

# *Intimacy with Father, Son and Spirit*

## *Session 23: Answered Prayer and the Greater Works*

### *(Jn. 14:12)*

#### I. JESUS ANSWERS PRAYER THAT AGREES WITH HIS LEADERSHIP

- Jesus applied the truth of how He loved the Father *as a man* to His people.

<sup>12</sup>“...he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup>And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (Jn. 14:12-14)

- Prayer is not about informing or persuading God, but about connecting with Him in relationship. Jesus spent entire nights in prayer just to commune with the Father, not to get more power.

We do not earn answers to our prayers by our persistence, but we position ourselves to grow in transforming union and deep partnership with Jesus.

\*\* I think that Christianity, especially western culture has gotten so lazy in relationship in general that the *quick and easy* has replaced the *longsuffering* in how we relate to one another, and by habit forming in how we relate to God.

Examine your thought life with God, your prayer life? Is it transactional? Do you only go to the Father when you need something?

When I hear people ask for prayer, I feel that somehow people are asking more for an intermediary between them and the Father, than a partnership of will you please agree with me and join me.

I believe the reason why we might not see certain things happen, especially in the world of seeing prayers manifested in healing, etc. Might be because many of when we take part in those prayers we are only doing them with an ***acquaintance*** heart and not with a ***sonship***

I am not talking about your faith or beliefs. I believe all of you believe, How much time do you spend with God. I myself am convicted because do I give God the amount of time that He who sits on the throne of my heart deserves?

So I have to ask myself, and I need you to ask yourselves, what is that thing that takes the most of your time, and then ask is it that that sits on the throne of your heart, and Not God.

I feel that the prerequisite for JN 14:12 is not an automatic thing, although there is proof that people that don't deserve that power can sometimes walk in it (Sons of Sceva, and the parable of the man who doesn't enter into the kingdom) but the depth and the fullness of surrender to a Father and a Jesus that is willing to grant you that power if only we leave everything behind and walk.

The story of the 72, has way more to do with humanity and heart posture than it does with simple instructions to 72 men.

## II. UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT FOR THE END-TIME CHURCH

-Jesus is returning for a spiritually vibrant church that walks in victory as a prepared Bride (Jn.17:21-26; Rev. 19:7; 22:17). This implies millions of "weak" people will be empowered in a great measure to walk in mature love, peace, joy, courage, unity, and power by God's grace.

*<sup>7</sup>...for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. (Rev. 19:7)*

*<sup>22</sup>The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one... (Jn. 17:22)*

I believe that the recipe of "Jacob's trouble" unleashed on this world in the midst of the revealing of Jesus, when we as "Christians" have ran out of excuses to be bothered by the system of this world, I believe then, at that moment, while it might be hard is when you will start to see the greatest generation emerge.

Currently we allow the mundane of life, work, bills and the system to keep us from fully engaging God. And it all at its core deals with aspects of our heart still not trusting Him.

And God is too loving and complex to leave a simple recipe that says just because your physically poor means your spiritually rich. Because evidence in life proves that its more complicated than that.

**-Greatest Revival**, I have a real hard time to process with my heart when I hear Christians speak of the next Revival. To me it's like sons reaching for scraps. I am paternally sick of hearing and experiencing revivals that stir up a body, end, then in a matter of weeks 99% of those who were in the midst go back to their previous life.

I yearn for something more, I yearn for the greatest revival that is to come, I yearn for more realness, which is why when I hear revival spoken with out the context of what I am about to reveal, I am sadden. Because I wonder if there are ulterior motives whether they are known or unknown by those calling for it.

-The greatest revival and outpouring of the Spirit in history will occur in the end times, resulting in a victorious, unified Church filled with God's glory (**Eph. 5:26-27; Rev. 15:2**). The Holy Spirit will establish the first commandment in first place in the global body of Christ. There will be a great new harvest of souls—"the billion-soul harvest" (**Mt. 24:14; Rev. 7:9; 14:6**).

<sup>25</sup>*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:25-27)*

<sup>2</sup>*And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. <sup>3</sup>They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! <sup>4</sup>Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." (Rev 15:2-4)*

<sup>9</sup>*After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:9,10)*

-The greater works include the miracles associated with Moses in Egypt and the wilderness.

<sup>15</sup>*"As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders." <sup>16</sup>The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might...<sup>17</sup>They shall lick the dust like a serpent; they shall crawl from their holes like snakes...They shall be afraid of the LORD... (Mic. 7:15-17)*

This is Micah's prophetic insight into Israel's forgiveness for not accepting Jesus surrounding the day of Jesus' return.

It speaks to **Supernatural Provision, Supernatural Protection** in the same manner God provided for His people in the exodus story, He will provide on that Day.

-The spirit of prophecy with power will be released in a measure surpassing any time in history.

***<sup>17</sup>“...in the last days...I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...<sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. (Acts 2:17-20)***

Many have wondered why Peter quoted Joel 2:29 in Acts 2. And have even wrongfully removed the original emphasis and my only understanding that I can come up with is that it was done with hearts that were void of longsuffering.

The greatest inheritance we can ever pass down to our children is one of a fervent heart to love Him on His terms not our own. The greatest inheritance that the proverbs speak of have more to do with the heart posture of a surrendered life (spiritual gold) than with any earthly possession.

In Joel 2:28, Joel is clearly prophesying a heart and an environment over Israel in the time called “the Day of the Lord”

All Peter was initiating was that our responsibility to cultivate such heart wasn’t only a one generation responsibility, but 2,000 years of generational blessing of a heart that is prepared.

***<sup>26</sup>As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man... (Lk. 17:26)***

- The miracles in Scripture are seeds of Jesus’ power to be seen in fullness in the days of Son of Man.

***<sup>11</sup>He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets...<sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry...<sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... (Eph. 4:11-13)***

***<sup>25</sup>...blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (Rom. 11:25)***

- The Spirit of glory will come in a greater measure on those who are persecuted (1 Pet. 4:14).

***<sup>14</sup>If you are reproached for...Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory...rests upon you.***

**(1 Pet. 4:14)**

### **III. THE MIRACLES OF JESUS: ABOUT 40 MIRACLES**

**A. Only one miracle of Jesus is reported in all four Gospels:** Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 people from 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes (Mt. 14:13-21, Mk. 6:30-42; Lk. 9:10-17; Jn. 6:1-13).

**B. The miracles of Jesus reported in three Gospels:** Jesus healed a leper (Mt. 8:2-4, Mk. 1:40-45; Lk. 5:12-15), Peter's mother-in-law (Mt. 8:14-15; Mk. 1:29-31; Lk. 4:38-39), a paralytic man on the Sabbath (Mt. 9:2-8; Mk. 2:3-12; Lk. 5:17-25), a woman who had hemorrhaged for 12 years (Mt. 9:20-22; Mk. 5:25-29; Lk. 8:43-46), a man with a withered hand (Mt. 12:9-13; Mk. 3:1-5; Lk. 6:6-10) and raised Jairus' daughter from the dead (Mt. 9:23-26; Mk. 5:35-38; Lk. 8:49-52). He calmed a violent storm (Mt. 8:23-27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25), cast a legion of demons out of two men that went into a herd of pigs (Mt. 8:28; Mk. 5:1; Lk. 8:26) and cast a demon out of a boy that had caused him to be deaf and to have epilepsy (Mt. 17:14-18; Mk. 9:14-18; Lk. 9:37-42). He walked on water during a storm on the Sea of Galilee (Mt. 14:24-27; Mk. 6:47-50; Jn. 6:18-21).

**C. The miracles of Jesus reported in two Gospels:** Jesus fed 4,000 people near to the Sea of Galilee (Mt. 15:32-38; Mk. 8:1-9). He cast a demon out of a man at synagogue in Capernaum (Mk. 1:23-26; Lk. 4:33-35) and out of a blind man (Mt. 12:22; Mk. 3:10-11) and out of the daughter of a Canaanite woman (Mt. 15:22-28; Mk. 7:24-30). He healed a centurion's servant (Mt. 8:5-13; Lk. 7:2-10) and the two blind men who were sitting by the road on the way to Jericho (Mt. 20:29-31; Mk. 10:46-48). Jesus cursed a fig tree when entering Jerusalem (Mt. 21:18-20; Mk. 11:12-14).

**D. The miracles of Jesus unique to Matthew:** Jesus healed 2 blind men (9:27-31), caused Peter to walk on water (14:28-31), caused a coin to be in a fish in order to pay the temple tax (17:24-27).

**E. The miracles of Jesus unique to Mark:** He healed a deaf man (7:31-37) and a blind man (8:22-26).

**F. The miracles of Jesus unique to Luke:** Jesus escaped an angry crowd who sought to kill Him by throwing Him off a cliff (4:28-30), miraculously caused Peter's net to be full of fish (5:4-11), raised the dead son of the widow of Nain (7:11-18), cast the demons out of a woman that had caused her to be crippled for 18 years (13:11-17), healed a man with dropsy (swelling of his body; 14:2-6), healed ten lepers (17:11-19), a blind man on the road to Jericho (18:35-43) and the right ear of the High Priest's servant that Peter had cut off with his sword (22:50-51).

**G. The miracles of Jesus unique to John:** Jesus turned water into wine (2:1-11), healed a royal official's son (4:46-54); healed a man who suffered from an infirmity for 38 years (5:1-9), a man born blind (9:1-7), raised Lazarus to life though he had been dead for 4 days (11:38-44), and miraculously caused 153 fish to fill Peter's net (21:1-14).

**H. Other miracles in the Gospels:** Miracles done by the apostles and the 70 (Mt. 10:8; Lk. 10:17-20).

**I. Miracles associated with Peter:** Peter healed a man who had been crippled from birth (Acts 3:2-11), Aeneas who had been bedridden for 8 years (Acts 9:34), and he raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36-42). He spoke to Ananias and Sapphira who were struck dead for lying (Acts 5:1-10). He and other apostles were delivered by an angel who opened the prison door (Acts 5:17-20), and later he was again supernaturally delivered from prison (Acts 12:1-11).

**J. Miracles associated with Paul:** Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus—he was later healed of blindness (Acts 9:3-18). He spoke words of judgment to a sorcerer named Bar-Jesus who then was struck blind (Acts 13:6-11). He healed a man who was born crippled in Lystra (Acts 14:8-10). In Philippi, he cast a demon out of a slave girl (Acts 16:18). Paul and Silas were miraculously set free from prison in Philippi (Acts 16:22-40). He did unusual miracles even praying over handkerchiefs that were used in healing the sick (Acts 19:11-12). He raised Eutychus from the dead after he fell out a window (Acts 20:9-12). While in Malta, Paul was personally healed of a viper's bite (Acts 28:3-6), and he healed the father of Publius (Acts 28:8-9).

**K. Other miracles highlighted in the book of Acts:** The apostles did many miracles (Acts 5:12-16). Stephen did great miracles (Acts 6:8). Philip cast demons out of people; many were healed (Acts 8:6-7, 13). Philip was transported to Azotus after sharing with an Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:39).

**L. Miracles through Moses in Egypt:** Aaron's rod changed (Ex. 7:10-12); waters turned to blood (Ex. 7:20-25), multiplication of frogs (Ex. 8:5-14), lice (Ex. 8:16-18), flies (Ex. 8:20-24); disease on cattle (Ex. 9:3-6), boils (Ex. 9:11) and locust (Ex. 10:3-15), the release of thunder, hail, and fire (Ex. 9:23-24) and darkness (Ex. 10:21-23), and death of the first-born (Ex. 12:29-30) and the splitting the Red Sea (Ex. 14:21-31)

**M. Miracles while Israel was in the wilderness:** bitter waters were healed (Ex. 15:23-25), bread came from heaven (Ex. 16:14-15), water flowed from a rock (Ex. 17:6; Num 20:11), Nadab and Abihu were stuck dead (Lev. 10:1-2), fire burned some who complained against God (Num. 11:1-2) and others who rebelled (Num. 16:35), the ground swallowed those in Korah's rebellion (Num. 16:31-34); serpents bit those who spoke against God. (Num. 21:5), those who looked to the bronze serpent were healed (Num. 21:9); Aaron's rod budded (Num. 17:8); Balaam's donkey spoke (Num. 22:28).

**N. Miracles after Israel entered the Promise Land:** The Jordan River divided (Josh. 3:16); the walls of Jericho fell down (Josh. 6:20); Joshua commanded the sun to stand still (Josh. 10:12-13); the Spirit strengthened Samson, and he killed 1,000 men with the jawbone of a donkey (Judg. 15:14-15); water flowed from a rock to revive Samson (Judg. 15:18-19); he pushed down the pillars of the temple of Dagon at Gaza (Judg. 17:30); the idol of Dagon fell before the ark twice in Ashdod (1 Sam. 5:3-4); the Philistines were killed before the ark (1

Sam. 5:3-4); God struck the Philistines with tumors in Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron (1 Sam. 5:6-12), and killed Philistines for looking into the ark (1 Sam. 6:19); God sent thunder that caused the Philistine army to panic leading to Israel defeating them (1 Sam. 7:10-12); Samuel called on God to send thunder and rain to confirm his message (1 Sam. 12:17-18).

**O. Miracles associated with Elijah:** Elijah's prayers led to food being multiplied for the widow of Zarephath (1 Kgs. 17:12-16) and her son being raised from the dead (1 Kgs. 17:20-23), and fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice at Mount Carmel (1 Kgs. 18:36-38), the beginning of a 3. year drought, and its end by a heavy rain (1 Kgs. 18:42-45; Jas. 5:17), and fire from heaven killing 50 of Ahaziah's soldiers on two occasions (2 Kgs. 1:9-12) and dividing the Jordan River so he and Elisha crossed on dry ground (2 Kgs. 2:8); Elijah outran Ahab's chariot (1 Kgs. 18:46).

**P. Miracles associated with Elisha:** Elisha's prayer led to dividing the Jordan River (2 Kgs. 2:14), healing the bitter waters at Jericho (2 Kgs. 2:19-22), water being supernaturally provided for Jehoshaphat's army in Moab (2 Kgs. 3:14-20), the multiplication of a widow's oil (2 Kgs. 4:1-7), raising the Shunammite's son from the dead (2 Kgs. 4:32-35), healing of a poisonous stew (2 Kgs. 4:38-41), the multiplication of 20 loaves of bread to feed 100 men (2 Kgs. 4:42-44), the healing of Naaman's leprosy (2 Kgs. 5:9-14), striking Gehazi with leprosy (2 Kgs. 5:25-27), causing an iron axe head to float in the Jordan River (2 Kgs. 6:5-6), and the Syrian army being struck with blindness (2 Kgs. 6:14-18); Elisha's bones revived a dead man (2 Kgs. 13:20-21).

**Q. Miracles after kings were established in Israel:** Uzzah was struck dead for touching the ark (2 Sam. 6:7). Jeroboam's hand withered and then was healed at Bethel (1 Kgs. 13:4-6); On one night 185,000 Assyrian soldiers under Sennacherib were killed by an angel (2 Kgs. 19:35-36); Isaiah's prayer affected the sun—the shadow of the sun went back 10 degrees on a sundial (2 Kgs. 20:8-11); King Uzziah was struck with leprosy for violating God's law related to burning incense on the altar of incense (2 Chr. 26:16-21); Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were delivered from a fiery furnace in Babylon (Dan. 3:19-30); Daniel was delivered from the lion's den in Babylon (Dan. 6:18-23); Jonah was delivered out of the belly of a whale after three days (Jonah 2:1-10)

#### **IV. MIRACLES PERFORMED BY SATAN IN THE LAST DAYS**

A. We have confidence because "Jesus is a much better leader than Satan is a deceiver."

B. Satan will perform miracles as a major part of his plan to deceive people in the generation the Lord returns. Jesus warned us more about deception than persecution or tribulation (Mt. 24:4, 5, 11, 24).

***11Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many...24False christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (Mt. 24:11, 24)***

C. Signs and wonders are not a sure sign of God's activity, since they are performed by false prophets.

***<sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one [the Antichrist] is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (2 Thes. 2:9-10)***

***<sup>13</sup>He [the False Prophet] performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven...<sup>15</sup>He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image...should both speak and cause as many as would not worship [the Antichrist] to be killed. (Rev. 13:13-15)***

***<sup>13</sup>I saw three unclean spirits...<sup>14</sup>For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth...to gather them to the battle of that great day of God... (Rev. 16:13-14)***

D. God's people will discern spirits operating in false miracles and messages (1 Jn. 4:1). Some Cessationists only see the demonic miracles in the future, so they dismiss all miracles as demonic.

***<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits...because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist. (1 Jn. 4:1-3)***

***<sup>3</sup>...no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:3)***

## **V. THE END-TIME MIRACLES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

A. I see the book of Revelation as the “**end-time Book of Acts.**” It is the acts of the Spirit released through by Jesus in partnership with His praying Bride. The book of Revelation is a **canonized prayer manual** that equips the Church to partner with Jesus in confronting Satan's authority.

B. As Moses released God's plagues on Egypt through prayer, and as the apostles released His power in the book of Acts through prayer, so the Tribulation judgments will be released by Jesus in partnership with His praying Bride (Rev. 5:8; 6:9-11; 8:3-5; 9:13; 10:6; 14:18; 16:7; 19:2).

***<sup>3</sup>Another angel...should offer it with the prayers of all the saints...<sup>4</sup>The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God...<sup>5</sup>The angel took the censer...with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. (Rev. 8:3-5)***



C. The end-time judgments are written by the OT prophets, but Revelation gives the most detail.

***Let the high praises of God be in their mouth...to execute vengeance on the nations...to execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. (Ps. 149:6-9)***

D. Jesus' end-time judgments against the Antichrist's kingdom will include the 3 numbered judgment series—the 7 seals (Rev. 6), the 7 trumpets (Rev. 8:9), and the 7 bowls of wrath (Rev. 16).

1st seal: white horse—Antichrist's political aggression (6:1-2)

2nd seal: red horse—bloodshed and final world war (6:3-4)

3rd seal: black horse—famine and economic crisis (6:5-6)

4th seal: pale horse—1/4 of humanity is killed (6:7-8)

5th seal: prayer is strengthened by the martyrs (6:9-11)

6th seal: cosmic disturbances and God's glory (6:12-17)

7th seal: prayer is strengthened by the angels (8:1-6)

1st trumpet: 1/3 of the earth's vegetation is burned (fire and hail 8:7)

2nd trumpet: 1/3 of the sea turns to blood (mountain of fire 8:8-9)

3rd trumpet: 1/3 of the water becomes bitter (star burning like a torch 8:10-11)

4th trumpet: 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened (8:12)

5th trumpet: demonic locusts from pit that torment for 5 months (9:1-12)

6th trumpet: 200 million demonic horsemen kill 1/3 of humanity (4 angels at Euphrates; 9:13-21)

7th trumpet: the rapture and the return of Jesus (11:15-19)

1st bowl: loathsome sores on the Antichrist worshippers (16:1-2)

2nd bowl: the sea turns to blood killing all sea life (16:3)

3rd bowl: the earth's fresh water turns to blood (16:4-7)

4th bowl: men are scorched with great heat by the sun (16:8-9)

5th bowl: darkness with pain on the Antichrist's empire (16:10-11)

6th bowl: Euphrates dried up to deceive the kings to come to Armageddon (16:12-16)

7th bowl: earthquake, hail, and the final fall of Babylon (16:17-21)