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The Grace to Pray Greater Things Will You Do!

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I'm so thankful that the Lord has given me the open door to write about the things He has taught me and the things we share concerning one to one fellowship in prayer. The first real answered prayer was 52 years ago when I was born again; that was a miracle! I still desire, as I did then, that I would be able to give to all types of people the miracle of new life IN HIM. I've never had any prejudice toward anyone, no matter what race, creed, culture, socio-economic status, skin color, the wealthy, the poor, the leaders of nations! Experiencing The Lord's presence literally guides and leads me now more than ever, even though I have had to live out a process of growth and maturing in the spiritual things, and in life in general having made many mistakes that the Lord has brought me through despite my own wrong choices at times. I have learned that there is real power in prayer! The Lord has lovingly been with me through good and not so good times and has answered me even when I was in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong people! I truly have experienced miraculous answered prayer in the lowest times in my life! Later I'll give testimony of some of those answered prayers! Truly, we are a generation who are doing greater things because of our helper, Holy Spirit, in prayer! The Lord can do this for you too, He can tell you the best things to do and the best things to say, and He can help you to hold your thoughts and words (my husband calls it the "vocabulary of silence") when you shouldn't do a thing except to rely on Him to do His part. That is an amazing gift when all we are to do is pray because it lets us allow the Lord to do it all! But there are things that we should step up to do if He leads us! I've learned that my life and your life too, can be a consecutive series of prayers and actions according to the Lord's Spiritual guidance. You and I must allow His peace to be the umpire in every situation so that we can rest and not take on the cares of this world! A miracle of prayer is Victory in every situation and circumstance!

Yesterday we left off having related several Old Testament examples of answered prayer. Today we are going to see some of the many examples of answered prayer in the New Testament! They all could be counted as miracles to us, but they were simply God doing what He has promised! When in the Godkind of faith, one sincere person or two or more are in agreement, ask the Lord God our Father for His Covenant Blessings in Jesus' name, miracles happen! As I shared yesterday, God sends forth His Word to accomplish His Divine Abundant Blessings into every situation! By way of you being His huios (Greek for child or offspring), God your Father

waits for you to simply ask and He is ready to grant your requests in agreement with His Holy Covenant!

Consider this-at the creation of the heavens and the earth, God Himself-Elohim (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) did what is "natural to Him/them" in that they together designed the heavens, the earth and everything in them as well eternity, in space and time, to benefit the vision of a full and complete family of Love and Joy! The Noah Websters 1828 Dictionary states that the word, "pray" comes from the same root word as to preach and to reproach. The Word preach means to "grace" (empower to prosper) to proclaim, to prophesy, to command into existence. The word reproach is to "dis-grace" meaning to take away the power to prosper or create, to correct, to show where someone or something is evil or wrong. These two things come from the same word, and they cause the goodness of God (Love) and the rebuke or disgrace the evil of satan. <u>1 John 3:8b</u> (AMPC) "The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].

The Word of God gives several examples of prayer and answered prayer, so we could see and know and understand how the Kingdom of God operates, and what the powerful Covenant of Blessing that is our inheritance IN HIM! <u>Matthew 11:25-26</u> (MSG) "Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: "Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You've concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that's the way you like to work."

Above in Mt 11: 25-26, Jesus gave us a life example of how to conduct a fellowship with the Father in heaven. We see in scripture that Jesus was a prayer, and an intercessor. Daily He went to be with the Father and receive the answers to His prayers for the people in His local area. But Jesus knew that His prayers were set in the eternal realm too! His prayers were also prophetic and full of the Faith that created everything in the beginning, yet they weren't restricted to the past! His praying was effective and powerful to show His Father's Love and healing Power to all who would believe!!!!! The Father infused miracle working power and direction to Him and answered every detail of His fervent supplications and petitions for God's people (and so for us too)! Jesus, having been with the Father and a Co-laborer with God and Holy Spirit in the beginning, knew He had to be able to see and hear what to do each step of the way to bring back the lost people of God by teaching, preaching, and healing! Here are some New Testament scriptural examples of the Healing Power of Jesus' prayer life.

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25 (AMPC) Tells us about the lone fig tree that Jesus sighted. He was hungry for a fig, when He saw the tree. But...the tree answered Jesus with rebellion. It refused to put forth fruit, though it was created to have fruit at the same time as the foliage was present! Jesus followed Father God's direction we know, because in He told us in John 5:19-20 (KJV) "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel." So, AS the

Father directed Him to do, He cursed it to the roots, and when He and the disciples passed by it going back home, it had already shriveled up and died. It had no power to stand against The Master! Jesus then made a teaching moment out of this experience for His disciples (them and us too) in verse 22 <u>John 5: 22</u> "And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly]. ²³ Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him. ²⁴ For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it]. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him *and* ^[e]let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings *and* shortcomings *and* let them drop."

This one scripture also displays to us as we discussed yesterday, the word "pray" comes from the same root word as to preach and to reproach. The Word preach means to "grace" (empower to prosper) to proclaim, to prophesy, to command into existence. The word reproach is to "disgrace" meaning to take away the power to prosper or create, to correct, to show where someone or something is evil or wrong. These two things come from the same word, and they cause the goodness of God (Love) and the rebuke or disgrace the evil of satan. God our Father doesn't tolerate evil but does readily grace those who are seeking Him with answers of "Yes and Amen"!

Read <u>Acts 12:5-17</u> about Peter being taken to prison by King Herod and after the consistent prayers of the saints, He was released by an angel of the Lord. True answer of prayer.

Give the example of the people praying for Peter to be released from prison: <u>Luke 7:14</u> (AMPC) "And He went forward and touched the funeral bier, and the pallbearers stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise [^[a]from death]!"

<u>Matthew 8:1-3</u> (AMPC) "When Jesus came down from the mountain, great throngs followed Him. 2 And behold, a leper came up to Him and, prostrating himself, worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to [a]cleanse me by curing me. 3 And He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed [b]by being cured. And instantly his leprosy was cured and cleansed.

<u>Matthew 8:5-10</u> (AMPC) The healing of Jairus' servant who was paralyzed and in pain by Jesus speaking The Word only!

These things happened, they are part of our inheritance that Jesus has passed on to us, they are recorded history! Jesus knew what His Father had told Him to do, and I believe He saw ahead each time He went out, what was going to happen. In being led by the Father, Jesus adamantly did nothing that He didn't see ahead that the Father would have Him do, and He didn't say anything that He didn't hear the Father say for Him to say. John 5:19-20 (KJV) "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also

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This is a truth of 1) Walking in the leading of the Spirit, 2) The Ability of Seeing and Knowing which is a supernatural ability that comes with anyone who is endowed with the practical working of faith attained by Divine leading of the Holy Ghost, and 3) A display of the power of prayer and the power of the authority and dominion that Jesus walked in as well as what you and I have as One with Him.

<u>Mark 5:25-34</u> The healing of the woman with the issue of blood healed, whole, and told that her faith had made her whole.

Mark 5: 35-42 Jairus' daughter raised from the dead.

In conclusion for today, I want to remind you that when you are led in prayer by Holy Spirit who indwells you. You are doing a "greater work" as our foundation scripture above states! So, continue to be Led by HIM daily and continue to read the Word of His Testimony which gives evidence and proof of WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST!

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God Bless you as you Co-labor with the Lord today in prayer and in Spirit-led action!

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