Perfecting Prayer

Prayer of Agreement



The Power of Agreement

"...If two of you <u>agree on earth concerning</u> <u>anything that they [you] ask [pray]</u>, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:19-20

God has given power and authority to the Church and when we stand together in unified pray His power is released in great measure.

A. What is the prayer of agreement? Matt 18:16-20

The prayer of agreement is: <u>Agreeing together in prayer for God's purposes on earth</u>.

1. **The symphony of agreement:** The Greek word for 'agree' is 'sumphoneo' to sound together, be in accord. A symphony of prayer agreement.

B. The power of agreement...

1. Will bring victory Exodus 17:12

Israel defeated Amalek while Moses held up the rod of God in his hand. Moses needed help holding up his hands because they became so heavy. Aaron and Hur supported his hands and caused them to be steady to defeat Amalek. This was a kind of power-agreement for victory.

- 2. Will bring anointing and blessing Psalm 133:1-3
 David compares living in unity (agreement) to anointing oil and the dew on Mount Hermon. Both signify the cleansing and blessing of God. Out of agreement God commands a blessing.
- **3.** Will help us make the right decision *Acts* 1:24

 The 120 pray together and ask the Lord to show them who He has chosen to join the apostles. Praying with a group or even one other person is a powerful way to make right decisions.

4. Will bring the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-2

On the Day of Pentecost they all prayed with one accord (in agreement) and the Holy Spirit came as a mighty wind.

5. Will bring Jesus Matthew 18:20

When we gather in His name and pray in agreement He is there.

6. Will bring freedom *Acts* 12:5-11; *Acts* 16:25-34

The Church prays in agreement for Peter's release from prison. Paul and Silas pray and a jailer is saved.

C. The prayer of agreement must also...

- 1. Be in conformity to the will of God 1 john 5:14-15
- 2. Be in faith James 1:6-8
- 3. Be in sincerity Hebrews 10:22

Prayer of agreement: Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus; and based on the scripture in 1 Tim 2:1-4, which states "[God] desires all men to be saved," We ask you for the salvation of ______. We ask in faith, and according to Your Word we believe we receive it. In the MIGHTY Name of Jesus.

Hearing and Agreeing With God

Knowing God's will is a prerequisite for the prayer of agreement.

Habakkuk 2:1

Habakkuk got alone in order to get God's perspective. Before I can effectively pray in agreement with others I need to spend time with God so I can get in agreement with Him.

A. Stand Watch

I will stand my watch.

- 1. Disciples watch? Mt 26:40
- 2. Are you willing? Mt 26:41
- 3. Habakkuk's watch
- 4. What is your watch?
 - Joshua 1:8
 - Psalm 119:105
 - 1 John 5:14-15

B. Look for God

I will watch and see...

- Unlike the disciples who fell asleep, Habakkuk declares his commitment to 'seeing.'
- 2. The word 'see' in this passage means spiritual observation and comprehension by means of seeing dreams and visions.
 - Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17
 - Matt 5:8

C. Listen to God

He will say to me...

- 1. Are you willing to listen?
 Hosea: Heartache
 Jeremiah: Cursed
 Isaiah: No clothes
- 2. 4-fold process of hearing 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 - a. <u>Communication</u>: "The <u>word</u> that was heard..."
 - Listening to God
 - b. Comprehension:

"Received the word..."

- Understanding
- c. <u>Confidence</u>: "accepted the <u>word</u> of God…"
 - Trusting
- d. <u>Change</u>: "performs its [the **word**] work..."
 - Transformed by the **word** of God