Proverbs 15:3) That's why He could ask, *"Have you considered my servant Job?"* The accuser said, the only reason people on the earth serve you is because you bless them. God replied I know some people who will serve me no matter what. **Job went through what he went through because God wanted to demonstrate, "I've got a faithful witness on the earth."**

Some of you will prove His case and silence the voice of the accuser.

Here you have the council meeting together talking about the affairs of the earth, that's why job has come into the equation. When we say, the steps of a good man are ORDERED by the LORD (Psalm 37:23) We're saying that He's planned some things out that concern you. **There are some conversations that are taking place in the council about you.**

2 Chronicles 18:1 - 18 (NKJV)

There is more that happens in the realm of the spirit than most of us are aware of.

2 kings sitting on 2 thrones and 400 prophets come and tell them the same thing. You're gonna be victorious.

*Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab. 2 After some years he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead. 3 So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And he answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war." 4 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the Lord today." 5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" **So they said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand."** 6 But Jehoshaphat said, **"Is there not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of Him?"***

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7 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, **“There is still one man by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla.”** And Jehoshaphat said, **“Let not the king say such things!”** 8 Then the king of Israel called one of his officers and said, **“Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly!”** 9 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, clothed in their robes, sat each on his throne; and they sat at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 10 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, **“Thus says the Lord: ‘With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.’ ”** 11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, **“Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king’s hand.”** 12 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, **“Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Therefore please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement.”**

verse 13

13 And Micaiah said, **“As the Lord lives, whatever my God says, that I will speak.”**

Thank God for the genuine voice on the LORD in the earth who will not be swayed by politics but will only say what He is saying!

Verse 14 -15 He said this sarcastically - go ahead!

14 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, **“Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?”** And he said, **“Go and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand!”** 15 So the king said to him, **“How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?”**

verse 18 - 22

18 Then Micaiah said, **“Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left.** 19 And the Lord said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 20 **Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’ The Lord said to him, ‘In what way?’** 21 So he said, **‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’** And the Lord said, ‘You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so.’ 22 **Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you.”**

Prophet Micaiah saw the council! He saw the meeting. Spirits are talking with other spirits about what’s happening on the earth. There wasn’t a man to represent the earth at that time - **the seat was empty.**

Job told us that one of the spirits that attends council meetings is the accuser . We know he stands before the LORD day and night. Satan the accuser is not accusing you to you - but in the courts of Heaven accusing you there!

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God says I have a plan, I'm going to take Ahab out of here. Who is going to persuade him? A spirit says I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. I want to help you about the Sovereignty of our God because the devil is a liar. God can literally allow the devil to do something. He can say, "You can do this or that or not that, but you are constrained by my word." **God has no rival. In order to have a rival, it has to be someone who has an equal chance of winning.** There is no one who can challenge Him, He has never lost a battle. **Satan is not God's rival.** Satan is already defeated, hell is reserved for him. It didn't even take God - it was a no-name angel that threw him out of Heaven.

Literally 400 liars came before the throne saying Ahab, you'll be successful. **You need to know when it is God speaking.** We want to gather people around who say what you want to hear. We need people who will say to God, "Everything you speak is for my good, even if you're correcting me." Because you love me and whom the LORD loves He chastises and deals with as sons. (Hebrews 12:5-6)

vs 23-24

Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?"²⁴ And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!"

What is happening in this moment. **One prophet has sat at the council hearing the spirit to spirit conversation.** God did not intend on Divine orchestration without human participation. Apparently there was an empty seat.

Zech 3:1 NKJV

*Then he showed me **Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.** And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"*

I spent quite a bit of time layering that we are residents of earth and citizens of heaven. This passage lays it out:

verse 3 Now Joshua was **clothed with filthy garments**, and was standing before the Angel.

In the Hebrew - filthy - means human feces, he was that dirty.

Jeshua the high priest is doing his priestly duty on the earth, but what Zechariah sees is what is happening when he's behind the veil in the Holy of Holies. In Leviticus and Exodus - the priest needed to be clean to enter into the Most Holy Place. If he was unclean, he would die. Jeshua was as clean as he could be on the earth, but according to the Heavenly standard, he was unclean. Our righteousness is like filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6) **Zechariah the prophet is invited to the council, but he doesn't deserve to be there.**

Because Joshua was the high priest, he didn't just represent himself, he represented all of the nation. When the accuser is saying he can't have this seat because he's filthy, he's really saying this NATION doesn't deserve You. In this passage he's referring to the remnant

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after that will rebuild the temple after Babylonian captivity. The accuser is upset because in this remnant God has chosen to build something that His Son will inhabit. The accuser is standing there saying that they're filthy, they're dirty, they don't deserve this task. If you're the righteous judge, You should stop this. But God says, Silence! I rebuke you because I chose them. Some of you have shame about being used. **We are chosen in Him before the foundation of the world. Because we are chosen, we belong in the seat!** Where you're missing it is you're struggling in your thoughts. You keep trying to rebuke the enemy. **It is the LORD that is rebuking satan on your behalf.** The angrier you talk at the devil (devil you get out of here, etc.) the more you're missing it. **You're supposed to submit yourself to GOD** and resist the devil (James 4:7) All that screaming at the devil doesn't work - submit to God!

The LORD says I rebuke you Satan. Satan is not a proper name, it's the name of accuser. What were seeing is a spirit that stands to accuse you in the court of heaven day and night. I believe that **one of the reasons many of you have a guilty conscience is because of what you overhear being said about you in the courts of Heaven.** You hear, "you're a dirty rotten filthy sinner." Satan knows that because you're a resident of earth and a citizen of Heaven, you can stand still and see the salvation of the Lord (Ex. 14:13) and recognize the truth that you're chosen in Him.

Hebrews 10:19 -22 NLT

*19 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. 20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. 21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. **For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.***

Zechariah the high priest was Joshua for us it's Yeshua

Do you have a guilty conscience?

When the accuser stands before the council accusing, our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood. He put up His hand where the nail prints are and says be quiet! I shed blood for them. **Be free of that guilty conscience today. Stop listening to what the enemy is saying about you in the courts of Heaven. It's more important for you to know His Word than the words of the accuser!**

Then God allows something to happen, **He says, put clean white robes on them (mercy).** I know you see filth but I will wrap a clean garment around you. **Then prophet Zechariah says they should put a turban on his head (it says Holiness unto the LORD)** That was the grace of God. The mercy of God - that which He can't give himself and the grace of God giving you something you can't earn.

Zech 3: 7

*7 "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: If you follow my ways and carefully serve me, then you will be given authority over my Temple and its courtyards. **I will let you walk among these others standing here.***

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If you follow my way and carefully serve me, I'll give you an assignment on the earth and access at the council to command angels. There is a heavenly council. Jesus Christ paid for your seat with His blood. You're seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus.

Eph 6:10 - 12 (NKJV)

*10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

Eph 1 - **Christ's position is far above all powers and all rulers. Where are you and I seated? with HIM!**

Vs. 13 -18

*13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—***

As I listen to churches we put the emphasis on always but **how do you put on the armor of God without praying?**

Prayer occupies your seat on the council of Heaven. God never intends on Divine orchestration without human participation. Human participation is granted to righteous people. The reason the seats were empty in the Old Testament is because righteousness was not yet imputed. It was based on the lack of righteousness of those around you.

Abraham's faith was counted for him as righteousness. He wasn't righteous because of the blood either. He was righteous because of his faith. There were those whom God included in righteousness because before the foundation of the world, Christ the Lamb was slain. (Rev. 13:8) So **God could include people where it hadn't happened...because it had already happened!** Because of his future faith God called Abraham righteous. Because of calling him righteous, He allowed that man Abraham access to the council. I said all of this so you can understand Genesis 18:

Genesis 18:17 - 19 (NLT)

*17 **"Should I hide my plan from Abraham?"** the Lord asked. 18 "For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. 19 **I have singled him out** so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised."*

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Who was he talking to? He's in the council saying should I hide my plan from this man? He's considering everyone who will believe like him is one day going to have a seat too. I don't want to talk about the affairs of earth without talking to this man Abraham.

You been thinking you just passively sit and God does everything without talking to you. He wants to talk to you about your City, state, nation... but he won't do it if the seat is empty.

I have singled him out (vs 19-)

If everybody is wicked, who made the outcry? Zech 1 - God has beings on the earth to tell Him what is going on...good and bad. God, you might want to do something about this City. As I go see about it, let me talk to the righteous. **If you could see your position, you'd never stop praying! You'd never stop talking to God about your City!**

On my way down to Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham, take your seat, let's talk.:

Vs. 21-33

21 I am going down to see if their actions are as wicked as I have heard. If not, I want to know."22 The other men turned and headed toward Sodom, but the Lord remained with Abraham. 23 Abraham approached him and said, "Will you sweep away both the righteous and the wicked? 24 Suppose you find fifty righteous people living there in the city—will you still sweep it away and not spare it for their sakes? 25 Surely you wouldn't do such a thing, destroying the righteous along with the wicked. Why, you would be treating the righteous and the wicked exactly the same! Surely you wouldn't do that! Should not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?" 26 And the Lord replied, "If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, I will spare the entire city for their sake." 27 Then Abraham spoke again. "Since I have begun, let me speak further to my Lord, even though I am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose there are only forty-five righteous people rather than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five righteous people there." 29 Then Abraham pressed his request further. "Suppose there are only forty?" And the Lord replied, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the forty." 30 "Please don't be angry, my Lord," Abraham pleaded. "Let me speak—suppose only thirty righteous people are found?" And the Lord replied, "I will not destroy it if I find thirty." 31 Then Abraham said, "Since I have dared to speak to the Lord, let me continue—suppose there are only twenty?" And the Lord replied, "Then I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."32 Finally, Abraham said, "Lord, please don't be angry with me if I speak one more time. Suppose only ten are found there?" And the Lord replied, "Then I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten." 33 When the Lord had finished his conversation with Abraham, he went on his way, and Abraham returned to his tent.

You're the judge of the council. **Abraham says, I don't have a right, but since you're talking to me...let me intercede.** You should never allow someone else to talk for you, to have your seat, since Jesus paid for it with His blood. God allowed Abraham to talk about the destiny of an entire region! Here is what I need you to see. Abraham had a seat because he was righteous. You've been made righteous by Jesus' blood! **This is why you can't allow your love to grow cold. He was talking about the destiny of a city, but also about the destiny of this family, because his nephew Lot was in that City.** Your seat at the table can affect your family and those you know in the City.

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He's looking on the earth. You can say, "God, don't destroy the City the thing I love..." and He won't do it. **What are you doing with your City? with your seat? with your position?** We've fallen in love with complacency to our own detriment. "Even so come LORD Jesus," we say. Are you sure you want Him to come right now? **The first time, He came in mercy. Next time He's coming as a judge, so don't be so quick.** The heart of the father is patient. He's not slack concerning his promise. He is patient toward us not wanting anyone to perish but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9) **The reason why Jesus hasn't come back yet is because of his compassion and mercy.** Have you prayed, "God, what about our nation, city, church, family?" What are you doing with your seat?!

Our lack of intercession is keeping many seats at the council empty. Seats are empty because we're going after vain pursuits. All you care about is BMW or putting a ring on it. **God gave you seat for nations, cities and governments.** God gave you a seat to shift the atmosphere. The enemy doesn't want you to know this. If he can keep you occupied with bills, haters, social media, ambitions, etc, your seat will be unoccupied.

Not only is your prayer heard in two places, it's spoken in two places. When it's spoken from an elevated position in the presence of God, the enemy can't block your prayer. Christ's position is above, and we are seated above as prayers are released into the atmosphere. **He's not blocking things from going up. He's trying to delay them with the principalities, powers and rulers that are in between the prayer and its manifestation.** Which is why Jesus taught us to pray, Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it ALREADY IS in Heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)

Pray that the Kingdom come quickly. Do you want to know why an open heaven is so important? It removes the blockage. When you're under an open heaven that means that things are shifting quickly. We are under an open heaven, but there are so many unoccupied seats.

When you go home I want you to take your seat.

Abraham's righteousness was given to him because of his faith. Yours was given to you because of the Blood. We have been made righteous. You aren't too guilty because of your sin. You are cleansed - you are not guilty - you are cleansed. What is the reason you're not occupying your seat now. You're saying, "I'm not worthy." Christ has made you worthy. If you leave your seat unoccupied, when God begins to move on the affairs of the earth, the void can be filled by false prophets.

There are seats that need to be filled over regions and territories and nations. You occupy your seat through prayer. From an elevated position, things on the earth look different.

There are things that God wants to do. No move of God has ever happened in the history of the earth without prayer. We love worship, and we still have unoccupied seats. We love coming to church. **We say we want revival but we are still leaving unoccupied seats.** If you live in a City, you need to know what stronghold has to come down. **Every region or territory has something over it; but every region also has thrones/seats above it.** Every region is subject to authority. How does the Bible say that God will crush Satan under our feet unless we're above Him. (Roman 16:20)

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I want encourage us to take your seat. **It's a seat of intercession.** We think the things that happen in our world, in our city, region - just happen. But **some things are happening because your seat is unoccupied.** That's why Jesus said:

Whatever things you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

You are residents of earth and citizens of heaven. That means there is a dual reality every time you speak. **If you understood the position from which you speak - you would NEVER be quiet.** Take a posture for whatever City nation region you represent.

That which you're unwilling to contend for, you are willing to live without.

Everybody's talking about revival, but not everyone is praying for it. Speak an open Heaven. Declare the miraculous over your region. I'm talking to a bunch of people with seats over regions. Pray for your region. **Take your position, don't leave that seat empty.**