

Daily Dose of Power  
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## The Grace to Pray What When How and Where

In relating to the Grace now afforded all born-again believers in communicating with and communing with the Lord in prayer, there are so many places in God's Holy Word that prove our Father in heaven desires to walk and talk with us! Today, I believe the Lord wants me to relay some insight and revelation that He has taught me in my time of prayer and fellowship with Him over the years, and as I have been writing about The Grace, He has given us to Pray!

I'd like to give a few brief examples of the historic events that have been recorded in the Holy Bible. They aren't "fables" or made up "stories" in some antiquated manual written by man, as the world of unbelievers like to state. No! They are historical events that really happened and that the Lord desired us to know about, so that we would always be reminded of His faithfulness and Love toward us!

I believe the old-style Sunday School classes for children as well as some of the adult Bible Study classes that most denominations of Christianity have instituted are set forward for the most part initially "good intention" to educate believers (for children and adults alike) of these historic Old Testament and New Testament events.

So, respectfully, I give due credit to the authors of the many Bible Studies which are taken from Biblical accounts in a spirit of honoring our mighty God. However, I know of truth that typically, unless those teaching about the event know our Lord intimately themselves, they fail to relay the power of the relationship with God that all ages from children to adults can have in their everyday lives! Much revelation from God's Spirit can be left unsaid, which leaves the disciple un-discipled! I thank God that both of my brothers and I are fervent in our faith of Jesus the Christ, and I am certainly no judge on how deep their relationships are with the Lord. But it is pretty much a miracle when those who've had surface level exposure to the things of the Kingdom of God remain hungry for more of Him. That in and of itself is proof of genuine salvation.

Personally, in my own life I never understood (whether it was because I was not taught "through the Holy Spirit") by my Sunday School teachers, youth leaders or my pastors, or it was because I still had a "veil" blocking me from having a breakthrough spiritually. It doesn't really matter now, because God made a way for me! I will say right now without relaying anything disparaging on the church I grew up in, because it was a great time of learning and growth for me that has made me what I am today, that I definitely have experience that the modern denominational churches have suffered from being more conscious of the membership numbers rather than teaching and preaching the power of the true Gospel of Jesus The Christ. Some

have been quick to be “popular entertainment centers” rather than show the people of God how they too can be an extension of Jesus Himself now on the earth as He commanded. The Word also speaks about the end times when men will turn away from sound doctrine, and the old spirit of the yeast of the pharisees that Jesus dealt with the whole time He was on the earth. That old spirit is still alive and well. Some only “do religion” as a form, or as a traditional act without the intention of sincerely fellowshiping with the Lord without getting deep into the Holy of Holies in His presence to actually “hear” from Him! Intimate prayer is the foundation of the Gospel as was witnessed in Jesus’ life, and we are in Him now as He intercedes for us!

There’s a stark warning throughout the scriptures of this kind of lazy, lethargic way of approaching our relationship with the Father God!

**2 Timothy 3:5 (AMPC) “For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny *and* reject *and* are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].**

**John 12:43 (AMPC) “For they loved the approval *and* the praise *and* the glory that come from men [instead of *and*] more than the glory that comes from God. [They valued their credit with men more than their credit with God.]” But thanks to God and His oversight of Love, and for those of us He has given a hunger for deeper things in the spirit, and a desire for more of God’s presence. That hunger will break through those familiar spirit’s, and evil religious spirit influences, so that believers who want to know the Lord more closely and have a desire from the inside of their hearts to have closer fellowship with Him, will draw it out even when there is a setting of religious duty, dogma, and traditional liturgy hovering over the assembly of believers.**

**1 Corinthians 15:57 (AMPC) “But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Old and New Testament events recorded in God’s Holy Word are examples of God’s intense and immense separation from evil, and His mercy and grace to answer faithful men’s prayers! It is amazing to think about the fact that usually a person seeking to know God can become a born-again Christian through prayer!!! Somehow even someone who is separated from God altogether can become part of His family, a child of God by door that the genuineness of their heart opens. The Word says: **Romans 10:10 (AMPC) “For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) *and* confirms [his] salvation.”** That my brother and sister is The Grace to Pray!!!! Tomorrow we will go through the Old Testament and some of the New Testament examples taken from genuine recorded historical events concerning the power of prayer!

Historically recorded Old Testament events that prove the Grace to Pray:

1. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (**1 Kings 18: 1-46**) is just one of many Old Testament examples of the fact that our God Jehovah-Elohim-answers prayer. Take time to read it

and see that because of Elijah's faithfulness to obey the Lord, he was able to talk and walk in God's Covenant of power regardless of the evil of the day. This historic happening is one example of the power of prayer and the power of having an intimate relationship with the One and Only Living God.

2. Likewise, the actual events in history of Sadrach, Meshack and Abednego in the fiery furnace (**Daniel 3: 12-30**) were three Jews who were thrown into the fiery furnace. They were accompanied by a fourth Man – Jesus, resulted in the total deliverance of them from that doomed attempt at killing them, and they didn't even smell like smoke when they were brought out of it! We know that because of that miracle rescue, King Nebuchadnezzar and his whole kingdom came to worship the One and Only Living God from that time forward!
3. Also, the recording of historical account of Daniel in the Lion's Den (**Daniel 6: 1-28**), in which the Lord answered Daniel's faith and prayer and actually shut the mouths of the hungry lions in that den and prevented them from harming or attacking Daniel. King Darius as well turned and was totally convinced of the Love of God and His power to save and rescue His own from danger, regardless of the current laws set forth in the kingdom.

These are just a few Old Testament examples of the intenseness and immenseness of our Father's Love and to the extent that He will go in faithfully keeping the high standards of Holiness intact for His people young and old alike!

What the Lord established in the beginning to recompense His beloved sons and daughters from what the devil stole is being manifested right now! So, as you are led by Holy Spirit unction when you pray out loud, the WORDS to affect change that matches His will has not changed. He is desiring His children to "get" and "take" the inheritance He has set in place for you and for me! He has always desired to have a family that is close to Him, who will talk and walk with Him, who will co-labor with Him, who He can pour His Blessings out to, and who are ready to receive wisdom, understanding and grace from Him. A family that can come to Him boldly without reservation and talk and consult with Him. God, Elohim, the triune supernatural Creator Loves you and wants to have you near Him. He has given you the Grace to Pray and get results! Hallelujah!

**Colossians 2:2** (AMPC) "...that their hearts may be <sup>[a]</sup>braced (comforted, cheered, and encouraged) as they are knit together in love, that they may come to have all the abounding wealth *and* blessings of assured conviction of understanding, and that they may become progressively <sup>[b]</sup>more intimately acquainted with *and* may know more definitely *and* accurately *and* thoroughly that mystic secret of God, [which is] Christ (the Anointed One)."

**1 Corinthians 8:3** (AMPC) "But if one loves God truly [<sup>[a]</sup>with affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, and grateful recognition of His blessing], he is known by God [<sup>[b]</sup>recognized as worthy of His intimacy and love, and he is owned by Him]."

**2 Corinthians 13:11 (AMPC) “Finally, brethren, farewell (rejoice)! Be strengthened (perfected, completed, made what you ought to be); be encouraged *and* consoled *and* comforted; be of the same [agreeable] mind one with another; live in peace, and [then] the God of love [Who is the Source of affection, goodwill, love, and benevolence toward men] and the Author *and* Promoter of peace will be with you.”**

We will pick this back up tomorrow! How Good our Almighty God is! You are truly counted “meet” (worthy IN CHRIST) to commune with Him and focus your attention on Him no matter where you are, no matter what time of day or night it is!

Be Blessed and Prospered in your Spirit!

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