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PRAYER BEGINS WITH GOD

Prayer doesn't begin with us, or our prayer list—*prayer begins with God.*

God begins filling us with the knowledge of His will and the desires of His heart which then produces the confidence we need to know that He hears us and we have what we ask for when we pray.

I John 5:14-15

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

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God is releasing confidence to the church in this hour that is foundational in our intercession.

Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead He prayed, *"Father, I thank you that You always hear me."*

Looking back on your most recent conversations with God, does the content of your prayer life come from a deep sense of knowing you have the ear of your Father and that you have what you ask for when you pray?

How can we come to pray with this kind of confidence? By being filled with the knowledge of God, both in who He is and what He desires. Confidence doesn't necessarily mean a bold, brashness. It's a quiet confidence that knows you belong, you have His ear, and that you have what you ask for when you pray.

God's will is contained in His Word. The Bible tells us what He desires to see released in the earth. We can be filled with the knowledge of God's will through His Word, through intimacy with the Holy Spirit, through the prophetic spirit, and through dreams and visions where God causes His Word to come alive on the inside of us. Words will begin to jump off the pages and God will clearly say, *"This is what I desire."*

Begin having conversations with God by simply opening up your hands toward heaven and saying, *"God, what do You want? What do You desire? Fill me with the knowledge of You."*

Luke 10:39

And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

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Luke 10:39 tells us Mary, “*sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.*” This is the very method Mary used to develop confidence in prayer by listening to Jesus and hearing the desires of His heart. Later on, Mary comes to Jesus with the same prayer as her sister Martha when her brother Lazarus had died. Jesus responded to Mary's prayer because her prayer was offered in confidence.

Let’s learn from Mary’s posture toward Jesus. Sitting at Jesus’ feet inspired a confidence in her prayer life that got His attention in her hour of need. It’s never a good idea to wait until the pressure is on to gain confidence in our prayer life before God.

FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL

What is it that God actually wants?

It’s helpful to start with the expansive view in mind and then allow God to bring it down to what He specifically wants us to do.

Eph. 1:9-10

“...having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.”

Paul tells us that God has purposed in Himself to bring heaven and earth together in His Son. The Lord is coming, and when He comes, He's bringing heaven with Him. This is also the great longing of our spirit!

Romans 8:23

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

We all have an inward groan for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies, the coming of the Lord, the redemption of creation, and of two realms becoming one. A longing in our heart for no more shame and to be able to step into the fullness of our identity and dominion.

When we connect to the full will of God [what God ultimately wants—for two realms to become one] then we can begin to understand revival as those contraction seasons where the veil becomes thinner, heaven and earth get closer, and we get wounded deeper for the full will of God which is—more of heaven and earth coming together.

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Prayer

Holy Spirit, awaken me to the deepest longings in my spirit.

In Jesus' Name I pray—Amen.

GOD'S LONGING IS TO COME TO THE EARTH

God's return to the earth has been His longing since the beginning.

Gen. 1:26

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...'"

God breathed into man and planted a garden where He commanded Adam to tend and cultivate the garden as a place of encounter where He would meet with Him.

There was no veil and no separation—*just an intimate interchange between God and man.*

This was to be the place where God would give Adam everything he needed to take dominion over the earth.

We go from seeing everything that was good and right in the beginning, to feeling the pain of all that was lost through the fall. Yet we also know that God is going to bring everything together between heaven and earth by reversing everything that was lost.

Jacob dreamed of a ladder connecting heaven and earth. God wanted to set up tabernacle with all of Israel in Exodus. David desired in his heart to build a house for God, knowing that God rules and reigns around His presence. Solomon was finally able to see David's dream realized.

II Chronicles 6:42

"Lord, remember the mercies of your servant David..."

Solomon prayed, *"Lord, remember your servant David."* And immediately after that...

II Chronicles 7:1-3

"When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the [a]temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. 3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the

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temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying:

*"For He is good,
For His mercy endures forever."*

Prayer

Lord, I want to see Your fire rain down on the earth again. Release a Davidic cry upon the spirit of Your people all over the earth. I want to build sacred spaces for Your presence again, send Your fire to honor this vow.

In Jesus' Name I pray—Amen

FULNESS AT THE END OF THE AGE

We see Adam and Eve in the garden tending the place of encounter, the place of intimacy—a glory between God and man.

Then the serpent enters the story.

As soon as Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, separation was the result. Separation between God and man, and heaven and earth. Earth and humanities great longing for restoration and reconciliation was birthed in that very moment.

When we speak of the eternal glory of an intercessor, it's when the Intercessor swoops in to reverse the curse and bring restoration to all that was lost.

Gen. 3:15

*"And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."*

God has raised up intercessors at certain times in history to usher in the Great Intercessor. All the great intercessors throughout the Bible reveal different aspects and dimensions of intercession—crying out for cities, family members, nations, increased authority, restoration of the prophetic word, restoration of glory to the priesthood, power of the prophetic, miracles, etc.

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Lord, I know there's an intercessor greater than Abraham, Moses, or Esther living on the inside of me. I have been brought into intimacy with You to show me the glory and the power of my prayer that will be manifest in fullness at the end of the age!

In Jesus' Name I pray—Amen

MEDITATION—THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY COME

Revelation 22:17

"The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come!'"

I want you to say, sing, write, pray in tongues, and meditate on this phrase each day this week. Add some fasting as well and ask God to reveal Himself as the Bridegroom God and you, His Bride.

Write down the things He speaks to you, and if you want to share, feel free to comment in the comment section.