PRAYER THAT CHANGES THE WORLD 4 - PRAYING IN CHRIST

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I. ABIDING IN CHRIST IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE PLACE OF PRAYER

1. *TO ABIDE MEANS TO DWELL - JESUS IS OUR HOME BASE*

2. *OUR ABIDING IN CHRIST AFFECTS HOW WE PRAY - LOVE*

1 John 4:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

3. ABIDING IN THE LOVE OF GOD

- ***WE COME TO KNOW HIS WILL***
- ***WE BEGIN TO PRAY WITH THE AUTHORITY OF HIS WILL***
- ***OUR WILL BECOMES ALIGNED AND IN SUBMISSION TO HIS WILL IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES.***

Intimacy + Submission + Obedience + Consecration = Authority

A. EMBRACING THE MYSTERY OF ONENESS

1Cor. 6:17 *But **he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.***

1. HIS GLORY RESTS ON US *(Moses' face)*

JOHN 17:22 *And **the glory which You gave Me I have given them**, that **they may be one just as We are one**:*

COL. 1:27 *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.*

2. FRUIT IS ANSWERED PRAYERS AND IT GLORIFIES GOD

JOHN 15:7 *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.* ***8*** ***By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit;*** *so you will be My disciples.*

3. **HIS LIFE FLOWS TO US WHEN WE ABIDE IN HIM**

JOHN 6:56 *He who* ***eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him****.* ***57*** *As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me* ***will live because of Me.*** ***58*** *This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever." (DAILY BREAD)*

4. **COMPLETE UNION WITH GOD IS POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH CHRIST**

COL. 2:9 NLT *For* ***in Christ*** *lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*[a] ***10*** *So* ***you also are complete through your union with Christ,*** *who is the head over every ruler and authority.*

5. **MYSTERIES ARE UNKNOWN THINGS THAT ARE GRADUALLY REVEALED AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE UNDERSTOOD**

Rom. 16:25 *Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to* ***the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began***

Eph. 3:9 *and* ***to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;***

EPH 3:10 *to the intent that now the* ***manifold wisdom of God*** *might be made known* ***by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,*** ***11*** ***according to the eternal purpose*** *which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,* ***12*** ***in whom we have boldness and ACCESS with confidence through faith in Him.***

II. POWERFUL PRAYERS COME FROM THE SECRET PLACE

A. **OUR SECRET PLACE IS WHERE WE ENCOUNTER HIS PRESENCE AND WE COMMUNE WITH GOD.** *IT'S NOT NECESSARILY AN ACTUAL LOCATION, IT IS MOSTLY AN INTERNAL AWARENESS AND AN ATTENTIVE TRUST IN HIM*

Psa. 27:5 *For in the time of trouble* ***He shall hide me in His pavilion****; In the* ***secret place of His tabernacle*** *He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. (SAFETY)*

Psa. 31:20 *You shall hide them in the* ***secret place of Your presence*** *From the plots of man;You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From* ***the strife of tongues****. (PROTECTION FROM ACCUSATION AND SCHEMES OF MEN)*

Psa. 91:1 *He who dwells in* ***the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*** *(HEALTH AND PROTECTION)*

Matt. 6:6 *But* ***you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place****; and your Father who* ***sees in secret will reward you openly.*** *(PRIVATE PRAYERS AND PUBLIC REWARD)*

B. PRAYING FROM THE HEART OF GOD *- Is Caring about what God cares about - WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN THE SECRET PLACE*

Col. 2:1 *I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers* ***who have never met me personally.*** ***2*** ***I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love.*** *I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself.* ***3*** ***In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

John 17:9 *"I pray for them.* ***I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.*** ***10*** *And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.* ***11*** *Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father,* ***keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.***

John 17:20 *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;* ***21*** ***that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us****, that the world may believe that You sent Me.* ***22*** *And* ***the glory which You gave Me I have given them****, that* ***they may be one just as We are one****:* ***23*** ***I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have***

sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

C. PRAYING IN JESUS NAME *- is to pray from our position and is* ***not a formula we repeat to guarantee answers to our prayers***

John 14:13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 *If you ask anything in My name,* ***I will do it.***

Phil. 2:10 *that* ***at the name of Jesus*** *every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*

John 15:16 *You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that* ***whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.***

1. **JESUS PRAYED IN GETHSEMANE -** *MATT. 26:36-46*

2. **HE PRAYED: NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE**

3. **HE PRAYED THREE TIMES - while the Disciples slept**

- **IF IT IS POSSIBLE let this cup pass from me**

- **IF THIS CUP CANNOT PASS UNLESS I DRINK IT, *I WILL* drink it**

- **HE PRAYED the same the third time, *right up until He said* - MY BETRAYER IS AT HAND**

4. **JESUS SUBMITTED HIMSELF COMPLETELY TO GOD.** *AT NO TIME DID JESUS LEAVE THE PLACE OF ABIDING IN HIS FATHER*

III. COVENANT PRAYER *(Ask, seek, knock)* **PREPARES US FOR SONSHIP** *(Praying from our position as God's sons)* **SONSHIP PREPARES US FOR UNION WITH CHRIST** *(Prayers that come from abiding in Christ)*

MT. 6:10 *Your* ***kingdom*** *come.* ***Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven****.*

A. ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN *- MEANS THAT WE MUST* ***CONTEND*** *FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE ON EARTH*